

Franklin Baptist Association Camp

SPRING BLUFF RETREAT CENTER

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Dear Parents, Campers and Church Camp Contacts,

We are making plans to have our regular church camps this summer. In addition to spiritual development, our regular camps (except Day Camp) will also include Basketball, Volleyball, Canoeing, Archery, and many other fun and educational activities.

Enclosed you will find camp information and camp rules. This year we will ask parents to do digital registrations online. This worked well last year. We need a form **completely** filled in for each camper. We ask each camper and parent to read and consent to the camp rules before completing registration. **We are setting a deadline of June 16 to receive camp registrations** so that the Camp Directors will know how many to plan for and to insure adequate space and supplies. Every camper (except Day Camp) that registers by the deadline will receive an attractive T-shirt.

Camp fees are listed by each camp. We will have a free snack stand again this year, so there is no need to send snacks or money with campers. We are including a small additional camper fee with the registration fee to cover the cost of snacks and missions giving. We will provide some partial scholarships upon request for those who need it. Camp fees should be submitted to the sponsoring church (the Franklin Baptist Association Church you attend or nearest your home) **by June 16.** Each church then should turn in all camper fees to the Association Office by June 26. **If possible, it would help for the sponsoring church to collect all fees and submit all of them at one time to the Association Office.** **It is also helpful to us if the church will send one check to cover all fees for all campers.**

Upon recommendation of the Health Department, at check-in time each camper will be discreetly checked for possible head lice and temperature. In the unlikely case that anyone is found with head lice or temperature, they will be sent home, and will have to be treated before they are permitted to return to camp. We regret any inconvenience or embarrassment this may cause, but are sure you will appreciate this safeguard.

DO NOT FORGET all camp registrations MUST BE submitted on or before June 16. We may not be able to receive registrations after that date, depending on limited space and resources. Please be sure to stress the registration deadline when you promote camp. In the unlikely case our camp reaches capacity, we will register campers by the date we receive their forms. Prospective campers will be notified by telephone **if** they can **NOT** be accommodated. Please, help get the registration forms submitted online and fees into your local sponsoring church as soon as possible, and no later than June 16, so all fees can be brought to the Association Office by June 26.

Feel free to duplicate camp rules and parent letters for each camper, or call our office at 636-583-2639, if you need an additional quantity.

Looking forward to a great camp.

THE CAMP TEAM

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Camp registration deadline is June 16 for all camps and camp fees are due in sponsoring church by June 16.

NOTICE: REGISTRATION THIS YEAR WILL BE DONE ONLINE, rather than on paper. Please go to our association webpage franklinbaptistassociation.org and click the camp registration link and follow the instructions. Camp fees should be paid to/through the sponsoring church by June 16.

CAMP DATES: BOYS CAMP . . . JULY 8-12 (Mon - Fri)

*Arrival/Check-In at 1:00-2:00 PM on July 8
Closing Ceremony begins Friday at 12:00 p.m.; Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.
Director – Jason Sisk, Assistant Director – Jim Creath
(Boys must have completed grades 3 through 6, and ages 9-12)
Fee: \$115 per camper (includes \$10 for snacks and missions)

GIRLS CAMP . . . JULY 15-19 (Mon - Fri)

*Arrival/Check-In at 1:00-2:00 PM on July 15
Closing Ceremony begins Friday at 12:45 pm; Dismissal at 1:15 p.m.
Director – Staci Gallegos
(Girls must have completed grades 3 through 6, and ages 9-12)
Fee: \$115 per camper (includes \$10 for snacks and missions)

YOUTH CAMP . . . JULY 21-24 (Sun - Wed)

*Arrival/Check-In at 3:30-4:30 PM on July 21
Closing Ceremony and dismissal Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
Director – Chris Fusco
(Youth must have completed grades 7 through 12, and ages 13-18)
Fee: \$105 per camper (includes snacks & missions)

DAY CAMP ... July 29-August 1 (Mon.-Thurs.) ... (9 am – 3 pm daily)

Directors – Bob & Loretta Murphy
(Campers must have completed grades 1-3)
Fee: \$35 per camper for 4 day week
(Call 636-583-2639 for transportation from Union)

***NOTE:** **Please do not arrive before the posted arrival times, as our staff will not be in place to give proper supervision and processing.** Also, we ask **only one** parent or guardian accompany each child at check-in to minimize overcrowding and possible contagious exposure. Camp Location: 6109 Highway AC, Leslie, MO 63056.

