

HIGH SCHOOL: JULY 23-27
MIDDLE SCHOOL: JULY 28-31



// PARENT GUIDE //

2022

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 summercamp@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

test for COVID-19 within 72 hours of check-in.

To help ensure the best camp experience, this year ***we will be requiring everyone attending to have a negative COVID-19 test within the 72 hours prior to check-in.*** We are asking ALL students and leaders to arrive at check-in with the form acknowledging that you have received a negative test.

You may use a PCR or rapid test and an at-home rapid test will be sufficient for camp. Local pharmacies are available for FREE testing with an appointment as well. Once you have a negative test result, fill out and sign the camp COVID-19 acknowledgement form (page 10) and bring it with you to drop-off. We will not accept forms prior to check-in for summer camp.

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. Make sure they can carry all of their bags.

find your departure information.

- On page 7 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 9 and **COVID-19 Acknowledgement Form** and bring it with you to check-in.

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) 481-0997

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 summercamp@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.

FREEDOM CHURCH

HS Camp: Text @fyhigh22 to 81010

MS Camp: Text @fymiddle22 to 81010

KINGS CROSS

HS Camp: Text hsmtp22 to 94000

MS Camp: Text msmt22 to 94000

NORTHWOOD CHURCH

HS Camp: Text @nwyh to 81010

MS Camp: Text @nwym to 81010

seacoast campus text numbers.

ASHEVILLE + GREENVILLE

HS Camp: Text hsupstate22 to 94000

MS Camp: Text msupstate22 to 94000

COLUMBIA, IRMO + MANNING

HS Camp: Text hsmidlands22 to 94000

MS Camp: Text msmidlands22 to 94000

CONWAY, JOHNS ISLAND, MCCLELLANVILLE

MOUNT PLEASANT + WEST ASHLEY

HS Camp: Text hsmt22 to 94000

MS Camp: Text msmt22 to 94000

NORTH CHARLESTON + SUMMERVILLE

HS Camp: Text hssv122 to 94000

MS Camp: Text mssv122 to 94000

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 cabins. Each cabin has a large common space and six bedrooms. There is one leader bedroom and five student bedrooms. The student rooms all sleep four students per room and they will be sleeping in twin bunk beds. Each bedroom has a private bathroom. Make sure to review the packing list on page 8 to see everything your student needs to bring or NOT bring. The volunteer-to-student ratio is 1 to 10. These are trained volunteers who have all been background checked. 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. This includes not being outside after lights out.
- 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 Care Team will address it with their Youth Pastor. 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 summercamp@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, please send them in a resealable bag so we can avoid ants in the rooms. Make sure they are **peanut free** and pre-packaged items are best.

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 launch our Heart For mission project for the upcoming school year 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 mission projects are based on a simple principle: **we give so that others can have**. Students and leaders have the opportunity this year to partner with One Hope, a non-profit organization working with partners like us to share the hope of the Gospel with the next generation. We will be working with One Hope to bring the Word of God to children and youth in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, or DRC, in Africa. For

nearly two decades there has been a struggle for peace in the DRC. The next generation deserves a bright and joyous future, and we have the opportunity to share the light and hope of God's Word. We, as the Church, can take action now to see tens of thousands of children and youth come to know the Good News during this incredible season, where the door is wide open to share God's Word.

\$1 gets the Gospel in the hands of 3 children by getting Scripture resources in their hands and giving them a connection children and youth ministry right there in their country. If every student and leader came prepared to give at Summer Camp and/or were prepared to commit to a goal this school year by themselves or with a small group, we could change the lives of thousands! \$100 impacts 300 children. \$25 impacts 75 children. \$10 impacts 30 children. As you can see every amount given matters. With over 1200 students and leaders attending both Summer Camps, **we can raise \$12,000 and impact 36,000 children if everyone just gave \$10**. We think this group of students and leaders can go way past that total at Camp and throughout this next school year to make a difference in the lives of thousands and more children and youth! We will have a time during our service where we will talk about the project and ask students and leaders to give towards forever changing the life of one of their peers in the DRC. We hope each student and leader 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 six “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 two pools, canoe races, and mini golf, 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 pools have 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.

camp theme nights.

