

# CAMP BAYS MOUNTAIN

## 2021 Guide for Overnight Campers

Welcome to Camp Bays Mountain! We are excited that your child will be camping with us this summer! **Please make sure your registration confirmation receipt is correct.** If you find an error or have any questions about your registration, please call the registrar's office at (423)-929-9037.

**\*\*Closer to camp a video will be released to the Camp Bays Mountain website and social media in regards to our COVID-19 plan. Each camper and parent/guardian is required to watch this video before attending camp\*\***

### Session Beginning and ending times:

- **Full-Week (Sunday-Friday)**- sessions begin Sunday with check in starting at 4:00pm at the Welcome center. Check-out is at 2:00pm on Friday.
- **Half-Week (Sunday-Tuesday)** - Session check in begins at 4:00pm on Sunday at the Welcome Center. Check out is at 6:30pm on Tuesday evening.
- **Half-Week (Wednesday-Friday)** - Session check in begins at 8:30am on Wednesday at the Dining Hall. Check-out is at 2:00pm on Friday.

### What to bring:

*It will be important to label all items to ensure they return home with your camper!*

- Face masks (one per day)
- Shorts
- T-shirts
- Long pants (one pair)
- Underwear/socks
- Sleep wear (PJ's)
- Sweatshirt/fleece
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Towels (2)
- Day pack/book bag
- Swimsuit (one piece or tankini for girls)
- Closed-toed shoes
- Bible
- Sunscreen
- Water shoes (**NOT** flip-flops)
- Extra pair of shoes
- Sleeping bag and pillow

- Wash cloth
- Toiletries (toothpaste and toothbrush, shampoo, deodorant, contact supplies, etc.)
- Bag for dirty clothes
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Water bottle

### **Things that you will NOT need at camp**

Camp is a special time away. Some of the things needed at home are not necessary at camp. Here are a few items to leave at home.

- Money
- Cell Phones
- Radios or other music players
- Electronic games
- Pets
- Food (we provide all meals/snacks)

Tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, fireworks, firearms, and weapons of any kind are prohibited at camp.

**We ask that campers not wear this type of clothing:**

- With alcohol, drug, tobacco, or sexually suggestive slogans or logos
- Halter tops
- Tube tops
- Backless shirts
- Sheer clothing
- Mini shorts or skirts
- Exposed midriffs
- Exposed underwear

As a reminder, we provide everything campers need for recreation. However, if you want to bring optional personal sporting gear (climbing harness, PFD, etc.) those items will be your responsibility and will be inspected by staff prior to use.

### **Healthcare and your camper**

In order to protect your camper and the camp community, it is important that each camper is healthy when they arrive. Use the following guidelines as you assess your camper's health prior to arrival. If your child's health keeps them from attending their session, every attempt will be made to reschedule them

into another session once their health returns. Ask these questions prior to arrival:

Does your child have:

- A fever (100 degrees or greater)?
- Sore throat?
- Cough?
- Headache?
- Aches or pains?
- Has the camper been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
- Has the camper tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

If the answer was “yes” for a fever AND to any other symptom, it is best to keep your child at home. If your child has been diagnosed with an illness or condition - such as COVID-19, strep, bed bugs, or lice - follow your healthcare providers recommendation. We need to know the camper’s health status in order to protect all campers.

Should any such health concerns arise prior to camp, call the Camp Bays Mountain office (423)-349-8401 to discuss program participation options.

### **Medications**

As stated in the Health Form, all prescription and non-prescription medications **MUST BE** in their **ORIGINAL CONTAINERS** and clearly labeled with the camper’s name and dosage. Dosage instructions are strictly adhered to unless alternate written/signed physician’s orders are provided.

### **Health care at camp**

A Camper Health Assessment is part of the check-in procedure which includes checking camper health status, discussing recent sickness or exposures, and going over the camper health form. All medications will be received and logged by camp personnel during check-in.

Daily dispensing of prescribed medications, basic first aid, and health monitoring are provided while at camp. Families will be notified if your camper vomits, has a persistent condition (i.e. headache, nosebleed, fever, homesickness), or needs to be taken to the doctor or emergency room.

