



Summer Camp 2022 Group Planning Packet



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Dear Youth Leader,

We are so excited that your campers are coming to Fort Bluff Camp this summer! We have been preparing for your students and are looking forward to seeing them soon!

There are some changes to our scheduling and programming this summer that we believe the students will enjoy! The theme for summer 2022 is "Every Story Matters" and our heart is that your students leave camp encouraged and challenged in their walk with Jesus.

The information contained in this packet is to help you prepare for the summer ahead!

We cannot wait to serve you this summer!

Sincerely,

Brian Goode
Camp Director



I. Registration information

A. Before Arrival

- **Fort Bluff Summer Camp Agreement** – This form must be filled out and signed by either the pastor or youth leader.
- **Camper Deposit – \$25.00** per camper must be received by Fort Bluff to reserve your group's registration and group hold numbers. Deposit is **non-refundable** and **non-transferable**. Deposit is due at registration and is applied to the remaining balance.
- **Balance** - is due in full **one week** before arrival via our website, credit card, or church check.
 - Teen Camp: \$275 per camper/counselor in the Dorms/Quail Run cabins; \$315 for lodge.
 - Junior Camp: \$245 per camper/counselor the Dorms/Quail Run cabins; \$285 for lodge.
 - The church is required to pay in full for your group. Any money needed to be collected from parents for their camper attending, is your responsibility.
- **Scholarships** – for every 10 paid campers, 1 unchurched camper may come free of charge. There is a max of 4 unchurched campers per church. Unchurched campers must be designated in the registration process.
- **Group Hold** - your group numbers must be given when you fill out the registration form to reserve a specific group hold number for your campers/counselors to register. **Final head** counts are to be given to Fort Bluff no less than **4 weeks prior** to your arrival. Any available spots still open in your group within 4 weeks of your arrival will be opened to other groups on the waiting list to register.
- **Housing** – All housing is assigned based on group size and availability. Fort Bluff Camp reserves the right to modify housing assignments as needed. Lodging on campus does not include linens, towels, or toiletries.

Quail Run Cabins – 12-28 people per cabin: restroom facilities at gym or in the separate bath house immediately behind the cabins. The Quail Run Cabins will be designated as all-male or all-female.

Dorms (Black Bear Ridge, Eagles Nest, or Red Fox Den) – 12-27 people per room: shared restroom facilities located within the building. Each dorm will be designated as an all-male or all-female dorm.

Brown Deer Lodge – 16-18 people per room: private restroom in each room.

B. Arrival

- **Check-in** is on Monday from 1pm to 4pm and various activities will be open. All Camp Orientation (**required**) is at 4:30 pm EST. The first dinner is served at 5:30 pm. If you will arrive late, please call the office at 423-775-0488.
- **Medications** – All medications must be checked in with the Camp Nurse during the registration process. There is a full section later in this document that outlines the medication check in process.

C. Departure

- **Check Out** – Friday morning from 10am-11am. Please make sure that rooms are clean to avoid an **Excessive Cleaning Fee** of \$50.00 being assessed. Rooms that are “pranked” will also be assessed a \$50.00 fee.
- **Medication Pick-Up** – All medications will need to be picked up from the Camp Nurse. The Camp Nurse will be in the rear of the Chapel until all medications are picked up by campers.
- **Lost and Found** – Lost and Found will be taken to the Camp Office. All unclaimed items are disposed of after thirty days. Claimed items are returned at the camper’s expense.

II. Camp Operations

Our chief goal is to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to campers and encourage them in their journey as a disciple. We have made some changes to our programming to add more intentional discipleship building opportunities. Camp will be packed with activities and fun, but we intentionally removed some of the previous activities to foster an environment more conducive to building community. In our digital world right now, students need human interaction more than ever. Fort Bluff Camp will be a place for students to get out of the digital realm and build true friendships with other believers.

Each leader will be supplied with a daily schedule at Check-In and kept informed of any changes during camp.

A. Procedures/Rules

Fort Bluff Camp is a Christian camp. The standards we maintain apply to every camper and leader. Any camper or leader who is not cooperative is subject to dismissal without a refund.

It is the Youth Leader/Parent’s responsibility to communicate the rules, dress code, and standards of conduct clearly before coming to Fort Bluff Camp.