THINGS TO BRING TO CAMP

Bring Bible, four or five changes of clothing, towels and washcloths, soap, toothbrush & toothpaste, hairbrush & comb, bug spray, sunscreen, swimsuit, a cover-up to wear over swimsuit, sheets, blanket or sleeping bag and pillow. An old pair of tennis shoes may be useful. If you play a musical instrument, you may bring it if you want to play or use it for special music. **If needed, any other special items needed and other program information will be received in a camp preparation letter to be sent to campers after their registration forms are received.** **Please Mark ALL items with campers name.**

THINGS YOU DO NOT BRING; *Hand held computer games, cell phones, radios, CD or MP3 players, fireworks, coolers or food, or any other prohibited items.*

DRESS AT CAMP

Attire should be modest and appropriate for a Christian atmosphere. Short shorts or short skirts or dresses, bikinis or any clothing exposing the midriff area are inappropriate. Two piece swim wear must be covered by a shirt or blouse.

GENERAL RULES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH CAMPS

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1. All persons participating in camp activities shall conduct themselves in a Christian manner.
2. ***No camper will be allowed to leave camp*** until checkout time on the last day, except for emergencies or illness, and then only after notifying Camp Director. Staff are to notify Camp Director if they need to leave the camp for any reason.
3. ***Visitation by family or friends is not allowed*** at the camp during organized camp because it can disrupt the camping experience for campers and possible health risks. Exceptions are permitted only by permission from the Camp Director. **Pastors are always welcome.**
4. There is no mail service at the Retreat Center.
5. Camper medications are to be turned into the camp nurse or Camp Director upon arrival.
6. We **cannot accept** a camper who has been **exposed to a contagious or infectious disease** (i.e. COVID, etc.) within the two weeks prior to camp, or who have symptoms of possible COVID when arriving at camp.
7. Smoking, intoxicating beverages, marijuana, illegal drugs, profanity, and immoral acts of any kind are prohibited on the grounds and in the buildings at all times.
8. Firearms, fireworks, sling shots, hunting knives, rock throwing and any dangerous toys are prohibited.
9. Campers and leaders are responsible for keeping trash picked up off the grounds continuously. The camp will be free of trash before anyone leaves on last day of camp.
10. Campers are required to keep their cabins clean. Cabin inspection will be conducted each morning. Cabins must pass inspection before campers leave on the last day of camp.
11. Swimsuits will be worn only at the pool. Must wear t-shirt over 2 piece suits.
12. No one is to swim in the pool except at scheduled swim times to insure proper supervision. **NO** swimming in the lake at anytime.
13. Shoes are required to be worn, except in dorms or during specific planned activities.
14. Only school, sport or Christian slogans are permitted on T-shirts or caps.
15. Modest clothing must be worn at all times.
16. No hiking is allowed in the woods or outside campgrounds without an adult supervisor.
17. Campers are not to use canoes, or fish in the lake, except by permission and supervision of an adult sponsor. All fishing is “catch and release” unless permitted otherwise.
18. Campers must have an adult with them to be in the campfire area.
19. Food and drinks are not to be consumed in the dorms. Use approved areas only for food.
20. Refrain from abusing equipment and buildings. **Campers are liable for any damage.**
21. Campers are not to bring cell phones, radios, tape players, CDs, TVs or other audio-visual type equipment to camp. Staff may bring needed equipment.
22. Cabin switching is not allowed without Camp Director’s specific approval.
23. Bunks and bunk mattresses are not to be moved from one cabin to another without specific permission of the Camp Caretaker/Manager and if moved must be returned to original cabin.
24. All campers are to remain in the cabins after night devotions until morning activities.
25. All campers and cabin leaders are expected to participate in all planned camp activities, unless an activity has been noted as prohibited during registration, or unless ill.
26. There will be no dorm raiding or tricks allowed.
27. If a camper becomes ill, they will be dismissed from camp and fees returned.
28. Campers will not be permitted to make phone calls during camp, except for emergencies. Parents or relatives may call the Camp Director at the camp, if they need to contact their child. The camp phone number is 573-457-8346.
29. Other rules may be imposed by Camp Director as/when needed.