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DAY CAMPER HANDBOOK

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About the Curriculum

This summer, campers will dive into discovering what faith is all about and what it means to be A CHILD OF GOD. We have hand-picked passages that explore deep into what it means to be a confident disciple and leader in the community. Each daily theme will begin with an "I am…" statement, followed by words of affirmation. The daily themes will build on each other throughout the week, engaging campers to be confident in who they are and who's they are.

DAILY SCRIPTURE THEMES

Day 1: I am ME. (Hebrews 11:1-40)
Day 2: I am LOVED. (John 3:16-17)
Day 3: I am SOMEBODY. (Psalms 139:13-14)
Day 4: I am CONNECTED. (Acts 2 / Romans 12:4-8 / 1 Corinthians 12:12-27)
Day 5: I am KIND. (Mark 1:16-20; 3:19 / 1 Thessalonians 5:12-16)
Day 6: I am STRONG. (Romans 12:1-2 / Micah 6:8)

Campers will join in a summer adventure seeking God's Spirit through everyday encounters with God, Creation & each other!

Our Summer Camp Program Philosophy

We believe that Camp should be a safe place where campers can explore their faith through Bible study, worship, fun and fellowship with the supportive guidance of caring staff. Camp staff creates this safe place by building healthy community through caring relationships. Each camper becomes a part of a family group. Usually two cabins form a family unit -- one female and one male cabin with their cabin counselors. In these family groups, campers grow together as they learn new skills as they work and play, worship and pray, and live together in Christian community.

Throughout the week, each camp family group joins in opportunities of worship, service, learning, playing, sharing and growing through Christian fellowship and cooperation. Together, they will face challenges and overcome obstacles, learning that together they are strong and that their trust in one another reflects their faith in Christ. Each camper also becomes a part of the larger camp community by eating meals together in the dining hall, through "all-camp" programs and activities, and in "all-camp" Bible study and worship. Supported by the community of faith at camp and by the extended community of faith that includes our partner presbyteries and churches and all those who support and pray for camp, each camper has the opportunity to grow and learn through a unique experience in the outdoors.

A Typical Day at Camp

Day camp begins at 9:00 am. Counselors will be in front of Fraser to meet them and get them into their groups. From there, campers will go to Morning Watch to hear about the Bible verse for the day. Campers then enjoy Energizers and move right into their Family Group Activities including hiking, swimming, canoeing, Bible study, worship, archery, arts and crafts, wall climbing, tubing, GaGa Ball, and many more! Lunch is served at noon. Our kitchen staff provide healthy, kid-friendly meals, however, day campers are welcome to bring their own lunchbox (refrigeration is available; please label with campers name). After lunch, day campers will have a short "down time" to rest and prepare for afternoon activities. Campers will be able to visit the Camp Store after down time. Here, campers will have a free snack provided, but will also have the opportunity to purchase additional snacks and drinks, along with other camp merchandise. The rest of the afternoon is filled with more activities until departure at 5:00 pm.

Need a little extra time for commuting to/from work? Ask about extended care options!

A Typical Daily Schedule

9:00 am	Arrival
9:15am	Morning Watch
9:45 am	Energizers/Morning Singing
10:00-12:00pm	Family Group Activities
12:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm	FOB (Rest & Relaxation)
2:00-4:30pm	Family Group Activities
5:00pm	Departure

Packing for Day Camp

Packing for camp can be one of the most important parts of insuring a successful week at camp! We want to make sure day campers have everything they need when they are here. With this in mind, we offer the following checklist for your use when packing for camp:

Important things to consider:

- **Campers should be able to carry their own bags and gear.**
  - We're here to help, but do want to encourage everyone to pack as resourcefully as possible. We strongly suggest brining a durable backpack with two straps (such as a school backpack). **Avoid "rope" straps as these can be uncomfortable for the camper!**
- **All Camp participants must wear appropriate clothing** that reflects the core values of a Christ-centered community. Please take time to reflect with your camper on modest dress.
- Pack ***with*** your camper. This will insure they know what is packed for them!
- **Please label ALL camper clothing and other personal items.**
  - This helps in identifying lost clothing and other items. We cannot be responsible for lost clothing and other items, but we do like to return them if we find them!
- **A Word About Shoes:**
  - All participants and staff must wear appropriate shoes for camp activities. Shoes that offer good support and straps around the heel/ankle are best. Some activities require close-toed shoes (such as tennis shoes).
- **A Word About Swim Wear:**
  - Please remember the rule of modesty when packing swim wear.
    We encourage males to wear proper fitting/knee-length shorts and females to wear one-piece suits.
- **Medications:**
  - Please pack all necessary medications (prescription and over-the-counter) in their original containers inside of a zip-loc bag. These will need to be "checked-in" with the Associate Director during morning drop-off.
    REMEMBER: All medications should be in their original packaging.

Suggested Packing List

_____ Backpack	_____ Water Shoes
_____ Water Bottle	_____ Towel
_____ Rain Jacket	_____ Sunscreen
_____ Sneakers	_____ Bug Spray
_____ Bathing Suit	_____ Camp Store Money

PLEASE DO NOT PACK THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Food (except lunchboxes), toys, electronics (including ***cell phones***, iPods, iPads, electronic games, radios, etc.), candy, knives, weapons, tobacco, illegal drugs, fireworks, etc.

