



Junior Camp, June 14 -16

Teen Camp, July 12 -16

Planning Packet

Summer 2010

**Discover a Mountain of Fun...**

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## I. PLAN FOR SUCCESS - This Planning Packet is just for that purpose...to plan!!

- Set a goal for your group.
- Read through this packet.
- Build anticipation for camp.
- Post a sign-up sheet.
- Place posters on bulletin boards.
- Request more brochures...if needed.
- Personally call each young person, inviting them to attend camp.
- Begin praying now for specific spiritual results.

If you have any questions, feel free to call our office.

## II. HOW TO ATTEND

### A. BEFORE ARRIVAL

1. **Agreement** - indicates your intention of attending; must be signed by the Pastor and Youth Leader and accompany the Reservation Fee.
2. **\$125 Processing Fee** - required from each church attending any week of camp. This fee is non-refundable, non-transferable, cannot be pro-rated; this fee applies toward the Balance at Registration. This must be sent in a maximum of 2 weeks from time of contact with the office stating that you want to attend camp. Once we have received your Reservation Fee, your reservation for camp will be guaranteed.
3. **\$20 Per Camper Deposit** - This non-refundable per camper deposit is due March 15 and is applied to the Balance at Registration. **If this deposit is received by January 15, a \$10 discount is applied toward each camper.**
4. Housing - final head count (individual count for boys, girls, men, women) one week camp  
ALL HOUSING IS ON A FIRST PAY-FIRST ACCOMODATED BASIS  
Bunkhouses – restroom facilities at gym; good for those requiring more privacy than dorms provide; 12 – 24 people per room  
Dorms – attached restroom facilities; good for those who like meeting new people and do not require their group to be alone; 12 – 24 people per room  
Lodge – private restroom in each room, 14-16 people per room; additional \$40/person

### B. ARRIVAL Monday 1pm to 4pm/DEPARTURE Friday 10am

1. Registration - is Monday from 1pm to 4pm. There is an important counselor meeting at 4pm. Supper is served at 5pm. If you will arrive late, please call the office.

You will need to bring to Registration the following:

2. Health Forms - mandatory for every person coming to camp *including adults*. Forms must be signed and notarized . . . no exceptions. Both parents' signatures are required, in addition to camper's signature. Do not use older versions of this form you may have on hand as form may have changed. Make copies as needed. Once form has been completed, signed, and notarized, make a copy. The original will be given to Fort Bluff Camp; the copy will be given to youth leaders. This form is found on our website at: <http://www.fortbluff.com/campers-forms/>.
3. Roster - listing of all attending camp. This form is found on our website at: <http://www.fortbluff.com/campers-forms/>.
4. Balance - via CASHIER'S CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS, TRAVELER'S CHECKS, or CASH; no church checks, personal checks, or credit cards.

The cost is \$225 per teen camper/counselor, \$195 per junior camper/counselor. If Camper Deposits (\$20 per camper) are received by January 15, cost is \$215 per teen camper/counselor, \$185 per junior camper/counselor (for correlating deposits). Those requesting to stay in the Lodge (our

newest facility, which includes private bathrooms in each room), there will be an additional charge of \$40/person.

For every ten paying campers, the youth director attends free and the church is allotted one "Scholarship Camper," with no more than five scholarship campers per church. Scholarship Campers are un-churched, unsaved young people who would normally not be able to attend camp and attend for \$10 each. If you bring 20 or more paying campers, either the youth director's spouse or the assistant youth director attends free, also. All other adults pay the normal camp fee.

5. Sign-up Sheet - We will have times and places designated for campers to sign up for different activities, competitions, and sports.
6. \$125 Security/Key Deposit - This may be cash or a church check and is returned to the youth leader at the end of the week following Check-Out (room swept and cleaned, no damages found).

### III. CAMP OPERATION

Our goal is to create a positive attitude among all campers to enhance the working of God's Word and the Holy Spirit in their hearts. We work hard on the mechanics, details, organizations, and personalities involved to assure good attitudes and a well-disciplined group to which our speakers minister.

#### THE SCHEDULE IS VARIED

Our experience with tens of thousands of teenagers over the years has taught us the value of a well thought-out schedule with varied activities from morning until late night.

Structured events, times of choice, restful breaks, loud and quiet times, rugged and easy events . . . all are structured for every day. Our goal, however, is to make the highlight of camp the spiritual times.

Each leader will be supplied with a daily schedule/daily devotional at registration and kept informed during the morning counselor meetings.

#### A. CAMP RULES

Fort Bluff Camp is a Christian camp. The standards we maintain apply to every camper. Any camper who is not cooperative is subject to dismissal at his own expense. If we cannot control a camper, then he/she cannot stay. Our rules and standards will be enforced, in love, but enforced for all.

