

Parent Information

Kids Camp 2019

WHO WE ARE

Kids Camp is a non-profit ministry sponsored by the Alabama District Council of the Assemblies of God and is overseen by the Alabama District Christian Education Director, Pastor Vint Norris. Camp facilities are open year-round in Springville, Alabama. With over 120 beautiful acres campers can enjoy the outdoors while being in a Christian environment. Camp staff is comprised of parents, grandparents, adult volunteers, Children's Pastors, Senior Pastors, etc., who volunteer their time to work as Volunteer Personnel to facilitate our goal of a 1:7 personnel to child ratio and helps us to keep registration fees to a minimum.

2019 CAMP SESSIONS

Kids Camp 2019 will be offered the following times: Please make a note of when your camp is registered to attend.

Camp 1	May 26-29	Tim & Marcia Jones
Camp 2	May 29-June 1	Tim & Marcia Jones
Camp 3	June 2-5	Scott & Annie Miller
Camp 4	June 5-8	Scott & Annie Miller
Camp 5	June 9-12	Russell Smith
Camp 6	June 12-15	Russell Smith

CAMP FOCUS

To us, camp is a ministry. We are devoted to serving campers in a Christ-like manner and teaching His principles. Our goal is to offer Christ and the good news of the Gospel to campers.

To campers, camp is a life changing experience. If you have attended camp you know just how rewarding it can be! Campers meet and interact with other kids and they build new friendships while having fun. Participating in activities, playing various games, and experiencing the energizing and challenging chapel services make for some wonderful childhood memories. The unique social and spiritual experiences of Kids Camp cannot be duplicated anywhere else. Kids Camp staff and personnel are there to encourage your child to make positive decisions for a bright successful future.

Our dress code can be summed up in one word – MODEST. Please remember that this is a Christian camp serving adults and children from a wide variety of backgrounds. In our culture today, many encourage children to grown up entirely too fast causing children to miss out on the innocence and wonder of childhood. When packing your camper's clothing and swimwear, please pack clothing that is age and appearance appropriate. No short shorts, no short skirts, no belly shirts, no spaghetti straps or halter tops, etc. For the Lakefront Activities, all male campers and volunteers should wear T-Shirts and loose-fitting swim trunks. All female campers and volunteers should wear T-Shirts and should wear shorts over their swimsuits. Swimsuits should be one-piece (or give the appearance of being one piece). The swimming pool times are boys only or girls only, and swimsuits alone are fine there. All adults and campers should have a cover up, or t-shirt covering the swimsuit walking to and from the water activities. No clothing with inappropriate images or language, please.

There is no need to purchase new clothing for your child to attend camp. T-shirts and shorts are perfect attire for the camper during the daytime activities. For evening chapel, we suggest jeans or knee shorts and a T-Shirt. This is typically what most campers wear and this will enable your child to participate in the fun games during chapel. At no time will dress clothes be required. And remember, **kids lose stuff at camp. There is no way to prevent it. Be careful what you let them bring.**

WHAT TO BRING

- Tennis Shoes and socks
- Flip flops (optional)
- Swimsuit, beach towel, sunscreen
- Sleep wear
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
- Twin size sheets or sleeping bag
- Twin size blanket
- Towels for 4 days
- Umbrella (optional)
- Flashlight (optional)
- Bible (they are often lost) No keepsake Bibles please
- Medications if applicable
- Rain Poncho (optional)
- Jeans, Shorts, Shirts, Summer casual dress, underclothes for 4 days

MEALS AND CONCESSIONS

Campers receive three balanced meals a day. We don't force campers to eat these meals so it will be up to them to eat properly. As a treat, snacks can be purchased at certain times during the day in the rec hall. This is a major attraction for campers, and some decide to substitute this for their meal. We discourage this because campers who feast on junk food usually get sick and need medical care by the end of camp. Please instruct your child to eat meals first and then eat snacks.

EXTRA SPENDING MONEY

After you've paid the registration fees, nothing else is required. However, there are a few extras that can be purchased while at camp

- **Concessions.** Concessions usually cost \$.75 - \$2.00 each. By the end of an exhausting day, a fruit slushy, candy bar, popcorn, etc. is the perfect reward. Gradually the concessions items available are changing so that healthy choices can be made. We highly recommend you send along concession money.
- **Art & Crafts.** Arts and Crafts can be purchased for a nominal cost from \$.50-\$2.00 each.
- **T-Shirts.** Camp T-shirts can be purchased for \$12 each.

As mentioned before, these items are not required, but if you have the means to send along some extra spending money, we suggest you send anywhere from \$20-\$40 per camper.

This is a perfect opportunity to teach your child budgeting responsibilities. Instruct your child on how to spend a predetermined amount each day. For example, if you send along \$40 with your camper, explain to them that they can only spend \$10 each day. Then place \$10 in 4 different envelopes that are labeled for the days of camp, secure these envelopes with an adult accompanying the children from your church, or in the camper's suitcase (in a location that only they know about so that it won't get lost or stolen). Each day the camper can retrieve the envelope labeled for that day and spend up to that prescribed amount. This method has worked well for many campers and overall teaches them to budget and spend their money wisely.

