



## **Planning Packet**

**Summer 2012**

**Junior Camp ~ June 18-22**

**Teen Camp ~ July 9-13**



**FORT BLUFF CAMP**

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Dear Youth Leader,

Since our first camping season in 1976, we have seen thousands come through our gate and see lives changed for Jesus Christ. Thank you for sharing that vision with us as we continue that tradition. Thank you for considering Fort Bluff Camp.

The following information is to make registration simple. If you have any questions, please give us a call. We'll be glad to help in any way we can.

We're praying for the Lord to meet with us this year.

For our youth,

Dave Sekura  
Director



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## I. How to Attend

### A. Before Arrival

1. Agreement Form– indicates your intention of attending; must be signed by the pastor and youth leader and accompany the Camper Deposit.
2. \$25 Camper Deposit – accompanies the Agreement Form. Deposit is non-refundable. Deposit is due by April 30. Deposit is applied to the Balance at Registration. If this deposit is received by January 20, a \$5 discount is applied toward each camper. Must be a minimum of \$200.
3. Housing – final head count (individual count for boys, girls, men, and women) submitted to office one week before Registration.

*All housing is on a first pay-first accommodated basis*

**Bunkhouses** – restroom facilities at gym; good for those requiring more privacy than dorms provide; 12 people per room

**Dorm** – attached restroom facilities; good for those who like meeting new people and do not require their group to be alone; 12 to 24 people per room

**Lodge** – private restroom in each room; 14 to 16 people per room; additional \$40 per person

### B. Arrival

1. Registration is on Monday from 1pm to 4pm. Orientation (required) is at 4:30pm. Various activities are available during this time. Supper is served at 5pm. If you will arrive late, please call the office.
2. Balance due upon arrival via [campregister.com](http://campregister.com), credit card, cashier's checks, money orders, traveler's checks, or cash. No church or personal checks.  
The cost is \$235 per Teen Camp camper/counselor and \$205 per Junior Camp camper/counselor. There is an additional charge of \$40 per person for those staying in the Lodge.
3. Health Forms – mandatory for every person coming to camp including adults. Forms must be signed. Both parents' signatures are required, in addition to camper's signature. Do not use older versions of this form. Make copies as needed. Once form has been completed and signed, make a copy. Originals go to Fort Bluff Camp; copies go to youth leaders. This form can be found at [http://www.fortbluff.com/assets/Uploads/pdf\\_forms/2011-FBC-Health-Form.pdf](http://www.fortbluff.com/assets/Uploads/pdf_forms/2011-FBC-Health-Form.pdf)
4. Roster – listing of all attending camp. Send ahead of time via our website or bring with you to Registration. This form can be found at [http://www.fortbluff.com/assets/Uploads/pdf\\_forms/FortBluffCampRoster.pdf](http://www.fortbluff.com/assets/Uploads/pdf_forms/FortBluffCampRoster.pdf).
5. Sign-up Sheets will be available at Orientation for campers to sign up for different activities, competitions, and sports.

### C. Departure

1. Security and Key Deposit – a church check (not personal) or cash for \$125 serves for this deposit. It is returned to the youth leader during Check-Out at the end of the week provided no damages are found and your room has been swept and cleaned.
2. Lost and Found – unclaimed items are disposed of after thirty days. Claimed items are returned c.o.d.

## II. 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. The schedule is varied with times of choice, restful breaks, loud and quiet times, rugged and easy events. 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. Procedures/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 a camper cannot control himself, then he cannot stay. Our guidelines 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 conduct 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 should not be a difficult one.

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

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

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

### B. Items to Bring

- Pillow and sleeping bag or bed sheets
- Towels and washcloths
- Soap and shampoo
- Alarm clock
- Bible, notebook & pen
- Several changes of clothing (no laundry services available)
- Closed toe shoes
- Swimming suits (guys – boxer style; gals – modest one-piece suits)
- Tennis shoes for playing on the gym floor – shoes worn outside are not permitted on gym floor
- Jacket, coat, or hoodie (temperatures can drop at the Bluff)
- Spending money for Canteen, General Store and Paintball; fishing gear; softball glove (all optional)
- Basic First Aid Kit (by Counselors)

### C. Items to Leave at Home

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 at camp. This is a great opportunity for God's Spirit to have the undivided attention of our young people.

No contraband (knives, firearms, etc)

### III. 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. The following events listed provide 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.

#### 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

##### 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 (Blob, Waterslide, etc.) without written consent from parents located on the Health Form. All water sports are supervised by certified lifeguards.

Showers are required before entering swim areas (pool and waterslide). Everyone is required to be fully clothed when walking to and from swim areas. All campers must wear shirt and shorts at the lake and waterslide. Swim suits alone must not be worn in the lake.

##### a. Swimming

###### a. 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

###### b. 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

###### c. Four Man Relay

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 thirty-three feet from beginning to end, landing you into the pool at the bottom.

##### d. The Iceberg

This 14' high inflatable floats in the lake where three of its sides are climbing walls and the fourth is where you can slide down into the lake.