***It is the youth leader's responsibility to communicate our rules, dress code, and standards of conducts clearly before coming to Fort Bluff Camp.***

#### DRESS CODE

The guidelines stated in the following paragraphs are the acceptable dress code for Fort Bluff Camp. We have many churches whose dress codes differ from each other; however, youth leaders handle the situation very well by explaining to their young people that sometimes it is necessary to practice flexibility. Since our camps are only a week, the change will not be a difficult one.

#### Girls/Ladies

Please be modest at all times. No see-through, low-cut, or tight clothing.  
Evening Tabernacle Services: Church or school attire.

#### Boys/Men

Please be modest at all times. No cut-off t-shirts or tight clothing.  
Evening Tabernacle Services: Church or school attire

#### All

No clothing advertising questionable products or people. No jeans with holes, tears, or patches.

#### C. FIRST AID

Although we have first aid facilities available at the camp, we cannot always tend to your young people as quickly as we would like. Therefore, it is essential that you bring a basic first aid kit with you. It should include non-aspirin pain reliever, bee sting medication, antiseptic ointment, insect repellent, ace bandages, band aids®, sunburn lotion, and self adhesive strips.

#### D. ITEMS TO BRING

- ◆ Pillow and sleeping bag or sheets
- ◆ Towels and washcloths
- ◆ Soap and shampoo
- ◆ Alarm clock
- ◆ Bible, notebook and pen
- ◆ Several changes of clothes. No laundry service provided
- ◆ Swim suits (boys - boxer style trunks; girls - modest one-piece suits)
- ◆ Tennis shoes for playing on the gym floor only – shoes worn outside are NOT permitted on the gym floor
- ◆ Jacket, coat, or sweater (temperatures can drop)
- ◆ Spending money for Canteen, General Store, and Paintball
- ◆ Fishing gear (optional)
- ◆ Softball glove (optional)

#### E. ITEMS NOT TO BRING

- **No gaming devices, iPods, computers or other technology**  
If these items are brought by a camper the youth leader will be responsible to collect them and lock them in their vehicle. We do not want these distractions in the cabins or on the grounds. This is a great opportunity for God's Spirit to have the undivided attention of our young people.
- No knives, firearms, fireworks or squirt guns

### IV. COMPETITION

Some competitive events are planned each week for both teen and junior camps. Team and individual events are planned, including Bible, music, and athletics. Awards will be presented to the winners on Friday morning.

Competition is not required of either individuals or groups, but is on a choice basis. The events open are listed herein with enough information to help your campers prepare. Awards (medals and plaques) will be presented to the individual winners, along with some team trophies for churches. Special times will be set aside each day for certain competitive events, entered by choice only. Neither individuals nor groups will be pressured into competing. However, your enthusiasm alone should motivate your young people to get involved.

#### A. ATHLETIC EVENTS

"Grade" designates the school grade just completed. Younger ages/grades may compete in senior high categories, if needed, but not vice versa. If a church does not have enough players to make up one full team, they will be placed with another church to make a combined team.

##### 1. Basketball

Entries: Up to four teams allowed per division, per church.

- a. Boys Team ~ grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12
- b. Girls Team ~ grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12
- c. Final Four Team Shoot-out
  - Boys team grades ~ 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12
  - Girls team grades ~ 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

Each team will have one minute to complete a total team score. Each member will shoot, in turn, and rebound his own shot. Each basket made will score points for the whole team. Hustling will allow your team more shots, which in turn, means more points. All shots will come from an approximate 10' perimeter from the goal.

## 2. Softball

Entries: limit four teams per church

- a. Boys team - junior and senior high division
- b. Girls team - junior and senior high division

## 3. Water Activities

These activities are optional. No camper will be permitted to participate without written consent from parents (located on the Health Form). All water sports are supervised by certified lifeguards.

### a. Swimming

Showers are required before entering pool and are available at swimming pool site.

Everyone is required to be fully clothed when walking to and from pool.

At lake and water slide all campers must wear shirt and shorts.

Ladies: only modest one-piece bathing suits are permitted. Men: only boxer-style suits are permitted.

Pool swim suits **MUST NOT BE WORN IN THE LAKE.**

#### (1) One Lap Race

Boys team ~ grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

Girls team ~ grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

#### (2) One Lap Underwater Race

Boys team ~ grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

Girls team ~ grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

#### (3) Relay - four members swimming one lap each

Boys team ~ grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

Girls team ~ grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

### b. The Blob

The Blob is an air-filled canvas in which a person sits at one end while another person jumps off a platform onto the opposite end of the Blob. By the weight of the second person, the first will fly up into the air and land in the water.