General Information

Policies, Procedures, & Generally Accepted Camp Practices

CAMP LIFE – Modified Small Group De-Centralized Camping

Small Group camping provides training through the give and take of community living. With adult guidance, each camper has a part in deciding on and carrying out the particulars of the camp program. Each family group is made up of two small groups (one male group and one female group, as a general rule). The group chooses activities based upon interest and counselor guidance. Activities may include canoeing, swimming, arts & crafts, hiking, nature walks, sailing, tubing, orienteering, etc. These activities plus meals & rest time provide the framework for each group's daily routine. Each day all groups gather and share in some common activities. All activities are provided at a level that is both developmentally appropriate and progression aware.

CAMP BEHAVIOR

Campers are expected to behave in a socially acceptable manner while at camp. Disruptive or dangerous behavior that continues to occur after appropriate disciplinary intervention will not be tolerated. The Director or Associate Director may send disruptive campers home. Please review this information with your camper so camp is an enjoyable experience for everyone present.

OUR STAFF

Summer camp staff is comprised of young adults generally from 17-25 years of age. These young adults are committed Christians with a love of the outdoors, organized camping, and ministry with children. All staff members are thoroughly screened, including an application and interview process, a criminal background check, and reference checks. Staff members are oriented to their work through a rigorous training period that includes child developmental theory, Christian education theory, First Aid/CPR certification or health/emergency management planning, safety and risk management, basic counseling skills, and worship leadership, among many other topics. Staff members employed by the Camp on a year-round basis are also present during the summer programs.

CANCELLATIONS / REFUND POLICY

We offer the following cancellation/refund guidance, should it become necessary to cancel your camp registration. Please contact the Executive Director (kevin@campfellowship.org) if it becomes necessary, as we consider cancellations on a case by case basis.

- A full refund (less $100 administration/deposit fee) is available if canceled **45 business days** or more prior to the start date of your camp week.
- A 50% refund (less $100 administration/deposit fee) if canceled between **15 and 30 business days** prior to your camp week.
- ***No refunds*** if canceled within 30 business days of the start of your camp week.

Exceptions:

- If we cancel a camp for any reason, we will refund you fully.
- Special consideration will be given to extenuating circumstances such as deaths in the family or hospitalization of camper or *immediate* family member.

Please contact the registrar or director for more information.

NOTE: An *immediate* family member is a family member living in the same household as the camper. Generally, parents/guardians and siblings are considered to be immediate family members.

INSURANCE

Please provide a copy of ***both sides*** of your insurance card on or before opening day registration. In case of accident or illness, it is essential that we provide the hospital or treatment facility with a copy of ***BOTH SIDES*** of your insurance card.

Trinity Presbytery only provides secondary accident/illness insurance for all campers while they are at camp. This secondary insurance is intended to cover deductible amounts or other charges when used with primary insurance provided by family, church or other sources. For questions or more information, please contact the Director.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The health, safety and well being of our campers is the highest priority of the Outdoor Ministries staff. CPR & First Aid trained staff members supervise all activities. Medical facilities are located near camp. Staff members are provided information on nearby medical facilities when on off-site trips. Certified lifeguards supervise all swimming and boating activities while on and off-site. Campers are ***required*** to wear life jackets while boating, tubing and rafting (both on and off-site). At the beginning of each session, campers will undergo a health screening and be encouraged to complete a swim test in order to assess swimming ability. Any camper not completing the swim test will be required to stay in the shallow-end of the swimming area and/or wear a life jacket while participating in other water-based activities. With careful attention to safety procedures, we aim to minimize risk while still offering a fun and challenging outdoor program.

LOST & FOUND

Please label your camper's medicines, clothing, and other personal belongings. If something is lost during the camp week, please notify us immediately! We will attempt to locate items left behind, but cannot guarantee retrieval or replacement of lost personal belongings. **We are not responsible for items lost during summer camp! Lost items found at camp will be kept at the camp until the end of summer camping season.** If it is necessary to return lost items by mail, we will ask to be reimbursed for postage.

SPENDING MONEY/ CAMP STORE

Campers have the opportunity to visit our camp store and canteen each day. A number of items, including t-shirts, water bottles and other camp gear are available. Generally, no extra money is needed during the camp week. Snacks will be provided to all campers. *Additional snacks, however, may be purchased from the canteen/camp store.*

✚ SPECIAL MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND ALLERGIES ✚

Please communicate with the Director and Associate Director, about any special medical considerations, including allergies. These special medical considerations must also be noted on the Health Form and communicated during the health screening at registration in order for us to provide the best care for your camper.

