



Children's Church Camp-Letter for Parents/Guardians

Dear Parents,

Thank You for trusting your church leaders and us to send your children to Camp Caraway this summer! We are honored to serve your church and your children and are praying and preparing now for the fun we will have!

Questions: After thoroughly reading this document, direct your questions first to your church leader.

Program: We are intentional to use fun in growing faith, developing relationships, building skills, and serving others. Our camp staff are carefully screened and trained. We as a staff will do everything that we can to help make this week the best experience possible. During the week campers will be encouraged to participate and do their best in each activity. The level of participation is always the choice of the camper. Our staff will run the program and assist chaperones as requested.

Medical & Release Forms: Your group leader will email you an invitation link to go online to add your camper's picture, complete health history, add medication, complete waiver forms, and activity signups for your child. Campers will not be allowed to come to camp without properly completed forms online. Please place all medication in a zip bag in the original packaging with your child's full name, age, and group name written on the bag. Give these medications to your group leader.

Pictures & Camper E-mail Bunk1: Bunk 1 is an optional service to view camper pictures and send emails to your camper. If you choose to use our partner service, Bunk 1 to send letters via email to your child while they are at camp, you can now do that through your camper's online registration account. You will see this option when registering your camper and completing forms for camp. You are not obligated to use or purchase anything from Bunk 1. You can still view the photos free.

Emergency Contact: Campers MAY NOT have cell phones or call home on their own. Their group leader or camp administrator can help them call home when needed. Chaperones or our staff will keep you well informed if needed and can deliver any important messages to your camper if necessary. We will call you using the numbers you provided in the health form any time we have concerns about your child's health or behavior. Chaperones are allowed to have cell phones on silent and can deliver messages if needed. Thank you for not sending cell phones or electronics with your camper.

Money: Our camp store has a store credit option, which allows campers to purchase items from their account without cash on hand. Parents may add funds to the store credit on your child's registration account before and during camp. They will have the opportunity to visit The Post Camp Store daily to purchase optional Caraway gifts and snacks. The money you pay for will stay in your child's account until they use it. If they don't use the full amount, any amount \$10 or more will be refunded back to the card you paid with.

If you choose to bring cash to camp, this money needs to be in a zip bag labeled with his or her full name and church name. We will also receive an optional missions offering to teach the importance of giving, and this offering must be in cash or check. Your child, with the close assistance of their chaperone, will be responsible for his or her money.



Special Concerns: The church leaders and adult chaperones that brought your child are responsible for them and our staff will assist them as requested. Our staff are trained to approach special concerns with campers such as medical conditions, bed-wetting, or home sickness with the utmost respect and confidentiality and will gladly assist the group leaders as requested. We will also seek the advice and assistance of the adult chaperones from your church that will attend with your child. Please help us prepare your child for success with these needs.

Medical Conditions: Please document all medical conditions, needed medications, special diets, and other pertinent information on the health history form. If needed, please have a church leader share any clarifications or special concerns with us at the medication check in table during check-in. If your child has any special food needs, please contact us the week before his or her camp arrival so we can make arrangements to serve them well.

Bedwetting: document this on the health history form so the camp chaperone will be prepared for the possibility to assist your child. We suggest you consider pull up absorbent overnight undergarments or disposable bed linen covers. Both of these can be discreetly used. If a child does soil his or her bed our staff will discreetly assist the chaperone and camper by washing the linens and in giving the child reassurance and support when needed.

Homesickness: Homesickness is normal and many campers may experience a little homesickness at some point during their camp session. Parents can help with homesickness with patience and preparation. Encourage your child's independence throughout the year. During the week, if you are worried about how your child is contact your church leader or us and speak to us about your child. We will gladly check on your child for you on occasion. Don't feel guilty about encouraging your child to stay at camp. Camp can be a great first step towards independence and can play an important role in the growth and development of your child.

Behavior & Bullying: Campers and adult chaperones are given clear expectations and rules for the week when they arrive. We expect campers to follow these expectations and to treat others, as they want to be treated. One expectation to share with your child is that they are to always be with a group of 3 people when they are walking around campus. Our staff is trained well in motivating and disciplining campers appropriately and will assist the church chaperones as needed. Bullying or picking of any kind is inexcusable and not tolerated here. If your child does not follow our expectations and rules after disciplinary action, we will call you to make a plan of action.

We care about you, your child, and the others coming from your community. If we can do anything to make your preparation for camp better, please ask!

Serving Together,

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Children's Church Camp Packing List

- ❑ Label ALL items with camper's name
- ❑ Bible, pen, notepad
- ❑ Small lightweight school type backpack to carry water bottle, money, flash light, etc.
- ❑ 1 light weight rain coat or poncho
- ❑ Clothes-t-shirts, shorts, underclothes, socks-enough to last the whole week with one extra set (comfortable clothes that can get dirty)
- ❑ pajamas or sleep wear
- ❑ Modest 1 piece bathing suit
- ❑ 2 tennis shoes (one pair should be shoes that can get dirty)
- ❑ twin sheets & blanket or a sleeping bag with pillow
- ❑ 2 bath towels and a wash cloth
- ❑ Swim/beach towel
- ❑ Toiletry articles (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, soap, brush, etc.)
- ❑ Shower shoes or flip flops (not to be worn during recreation times)
- ❑ Dirty laundry bag
- ❑ Flashlight with good batteries
- ❑ Water bottle (we will have Caraway bottles for sale at The Post Store)
- ❑ Missions offering or store money in a plastic zip bag labeled with camper name and church
- ❑ Snacks for Hound Dawg & Cackalacky to share with the staff. I promise we'll share. 😊
- ❑ Caraway is not responsible for any personal belongings



What Not to Bring

- ❖ Phones, tablets, smart watches, any electronics
- ❖ Any animals or pets
- ❖ Fireworks of any kind
- ❖ Firearms or weapons
- ❖ Any type of illegal drugs, tobacco, electronic cigarettes, or alcohol
- ❖ Thank you for not sending food to camp with your child. If special arrangements for food or snacks are needed for diet or health reasons, please contact us at least a week in advance.