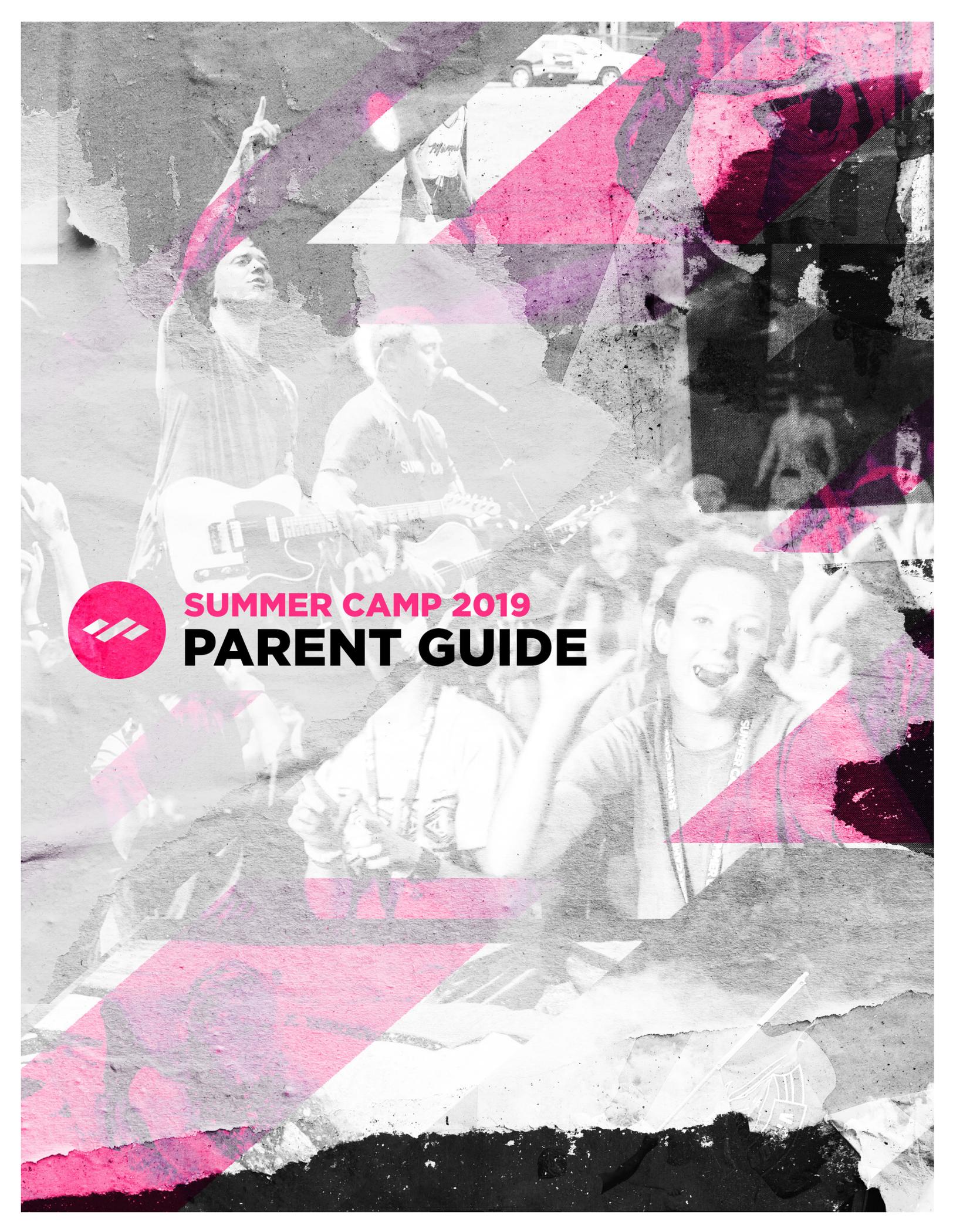




SUMMER CAMP 2019
PARENT GUIDE



welcome to summer camp

We want to start off by saying... THANK YOU!