## **You have three forms to complete:**

- 1. HEALTH FORM**
- 2. PROFILE FORM**
- 3. AUTHORIZATION/CONSENT FORM**

Your camper's **Health Form, Profile Form, and Authorization/Consent Form** are to be completed on-line by accessing your camper's on-line registration account. The on-line forms may be completed any time before check-in but it is helpful to the camp staff to have the information prior to arrival. If you have completed these forms on-line, you may want to print a copy. Those unable to complete the forms on-line **MUST** bring the paper version to check-in.

## **Dietary Needs**

These are noted on the health form, however as a double check please call the camp office at least a week prior to the camp session and let us know of dietary restrictions. The number is 423-349-8401.

## **The overall camp experience**

Camp Bays Mountain's summer program is designed to be an exciting and valuable experience for campers. Worship, singing, small group activities and Bible study are combined with outdoor fun. Programs are designed to be grade level appropriate, making camp an unparalleled opportunity for personal growth.

Campers are in small groups normally with a maximum of twelve campers and two counselors. Due to COVID-19 guidelines we will be operating in a cohort group layout this year. Each camper will stay with the same group during their session. They will sleep in the same rooms, eat together, and do daily activities together. Each group will consist of either girls or boys. There will be no CO-ED groups with the exception of Whitewater Kayak and CCC campers. Those two sessions will do daily activities with male and female campers since it is a specialized session. However, CCC and Whitewater Kayak will stay in their same gender groups to sleep, eat, and during worship and morning watch.

Once your camper arrives, they will be supervised by our trained and caring staff for the entire experience 24 hours per day. There is no free-time at camp (your camper will always be with a group and leaders) since our time is packed

with adventure activities, worship, Bible studies, creative arts, whole-camp activities, small groups sessions, and much more. The typical daily schedule is as follows unless we need to make changes due to weather/special event:

7:30am	Rise and shine
8:00am	Breakfast
9:00am	Morning watch
9:30am	Morning activities
12:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Rest time
2:00pm	Afternoon activities
4:30pm	Bible study
5:00pm	Dinner
6:00pm	Whole camp activity
7:30pm	Worship
8:30pm	Snack
9:00pm	Get ready for bed
10:00pm	Lights out

### **Transportation while at camp**

Some of our activities may be off-site. Our camp provides transportation to our venues. Campers are not allowed to drive their own vehicle to the venues. Camp staff will not use their own vehicles to transport campers. Camp provides van transportation as a part of all inclusive fees. All camp drivers are given instruction during staff training and are over 21.

### **Camp Activities**

The following list is our educational progression program at Camp Bays Mountain. The activities are deemed age-appropriate and will give younger campers something to look forward to when they return the following years. **Please note that there are more activities than can possibly be experienced in a session of camp.** Campers help select their groups activities, since each group will stay with the same group during their session the group will decide on their daily activities. Time, availability, weather, and necessary leadership are all factors affecting the actual experience. Please help us educate your camper that they may or may not get to do everything on this list. These are approved activities per grade:

Day Campers	Grades 2-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
	<i>All of the activities to the left plus:</i>	<i>All of the activities to the left plus:</i>	<i>All of the activities to the left plus:</i>
Crafts	Stream ecology	Night hike on upper trails	Climbing wall – Difficult side
Swim at the pool	Square dancing/Folk dancing	Climbing wall – Intermediate side	Cookout several meals if desired
Creek walk	Hayride	Campout one night/nights (hammock or platforms)	Offsite camping
Hiking on the lower trails	Night hike on lower trails	Hiking on the upper trails	Canoe on Holston River
Group games for their age group	Group initiative challenges	Horseshoes	Bays Mtn Park - High Ropes Course
Ice cream making	Climbing wall – Beginner and intermediate side	Tubing on Holston River	Backpack off site
Slip-n-slide	Campout one night <i>only if the group chooses</i>	Challenge course (all elements)	Caving if we can arrange it
Ga Ga ball/Octaball	Cookout at least one meal	Kayaking (if registered for that camp)	Outdoor leadership labs
Four-Square	Archery	Snorkel at pool	
Morning watch and worship	Challenge course (selected elements)	Orienteering/Geo-cache	
Skulls, feathers and furs animal presentation	Volleyball	Trail building and maintaining (service project)	
Nature scavenger hunt	Basketball	Bays Mtn Park zip-line	
Hayride	Sling shots	Hike to Bays Mtn Park Fire Tower	
S'mores	Nine-square in the Air	Tree-climbing Station	
Picnic	Soil study	Rappelling off climbing tower	
Group Bible study	Owl pellet dissection		
	Tie dye		
	Skit night		

## While your camper is at camp

While camp is an uplifting experience in many ways, time away from home can be a challenging time for campers and parents. The following points may help both camper and parent.

