



2011 OVERNIGHT CAMP PARENT INFORMATION

HOW MAY I HAVE QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT CAMP?

1. Review this information sheet. Most common questions are answered here.
2. Check our website: www.campbriarwood.org.
3. Contact the Quest Recreation Outreach/Camp office.

HOW CAN I GET IN TOUCH WITH THE CAMP BRIARWOOD OFFICE?

1. Email the office at quest@briarwood.org.
2. Call the office at 776-5237. If you get voice mail, please leave a message. We try to return each call promptly. We also have a mobile number, 332-4156.
3. Come to the office, Room G-100 at Briarwood Presbyterian Church. Our normal hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day during camp.

1. HOW DO I PAY MY BALANCE?

Balances for camp registration were due June 9th.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD PACK FOR CAMP

Please use the packing list at the end of this info sheet.

MY CHILD TAKES MEDICATIONS. WHAT DO I DO?

Please fill out the medication form which will instruct the camp nurse exactly when and how to administer your child's medications. All medications must be turned in to the nurse at Check-In. You will be able to discuss any medical concerns with the nurse at Check-In.

WHEN WILL CAMPERS LEAVE FOR CAMP

Overnight Campers should be at the church Fellowship Hall parking lot no later than 7:30 a.m. on Monday morning. If you miss the bus, it will be up to you to get your children to camp. Please don't be late!

NOTE: JR. HIGH CAMPERS will meet in the church Fellowship Hall no later than 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 10th.

WHAT DO I DO TO PICK UP MY CHILD WHEN CAMP ENDS?

Check-Out is at Camp Chandler on Saturday morning. The Closing Ceremony will be at 9:00 a.m. This is a fun time of showing slides of the week, singing songs, and recognizing particular cabins. Campers must be checked out no later than 10:15 a.m. Photo ID is required to pick up a child.

HOW CAN I GET DIRECTIONS TO CAMP CHANDLER?

Overnight Camp is held at the YMCA Camp Chandler. Directions are available:

- on the Camp Briarwood section of our website
- at check-in
- in the Camp/Quest office.

DOES CAMP BRIARWOOD PROVIDE ACCIDENT INSURANCE?

Camp Briarwood has received your permission to take care of your child if there are any medical problems. Children that are injured in camp activities fall under the insurance coverage their parents. Should a parent be without insurance, the church does have a policy that would cover accidental injury of your child. If your child is not covered under a health insurance plan, please notify the camp office.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS INJURED?

Camp Briarwood has a nurse or doctor on site to take care of minor injuries. There is an equipped medical hut at the camp. A more serious injury will be addressed appropriately. A hospital is less than 5 minutes from the camp. Also, please refer to the consent form you signed on the back of the registration form. You can download a copy of form from our website.

CAN I WRITE LETTERS TO MY CHILD AND RECEIVE MAIL FROM THEM?

Yes. There will be a mail call each evening. This has become a fun part of the day. But, send your mail earlier in the week. Every year we have letters and packages arrive at Camp Chandler after the camper has gone home. As far as getting mail back home? It's rare, but we've heard that it does happen. **Please do not send packages or mail to Camp Chandler before the week your child is scheduled to attend.**

Mail may be sent to: Camp Chandler
 Child's Name
 Camp Briarwood
 1240 Jordan Dam Rd.
 Wetumpka, AL 36092

WILL MY CHILD NEED MONEY AT CAMP?

The only place to spend money at camp is the canteen. Please bring \$10 cash (\$15 for Junior High Camp) to Check-In. This will be collected for your child to purchase snacks each day at the canteen. Any unused money will not be refunded at the end of camp, but that usually not a problem! If your child brings any additional money to camp, it is the responsibility of the child to keep up with that money.

MAY I SEND FOOD?

NO. Food attracts bugs into cabins making for a very long week for everyone. Any food sent will have to be taken up.

ARE IPODS/MP3s, ELECTRONIC GAMES, CELL PHONES, DIGITAL CAMERAS, RADIOS, BATTERY OPERATED GAMES, COMPUTERS ALLOWED?