Thank you for trusting us with your student. We want you to know that we take this very seriously. One of our values as a student ministry is to “partner with parents to help you win at what matters.”

We know it can be daunting to send them to camp with hundreds of people, so we want to walk you through what to expect.

This booklet is your complete guide to how to prepare for Summer Camp. From the morning students leave until the time they get back, we want you to understand what they will experience and help you get them ready for the best week of their lives.

If you have any additional questions, please email us at camp@seacoast.org.

why we do summer camp

Why the time, why the resources?

Our desire is to provide a SAFE environment that we can CONNECT students to JESUS and EACH OTHER.

We believe that one of the best ways to do that is through an environment like camp with a few undistracted days that they can spend time with Jesus and each other.

The impact that this week can have on the life of a student may be equal to over a year of perfect attendance at weekly youth services.

Thank you again and we are praying for not only your child but for you as well.

We can't wait to see what God does this week in your student's life.

before you arrive at check-in

check out the packing list.

- Make sure your student isn't packing too much. We have provided a packing list in this booklet to help them prepare.
- Note: Your student will be carrying their own bag off the bus and into their rooms. It is an uphill walk to most of the rooms so make sure they can carry all of their bags everywhere we go.

find your departure information.

- On pages 7-8 of this packet you will find departure information for each campus/church. Please make sure you review this ahead of time so you can be at the right place at the right time.

get your paperwork ready.

Fill out the **Rules Form** located on page 10 and bring it with you to check-in.

pre-order your merch.

From June 1 through June 20 merch will be available for pre-sale at camp.fyi. If you pre-order your merch, it will be shipped directly to the address provided at check-out and will arrive prior to camp.

no cell phones.

We know it can be uncomfortable to feel disconnected from your student. But over the past several years, we have seen so much benefit from removing the distractions that come from texting, social media, etc.

And don't worry—you can reach them if you need to. In case of an emergency, please use the **emergency camp phone number provided in the stay connected section on page 3**. If your student needs to reach you, they can use the phone at the camp office or ask their room leader.

stay connected

You will want to stay connected to what is happening at camp.

know the emergency number. (843) 375-2455

If you ever need to reach us at camp, please use the camp emergency phone number. It will ring several of the camp staff's phones. You can also reach us via email at camp@seacoast.org.

follow us on social media.

Be sure to follow Custom Students on social media. We will be updating throughout camp with lots of photos and videos.

Instagram: @customstudents

Facebook: customstudents

sign up for text updates.

This is how you will know when your student arrived safely at camp and when they are expected to arrive at home. Be sure to sign up for your campus/church text.

partner church text numbers.

Text your code to 81010.

FREEDOM CHURCH

HS Camp: @HSFREE2019 | MS Camp: @MSFREE2019

KING'S CROSS CHURCH

HS Camp: @HSINSIGHT19 | MS Camp: @MSINSIGHT19

NORTHWOOD CHURCH

HS Camp: @NSMHSCAMP2019

MS Camp: @NSMMSCAMP2019

THE GATHERING

HS Camp: @HSCAMPGS | MS Camp: @MSCAMPGS

seacoast campus text numbers.

Text your code to 81010.

ASHEVILLE

HS Camp: @HSAVL19 | MS Camp: @MSAVL19

COLUMBIA

HS Camp: @HSCOL19 | MS Camp: @MSCOL19

CONWAY

HS Camp: @HSCWY19 | MS Camp: @MSCWY19

GREENVILLE

HS Camp: @HSGVL19 | MS Camp: @MSGVL19

IRMO

HS Camp: @HSIRM19 | MS Camp: @HSIRM19

JAMES ISLAND

HS Camp: @HSJMS19 | MS Camp: @MSJMS19

JOHNS ISLAND

HS Camp: @HSJHN19 | MS Camp: @MSJHN19

MANNING

HS Camp: @HSMNG19 | MS Camp: @MSMNG19

MCCLELLANVILLE + MOUNT PLEASANT

HS Camp: @HSMT19 | MS Camp: @MSMT19

NORTH CHARLESTON

HS Camp: @HSNCH19 | MS Camp: @MSNCH19

SUMMERSVILLE

HS Camp: @HSSVL19 | MS Camp: @MSSVL19

WEST ASHLEY

HS Camp: @HSWST19 | MS Camp: @MSWST19

at check-in

Camp is about to start! There will be a lot going on, but here are a few things to keep in mind as you arrive at your departure location.

arrive on time.