*****Dietary restrictions (allergies, etc.) should be noted on the Health Form and discussed with the Director or Associate Director at least one week prior to opening day to allow for any special ordering or preparation.*****

General Arrival/Departure Procedures

DROP-OFF

Day Camp will begin at 9:00 am. Campers may be dropped off starting at 8:30 am. If an earlier drop-off is needed, please contact the Associate Director ahead of time. Upon arrival, please follow the signs to the camper drop-off area in front of Fraser. The Associate Director will check-in your camper and show them to their group. Please bring health forms, final payments, and all medications to the Associate Director. Any emergency medication (epi-pens, inhalers, etc.) and directions will be given to your camper's counselor.

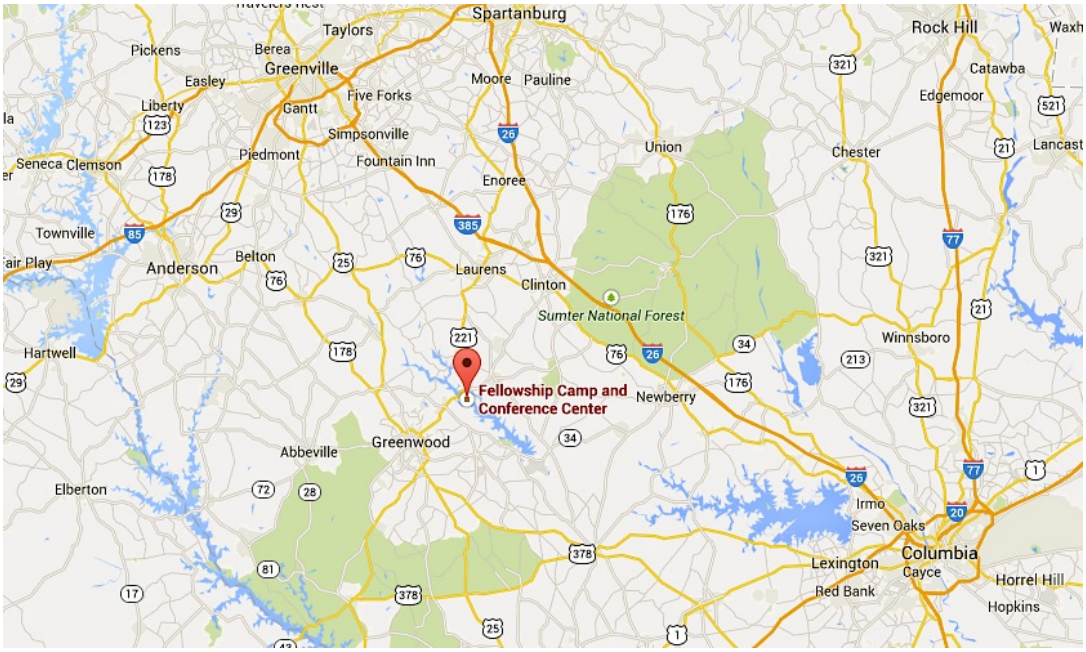
PICK-UP

Day Camp will end at 4:00 pm. Campers will be picked up in the area in front of Fraser. If arriving early, please park on the side of the road by Fraser. There may be camper groups walking around or engaging in various activities nearby, so please be cautious when driving on-site. Please stay in your car until day campers arrive in front of Fraser to be picked up. A signature is required before campers can be released to their guardian(s).

If earlier drop-off or later pick-up is needed, please contact the Associate Director ahead of time so proper arrangements can be made. Extended care (8:00 am - 6:30 pm) is an additional $65. This fee includes breakfast and dinner for the camper and 1 family member.

Directions to Camp Fellowship

If using GPS, input: 457 Camp Fellowship Road, Waterloo, SC 29384



Camp Fellowship is located off of Hwy 72 between Clinton and Greenwood.

From Greenville, Simpsonville, and Fountain Inn areas:
Take I-385 S. to US-221 S - (EXIT 9) - toward LAURENS. Turn left onto US-221.
Go through downtown Laurens (Business 221). Follow 221 through Waterloo until it intersects Hwy 72. Turn left onto Hwy 72, then immediately right onto Whitten Rd. Turn right onto Camp Fellowship Road.

From Anderson area:
From Anderson, take Hwy 76 through Belton toward Honea Path. In Honea Path, take Hwy 178 toward Hodges. In Hodges take a left onto Hwy 246 toward Coronaca. In Coronaca, Hwy 246 intersects Hwy 72. Turn left onto Hwy 72 toward Clinton. After bridge over lake, turn right onto Whitten Road (just past Lee Brother's BBQ). Turn right onto Camp Fellowship Road.

From Spartanburg area:
Take I-26 E to the SC-56 (EXIT 52)- toward CLINTON. – Turn RIGHT onto SC-56.
Turn SLIGHT RIGHT to join Hwy 72. Continue to follow SC-72 through town (pass Presbyterian College). Leave town on Hwy 72. Continue toward Greenwood. After passing "Crystal Bay" community, turn left onto Whitten Road. Turn right onto Camp Fellowship Road.
(*From the Subway in Clinton the turn onto Whitten Rd is approximately 17 miles.)*

From Columbia area:
Take I-26 West to Exit 54. Turn left onto Hwy 72. Follow Hwy 72 for approx. 17 miles. Turn left onto Whitten Rd. Turn right onto Camp Fellowship Road.