Sorry, no. Most of the time, your child will be in activities where they can't keep up with electronic devices. Camp staff can't be responsible for keeping up with these things. We've found that these are distractions, and camp is a place where these expensive things can get damaged or lost. This week is an opportunity for your child to get away from all of that. Many of them will believe that they cannot survive, but you'd be surprised how many campers actually do make it through a week without electronic devices.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, HOW CAN I GET IN TOUCH WITH MY CHILD DURING CAMP?

1. You may contact the Overnight Camp Director, Logan Joiner (334-452-0363). If you do not reach him on the first try, please leave a message.
2. If you cannot get through to the Camp Director, you may call Camp Chandler directly at 334-220-7442. Please respect the fact that Camp Chandler has more than one camp going on during the summer, and reserve this as a step only for serious emergencies.
3. Call the Camp Briarwood office, 776-5237 or 332-4156.

WHO ADMINISTERS DISCIPLINE AND HOW?

Camp staff will never spank campers. Should a situation arise that requires discipline, the Camp Briarwood staff will follow this protocol:

1. The camper's counselor will sit the child out of some or all of an activity.
2. If that doesn't work, the counselor will take the camper to the Camp Director. The Director will then attempt to rectify the situation through counseling and/or removal from activities.
3. If the camper is still having trouble, the parent or guardian will be called to discuss the problem with the child.
4. As a last resort, the parent or guardian will be called to come to camp and pick up your child as soon as possible.

MAY I VISIT MY CHILD AT CAMP?

We recommend against visitation during the camp week. Please don't misunderstand, parents are welcome to visit camp, but we ask that you use discretion. If you are visiting because your child is homesick, or maybe you are missing your child, please reconsider your visit. Please contact the Camp office at 776-5237 to schedule a visit.

WHAT ABOUT THE CAMP GROUP PHOTOGRAPH?

Group photos must be pre-ordered from the Camp office before camp begins. If you did not order a photo on your registration form and would now like to, please call the office before your camp session. Photos cost \$6.00 each. Photos are taken at camp on Monday. You will receive the photo at check-out.

WHAT ABOUT THE CAMP T-SHIRT?

You will receive the T-Shirt that you pre-ordered at Check-In.

I DIDN'T ORDER A CAMP T-SHIRT ON OUR REGISTRATION CARD, BUT WOULD LIKE TO NOW. MAY I STILL GET ONE?

Please call the office. T-shirts cost \$15 each. Since we have already had to place T-Shirt orders with our vendors, we may not be able to give you a T-Shirt. However, please ask, and we will see what can be done.

WILL MY CHILD BE PUT IN THE SAME GROUP WITH ANOTHER CHILD I REQUESTED?

Our desire is to honor every parent's request. The counselors carefully review all requests when they put together the camper groups. There may be times when we can't accommodate every request, but we try because we believe this will result in the best camp experience for every child.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP PREPARE MY CHILD AND MYSELF FOR CAMP?

1. Encourage your child to respect the authority of the camp staff.
2. There will be many children attending camp who don't know other campers. Encourage your child not to be afraid of this, but to take the initiative to make new friends, even if their current friends are also attending camp.
3. Don't encourage your child to call home if: they are afraid, don't like camp, don't like the people, etc. Instead, encourage them to talk to the camp staff if they feel badly about any of these things. The camp staff is trained to deal with homesickness. When children believe that they can go home if they want, it undermines the authority of the camp staff and prevents them from adequately taking care of your child.
4. If you get a call or a message saying "PLEASE COME GET ME NOW!!!" please call the Camp Director who will be best able to discuss with your child's situation. We want what is best for every child.
5. Pray with your child before camp for God to use the week to teach them specific things that are important in your child's life at this time. The reason we have Camp Briarwood is to present the gospel of Christ and challenge campers to live a life of faith in every way. The Camp staff seeks many ways to do this in each camper's life. Campers will have a "quiet time" study each morning. Each evening campers will gather in their small groups to reflect on and talk about things they saw and learned during the day, how things connect with what they are studying throughout the week, and how it applies to their lives.

