

# FAQ FOR PARENTS

## WHAT TO EXPECT AT SUMMER CAMP

Your child can experience what could be one of the greatest weeks in their entire life. Away from the craziness and fullness of everyday life, campers are thrown into a realm of positive peer pressure encouraging them to pursue their relationship with God, build friendships, and stretch their comfort zone through daily activities. Camp is one of the best ways your child can be disciplined for a week by living 24/7 with others who love Jesus, influencing them towards a lifetime pursuit of Him.

So what does a week of camp look like? Can you say "Exciting", "Adventurous", "Engaging"? This is why camp is loved by many students. While at camp, they will play outside (some messy games), swim in the pool, and have special services and sessions encouraging them in their relationship with God.

## ROOMING

- Bunk style rooms
- Restrooms and showers provided within building
- One adult leader per room (18+ age minimum)
- Possible Leader in Training per room
- Highest student to leader ratio in a room (11 kids to 1 leader)
- Campers are automatically assigned to rooms with other campers from the same church unless otherwise requested.
- Campers attending without a church group are assigned to rooms with other campers of about the same age/grade.

## GENERAL CAMP RULES

These rules are given as guidelines for every student to follow. This code of conduct has been established for the protective benefit of each student. They must be observed at all times. Failure to comply with the camp rules can result in expulsion from camp with no refund.

- The daily schedule must be followed and attendance at all activities is required.
- No one is to leave the campgrounds without specific permission from the Camp Director and the appropriate forms completed.
- Students are expected to observe habits of personal and group cleanliness, courtesy, and Christian conduct.
- Males and females are not allowed in each other's housing dormitories.
- Dress Code: Modestly attired at all times. While comfort is important, all shorts, pants, shirts, and dresses are to be "size-appropriate" with no objectionable or suggestive slogans, artwork, or revealing style.
- Modest swimwear is required by anyone using the pool area. \*See Dress Code section for further details.
- Cell phones, MP3/CD players, radios, air soft guns, and paintball guns are not permitted. All such items will be collected from campers and returned at the end of camp.
- Special Government/Camp Statement: Fireworks, smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages, and drugs are NOT allowed on the campground.

- We reserve the right to inspect the contents of all personal belongings. The holding and/or disposal of improper contents are the right of the camp staff.
- Camp Activities are open only to registered campers and staff. No visitors allowed. Evening services are not open to the public, visiting youth groups, friends or family members. Any persons coming on the grounds must have the approval of the District KidMin Director or Camp Director.
- Profanity will not be tolerated on the campgrounds at any time.

## **CAMP DRESS CODE**

Our dress code at camp is based on the biblical principles of modesty, neatness, and appropriateness/safety for activities. The following guidelines are for both students as well as Camp Staff. Please help us by setting an example for your campers and communicating these guidelines to them. If camp security deems an outfit inappropriate, they will ask the individual to promptly change into something better suited for camp.

1. No undergarments or midsections showing.
2. Shorts must be "Fingertip Length". This means that the hem of these articles of clothing must be the approximate length of the campers' fingertips when the hands are relaxed at their side.
3. No short skirts. In general, skirts are probably not the best attire for camp; pants and shorts are great for all camp activities.
4. No clothing with inappropriate symbols or messages on it (including alcohol, tobacco, or sexually suggestive language or images)
5. No halter tops, tube tops, bare midriff tops, or spaghetti strap tops.
6. Only modest swimsuits are permitted to be worn at camp. Campers could be asked to wear a dark color t-shirt if the suit is deemed inappropriate.
7. When walking back and forth from the pool, all swimmers must wear shoes/sandals and a cover up over their swimsuit.
8. Shirts must be worn at all times, unless swimming
9. Shoes or Flip-Flops must be worn at all times (except when swimming)

## **YOUR STUDENT MAY BE EXPOSED TO THE FOLLOWING:**

- Sun
- Water
- Mud
- Physical activities outside/inside
- Rock climbing wall
- Low ropes course (Kids Camp Only)
- High ropes course (Kids Camp Only)
- Loud music
- Flashing lights

## **STAFF POSITION DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Director**

The camp director communicates with the camp support staff throughout camp and conducts meetings with them during the week. The camp director will also be the main contact with the Network Youth Director.

### **Nurse**

We will have a certified nurse on the campgrounds during the week of camp for any minor medical needs that may arise (ex: cuts, sprains, headaches, proper delivery of student medications).

### **Activities Director**

The activities director will be in charge of running all sports games and other activities that happen throughout the week.