4. Weightlifting (teens only)
  - a. Divisions
    - Lightweight – 159 lbs or less
    - Middleweight – 160-175 lbs
    - Light Heavyweight – 176-190 lbs
    - Heavyweight – 191 lbs or more
  - b. Events
    - Bench Press
    - 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. 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
  - b. Ironman/Ironwoman Race (teens only) – a swim-run-bike race
  - c. The Crucible – 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.
7. Paintball
 

Paintball is optional. The two day cost for teen campers is \$10, junior campers is \$5. Paintball for junior campers is target shooting only. The price includes mask and gun rental. Paintballs are 5¢ each or a case of 2,000 for \$60. Do not bring your own paintballs. Each gun holds almost 200 paintballs. Your more aggressive players will use more than 200 for a game.

If a player brings his own gun, CO<sub>2</sub> canister, and recalibration, he is still charged the \$10 fee, but his CO<sub>2</sub> will be re-filled at no charge.

Teen Campers – limit four teams per church, five players per team (guys and girls combined). Brackets are double elimination. If a team loses once, they can still play out in the loser’s bracket and play for the championship.
8. Miniature Golf
 

Our 18-hole golf course is popular with young and old alike. The course has proven to be a favorite place to visit with other campers and visit the Golf Shack.
9. Fishing Contest
 

Most fish caught at specified times and largest fish caught.

## B. Music Events

1. Entries
  - Solos
  - Duets/Trios
  - Small Ensemble: four to six members
  - Large Ensemble: seven to twelve members
  - Choir: thirteen or more
  - Instrumental: any and all may enter
  - Christian Song Writing: must have at least two verses and a chorus/refrain and submit a lead sheet with lyrics, 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

Classical or Sacred (religious-themed) music only

No folk, rock, or country/western

No electrical instruments allowed

CD accompaniment subject to approval; turn in to office during registration

C. Art Events

1. Entries

Paintings – oil, acrylics, tempera, watercolor, colored pens, pencils. No color-by-number.

Drawings – pencil, charcoal, chalk, ink, felt tip, and markers.

Crafts – macramé, embroidery, original ceramics, wood carvings, sculpture, three dimensional, and original sewing.

Photography – nature scenes, original and creative shots. Limit two pics per entrant.

Gospel Comic Strip – a Christian theme story in ten frames or less, incorporating humor.

2. Divisions – grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

3. 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.

D. Writing Events

1. Entries

Gospel Tract – limit one tract per entrant. 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.

Christian Essay – limit one per entrant. The essay must be no longer than 350 words, including any Scripture verse written out. All entries must be neatly printed or typed. The theme for the essay is, "How Christian Young People can make a Difference."

Patriotic Poem – limit two per entrant. Poems may be of any length, patriotic in theme, rhyming not necessary, written entirely by the entrant, and be typed or printed.

2. Divisions – grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

3. 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).

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

E. Bible Events

1. Entries

Clearest Presentation of the Gospel

Storytelling

My Testimony

Preaching (guys only)

2. Divisions – grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

3. Guidelines

Clearest Presentation of the Gospel – any form may be used as if teaching a class, witnessing to someone, passing out tracts, etc. Maximum time limit is seven minutes.

Storytelling – theme should teach a Christian principle. Maximum time limit is seven minutes.

At least one visual aid must be used.

My Testimony – should include (1) why I received Christ as Savior, (2) what Christ did to save me, and (3) how I received Christ as Savior. Maximum time limit is seven minutes.

Preaching – topic should be on Christian living. Outline must be submitted and original to entrant.

#### **IV. Closing Notes**

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 campers. 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.

Our main emphasis is to turn the hearts of young people toward things of the Lord. 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 Bible, Devotional Guide (we supply), and a pen to services.

We will have special sessions for just the youth leaders. These sessions will cover topics relevant to today's Christian young people how to develop youth ministry.

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

Thank you for coming. We believe this is going to be a great summer and we're excited to see how the Lord will continue to show Himself through all of our efforts together at Fort Bluff Camp.

#### **V. 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.

From I-40 take Hwy 27 S (Harriman/Rockwood exit). Turn south 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 4.8 miles to the top of the mountain. Turn left onto State Road 443 WEST (not 443 EAST). Drive one mile to the Fort Bluff Camp entrance on the left and follow the signs to the office.

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## AGREEMENT

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Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Leader \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Week Attending \_\_\_\_\_

We, the undersigned, understand and agree to the following:

This **Agreement** and **\$25 per Camper Deposit** are due as soon as we decide to attend. These items guarantee our reservation; they are our pledge of good faith to attend Fort Bluff Camp.

**Agreement** – must be signed by both Pastor and Youth leader and accompany Camper Deposit.

**\$25 per Camper Deposit** – required from each church attending any week of camp. This fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. The **\$25 Camper Deposit** is due by April 30. Camper Deposit must be a minimum of \$200. All Camper Deposits are applied to the Balance at Registration.

**\*\*\* Camper Fees received by Fort Bluff Camp no later than January 15, 2012 will receive a correlating \$5 discount off the full price of \$235 per teen camper and \$205 per junior camper.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Lodge upgrade: \$40 per person extra\*\*\***

The costs for camp are \$235 per teen camper and counselor and \$205 per junior camper and counselor. Early registration rates are \$230 per teen camper and counselor and \$200 per junior camper and counselor.

We will contact Fort Bluff Camp in the event of a cancellation.

We agree to abide by the rules and guidelines set forth in the Planning Packet.

We are responsible for the actions and attitude of our youth group. If there are any repeated infractions, we realize it could jeopardize our returning to Fort Bluff Camp in the future.

Signed:

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_