

# What to Expect as a Camper at Black Hills Baptist Youth Camp

## Coming to Camp (and What to Pack)

Before you come to camp, make sure you have either mailed ahead, or have in hand, your **signed** registration/medical release form with payment. We recommend leaving all cell phones and electronic devices at home to prevent damage or loss. No electronics in cabins.

Have cash on hand for meals to and from camp, if necessary. Remember that daily canteen (snack time) is now included with registration, so money is not needed for that. However, you may still want money to purchase a camp t-shirt, Bible, or other fine merchandise from the camp bookstore. The evening offering is always a nice way to honor the Lord, as well.

Come prepared for a great week. Pack a King James Version (KJV) Bible, personal items (bath towel, wash-cloth, deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothbrush and paste, comb, etc.), sleeping bag (or bed-roll) with pillow, a jacket or hoodie (as rain is possible and mornings are cool), a cap or hat, sunblock, and appropriate shoes (closed-toe for recreation).

Casual daytime clothing for recreational activities should include modest pants, capris, or culottes (no shorts, tights, jeggings, leggings, yoga pants, etc.), and appropriate t-shirts (no offensive themes or vulgarity). Please cover shoulders and midriffs. Please leave all body-piercing jewelry (except for girls' earrings) at home.

Dress for evening preaching services is nicer. Boys should wear slacks, khakis, or nice (clean) jeans, with a collared or button-down shirt (preferably tucked-in). Girls will want to wear a modest dress or skirt (over the knees when seated) and a modest top covering shoulders and waist.

Pack for five evening services (Monday thru Friday), and five mornings (Tuesday thru Saturday). Consider that Thursday afternoon is water day. Plan to get soaked. Typically, Wednesday or Thursday is camp t-shirt day. Team points are awarded for camp spirit. On Friday night, one boy and one girl will be chosen to receive the *Camper of the Week* award.

## Opening the Day

A day at camp is long—the morning bell rings just before 7:00 AM. You will get dressed in activity clothes and go to the flag-raising ceremony. Breakfast comes next, and then you will go back to the cabins for cabin clean-up. The cleanest cabin gets to be first in line to eat. After cleaning the cabin, your counselor will lead you in cabin devotions.

## Teaching and Preaching

The Camp Evangelist and the Camp Missionary both speak in the morning and in the evening. Come prepared with your KJV Bible and a pen. A notebook will be provided for notetaking. Bibles and pens are also available for purchase in the Camp Bookstore.

The final teaching time of the day is at the campfire, where the Camp Missionary challenges us to have a greater love for missions.

## **Memorizing Scripture**

After the rest time (which comes after Lunch) we have Bible memory time. We encourage you to work hard to hide God's Word in your heart. At the end of the week, several awards are given out to the best memorizers, both individually and as a team.

Returning campers often score big memory point bonuses by reciting verses from the previous camp year. You will want to keep your camp notebook safe when returning home in order to take advantage of this opportunity next year. Some campers practice all year long. You must bring your previous notebook with you to earn the bonus points. All bonus points must be recited to a counselor before the first memory time on Tuesday at 1:30 PM.

## **Recreational Activities**

Recreation times are in the morning and again in the afternoon. There are several activities available: the zip line, archery, airsoft, hiking, or some other fun event. If you are musical, you can even join the camp choir.

On Thursdays, weather permitting, we have a Water Day in the afternoon. You are going to get wet, so be sure you bring an extra change of clothes and shoes!

## **Spruce-Up and Dress Nice for Evening Service**

Before supper, there will be about forty-five minutes to shower and spruce up for the evening services. This is the time to look "dressed up" and be modest. We want to please the Lord with our looks as well as our heart.

Remember, boys should wear slacks, khakis, or nice jeans, with a collared or button-down shirt (tucked-in is nice). Girls should wear a modest dress or skirt (over the knees when seated) and a modest top covering shoulders and waist.

Grab a jacket as you head to dinner. Often the campfire time is a bit cool after the sun sets.

And, please, do not leave your clothing and other items in the bathhouse. Remove everything back to your cabin each and every time.

## **Closing the Day**

The evening will be a busy time with a group activity, then an evening service, and finally a campfire time. After all that, we have about a half-hour to get ready for bed. Your cabin counselor will lead in cabin devotions and prayer. And then you go to sleep (We know you don't need sleep, but your counselors sure do!) Besides, the fun of the next day will come faster if you fall asleep.

## **Camp Nurse, Medications, and In Case of Emergency**

The Nurse will give instruction concerning medications. All meds must be properly labeled.

If the assembly bell rings continuously, stop what you are doing and gather immediately at the Recreation Field (do not collect suitcases, etc.). Organize by cabin & follow instructions.

# Senior Week—Sample Daily Schedule

6:45-7:15 .....RISE & SHINE (Wake Up Time)



7:20-7:30 .....Flag Raising Ceremony

7:30-8:00 .....Breakfast Time

8:00-8:25 .....Cabin Clean-Up

8:25-8:45 .....Cabin Devotions

8:50-9:10 .....Singspiration (Special Music)

9:10-9:45 .....Evangelist Teaching Time

9:50-10:50 .....Morning Recreation

11:00-11:35 .....Missionary Teaching Time

11:35-12:15 .....Choir Practice OR Free Time

12:15-12:45 .....Lunch Time

12:45-1:30 .....Rest Time (in Cabins)

1:30-2:40 .....Scripture Memory

2:45-3:45 .....Afternoon Recreation I

3:45-4:10 .....Canteen Time

4:10-5:00 .....Afternoon Recreation II

5:00-5:45 .....Spruce Up

5:45-6:00 .....Cabin Inspection Reports

6:00-6:35 .....Supper Time

6:35-6:50 .....Counselor Meeting

6:50-7:15 .....Singspiration (Special Music)

7:15-7:50 .....Evangelist Preaching Time

8:00-8:35 .....Canteen/Social Time

8:40-9:25 .....Campfire Missionary Time

9:25-9:45 .....Get Ready for Bed

9:45-10:00 .....Prayer and Devotions

10:00 .....LIGHTS OUT (Sleep Time)

