

# **CAMP FAQ**

## **Where and When & Who?**

Camp Otyokwah in Butler, Ohio. July 16-22, 2017 Any child who has completed 3rd-12th grade is welcome. Children who have completed 2nd grade may attend with an adult. Kids are divided into 3 groups –  
Camp 45 -Ending 3rd/4th grades JR High – Ending 5th-7th Grades SR High – Ending 8th-12th grades

## **My child has never left home before – I'm not sure if he's ready.**

Only you as a parent will know if your child is ready, but often the child is ready to go before the parent is ready for them to leave. Our counselors are mainly parents themselves and the kids are so busy they rarely have time to be homesick. If you're still not sure- you're welcome to come along.

## **Who are the counselors in charge of my child?**

We take our own counselors from First Pres and some participating churches. They are mostly parents, staff, and volunteer staff that regularly works with our students. These counselors already have a relationship with your child and it deepens throughout the week. All counselors are background checked and there are at least 2 counselors per cabin. In addition to our staff, the camp also provides staff that run the recreation, meals, and waterfront areas.

## **My child has medical concerns.**

We take a medical staff with us to camp who are on duty 24/7. They deal with everything from handing out band-aids to asthma attacks. We have a full range of medical supplies and equipment at the camp as well. If there is a need we will transport children to the hospital for additional testing or care after consulting with a parent. We have an RN who specializes in ICU nursing and an EMT.

## **What if my child gets sick?**

The medical staff has a designated sick room and will monitor your child if symptoms appear during camp for 24 hours. We will consult with a parent by phone and decide if the child is able to return to camp or if they need to be picked up.

## **My child is a picky eater – will he find something to eat?**

There are a variety of options available at all meals which are served family style. Cereal is always available at breakfast and peanut butter and jelly are always an option for lunch and dinner in addition to the regular choices. Counselors sit with the campers during meals and make sure that they do eat

something to sustain them throughout the week. You may also send some of their favorite foods with them. The camp works well with the parents to accommodate special dietary concerns and allergies.

### **My child still wets the bed.**

We have had some campers who still wear pull ups at night and are able to be discreet with these. If a child does have an accident we do have laundry facilities available where the staff will take care of the bedding.

### **My child doesn't know how to swim.**

Swimming is a choice for the kids. The lake does go in gradually and children are able to play at the edge of the water and always keep their feet on the ground. Only children who pass a swim test are allowed in the deep end of the lake and all water sports require kids to wear a life jacket. Certified lifeguards are at every water event – even the polar bear swim.

### **Can my child call home and check in?**

We do not allow electronics including cell phones at camp since the goal is take children away from distractions. We do post pictures throughout the week so parents can see how their child is doing throughout the week and parents may also send email messages to their children. Camp staff do have cell phones if parents need to speak to someone but cell phone coverage is spotty.

### **What if I can't afford to pay for the week?**

Camp is \$330 for kids ending 3rd-7th grades and \$390 for kids ending 8th-12th grades. If you register before July 1st, there is a \$30 discount per camper. We do offer a payment plan where you can pay the amount over four installments. If that still poses a financial strain for your family we have scholarship money available to help offset the costs. You may speak to Jamie Barwikowski or Aaron Carr and complete a scholarship application.

### **My child doesn't have a "group" that he's friends with.**

We have many kids that come without a best friend but they quickly form relationships throughout the week. Many kids come from outside of First Pres not knowing anyone and leave with long term friends.

### **Where do I send email?**

fpsummercamp@gmail.com

How many people are going?

Last Year

157 Campers

35 Camp 45 - 54 JR High - 68 SR High - 79 Staff including a nurse

## **Bus**

You may provide your own transportation to or from camp or you may ride with us on the bus or church vans. If you choose to ride the bus/vans there will be an additional fee of \$10.00/person.

## **CAMP MONEY**

How much money does my child need? Your child doesn't NEED any money for the week. However, averages are about \$20-\$40 per child.

We do not use cash at camp, all money must be deposited into the camp bank and will be available throughout the week. Cash must be deposited in \$10 increments. Unused money will be refunded.

- Prices for junk food - \$1-\$1.50/item
- T-shirts - \$15 (1 camp t-shirt is included for everyone)

## **What do I do with medications?**

- All medications need to be in their original bottle with the camper's name on it.
- The medication form must be completed with specific instructions for when and how these medications are to be dispensed.
- No child is to have medication in their possession during camp with the exception of an inhaler. This includes over the counter medications.

## **Dress Code**

Modest dress – no holes

- ✳Clothing should be modest at all times – no 2 piece bathing suits, Speedos, no exposed midriiffs, cleavage or underwear showing.
- ✳No short shorts - shorts should be fingertip length.
- ✳No spaghetti straps - Shirts must have a 2-3 finger strap width.
- ✳Leggings or Yoga Pants are NOT considered pants.
- ✳Boys must wear shirts at all times unless swimming/playing crud wars

## **What about cabins**

All cabin assignments will be given to the campers when they arrive at camp. We will guarantee 1 roommate request. Girls – 10-12 campers/room with 2 adults – indoor bathrooms

Boys – 8-12 campers/room with 2 adults – must go outside to bathrooms

Fans are ok to bring – remember – plugs are at a premium

Electronics

No electronics – including on the bus – phones, ipods, ipads, or other items need to be left at home.

### **I'm interested but I'd like more Information**

Visit our website at [www.fpchurch.tv](http://www.fpchurch.tv) to see video and pictures from last year. Call Jamie Barwikowski at 734-775-1836 or email at [jlbarwikowski@yahoo.com](mailto:jlbarwikowski@yahoo.com) and I'd be glad to talk to you about it.

### **How do I register?**

[fpchurch.tv/summer-camp](http://fpchurch.tv/summer-camp)

## **CAMP PACKING CHECKLIST**

Please make sure that all belongings are labeled with the camper's name. We ask you to limit yourself to 1 bag per person plus sleeping bag & pillow. Everything must be marked clearly on the outside – garbage bags work well. If you have multiple campers please pack each of their belongings separately including toiletries.

- Sleeping bag or sheets with blanket
- Pillow
- Toiletries – Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.
- Towels (2) & Wash cloth
- Bug repellent
- Sunscreen
- Flash light
- Small Fan
- Large bag for dirty clothes
- Jacket or sweater for cool nights
- Pull on track pants or sweat pants
- Two pairs of shoes – one must be tennis shoes
- Bathing suit (modest one piece for girls)
- Clothes for 7 days (finger length shorts & shirts with at least 3 finger width straps)
- Water bottle with name on it
- Small tote bag or back pack to utilize each day
- Bible
- Notebook & Pen or pencil
- Rain jacket or poncho
- White t-shirt to tie dye (100% cotton – Camp 45 & JR High)

### **DO NOT BRING**

Radio/Ipods/MP3's

Game Boys/PSP's or other electronic games

Cell phones

Anything that would deter from the genuine camp experience