It may seem simple, but it is key to starting the week well. Make sure to arrive at your assigned check-in time so that we can depart on time.

have your paperwork ready.

Make sure to have your rules form already signed. This will speed up your check-in process.

turn in your medications.

There will be a designated spot at check-in to turn in any medications. All medications must come in the original bottles with the prescription attached.

At medication check-in, we will go over the information you entered on your registration form to make sure everything is still accurate. You will place the medications in one of our ziploc bags and affix a supplied label to the bag.

Medications are given at camp at four designated times during the day: breakfast, lunch, dinner and bedtime.

Additional details about medications will be emailed prior to camp.

searching bags.

A big part of ensuring every student is safe is making sure they don't bring stuff on the do not pack list. When you check in your student for camp, we will be having you search their bags. Because there are some students who like to bend and break the rules we need you take ownership in searching their bags so your child is not that student. On occasion, it may be necessary for us to search bags while your students are at camp. We need you to help ensure the safety of every student at camp.

don't forget lunch.

Dinner will be provided at camp, but we won't be stopping along the way for lunch. Make sure your student eats lunch prior to arrival or brings a bagged lunch. If you arrive to check-in prior to noon.

arrival at camp + rooms

Students will find out their leader and their room on the way to camp. They be staying in either hotel style rooms or a bunk house. Make sure to review the packing list on page 9 to see everything your student needs to bring or NOT bring. The volunteer-to-student ratio is 1 to 8. These are trained volunteers. No leaders will be sleeping in a bed with a student.

Once **ALL** students have arrived at camp, we will send out a text to let you know. Please make sure you have signed up for our texting service. Please be aware that while our goal is that everyone arrives at camp within a short window, we cannot control traffic and we will wait to send out a text from the main text line until all campuses and churches have arrived.

the rules

We like to keep the rules simple.

- Respect the people, respect the place.
- Be on time for all services and activities.
- No romantic displays of affection.

how do we address discipline issues.

We have a three-strike rule.

- **STRIKE 1:** The Room Leader will address it.
- **STRIKE 2:** The Youth Pastor will address it.
- **STRIKE 3:** Our Dean of Men or our Dean of Women will address it. If it reaches this level, you will most likely have to come pick up your child.

meals

We promise to provide good food for your students. However, there are a few things we would suggest:

let us know about any food allergies.

You should have already filled this out on your students registration form. If you didn't, please email us at **camp@seacoast.org**. We need to know this prior to departure for camp. We are able to accommodate most food allergies.

In the case of severe allergies where the camp does not feel they can accommodate your child, our camp director will reach out to you about food arrangements for your student.

snacks are a good idea.

There is plenty of food at mealtimes, but one thing we know about students is they can eat. A lot. Sending your students with snacks or cash to buy snacks is a great plan. If you do send snacks make sure they are pre-packaged and peanut free.

sessions

Every day will have a morning & evening session. Our sessions are an incredible part of camp where we get to worship, see God break down walls in the hearts of our students, and experience some incredible speakers. Each year, we see God do incredible things during these sessions.

heart for project

We will be launching our Heart For mission project for 2019-2020 during Summer Camp. Heart For is a project intended to spark students' hearts for those who are hurting and those who have never heard about Jesus. Our student-initiated missions projects are based on a simple principle: we give so that others can have. Summer Camp students and leaders have the opportunity this year to help bring God's word to families and students who do not have Bibles in the village of Morency, Haiti. Through our mission partner, 410 Bridge, we will work to provide a Bible in their language in each home for 500 families.

Our goal is to raise \$12,000 this year. We will have a time during our services where we will talk about the project and ask students and leaders to give, or commit to give, towards making a difference.