- Foul language will not be tolerated
- Bullying of any kind is not acceptable
- Young men should not be in the ladies sleeping areas, and young ladies should not be in the young men’s sleeping areas for any reason
- Vandalism or defacing of property is prohibited and persons found committing it will be responsible for damages
- Using camp equipment for anything other than instructed is not acceptable
- Inappropriate physical contact with other campers will not be tolerated
- All groups must have at least 2 adults per 10 campers in all sleeping areas
- Fort Bluff Camp is a drug, alcohol, e-cigarette, and tobacco free campus
- An adult should never be alone with a minor for any reason
- Appropriate clothing for Christian environment must always be worn

B. What should my camper not wear?

- Sleeveless shirts
- Spaghetti straps
- Tight-Fitting, See-Through, or Short Shorts (Shorts should come to the bottom of the fingertips or mid-thigh)
- Clothing with offensive language or promoting persons, bands, or products which are offensive

C. Swimsuit Requirements

- Everyone: Please be modest, no see-through, low-cut, or tight-fitting swimsuits
- Boys: are required to wear swim trunks
- Girls: are required to wear modest One-Piece or Tankini that covers the stomach

D. Items to Bring

- Bible: if your camper does not own a Bible, inform our staff in advance and Fort Bluff Camp will provide them with one at no cost
- Notebook and Pen
- Casual (for Chapel) and Athletic (for activities) clothing for the week
- Rain gear (Recommended)
- Shoes – tennis shoes, water shoes, flip flops for showers
- Multiple swimming suits (boys – trunks; girls – one piece or tankini)
- Jacket, coat, or hoodie
- Laundry bag or 2-3 garbage bags for dirty laundry, bedding, and wet clothes
- Pillow and sleeping bag or twin bedding
- Towels, beach towel, and washcloths
- Toiletries: Soap, Shampoo, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Etc.
- Bug spray and Sunscreen
- Flashlight with batteries
- Spending money for Canteen and the Nest (Optional)
- Fishing gear (Optional)
- Basic First Aid Kit (Recommended)
- Spending Money for Cookies & Cream Ice Cream Truck on Thursday (Optional)

E. Can My Camper Bring Snacks?

- Campers are always welcome to bring snacks to camp. However, due to food allergies, campers are not permitted to share their snacks.
- All snacks brought to camp should be in a sealed container to prevent camp critters from sneaking into cabins!
- All campers have plenty of time to get snacks at The Nest and Canteen multiple times during the day.

F. Items to Leave at Home

- All Electronics: iPad, iPod, Tablet, Cell Phones, Video Games
- Prank Materials: Water Guns, Water Balloons, Shaving Cream, Etc.
- Valuable Items
- Alcohol, Tobacco, Illegal Drugs, Fireworks, any kind of Weapon

G. How Do I Communicate with My Camper?

Emergency: If you have an emergency and need to speak with or pick-up your camper early, and it is during **normal office hours**, Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm EST, please call the main office at 423-775-0488. Our guest relations team will work in a timely manner to get communication to your camper.

If there is an **Emergency after normal business hours**, you are welcome to call our on-call number at 423-567-4510. Please limit calls to our on-call number for emergencies that simply cannot wait until normal business hours.

Non-Emergency: If you have non-emergency information which needs to be relayed to your camper, please call the office during normal business hours or email info@fbc-naca.org.

Your camper will be fully engaged during their camp experience, so it is not possible for our staff to direct personal, non-emergency calls to campers. Assume your child is having a great time and trust our staff to contact you if otherwise. If an issue arises with your child, the Camp Director will call you immediately. A Camp Nurse will contact you about any health or injury issues.

H. Medication Process for Campers

Before Camp: Complete these 3 steps.

- **Update Medical Information in each camper's account no later than 14 days before the camp start date.** All medications, allergies, and health history need to be up to date.
- **All Medications must be entered prior to arrival.** Log into your account, click on View Registrations, then choose the camper you would like to update. Click on the Health Form to enter or update medications.
- **Print out and Complete the Camper Medication List.** The list will be located on the website under Summer Camp tab. Place the list, along with the original medication containers in a Ziploc bag. Print the camper's First and Last name legibly on the bag.

Packing Medications: Provide enough medication to last the entire time your camper is at camp OR for the length of time that the medication is to be taken. Please do not send your child's entire supply of a medication in case the medication does not get picked up from the Camp Nurse.

Campers may not keep medication in their backpack/luggage – prescribed, over the counter, vitamins, essential oils, or homeopathic remedies should all be checked in with the Camp Nurse.