- In your conversations with your child prior to camp, be positive, displaying confidence and enthusiasm about the experience.
- Please help your child know that camp is not a phone friendly environment and that calls are generally made only when there are problems and are made by the camp staff.
- Please be in prayer every day for your camper and the camp staff during the camp session.
- It is quite normal to miss your child
- The camp activities are FUN and active. Your campers day is filled with activities.
- Don't worry...you will be called if there is a problem at camp.
- Camp counselors take homesickness seriously and are trained in helping children deal with their uneasy feelings. Calls from home are often counterproductive, but staff will have a conversation with parents if these feelings persist.

## Lodging

In 2021 we have two lodging options based upon the session your child is registered. In the catalog, you will see “retreat lodge and rustic bunkhouses” listed. Make sure you know exactly what you are registering for in terms of accommodations. Here is what to expect:

- **Retreat lodge** - If your child is in a session staying in the retreat lodge, it is a two story building with four large bedrooms. Each of the four bedrooms has six bunk beds which sleep ten campers and two staff members. In each room there is a restroom facility with showers, sinks, and toilets. We also have one handicapped accessible restroom on the upper level. The lodge has air conditioning, sprinkler system, alarm system, new plumbing, and new electrical systems. It has a handicapped accessible ramp into both levels and no stairs.
- **Rustic Bunkhouse** - Campers who register for Junior High Adventure, Senior High Adventure, Whitewater Kayak, or CCC camp have chosen more rustic accommodations. The campers stay at the two summer bunkhouse cabins near the swimming pool. We have two bunk houses

(boys and girls) which each sleep twelve people. Campers are supervised by at least two staff members in the bunkhouse. The cabins are four sided structures with screen walls. These are designed to offer a more rustic outdoor experience, so the cabins are not air conditioned. The outpost campers will use the bathhouse nearby at the swimming pool. The bathhouse has a male and female side with handicapped accessible showers, toilets, and sinks. There are no steps.

- **Camping** - Some groups will choose to camp at least one night away from the bunkhouse or lodge. The choices are to stay under a tarp, at the picnic shelter, or at the archery range shelter.

### **Communication during a week of camp**

Parents have suggested we post pictures of camp during the week which their child is camping so that they can see how things are going. After much consideration, we have decided although it seems fun and is a great way of communicating, posting pictures on social media during camp sessions is a potential danger especially for campers who have estranged relationships and non-custodial parents. Therefore, for the safety of our campers we will only post photographs after the week has ended.

The most stressful situations dealing with homesickness that we have dealt with have involved cell phone use. We encourage all campers to leave their cell phones at home during camp.

### **Directions to Camp Bays Mountain**

If using a GPS, make sure you enter “Camp Bays Mountain” in your GPS and not “Bays Mountain” or “Bays Mountain Park”. If you arrive at an entrance station and are asked to pay an admission fee, you have arrived at Bays Mountain Park and **NOT** at Camp Bays Mountain.

Our physical address is:

**Camp Bays Mountain**

**500 Hood Rd**

**Kingsport, TN 37660**

We are off I-26 (Exit 3) at Meadowview Parkway. Turn west at the end of the exit ramp away from downtown Kingsport. Go 1.2 miles and turn right onto Hood Road at Depews Chapel United Methodist Church. After turning onto Hood Road, go 0.8 mile and turn right at the camp sign (500 Hood Road) into



the camp (1435 S'mores Trail). Also please be considerate of our neighbors and drive SLOWLY in the neighborhood leading to camp. We want to be good neighbors.

### **A final word**

The Board of Directors and I are excited to offer summer camp to your family. Countless volunteers, staff members, donors, and contractors have been working tirelessly to build the facilities, create the program, and finish details to have camp ready for you. We desire to offer an excellent program. If at any time you have a suggestion, critique, or evaluation please direct that to me quickly so that I can lead the staff, volunteers, Board members, and other workers toward a solution. Again, we are here to serve your family and are excited to offer you our best.

*For each child, a sense of wonder-*

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