



## Planning Packet Summer 2019

Junior Camp | June 3-7  
Teen Camp Week 1 | July 1-5  
Teen Camp Week 2 | July 8-12



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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.

Pursuing the Ultimate Prize,

*David J. Sekura*

Dave Sekura  
Executive Director



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## Important information

### A. Before Arrival

1. **Agreement Form** – indicates your intention of attending; must be signed by the pastor & youth leader and accompany the Camper Deposit.
2. **Camper Deposit** – accompanies the Agreement Form. Deposit is non-refundable. Deposit is due by April 30. Deposit is applied to the Balance at check-in; no prorating; non-refundable and non-transferable.
3. **Scholarships** – for every 10 paid campers, 1 counselor and 1 unchurched camper may come free of charge. 20 paid campers allow for 2 free counselors and 2 free unchurched campers to attend.
4. **Roster** – 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*

**Bunkhouse cabins** – good for those requiring more privacy than dorms provide; 12-15 people per cabin; restroom facilities at gym or in the separate bath house immediately behind the cabins.

**Dorms** – good for those who like meeting new people and do not require their group to be alone; 12 to 27 people per room; restroom facilities located within the building.

**Lodge** – 16-18 people per room; private restroom in each room.

### B. Arrival

1. **Check-in** is on Monday from 1pm to 4pm. Orientation (required) is at 4:30pm EST. 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 if not paid in full before arrival via our website, credit card, cashier's checks, money orders, traveler's checks, or cash. **No church or personal checks accepted in check-in.**  
The cost is \$255 per Teen Camp camper/counselor in the dorms/bunkhouse cabins; \$295 for lodge.  
The cost is \$225 per Junior Camp camper/counselor in the dorms/bunkhouse cabins; \$265 for lodge.
3. **Health Forms** – **mandatory** for every person coming to camp *including adults*. Forms must be signed. For each camper under the age of 21 and living with both parents, the form requires all 3 signatures. If under the age of 21 but living with only one parent then just the 2 signatures are required. **Do not use older versions of this form.** Make copies as needed. Once form has been completed and signed, email a copy of each form one week before arrival. Bring the originals with you to check-in. This form can be found on our website at [www.fortbluff.com](http://www.fortbluff.com)
4. **Roster** – listing of all attending camp. Submit online or email a copy of the roster a week before arrival. This form can be found on our website at [www.fortbluff.com](http://www.fortbluff.com)
5. **Sign-up Sheets** will be available at Orientation for campers to sign up for different activities, competitions, and sports.

### C. Departure

1. **Check Out** – At the Thursday morning counselor meeting you will have the opportunity to sign up for a Friday check-out time so we can have a staff member come to your room at the appropriate time.
2. **Lost and Found** – unclaimed items are disposed of after thirty days. Claimed items are returned at the camper's expense.

## I. **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 Check In 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 Chapel Services: church or school attire.

Gals – Please be modest at all times. No see-through, low-cut, or tight clothing. Evening Chapel 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
- Jacket, coat, or hoodie (temperatures can drop at the Bluff)
- Spending money for Canteen and General Store; 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, fireworks, etc)

## **II. 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
- c. Co-ed – senior high division

#### **3. Water Activities**

These activities are optional. Parental/guardian permission for their child to participate in any/all water activities is given by signing the Health form.

Showers are required before entering swim areas (pool and waterslide).

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

- a. The Blob - 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.
- b. The 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.
- c. The Aqua Trampoline - this is a 23-foot trampoline floating on the water.

#### **4. Ultimate Frisbee – this is a co-ed event.**

#### **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 BIG BAD BLUFF RUN* – a ½ mile race up and around the bluffs for the most adventurous.
    - d. 5K run
  7. 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 Hawk's Landing and camp store, The Nest.
  8. Fishing Contest  
Most fish caught at specified times and largest fish caught.
- B. Fort Bluff's Got Talent
1. Music entries – two age divisions: grades just completed up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 9<sup>th</sup> grade and older. Four music divisions: solos; duets, trios, and quartets; small ensemble (5-9) and large ensemble/choir (10 or more)
  2. Unique talent entries – may include ventriloquism, interpretive movement, etc.
- C. Art Events
- Include full name, church name, and grade just completed with each entrant.
1. Pictures/Artwork - three categories: photography, black & white sketch (charcoal, pen, pencil, etc), and full color.
  2. Folk Art – includes needlework, clay/pottery, rugs, blankets
- D. Bible Events
1. Entry Categories  
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.

### III. 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.

#### **IV. 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.

**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 Check-in.

- Cost: \$255 per Teen Camp camper/counselor in the dorms/bunkhouse cabins
- \$295 per Teen Camp camper/counselor in the lodge
- \$225 per Junior Camp camper/counselor in the dorms/bunkhouse cabins
- \$265 per Junior Camp camper/counselor in the lodge

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 \_\_\_\_\_



# HEALTH FORM

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**EVERYONE** (Campers, Counselors, Onsite Lodging Guests) **must complete Health Form**

NAME _____	BIRTH DATE IF UNDER 21 _____	GENDER M F
ADDRESS _____	CITY, STATE, ZIP _____	
EMAIL ADDRESS _____		
HOME PH. _____	EMERGENCY PH. _____	
CHURCH _____	CITY AND STATE _____	

PLEASE CIRCLE YES OR NO (give details on back if necessary)

Allergic to any Medicine(s)	YES	NO	Asthma	YES	NO	Tetanus Shot Current	YES	NO
Allergies (be specific & list)	YES	NO	Diabetic	YES	NO	Convulsive Disorder	YES	NO

Any other medical problem we need to know about? Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor-prescribed medications you/your child will take while at tournament (list medications and dosage):

**Have enough medication to last during visit for you/your child. All medication is to be checked by camp nurse upon arrival.**

Special diet as prescribed by a doctor? YES NO If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Any exercise you/your child should not do? YES NO If yes, list: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you/ child covered by insurance?	YES	NO	<b>VERY IMPORTANT</b>
Insurance Carrier _____	Policy Holder Name _____		
Group Number _____	Policy Number _____		

I/We agree to hold the National Association of Christian Athletes (NACA) and its agents harmless of any liability resulting from injuries or loss of property sustained by me/our child during any tournament function. I/We give consent for my/our child to receive medical treatment by a registered nurse or licensed physician when deemed necessary by the Tournament/Camp Director. I/we understand that NACA does not provide any form of accident or sickness medical benefits, including insurance coverage for me/my child while I/my child am participating in NACA activities or on NACA's premises. I/we agree that I/we are responsible for all medical expenses incurred from injuries/illnesses that I/my child might sustain. I understand that as a Participant, I or my child may be photographed or videotaped during normal camp or event activities, and these photos/videos may be used in promotional materials.

Signatures **(Both required if camper is under 21)**

MINOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN OF MINOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

The above-mentioned person is physically fit and mentally prepared to compete in camp activities

SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR'S CELL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

<OR> ADULT (21 or older) _____	DATE _____
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**Once form is completed & signed, make a copy and give original to the Camp Office; Sponsors keep copies.**