

Summer Camp Guidelines

GENERAL INFORMATION

** Due to COVID-19 we have revised some of our policies, guidelines and procedures in order to take every reasonable measure to prevent the spread of this disease. Even though some things in our state are being relaxed a little more each day as people are getting vaccinated, we still want to take precautions. Please know that we reserve the right to make revisions as the summer progresses and that these guidelines are subject to change.

1. Considering the difficulty of consistently implementing social distancing, the campers will be placed in small groups. Each group will be as self-contained as possible and we will avoid the mixing of campers in as many areas as possible in order to follow social distancing guidelines. These groups will rotate to different activities throughout the day, with the intention being to remain with the same group.
2. Our hours of operation have also been altered to 6:30 AM-5:30 PM. Therefore, this also means that the policy for late pick-up remains the same only based on 5:30 PM instead of 6:00 PM.
3. In order to take every reasonable measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19, all staff will be asked to prioritize sanitization and develop a daily schedule for sanitizing all high traffic areas as well as frequently touch items and surfaces. Frequent hand washing with soap and water will be the preferred method.
4. Staff will be asked to wear face masks when in close contact with the campers.
5. All food will be eaten in assigned classrooms rather than gathering in the cafeteria.

DROP OFF

**In order to limit contact between Summer Camp and the Child Development Center, a drop off system will be implemented at the back door of the gym where you will sign them in. We will also be implementing our new biometric check-in system. Drop off schedule will be between the hours of 6:30 AM-8AM. They will receive breakfast immediately after this drop-off time in their assigned classrooms. If you need special consideration please let us know.

1. Temperatures of the campers will be taken before entering the building. No camper with a temperature over 99 degrees will be allowed to stay without a doctor's note. This temperature will be recorded when the parent signs in their child.
2. Absolutely NO SICK campers will be allowed to be in attendance. The following health policy will be strictly adhered to in order to be more cautious in not spreading COVID-19.
 - a. A child showing any symptoms of a contagious illness such as but not limited to—fever of 99 degrees or higher, vomiting, diarrhea, common cold symptoms, croup, sore throat, fifth disease, impetigo, ringworm, hand, foot, and mouth, any unexplained rash, pinkeye, lice or just overall appears to be sick—the child will be isolated from the group immediately and the parents will be contacted to pick them up.
 - b. If your child is not allowed to stay or is sent home due to illness, he/she must be kept home for 48 hours and be symptom free without the aid of medication before returning to childcare and will not be admitted without a notice from his/her physician stating that the child has been seen and/or treated and is no longer contagious and is able to return to and participate in the activities of the center.

PICK UP

Pick up will be the same as morning drop-off between 4 PM-5:30 PM. Calling before arrival will aid us in implementing a faster pick up time. If you need an earlier pick up time please let us know.

EMERGENCIES/LATE DROP OFF/EARLY PICK-UP

If you need to pick up your camper because of an emergency, notify the front office (660-7444, press 2 for CDC office when prompted). We will have your camper ready and meet you at the back door for pick up.

MEAL/SNACK TIME

**Due to social distancing and group size restrictions all meals and snacks will be served in the group's "base-room" so we will not be in the cafeteria for any reason. We will thank God for our food after everyone is seated quietly...NOT BEFORE.

- 1) Stay seated and talk quietly with those near you.
- 2) Campers will be expected to clean up after themselves and make sure all trash is thrown away.

SNACK MONEY

Breakfast, lunch and "free snack" is included in your fee. If you would like to send lunch, you are more than welcome. We will not have snacks for sale this year so your camper may have our snack or bring their own.

GENERAL CAMPER GUIDELINES

- 1) Stay with your group at all times and ask permission to use the restroom or get water.
- 2) If there is a problem between campers, go to a counselor to settle the dispute. Violence is NEVER the solution and will not be tolerated.
- 3) Be respectful and obey all counselors the first time. They are here to help and keep you safe.
- 4) Use equipment only as it is supposed to be used. Misuse could cause injury.
- 5) Do not pick up rocks, sticks or any other potentially dangerous items.
- 6) Do not use profanity (curse words) or obscene gestures. Be an example for Christ.
- 7) If you see someone break a rule, tell a counselor. It could keep them and others safe.
- 8) **Leave all electronic devices at home.** This includes cell phones, tablets, and games. We are not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken items.
- 9) Leave things that could be considered a weapon (toy or real) at home. This includes guns, knives/sharp objects, etc. You will also not be permitted to purchase any of these items on field trips to bring back to the church.
- 10) If you are too sick to participate in activities, we will call a parent to come get you.
- 11) Poor behavior and bad attitudes will not be tolerated. Be an example for Christ.
- 12) Serious misbehavior will be reported to the office and a conduct note will be sent home.
- 13) Be flexible and understanding. For example, we can't all be on the playground at the same time.
- 14) If there is bad weather, don't panic. We will be creative and do inside activities.
- 15) No camper should have money during the day. We would rather the camper not bring money for most trips, if spending money is ever "needed" for a trip, we will let you know ahead of time.
- 16) We have a "**NO TOUCH**" policy. That means keep your hands and feet to yourself at all times. There will be no hitting, pushing, grabbing, kicking, biting, etc.
- 17) Tennis shoes must be worn at all times. No flip-flops, sandals or bare feet allowed, except during water play.