All money spent at Kids Camp for concessions, T-Shirts and everything else goes directly back into the Christian Education Department and Springville Camp. Thank you for supporting these ministries and helping them upgrade to better serve your children and your church.

For this reason and other reasons, we ask that you do NOT bring coolers, food, and drink to camp with you (this includes leaving it in trunk of the car) except for medical reasons and with Camp Director's approval. **This is the policy of the District Camp Committee for all camps.**

CONTACT POLICY

We encourage you to leave daily "mail" in your camper's luggage or send mail to your camper. But don't wait too late. It is a good idea to send their letters the weekend before the camper leaves. The Post Office will be set up in the rec hall. Send your correspondence to the following address:

Camper's Name
Kid's Camp 2019 Camp #____ (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
Springville Camp & Conference Center
3886 Mountain View Road
Odenville, AL 35120

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY you can call the Springville Camp Office at (205) 629-6279, or your church's children's leader or volunteer personnel on their cell phones. Leave a short message and telephone number. Your call will be returned as soon as possible

Please DO NOT plan an early pick up. This only disrupts the flow of camp and spoils it for the camper and his/her friends. Please reserve the early pick-up option only in emergency cases and/or in circumstances that are unavoidable and beyond a parent's control.

No camper will be allowed to leave the camp premises without an Early Release Form completed and signed by their parent or court appointed guardian. This form may be obtained at the trailer office. Also, we will require proper identification of the adult before the child may be taken.

TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

AM

7:00-8:30	Wakeup/Get dressed, clean cabin
8-8:45	Breakfast
8:45	Chapel for kids
8:45	Volunteer Personnel Meeting
10-11:50	Activity Time/Arts & Crafts/Rec Hall/Lake Open
10-10:50	Girls Pool Swim Time
11-11:50	Boys Pool Swim Time

PM

12-1:00	Lunch
1-4:50	Activity Time/Lake Open
1-2:50	Girls Pool Swim Time
3-4:50	Boys Pool Swim Time
5-5:45	Dinner
6:00	Chapel Service
TBA	Rec Hall/Concessions/Post Office
TBA	Lights Out

CAMPER RULES

- Every camper must attend chapel and be on time for chapel
- No camper is to leave chapel until they are dismissed
- No rough play.
- No throwing rocks
- No standing on rails of the boardwalk, porches or gazebo
- Every camper MUST wear a life jacket (supplied) to engage in water activities in the lake
- Volunteer Personnel's supervision is required for a camper to be on or near the lake piers
- Be courteous towards others always
- Do not bother another camper's property

- While dressed in a swimsuit, campers are to be covered with a t-shirt, cover up, or towel if outside the pool area
- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Wear sunscreen every day
- Obey Camp Staffers and Volunteer Personnel
- HAVE FUN!

HEAD LICE POLICY

One of the toughest things for us to do is turn a camp away because they fail the Health Check. Our policy states that before a camper is admitted into the camp, they will have to be completely free from all signs of head lice. If infected, the camper will be quarantined until the parents can arrange to pick them up. If your child is going to camp with a group from a church, it is suggested that you begin checking your child 2 weeks in advance several times per week. The children's pastor/leader MUST also perform his check on every child the day they leave for camp.

Here is how you can check for head lice. With sufficient lighting look at the scalp for small, white colored lice eggs which are called nits. If you see any trace, get treatment immediately. We suggest you take you child to their pediatrician for professional care

If that's not an option, you can purchase over the counter medications for head lice treatment that does a pretty good job. Simply go to your local pharmacy and ask the pharmacist to suggest a medication for the removal and treatment of head lice. Usually they have two to three different kinds in stock. Purchase what they recommend. Perform the wash and rinse treatments per the medication's directions and then inspect again. Do not assume that one treatment will kill all the head lice. You need to repeat this treatment as many times as required so that it is completely removed. This process could take up to three days so don't wait until the last minute to perform this check. Check your child periodically beginning 2 weeks prior to camp and then check again right before boarding transportation to camp.

Doing this inspection and treatment spares your child the embarrassment of being sent home for head lice. It also protects the other campers from being infected, which would spoil the camp experience for them as well.

MEDICATION POLICY

If your child will be taking any form of Medication during camp, please fill out the Camper Medication Form available on the website, adcag.org, or obtain from your Children's Pastor/Leader. Attach it with your child's medication. Give all of the medication to his/her Volunteer Personnel before leaving for camp. The Volunteer Personnel will then forward this form and medication to the Camp Nurse who will be responsible for administering the medication to the camper while at camp. Please instruct your child that **it is their** responsibility to go to the Nurse's Station daily to receive medicines. **NOTE: Epi-Pens should stay close to the camper at all times.**

All policies, guidelines rules, and schedules are subject to change without notice by SCCC or by the Camp Director or his representatives for the good of the KIDS CAMP and those working or attending.

KIDS CAMP is a ministry extension of the Alabama District of the Assemblies of God under the direction of Pastor Vint Norris, who serves as Alabama Christian Education Director. If you have any questions, feel free to call the District Office. We would welcome any suggestions or concerns you may have in relation to KIDS CAMP. You can reach the Christian Education Director while in Montgomery by calling 334-279-7172 Ext. 4.