- **FRONTIER FIESTA:** The biggest hootenanny at Summer Camp! Saddle up and ride on over for horse races, gold mining, western-themed games, and some good ole square dancin! Should be a hoot! Come dressed in cowboy hats, boots, bandanas, plaid, cow print, and denim. Please no fake weapons or daisy dukes.
- **LUAU:** Late night swimming, belly flop contests, music, tiki torches, limbo, and more! Come dressed in your grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts.

LEADER APPRECIATION

We love our leaders! Without them, camp isn’t possible and they have all taken time off of work to be with your students this week. So, we want to celebrate them well. If you want to send something with your student to say thank you, the leaders would love it. And don’t worry, we have some fun things planned as well.

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 23

RETURNING: Wednesday, July 27

middle school dates.

DEPARTING: Thursday, July 28

RETURNING: Sunday, July 31

departing from freedom church

FREEDOM CHURCH

CHECK-IN: 9:00-10:15 AM

DEPARTURE: 11:00 AM

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

departing from asheville, nc

ASHEVILLE CAMPUS

CHECK-IN: 9:30-10:00 AM

DEPARTURE: 10:30 AM

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

departing from greenville, sc

GREENVILLE CAMPUS

CHECK-IN: 11:00-11:45 AM

DEPARTURE: 12:15 PM

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

departing from irmo, sc

COLUMBIA, IRMO + MANNING CAMPUSES

CHECK-IN: 10:30-11:00 AM

DEPARTURE: 12:30 PM

LOCATION: Irmo Campus | 411 Western Lane | Irmo, SC 29063

departing from mount pleasant, sc

CONWAY, JOHNS ISLAND, MCCLELLANVILLE, MOUNT PLEASANT CAMPUSES + KINGS CROSS

CHECK-IN: 8:00-9:30 AM

DEPARTURE: 10:30 AM

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

departing from summerville, sc

NORTH CHARLESTON, SUMMERVILLE & WEST ASHLEY CAMPUSES + NORTHWOOD CHURCH

CHECK-IN: 9:00-10:15 AM

DEPARTURE: 11:00 AM

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

TO PACK

YOUR STUDENT NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO CARRY ALL OF THEIR BELONGINGS BY THEMSELVES IN ONE TRIP SO PLEASE PACK ACCORDINGLY.

- Clothing & Shoes for 4-5 days of activities [modest clothing, please no crop tops or cheeky shorts, and be sure to pack stuff to rep your house and for the late night parties]
- Pajamas/clothes to sleep in
- Clothes that can get wet [for House Wars activities]
- Sneakers that can get wet [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 & Shampoo
- Shower Towel
- Pool Towel
- Bible [please have name in Bible so we can return it if should it get lost]
- Notebook & pen
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Water Bottle [please have name on Water Bottle so we can return it if should it get lost]
- Flashlight
- Watch
- 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
- **Optional:** Snacks [must be nut free and pre-packaged or re-sealable] or money for snacks [all meals are provided]
- **Optional:** Bedding & Pillow

[A pillow, sheets and a light blanket are provided but you are welcome to bring additional bedding. Please note that all beds are twin beds.]
- **Optional:** Spending money for Summer Camp merchandise and snacks [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, fireworks, 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 will not be out of the cabin after lights out.

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 may 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



2022 COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PARENT AGREEMENT

I confirm that my student, , has received a negative COVID-19 test within the last 72 hours. I affirm that if my student is sick and is required to be sent home that I am responsible to come and get them from camp.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Printed Name

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I affirm that I will immediately see the nurse if I begin to feel sick or unwell at any point during Summer Camp.

Student Signature

Date

Printed Name