

SPRING HEIGHTS SUMMER CAMP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How are your staff chosen and trained?

Our Summer Staff come from a variety of locations around the state and around the world. They are selected to serve based on faith, experience with youth & children, maturity, and aptitude for building healthy relationships within the camp community. All staff members go through an application, interview, and thorough screening process (including background check) before being hired. Once they have been hired, they will spend nearly two weeks in extensive training which covers everything from first aid/CPR, Christian leadership, to how to lead all activities.

How does your camp deal with the idea of Biblical modesty?

Modesty is our policy and it is defined by the values of a community. Campers and staff are asked to dress and act toward one another in a way that reflects their self-image as a child of God, who respects others without being a “stumbling block.” If the way someone dresses distracts others, it will be addressed by camp leadership. We have a one-piece bathing suit rule for females and a swim trunk rule for males. We also ask that shorts be worn at a reasonable length and that shirt straps are wide enough to cover undergarments.

What do I pack for camp?

You can find a “What to Bring to Camp” Checklist on our website. Please note that we have a strict “no cell phone” policy.

Why can't my child bring a cell phone?

In today's world of technology and constant communication it's difficult to hear that cell phones are not allowed. However, we do not allow cell phones for two major reasons:

1. **Privacy:** Most cell phones have cameras and the capability to share images instantly over networks, with or without the permission of those in the photos. This is also a safety issue for any campers who may be involved in a custodial dispute.
2. **Cell phones distract from all the amazing camp activities:** Camp is a time for your child to be removed from the distractions of their everyday life and immerse themselves in strengthening their relationship with God while also developing friendships with other campers. We will NEVER tell you that you cannot communicate with your child while they are at camp and we are always willing to work with you to find the best way to communicate with your child whether it's by email or through a phone call from one of our directors.

What happens if my child gets homesick at camp?

Our staff is fully trained on how to relate to your camper if they miss home. Your child's counselor will inform either the Camp Director or the Program Director of your child's situation. At that point we will contact you and let you know how your camper is feeling and work closely with you to make sure that your camper has a successful stay at camp. We will always make decisions based on what is best for each camper.

My child is coming to camp with six other children from church. Can they all be in the same cabin or group?

When a large group of kids attend camp together they are mixed in with the other campers. They can request to room with one of their friends, but they will not all be together because it is hard for campers that are not part of that group to make new friends and enjoy themselves. Mixing campers leads to a more beneficial & rewarding experience for all involved.

My child was a camper there last summer, do I still need to fill out all of the same forms?

YES. There may be new required information on our forms this year. We need the most up to date information possible in order to keep your child safe while here at Spring Heights.

How does the camp handle food allergies?

If your child has a food allergy or is on a special diet please contact the camp prior to coming so that we can make arrangements with our kitchen. If your child has a severe allergy we will eliminate that item from our menu entirely for that week of camp.

Is there financial assistance available?

We never turn a child away who cannot pay for camp. Our campership program is supported by people throughout the year in order to provide a camp experience for those who are unable to afford it. Please visit our website to find the needed application form. The form must be completed in order to receive assistance.

Can you tell me more about the camp terrain my child will be walk?

We definitely have our share of hills here at Spring Heights and it is important to have your child prepared to walk everywhere they go while at camp. Our staff will move at a reasonable pace for all campers and stop for breaks.