We can come together at Summer Camp to change the spiritual direction of families in Haiti by sending God's word into their home simply by giving towards this mission project. We hope each student will prayerfully consider being part of this project.

campus group + small groups

Each day your student will have the chance to meet in both a campus group and a small group.

why do we have these groups?

- They help reinforce the importance of not doing life alone.
- They are an opportunity for their leaders and their peers to minister to each other and to talk through what they have been experiencing in our sessions.

house wars

Your student will be assigned to one of four "houses" for all of our rec activities. Each House will be competing against each other to win the ultimate title of Camp Champ. You will receive your student's House assignment via email prior to camp. Students love to rep their House and each House is a different color, so once you receive their assignment make sure they pack spirit wear for their House. We will email your student's assignment out a few days before camp.

free time

Free Time is a great time for your student to just have fun. From the lake, to the slip n' slide, to tons of games, our free time is completely geared towards having fun. Don't worry, your students are not alone. We have leaders and camp staff stationed all over camp during Free Time to help ensure the safety of your students. Additionally, the lake has lifeguards.

late nights

Each night after evening session and small groups, we like to end the night with a little more fun. From luaus, to games nights, to theme parties our fun force is ready to provide tons of fun for your student.

We have a few theme parties this year. Dressing up is not required but is definitely a lot of fun.

high school camp theme nights.

- **NIGHT AT THE NURSING HOME:** 90's party... only the age not a decade. Students dress in their own personal style as if they were 90. Gray hair, grandma glasses, and suspenders for the win! *Wheelchairs are not allowed.*
- **PATRIOT GAMES:** It's an all-American themed party celebrating the 4th...only a few days later. Students can dress in red, white, and blue, stars and stripes, etc.
- **LAKE FRONT LUAU:** Bonfire, music, tiki torches, limbo, and more! Come dressed in your grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts.

middle school camp theme nights.

- **NERD OUT NIGHT:** Trivia, games, science experiments and more. Dress in your best ill-fitting pants, thick glasses, cat shirts, pigtails, and tucked in button-ups.
- **LAKE FRONT LUAU:** Bonfire, music, tiki torches, limbo, and more! Come dressed in your grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts.

safety + medical care

We take safety and medical care seriously at camp. We have both a security team and nursing team ready to help your students. Our security teams helps ensure all of our students are following the rules and are where they are supposed to be. Our nursing team is ready to take care of your students in case they get injured or sick.

heading home

On the last day of camp, we will load the buses and head home. A box lunch will be provided for your students. We will keep you updated via your campus/church text messages about when to pick up your student.

don't forget.

Once you get your student, make sure you pick up all of their luggage and any medications you sent to camp.

departure location + schedule

high school dates.

DEPARTING: Saturday, July 6

RETURNING: Wednesday, July 10

middle school dates.

DEPARTING: Thursday, July 11

RETURNING: Sunday, July 14

freedom church.

CHECK-IN: 8:00-9:00 AM

DEPARTURE: 9:30 AM

LOCATION: Freedom Church | 1425 Cypress Gardens Road | Moncks Corner, SC 29461

king's cross church.

CHECK-IN: 8:30 AM

DEPARTURE: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Kings Cross | 2011 Clements Ferry Road | Charleston, SC 29492

northwood church.

CHECK-IN: 8:00-9:00 AM

DEPARTURE: 9:30 AM

LOCATION: Seacoast Church Summerville | 301 E 5th North Street | Summerville, SC 29483

seacoast asheville.

CHECK-IN: 11:00 AM

DEPARTURE: 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Asheville Campus | 123 Sweeten Creek Road | Asheville, NC 28803

seacoast columbia.

CHECK-IN: 10:15 AM

DEPARTURE: 11:15 AM

LOCATION: Columbia Campus | 631 Sparkleberry Lane | Columbia, SC 29229

seacoast conway.

CHECK-IN: 8:00 AM

DEPARTURE: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Conway Campus | 1500 Hwy 501 Business | Conway, SC 29526

seacoast greenville.