### **Support Staff**

Our support staff (Room Leaders) will be having the most interaction with your student. They will be with them during services at night and at altar calls. Their support staff leader will also be their team leader and cheer them on through team sports and other competitions taking place throughout the week. All camp staff has gone through an approval process including a background check.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

- Bible
- Pencil or pen and notepad or journal
- Towels and washcloths
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Soap and all toiletry items
- Comb or brush
- Pillow
- Sheets & blankets or sleeping bag
- Sweater or jacket
- Modest Swimsuit
- Swimsuit cover-up or robe
- Water Bottle
- Practical camp clothes
- Spending money for snacks, the camp store, and special BGMC (mission's) offerings
- Athletic shoes (may get muddy)
- Shoes that stay dry for indoor use
- Clothing and shoes for outside water and mud sports
- Recommend aqua shoes for outside water sports
- Flashlight
- A large white trash bag for the camper's dirty clothes. Label the bag with the camper's name, church name and city, and a phone number.

\*Be sure to label all items with the camper's name. It is recommended to also label all luggage with the camper's name, church name and city, and a phone number.

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

- ∅ Short shorts or cut-off shorts
- ∅ Tight fitting clothing (non-opaque leggings are okay with extra long shirt)
- ∅ Low-cut shirts
- ∅ Any clothing exposing the midriff
- ∅ CD players, radios, MP3 players
- ∅ Cell phones (Note: students must turn in cell phones at registration. They will be returned on Friday. Cell phones discovered in students' possession during camp will be collected by the room leader and turned in to the Camp Office)
- ∅ Electronic games
- ∅ Skateboards

Please Note: **Heartland Conference Retreat Center and Ohio KidMin Camp Leadership are not held responsible for any lost or stolen items.**

## MEDICATIONS

All medications must be turned into the Camp Nurse during registration. Medications MUST be brought in their original containers! No exceptions! The Nurse will be available throughout the week to disperse medications as prescribed. **Your student will not be able to self-carry their medication including an inhaler, epi-pen, etc, if this form is not filled out by a doctor and brought to camp.**

## CAMP BANK

A camp bank exists so campers can avoid accidental loss of their money. **Campers MUST deposit their money during registration online or during registration on Monday.** The Camp Bank will be open during free time and after the evening service each day. Any remaining balance can be picked up from the bank on Friday morning before leaving camp. Money not picked up from the Camp Bank on Friday will be donated to BGMCC.

## MAIL

Campers enjoy getting mail! Here are a few ways to send mail to your camper:

1. Mail letters and cards to:

(Camper's Name and which camp) Heartland CRC  
3201 CR 225  
Marengo, OH 43334

Please allow sufficient time for the mail to arrive during camp by mailing at **least a week in advance.** Please indicate on the envelope **which camp your camper is attending.** The Camp Staff makes every attempt to deliver mail to campers, but this delivery cannot be guaranteed. Do not send money or valuable items.

2. Place cards, letters, and small gifts in your child's luggage to find during camp.

3. Give your mail and care packages to your church group leader who is bringing your students to camp. They can give the mail to the campers Room Leader to deliver during the week of camp.
4. Purchase a Camp Gift Package ahead of time. Family and friends have the opportunity to send a box of treats to their student or leader while they are at camp. Our staff will take care of the packaging and delivery during the week of camp, all you have to do is decide which package!

## **LICE TREATMENTS**

The Lice Center of Ohio will perform a lice check on every camper during registration on the first day of camp. If lice are found, the Lice Center of Ohio staff can provide immediately effective treatment to the camper and their belongings **for a charge of \$45**. Following the treatment, the camper will receive information about follow up treatments, and a bill for the \$45 (payment to be remitted to Ohio Ministry Network).

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Ohio Ministry Network will retain a volunteer photographer to capture pictures and video of the camp activities. These pictures and videos may be posted to the Ohio Ministry Network and Ohio Ministry Network social media accounts. The purpose of sharing pictures and videos of camp is to give parents and friends of OKM a glimpse of the exciting happenings at camp. Campers love to see the pictures and videos after camp! If a camper's picture may not be shared on social media due to custody issues, foster child status, or other safety concerns, please alert Ohio Ministry Network in writing to [okm@ohioministry.net](mailto:okm@ohioministry.net). Campers who may not have their picture shared on social media will be given a special wristband to wear during camp to help photographers and those posting pictures to social media be sure that their identity is protected.

## **PHONE CALLS**

Campers are not permitted to call home without the Director's permission because this promotes homesickness. Parents should not call camp and expect to speak to their child. In case of an emergency, camp directors can be reached at 740- 747-0220. There are no public phones available for campers to use.

## **NO VISITORS**

For safety and security reasons, the campgrounds are closed to all visitors. This includes evening services.

## **LOST & FOUND POLICY**

There is a \$15.00 handling charge to return any lost and found items, regardless of size, weight, etc. A check must be received at Heartland before the item(s) can be returned. Lost and found items will be held for 7 days after an event. After the 7-day period, items will be discarded or donated depending on the item.