### c. The Water Slide

The Monster Water Slide is a twisting, turning, 250-foot water slide that drops 33 feet from beginning to end, sending you flying into the pool at the bottom.

### d. The Iceberg

The Iceberg is a 14' high inflatable that floats in the lake. Three of its sides are climbing walls and you can slide down the other side into the lake.

## 4. Weightlifting (*teens only*)

### a. Divisions

(1) Lightweight ~ 159 lbs or less

(2) Middleweight ~ 160 to 175 lbs

(3) Light Heavyweight ~ 176 to 190 lbs

(4) Heavyweight ~ 191 lbs or more

### b. Events

(1) Bench Press

(2) Dead Lift

## 5. Volleyball

Entries: Up to four teams allowed per division, per church

Boys team ~ grades 7-9, 10-12

Girls team ~ grades 7-9, 10-12

## 6. Track and Field

- a. Long Jump ~ grades 7-9, 10-12
- b. High Jump ~ grades 7-9, 10-12
- c. Running
  - (1) 40-Yard Dash ~ any and all may enter  
Boys grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12  
Girls grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12
  - (2) 100-Yard Dash ~ any and all may enter  
Boys grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12  
Girls grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12
  - (3) Speed Relay ~ four members per team
  - (4) Ironman/Ironwoman Race (teens only) ~ a swim-run-bike race

## 7. The Crucible Course

This eight-station course is a scaled-down model from the Marines Boot Camp. It is designed to develop unity and teaches teens how to work together. It is challenging, rewarding, and a lot of fun for participants and spectators.

## 8. Paintball

Paintball is optional. The two-day cost for teen campers is \$15, junior campers \$10. Paintball for junior campers is target shooting only. The price includes mask and gun rental, but not Paintballs. Cost for Paintballs is 5¢ each (minimum purchase of 100) or a case of 2,500 Paintballs for \$60. Do not bring your own Paintballs. Other optional cost includes camouflage rental (\$5). If a player brings his own gun, CO<sub>2</sub> canister, and recalibration, he is still charged the \$15 fee, but his CO<sub>2</sub> will be re-filled at no charge. It will take 2,000 balls for ten people to fill up their paintball hoppers. Each gun holds almost 200 Paintballs. Your more aggressive players will use more than 200 for a game. We recommend that the youth department raise money to buy at least one case per game.

Teen Campers ~ Limit two teams per church, ten players per team (guys and girls can be combined). Double elimination. If a team loses once, they can still play out in the loser's bracket and play for the championship. This would mean they would play a total of five games. However, if they don't lose, they will play four games.

## 9. Miniature Golf

Our 18-hole miniature golf course is popular with young and old alike. The course has proven to be a favorite place to visit with other campers. While waiting for your game to begin, relax in the shade of the two covered porches, rocking softly while sipping a refreshing Smoothie.

## 10. Fishing Contest

- a. Most fish caught at specified times.
- b. Largest fish caught. \$200 given to camper who catches largest fish over ten pounds during specified times.

## B. MUSIC EVENTS

### 1. Entries

- a. Solos: no more than three from same church
- b. Duets/Trios: no more than three from same church
- c. Group (four to six members): no more than 2 from same church
- d. Ensemble: seven to ten members
- e. Choir: eleven or more
- f. Instrumental: any and all may enter
- g. Christian Song Writing: must have at least two verses and a chorus
- h. Individuals must submit a lead sheet with the melody and chords.

## 2. Divisions

Juniors ~ grades 1-3, 4-6

Teens ~ grades 7-9, 10-12

## 3. Guidelines (Plan to use our piano, if necessary)

- a. Classical or Sacred (religious-themed) music only
- b. No folk, rock, or country/western
- c. No electrical instruments allowed
- d. Taped accompaniment subject to approval; turn into office during registration

## C. BIBLE EVENTS

### 1. Preaching

- a. Divisions: grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12
- b. Entrants: all boys may enter
- c. Guidelines: topic should be on Christian living. Sermons must be originated by entrant. Maximum time limit is six minutes. Sermon outline must be submitted to judges.

### 2. Storytelling

- a. Divisions: grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12
- b. Entrants: all girls may enter
- c. Guidelines: theme should teach a Christian principle. Maximum time limit is six minutes. At least one visual aid must be used.

### 3. Clearest Presentation of the Gospel

- a. Division: boys and girls separate grades 4-6, 7-9, 10-12
- b. Entrants: any and all may enter
- c. Guidelines: any form may be used - as if teaching a class, witnessing to someone, passing out tracts, etc. Maximum time limit is six minutes.

### 4. My Testimony

- a. Division: boys and girls separate grades 4-6, 7-9, 10-12
- b. Entrants: any and all may enter
- c. Guidelines: should include 1. Why I received Christ as Savior, 2. What Christ did to save me, 3. How I received Christ as Savior. Maximum time limit is six minutes.