WATER DAYS

**At this time we do not plan to take any groups to Camp Christian, but we will have water play outside on our field here on campus. Water play will include things like a pool set up on campus, water slides, and our Organized Mass Chaos games that is always a big hit. We will post these days on the calendar of activities that you will receive. The following rules will apply to these days.

- 1) Do not run inside the water play area or pool. This could be very dangerous for you and others.
- 2) Girls must wear one-piece swimsuits or wear a t-shirt while they swim or participate in water play activities.
- 3) You may bring goggles, mask, etc. **but it is your responsibility to keep up with them.**
- 4) Bring **spray** sunscreen on swim days. **LABEL EVERYTHING** so it doesn't get misplaced.
- 5) Wear tennis shoes to camp. You may change into flip-flops or pool shoes when you arrive to water play.
- 6) Wear your bathing suit under your clothes to camp and/or bring clothes to change into before and after returning from water play. Please make sure to bring a towel.

IN THE GYM

- 1) Do not kick ANY ball at ANY time in the gym. It becomes a safety hazard for everyone.
- 2) Only one person may use the restroom at a time and you must ask permission FIRST.
- 3) Do not take a ball into the restroom for any reason. A restroom is not a place to play.
- 4) Do not play rough with others. No pushing, pulling, hitting, or throwing balls at others.
- 5) When the group is playing an organized game, **EVERYONE** should be involved.
- 6) The stage is completely OFF LIMITS, (I know it looks fun to jump from, but don't)
- 7) Stay where your counselor can see you. It's hard to keep you safe if they can't see you.
- 8) We have a "**NO TOUCH**" policy. That means keep your hands & feet to yourself at all times. There will be no hitting, pushing, grabbing, kicking, biting, etc.

IN THE HALLS, YOUTH ROOM, GAMEROOM, CAMP HOUSE

- 1) Walk in line quietly in the halls. NO stomping, running, or jumping; babies may be asleep.
- 2) During rest/movie time, relax and watch the movie quietly or lie down and rest.
- 3) Campers are never to be anywhere without supervision. Stay with your group!
- 4) Playing in the restrooms will not be tolerated. You do your business, wash up and go.
- 5) We have a "**NO TOUCH**" policy. That means keep your hands and feet to yourself at all times.

ON FIELD TRIPS

**We tentatively plan to implement field trips back this year for our 1st-5th graders. We will have some "in-house" field trips such as a petting zoo and bakery coming to us for our K4-K5 campers. Activities will include a daily group rotation including things like sports, arts and crafts, music/dance, and many other exciting games.

- 1) We are representing GSBC while we are out, so be a great example for Christ.
- 2) Wear camp t-shirts for every off-campus trip except to Camp Christian (if we go to Camp Christian)
- 3) When on the bus, never put anything (head, arms, towels, etc.) out of a window.
- 4) Follow counselors' instructions carefully. They will keep you and others safe.
- 5) Stay with your group and counselor at all times.
- 6) Keep up with your belongings both on trips and on campus. We are not responsible for lost, stolen or broken items on campus or on trips.
- 7) We would rather the camper not bring money for most trips, if spending money is ever "needed" for a trip, we will let you know ahead of time.

CAMP T-SHIRTS

Your registration fee includes 1 camp t-shirt to wear on days we will be off campus. If you would like to purchase 1 or more additional t-shirts for \$12, please see front office staff.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

All campers must follow the rules set in place by Government Street Baptist Summer Camp at all times. We will follow the discipline policy as outlined below:

1st offense-Warning/Redirection and time away from the activity

2nd offense-Time away from the activity and conduct note sent home

3rd offense-Suspension from camp (1-3 days based on severity)

Subsequent offenses-Further suspension or complete dismissal from camp

PAYMENT POLICY

A non-refundable registration fee of \$160 for those completed 1st-5th grade and \$100 for those completed K4-K5 is required for your application to be complete. All activities are included in this fee. Payment is \$25 per day or \$100 per week. For your convenience you may now schedule your weekly payments to be automatically deducted from your bank account or charged to your credit/debit card on Friday of the week attended through our new program Headmaster Online. Once registered, you will receive your log-in information through email. If you choose to opt out of automatic recurring payments then your weekly payment will be due in advance on the first day the camper attends camp for the week; however, a secondary form of payment must be on file and will be charged on Friday of the week attended if payment has not been received by close of business on Thursday. Accounts must remain current in order for your child to remain enrolled in camp. There are no part day fees. If a child is present, they will be charged for the entire day. We will not send out weekly statements since you will be able to have access to your account on Headmaster Online at all times. A late fee of \$10 will be added for each week the account is past due. Any form of returned payment will incur a \$30 service charge.

There is a late pick-up fee if your child is picked up after 5:30 PM. This fee is \$10 for the first 10 minutes and \$10 for each additional 5 minutes or any part of that 5 minutes.