CAMP BRIARWOOD OVERNIGHT CAMP PACKING LIST

- € Short and shirts
 - € Long pants for horseback riding
 - € One-piece swimsuit (no bikinis)
 - € Pajamas
 - € Underwear for each day
 - € Bath towel
 - € Beach towel
 - € washcloth
 - € Blanket and 2 sheets OR sleeping bag
 - € Pillow
 - € Soap
 - € Shampoo
 - € Toothbrush and toothpaste
 - € Brush / comb
 - € Flashlight
 - € Bug spray
 - € Sunscreen
 - € Flip-flops (recommended) or crocs
 - € Tennis shoes (closed-toe shoes) - needed for riding horses and sports activities
 - € Bible
 - € Notebook and pen / pencil
 - € Stamps, envelopes, stationery - 5
- Optional:
- € Disposable camera
 - € Robe
 - € Fan - boys only (girls sleep in fully air-conditioned rooms)

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO OVERNIGHT CAMP

- € Any electronic device - Ipod, radio, games, computer, etc.
- € Cell phone
- € Digital camera

Directions to Camp Chandler

Via I-65:

* Take I-65 to Exit 181 near Prattville. There is a "Cracker Barrel" restaurant at this exit. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn onto Hwy. 14.

* Follow Hwy. 14 to Hwy. 231.

Hwy. 14 will turn right approximately 7 miles after you get on it from I-65. It will turn back left approximately 5 miles after that. There is an Amco station at this turn. From here it is approximately 2.7 miles to Hwy. 231.

* Turn left on Hwy. 231.

* Go approx. 3.3 miles until you see the "YMCA" Camp Chandler" or "Jordan Dam" signs. These are not large signs. Turn left here.

* Drive about 2.4 miles and turn left at the "Jordan Dam" sign.

* Follow this road into Camp Chandler.

[Or to save about fifteen minutes you can go this way:]

* Take I-65 South 44.1 miles to exit #205. This is the Clanton exit with the Peach Park. Turn left onto Hwy. 31 South.

* Go 8.5 miles until you come to Hwy. 143. Turn left onto Hwy. 143 South.

* Go 6.1 miles and turn left onto Hwy. 111.

* Go 14.8 miles and turn left on Hwy. 14.

* Go 1.4 miles and turn left onto Hwy. 231 North.

* Go 3.3 miles and turn left at Camp Chandler and Jordan Dam signs onto County Road 667

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* Stay on this road 1.5 miles and you will drive straight into Camp Chandler.

Via Hwy. 280:

* Take Hwy 280 to Hwy 231 (39 miles from I-459). This is the Sylacauga exit. Turn right on 231.

* Stay on Hwy. 231 South 39.3 miles and turn right onto Noah's Rd. (There is an BBQ Restaurant and the Farmer's Flea and Market across Hwy. 231 from Noah's Rd.)

* Go 1/2 mile to a "T" intersection and turn right onto County Road 667.

* Drive approx 1.1 miles to the "Camp Chandler" and "Jordan Dam" signs and turn left.

* Follow this road 1.5 miles into Camp Chandler.

Camp Chandler Phone #: (334) 567-4089

SEE YOU THERE!

Camp Briarwood

MEDICATION INFORMATION FORM

Camper's Name: _____ **Session:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Each medication must be sent in its original prescription bottle. Place all medications in a large Ziploc bag.

Medication Name: _____ Type: _____

Medication Packaging: _____ (ex: orange prescription bottle)

Description: _____ (ex: blue circular pill)

Dosage: _____ every _____ Quantity Sent: _____

Is it okay for this medication to be taken at the general intervals of breakfast, lunch, dinner, and/or bedtime?

Yes No

If no, then what exact time does this medication need to be taken?

Are there any specifics in the administration of this medication that we need to know? (ex: taken with food, need an entire glass of water, etc)

Are there any medications, foods or drinks that cannot be taken with this medication?

Yes No

If yes, please list:

If no, are there any medications that will be taken along with this first medication?

Please list each other medication on another form.

*Please use the rest of this space to explain any information that your child's supervisors may need to know pertaining to this medication.