

OCCC JUNIOR CAMP 2018 Parent Letter

Parents of Junior Campers:

Welcome to Otter Creek Christian Camp 2018! We are thrilled to have your camper join us for the week of June 24th-June 28; there is no doubt it will be an incredible week.

REGISTRATION at OC - Sunday, June 24th at OC gym at 12:30pm (eat lunch before arrival).

- **IF RIDING BUS:** Go to OC Gym Entrance. Your student will check in and load the bus they are assigned to. Once on the bus, they won't be able to get off the bus.
- If you need to talk to a Camp Doctor about medicine, one will be available at that time.

- **IF DRIVING TO CAMP,** there will be a separate registration process at camp. You cannot arrive before 2:45pm and we'll ask that you leave camp by 3:45pm.
- If you need to talk to a Camp Doctor about medicine, one will be available at that time.
- The address for Latimer Reservation is 334 Plantation Road, Spencer, TN, 38585.
- A less curvy option for travel (but adding about 15 minutes) is available by driving to the Crossville on I-40, then taking this route [HERE](#).
- Parents will not be allowed to go into the cabins or tents, but they can help carry luggage to the entrance.

PICK-UP at OC – Thursday, June 28th (At Otter Creek Church)

12:45- Gym Area

- All Junior Campers will ride buses from Latimer Reservation back to the Otter Creek Church (with the exception of Staff families)
- Campers' belongings will be unloaded in the back parking lot or if raining in the gym of Otter Creek
- Parents must go inside the north gym door and meet their child with their counselor to check out, then you proceed out the west gym doors to pick up luggage behind the gym.

Leaving early? Campers are expected to stay for the entire duration of camp; however, we understand that families are busy. If a camper needs to leave early, please coordinate this with the David Knox (dknox@ottercreek.org) prior to camp beginning. Please note that if a camper does leave camp early, they are not allowed to return to camp.

Arriving late? All late arrivals must be communicated with David Knox (dknox@ottercreek.org) prior to the start of camp. All late arrivals must be at camp by 8:00 AM, Monday, June 26th

MEDICAL/MEDICINE:

If your camper plans to take or have medication at camp, please access the medical form on the Otter Creek website [HERE](#). This is to be completed for **ALL MEDICATION** that

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you will be taking during the week at camp (regardless of whether this is self-administered or administered by the camp doctor). We will have a camp Doctor on staff (Dr. Keith Thompson, Dr. Kathryn Miller, Dr. Jennifer Wilbeck) for the duration of camp. Our doctors will be available at registration.

PACKING:

All Campers' belongings should be packed in closeable container(s) (duffle bags, backpacks, plastic totes, suitcase, etc); these will be loaded under the buses for transport on the way home (plastic tubs/totes must be sealed). Do not use garbage bags. Label your packing containers and, backpacks securely. Your student will be responsible for their own luggage getting from the bus to the cabin.

- **Clothes** – this is camp; things get wet and dirty. ([See Guidelines and Expectations Form](#))
- **Vented Laundry Bag – no garbage bags!**
- **Shoes:** The medical staff has requested that **everyone** bring a pair of closed-toe **athletic shoes** for the games and NO steel cleats.
- **Camouflage:** This isn't a requirement, but many students love wearing Camo during some of the night games.
- **MAIL – Please pack any correspondence to your camper in their belongings. We do not do a mail service**
- **Fishing:** You are welcome to fish, but you have to bring your own gear and we are responsible if things are lost/broken. The lake is catch and release only.

BOYS: If possible, a plastic, waterproof container will be the best for your camper. Boys are sleeping on cots inside a tent on a concrete slab.

GIRLS: They should bring bedding for a twin bed or a sleeping bag. Those sleeping on cots have been notified (if you were added after being on a waitlist, you'll be on a cot).

Jr. Camp Guidelines: (Parents, please review with your student)

- No drugs, alcohol, tobacco, fireworks or weapons of any kind are allowed at camp.
- WE ARE ASKING THAT PHONES STAY AT HOME. Sometimes our technology becomes a distraction. We have photographers who will document the week. And you can send another camera with your child. It makes for a better experience if we don't have the distraction of our phones around. Please help us in this effort.
- Dress Code:
 - Swimming: Girls, no bikinis. Guys, no speedos. You must have a shirt and shorts on while walking to and from the lake. A towel does not count as a "cover-up" to and from the lake.
 - Bottoms: Shorts need to be at least fingertip length. No underwear/buttocks should be seen at any time. When wearing tights/leggings/yoga pants, both boys and girls need to wear shorts with them or long shirts must be worn that are fingertip length or longer.
 - Tops: Girls, no spaghetti strap shirts. All bras (including sports bras) must be fully covered. For everyone, shirts should completely cover stomachs/back. Guys, tank tops are OK, but if your sleeves are wide

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enough for us to see your nipples, please wear something else. And note, shirts must always be worn during sports activities.

- Dress Up Nights (for 8th grade only): All of the guidelines listed apply to dress up nights.
- Students willfully ignoring/breaking these expectations will be subject to removal from camp at their parents' expense.

A complete list of items to pack and a list of those things not to bring is available on the Otter Creek website [HERE](#). Please review the list. Mark all the items you are bringing with your name.

In the event of an emergency, please use the following numbers to contact us.

- **DAVID KNOX:** **731-234-1263**
- **LATIMER OFFICE:** **615-516-9751**

Keep The Focus Where It Belongs: OCCC exists, ultimately, to help students develop the kind of living faith in God that will last. Our assumption is that you know this and that you desire this for your student as well. Whether this means keeping the proper perspective on the game field, taking care to follow the OCCC dress code or taking quiet time seriously, we expect your student to join us in keeping God at the center of this special week.

If you have any questions feel free to contact David Knox dknox@ottercreek.org.