



# JUBILEE DAY CAMP PARENT PACKET



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eyes, minds, and hearts to God's transforming love.*

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## PROGRAM GOALS

Ferncliff's **mission** is to create positive change in the world by opening eyes, minds, and hearts to God's transforming love. We see this mission statement lived out in all of our summer camp programs.

The **goal** of our camp programs is to guide children and youth towards a life of caring for the earth, others, and themselves. After a week of camp, campers of all ages at Ferncliff will:

- Expand their independence
- Strengthen their sense of identity
- Develop interpersonal skills
- Interact with creation
- Explore their Christian faith

## PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required with each Jubilee Day Camp registration. Final payment of your camp balance is due two weeks prior to each camp session. You can pay your balance in installments and can view your balance at any time by logging into your account.

Cancellations will result in the forfeiture of the deposit, or it can be transferred to another camp session in the current summer season (2020). No refunds are granted for cancellations within two weeks of the starting camp date.

# CAMPER BEHAVIOR POLICY

Ferncliff staff members are trained to look for appropriate behavior and reinforce campers with praise and encouragement when they are behaving well. They will remind the campers of the rules on a daily basis using clear positive language, telling the campers how they are expected to behave rather than what they are not supposed to do.

Our staff are taught to “choose their battles” and to not overreact to trivial instances of inappropriate behavior, focusing instead on correcting bigger problems and praising what campers are doing right.

If necessary, our staff will use brief separation or a “time out” from the group or activity when the camper does not respond to verbal cues to behave properly. After a brief separation staff will make sure to let the camper know how they are supposed to behave and welcome the camper back to the group or activity.

*The staff is trained to never:*

- Lose their temper
- Spank, hit or grab roughly
- Yell at campers
- Use verbal abuse, profanity or derogatory remarks
- Humiliate the camper
- Use a sarcastic tone

Please contact the Ferncliff office and speak with a director if you find or hear that the above stated behavior guidance policy is not being followed by our staff.

# JUBILEE DAY CAMP FAQs

## **What is Ferncliff's mission?**

Ferncliff creates positive change in the world by opening eyes, minds, and hearts to God's transforming love.

## **We're not Presbyterian. Can my child still attend Jubilee Day Camp?**

Of course! Campers come from many different faiths, including some who do not have a faith tradition. Our summer staff members are all Christian, but not all are Presbyterian, either. We only ask that all campers participate in the Bible studies that are part of all our camps.

## **Can my child's friend be in the same group as my child?**

Yes. While making new friends is an important part of the camp experience, in the registration process you will be asked if you have a buddy request. You can put in one friend's name and they can put your child's name on their registration form. We do not put larger groups together because it can put others in the group at a disadvantage; we do not want situations where, for instance, a single camper is put with a group of five campers who are already close friends.

## **When do Jubilee Day Camp sessions begin and end?**

Our Jubilee Day Camps begin on Mondays, and run from 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday. **Drop off is between 8:30am and 9:00am. Pickup is from 3:30pm to 4:00pm.** Drop off and pickup times will be strictly enforced due to the necessity of health checks in the morning and sanitization routines in the evenings. You **must** be able to drop off your child by 9:00am and pick them up by 4:00pm. If you have a doctor's appointment alternative drop off times may be arranged with prior approval.

## **What else do I need to know about check-in and pick-up?**

Prior to drop off time, staff members are busy preparing for campers, so we ask that all campers arrive during the scheduled times. In the evenings our staff members have other responsibilities and duties. As such, we cannot provide care for campers after the scheduled pick-up time. When dropping off and picking up your child, please stay on all camp roads and obey the camp speed limit, which is 10 miles per hour. Be aware of any animals, pedestrians, or bike riders as you drive through camp. You may **not** exit your vehicle when you drop off or pick up your camper. A staff member will come to you to sign your camper in and out, perform the daily health screening and escort your camper to their group.

## **Is there a transportation option?**

No. Normally we have our Camp Caravan transportation option, but this summer due to restrictions related to COVID-19 we are unable to offer this option. All campers must be picked up and dropped off at Ferncliff.

**Do you have medical staff on duty?**

Yes. We have a registered nurse on duty and on site at all times between 9:00am and 4:00pm. In addition, all of our staff are trained and certified in First Aid and CPR.

**What's the camper-to-counselor ratio?**

A group will have no more than 10 campers. All campers in a group will be the same approximate age, usually within a couple of grades. There will be two staff members with each group. These ratios are consistent with the standards of the American Camp Association and the Arkansas Department of Health.

**What do I need to know about lunches and snacks?**

Because of restrictions related to coronavirus, we are not providing any meal service. You are responsible for providing your camper with a lunch and two snacks per day (morning and afternoon.) These lunches should not require refrigeration. Due to the prevalence of nut allergies, **please do not send any items that contain nuts.**

**Can you accommodate campers with special needs?**

Our counselors generally are not trained with the specific skills required to work with children with special needs. In some instances, exceptions can be made after we consult with the child's parents and the child's doctors. Please do not send a child with special needs to camp without first consulting us.

**What should my camper bring, and what should my camper leave at home?**

See the packing list!

**What if my camper loses or forgets items at camp?**

We collect any items we find each week in a Lost and Found tub. If you arrive home and realize something is missing, give us a call or let us know at drop off or pick up! We keep lost and found items for two weeks before donating them to a local shelter.

Please be aware that Ferncliff is not responsible for any items that are lost or damaged while at camp. Campers are also responsible for keeping up with their own items. As noted on the packing list, do not send anything with your camper that is irreplaceable or would be devastating to get dirty.

### **Summer of Jubilee Day Camp Additional Form**

I understand that my child will need to be dropped off and picked up outside of the day camp facility. I understand that Ferncliff may require staggered pick up and drop off times and I am willing to accommodate that requirement. I recognize that sick children are not allowed to be cared for at Ferncliff. I agree to have my child undergo daily health screenings for fever, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat or loss of taste or smell. I understand that if my child has a fever of 100.4 degrees or greater in the last two days, has a cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, or loss of taste and smell they will not be allowed to attend camp. Likewise, if my child has had contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19 in the previous 14 days they will not be allowed to attend. I understand that if my child is not allowed to attend due to illness or due to information gathered during the daily health screenings, refunds will not be granted.

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I understand that if my child is over 10 year's old I will need to provide a face covering for them and my child will be required to wear a face covering when not exercising at Ferncliff. I understand that my child will be asked to maintain physical distancing of 6 feet at camp when possible. I understand that my child will be required to wash and or disinfect their hands throughout the day. I understand that I will need to provide a water bottle, a lunch (nut free), a morning snack and an afternoon snack each day.

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I recognize that even with the precautions taken by Ferncliff staff to reduce the risk of transmission of communicable diseases the risk for COVID-19 and other viruses cannot be completely mitigated. In registering for Ferncliff Summer of Jubilee day camp I release Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center and Ferncliff Summer Camp of any liability and waive the right to sue if any illness, loss or injury results from participation in the activities. I also acknowledge understanding the nature of the activities and the risks involved, and choose voluntarily to accept those risks. I also agree not to hold Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center Inc. and Ferncliff Summer Camp Inc. responsible for any loss that may result from participation in the activities. I also gives my medical consent in which I agree to be responsible for any medical expenses that may result from Ferncliff camp activities in any way.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***Form listed for reference only. This form must be completed during registration***