## D. ART EVENTS

Divisions: grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

Guidelines: all work must be original to the entrant. All works should be supported with a stiff backing and clear protective cover (excluding crafts). Entrant's name, church, and grade just completed should be included on the back.

1. Paintings - oils, acrylics, tempera, watercolor, colored pens, pencils. No paint-by-number kits.
2. Drawings - includes pencil, charcoal, chalk, ink, felt tip pens, and markers. Cartoons are not acceptable in this category.
3. Crafts - includes macramé, embroidery, original ceramics, wood carvings, sculpture, three dimensional, and original sewing.
4. Photography - includes nature scenes, sunsets, original, and creative shots. Limit two pictures per entrant.
5. Gospel Comic Strip - a Christian theme story in ten frames or less, incorporating humor.

## E. WRITING EVENTS

Division: grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

Guidelines: adults may type the finished copy, but words, thoughts, or original work must not be changed. Name of participant, church, and age must appear on work (on back is fine).

1. Gospel Tract - Limit one tract per person. The tract must be designed for leading someone to Christ. Tract must include author's original cover. Tracts will be evaluated on the basis of originality, clearness of content step-by-step presentation), and conclusion.

2. Christian Essay - Limit one per person. The essay must be no longer than 350 words, including any Scripture verses written out. All entries must be neatly printed or typed. The theme for the essay is, "The Attributes of Godly leadership."
3. Patriotic Poems - Limit two per person. Poems may be of any length, patriotic in theme, rhyming not necessary, written entirely by the contestant, and be typed or printed.

Leader's Note - Gather all entries before leaving for camp. Check to see that the entrant's name, church name, and entrant's age are printed on back to identify each piece. Bring these to the Tabernacle at the Monday evening service.

## V. CLOSING NOTES

Leaders - The group's unity, enthusiasm, participation, cooperation, and camp spirit will depend largely upon the leaders. In turn, we want to be an asset to your leadership.

Fort Bluff Camp prefers that as many leaders as possible come with your campers, roughly one leader for every ten to twelve campers. Your men leaders will stay with the boys each night, and the ladies will stay with the girls. Throughout the day leaders should motivate campers to be on time. The services and meals should find you counting noses and occasionally checking dorms. We may ask for short time judges or assistants if your group has plenty of help.

Fort Bluff Camp's main emphasis is to turn the hearts of young people toward things of the Lord, either through salvation or a dedication of life to His service. All of our work would be in vain if no spiritual emphasis was conveyed. We have both morning and evening services to heighten a spiritual emphasis. We ask that all leaders be ready to help during invitation times; remind your group to bring their Bibles, notepads, and pens to services.

We will have special sessions for just the youth as well as sessions for youth leaders. These sessions will cover topics relevant to today's Christian young people and leaders.

Also, please be sure to check the health status of your campers before coming. In times past, we've had campers arrive who should not have come (i.e. fevers, lice, etc.), and it affected those in their room.

As fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, we can work together as a team that shares in the load, pulls together for greater strength, and rejoices together in victory!

## **VI. DIRECTIONS**

### **From Atlanta, Georgia**

Drive I-75 N towards Chattanooga, TN. Take Exit #4 (Highway 153) for 12 miles to 27 N. Turn right onto 27 N and drive 28 miles into Dayton. At traffic light #7 turn left onto Highway 30 W. Drive for 4.8 miles to the top of the mountain. Turn left onto State Road 443 W (Ogden Road). Drive one mile to the Fort Bluff Camp entrance on the left and follow the signs to the office.

### **From Nashville, Tennessee**

From I-40 E, take the Highway 127 Exit in Crossville. Take 127 S into Pikeville. Follow signs to Highway 30 E. Take 30 E for 12 miles to State Road 443 W (Ogden Road). Turn right, drive one mile to the Fort Bluff Camp entrance on the left, and follow the signs to the office.

### **From Knoxville, Tennessee**

From I-40, take I-75 S to Exit #49 (Athens/Decatur). Turn right onto Highway 30 W and drive 28.5 miles into Dayton to the top of the mountain. Turn left onto State Road 443 W (NOT 443 E). Drive one mile to the Fort Bluff Camp entrance on the left and follow the signs to the office.

### **OR**

From I-40 take Hwy 27 S (Harriman/Rockwood exit). Turn left onto Hwy 27 S, and drive several miles (about a 45-60 minute drive) into Dayton. At traffic light #7, turn right onto Hwy 30 W, following the signs through town to stay on Hwy 30 W, and go about 6 miles to the top of the mountain. Turn left onto State Road 443 W (NOT 443 E). Drive one mile to the Fort Bluff Camp entrance on the left and follow the signs to the office.

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