CHECK-IN: 11:45 AM

DEPARTURE: 12:45 PM

LOCATION: Greenville Campus Offices | 33 Mall Connector Road | Greenville, SC 29607

seacoast irmo.

CHECK-IN: 10:45 AM

DEPARTURE: 11:45 AM

LOCATION: Irmo Campus | 500 St. Andrews Road | Columbia, SC 29210

seacoast james island.

CHECK-IN: 7:00-8:30 AM

DEPARTURE: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Mount Pleasant Campus | 750 Long Point Road | Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

seacoast johns island.

CHECK-IN: 7:00-8:30 AM

DEPARTURE: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Mount Pleasant Campus | 750 Long Point Road | Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

seacoast manning.

CHECK-IN: 9:15 AM

DEPARTURE: 10:15 AM

LOCATION: Manning Campus Offices | 201 North Church Street | Manning, SC 29102

seacoast mcclellanville.

CHECK-IN: 7:00-8:30 AM

DEPARTURE: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Mount Pleasant Campus | 750 Long Point Road | Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

seacoast mount pleasant.

CHECK-IN: 7:00-8:30 AM

DEPARTURE: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Mount Pleasant Campus | 750 Long Point Road | Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

seacoast north charleston.

CHECK-IN: 7:00-8:30 AM

DEPARTURE: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Mount Pleasant Campus | 750 Long Point Road | Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

seacoast summerville.

CHECK-IN: 8:00-9:00 AM

DEPARTURE: 9:30 AM

LOCATION: Summerville Campus | 301 E 5th North Street | Summerville, SC 29483

seacoast west ashley.

CHECK-IN: 7:00-8:30 AM

DEPARTURE: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Mount Pleasant Campus | 750 Long Point Road | Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

the gathering.

CHECK-IN: 11:30 AM

DEPARTURE: 12:00 PM

LOCATION: The Gathering Church Offices | 1056 Haywood Road | Asheville, NC 28806

TO PACK

- Clothing for 4-5 days of activities [modest clothing]
- Pajamas/clothes to sleep in
- A pair of tennis shoes [for House Wars activities]
- Bathing suit [one piece or tankini that covers the entire mid-driff for girls]
- Flip flops
- Large plastic bag for dirty clothes
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Soap (for shower & hand soap for bathroom)
- Shampoo
- Beach towel
- Bible
- Notebook & pen
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Water bottle
- Flashlight
- Raincoat
- Medications
[Medication must be brought in its original bottles or we will not be able to give it to your child. Bags will be available at dropoff to put the medication bottle in and label with your child's information.]
- Lunch for Travel to Camp [if check-in is prior to lunch time; we won't be stopping along the way]
- Snacks [must be nut free] or money for snacks [all meals are provided]
- Optional spending money for summer camp merchandise [smaller bills please]

DO NOT BRING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- Electronics or mp3 players [this includes iphones, androids, ipads, etc]
- Cell phones
- Firearms, explosives, knives or other sharp objects
- Illegal drugs, alcohol or cigarettes [this includes e-cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, vapes, juuls, etc]

****Please note all bags will be searched by the person dropping them off in the presence of our check-in teams. Please look through your child's bag prior to bringing it to drop-off.***

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I MUST FOLLOW THE RULES LISTED BELOW WHILE AT CAMP AND ON THE BUSES:

**Student
Initials**

**Parent
Initials**

I will respect the people and respect the place.

I will be in the right place at the right time.

I will not show romantic displays of affection.

I will not enter the room of the opposite gender.

I will not leave the camp property.

I did not bring items on the **Do Not Pack List**.

STUDENT AGREEMENT

If I break any of the above rules, I am subject to being sent home and I am financially responsible for any fees if I break or damage camp property.

Student Signature

Date

Printed Name

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

I acknowledge that Summer Camp staff will search personal bags at camp to check that items from the Do Not Pack List are not present to help ensure safety and security at camp. I acknowledge that if my student breaks the rules and is required to be sent home that I am responsible for coming and getting them from camp. I also acknowledge that if my child breaks or damages camp property, I am responsible for any associated fees.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Printed Name