If an exception is needed and the medication needs to be easily accessible (ex: inhalers or epi-pen), this needs to be cleared through the Camp Nurse by special request. Once cleared by the Camp Nurse, the medication will be kept with the church group leader (or Counselor for Individual campers) for your camper's group. For safety reasons, campers are not allowed to carry medication with them at camp. If a counselor is carrying medication for a camper, they should always be within eyesight of that camper in case of emergency.

Prescribed Medication must be unexpired and in the original container with a pharmacy label that has the camper's name, prescribing doctor's name, and directions for use. Do not place medication in medication organizers. Fort Bluff Camp Nurses need to be able to verify that the proper medication/dosage is being administered to your child.

Over The Counter Medications or Vitamins must be unexpired and in the original container and clearly labeled with the camper's first and last name.

Essential Oils or Homeopathic Remedies must be unexpired and in the original container and clearly labeled with the camper's First and Last name. Note: Our Camp Nurse will not dispense these. Campers are responsible for their own personal use of these but will be supervised by the Camp Nurse when using them.

Church Group Check-In: Give Ziploc bag containing the completed Camper Medication List and labeled medication containers to the church group leader before leaving for camp. The group leader will give all medication to Camp Nurse upon arrival at camp during Check-In.

During Camp: Please make every effort to be reachable by phone in case of an emergency or if your child becomes ill.

Last Day of Camp: Before leaving camp, please see the Camp Nurse in the Chapel to pick up all unused medications. Please be diligent in checking and verifying each camper has the proper medication before leaving Fort Bluff Camp. Church group leaders will be responsible for getting medication back to parents upon arrival at their church.

III. Competition – Applies to Teen Campers Only

Competition is not required of any campers. The following events are listed to provide information to help your campers prepare. Special times will be set aside each day for competitive events, entered by choice only.

A. Athletic Events

If a church does not have enough players to make up one full team, they may be placed with students from another church to make a combined team.

1. Ultimate Frisbee – this is a co-ed event. 7 - 10 players required per team. Will be played on Field 1 by the Gym. (Dodgeball in the gym if it is raining)
2. Sand Volleyball – this is a co-ed event. Maximum of 7 players. Will be played on courts behind the chapel. (Moved inside the gym if it is raining)
3. Kickball – this is a co-ed event. 7 - 10 players required per team. Will be played on Field 1 by the Gym. (Moved inside the gym if it is raining)
4. Running events
 - a. *THE BIG BAD BLUFF RUN* – a ½ mile race up and around the bluffs for the most adventurous.
 - b. *5k Race/fun run* – 3.1-mile timed run around the Fort Bluff Campus

B. Fort Bluff's Got Talent

1. Music entries – Entries can be solos, duets, trios, quartets; small ensemble (5-9) and large ensemble/choir (10 or more). Entrant must bring any music track/equipment needed. 90 second limit, must be Christian music.
2. Unique talent entries – may include ventriloquism, stand-up comedy, interpretive dance, etc. 90 second limit, must use Christian music. All content must be appropriate material.
3. Art Entries – Must include full name, church name, and grade just completed with each entrant.
 - Pictures/Artwork - three categories: photography (black/white and color), Pen or pencil, and painting.
 - Folk Art – includes needlework, clay/pottery, rugs, blankets, etc.
4. Bible Entries/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.
- Preaching (Guys only) – topic should be on Christian living.

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.

V. Closing Notes

We expect this summer to be different than summers past. We hope to improve the camper/youth leader experience year after year. This summer, during Teen Camps, we will have intentional breakout sessions with the students to highlight some topics of extreme importance. We will cover topics like dating, online harassment and bullying, self-image, apologetics, the mission field, honoring parents, and other relevant topics to today's youth. Additionally, we have created some space on Friday morning during Teen Camps for campers to share their testimony if they desire to do so. We anticipate this being a big encouragement to our campers this year.

During Junior Camps, we will have breakout sessions with Biblical Teaching all over campus to highlight more "Stories" from the Bible that are impactful to the believer.

We fully believe that this summer will be life changing for many and are praying for your students now! Please be in prayer for all our camps and activities this summer that God's Word would go forth and do what only it can do!

Please be sure to check the health status of your campers before coming. Campers should not attend who have fevers or lice.

Finally, after camp is over, we will be sending surveys out to everyone for your feedback. Please fill those out for us and let us know how your experience was. We can only improve things if we know they need to be improved! Thank you so much for sharing part of your summer with us here at Fort Bluff Camp!

If there are questions about anything discussed in this packet, please contact the office prior camp beginning. Give us a call at 423-775-0488 or an email at info@fbc-naca.org and we will provide clarification.

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