



**FRANKLIN AVENUE
BAPTIST CHURCH
SUMMER CAMP
POLICIES AND GUIDELINES
2023**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY!

Campers Arrival Time and Place

The arrival time for campers is **8:00 a.m.** but we provide Before-care at 6:30 a.m. The fee is **\$5.00 cash** per camper and is due upon arrival. All parents or guardians will drive through the Porte-cochere or covered area. A Staff member will meet you at your vehicle, check them in, and the child will be escorted into the church building. Please consider others while dropping off your child/children and exit the parking lot carefully by driving slowly. We must consider the safety of all parents, children, and staff. We will not use this time for conversation so the line will move smoothly.

Dismissal Time and Place

The camp day ends at 3:00 p.m. therefore you may begin picking up your child/children at 2:30 p.m. by driving through the Porte-cochere or covered area. A staff member will meet you at your car, look to see the child's Car Rider Tag on the dashboard, and they will radio for your child to come out and be escorted to you in your car. Please consider others while picking up your child/children and exit the parking lot carefully by driving slowly. Please be informed that any camper not picked up by 3:20 p.m. will be placed in our "After-Care" program and charged a **fee**. It will be **your responsibility** to alert all drivers or individuals who may pick up your camper for you of this policy. You may sign up or express an interest for the After-Care program when you register your camper. The fee for the After-Care program is **\$7.00 per camper (Exact Cash Only)** and is due on the **same day** the camper stays, prior to the camper's departure. The After-Care program hours begin at **3:20 p.m.** and ends promptly at **5:15 p.m.** Any camper who is picked up past **5:15 p.m.** will be charged **\$1.00** for each additional minute thereafter. Any person who habitually violates the After-Care program rules will not be allowed to participate again.

Early Release of Campers

The parent of any camper(s) leaving camp before 3:00 p.m. must notify the Camp Director, Ms. Agnes Moore Hollins, or Assistant Director, Ms. Ethel Denise Palmer, in advance of the time so the child will be ready to depart when you drive up to the drive through area.

Breakfast/Lunch Times

The Breakfast/Lunch program during the summer is not as flexible as the lunch program during the regular school year. Breakfast is scheduled from **8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.** Lunch is scheduled from **11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.** Campers reporting after **8:45 a.m.** should have eaten some type of breakfast before coming to camp.

Please Note:

Snack items, such as **chips, candy, cookies, pickles, juices, sodas, or fast foods** (such as **McDonald's; Burger King; etc.**) **cannot** be brought to the camp. (**NO outside food is ALLOWED.**) If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to **Ms. Agnes**. If your child has any **food or drink allergies, please communicate this to Ms. Agnes in writing.**

CAMP ATTIRE

The camp is held at our church and we are requesting that our campers wear modest, casual, summer clothing. Girls are not to wear clothing with their backs out, stomach showing, tight fitting pants, jeans/leggings, or holes in pants/jeans. Boys are not to wear cut off shirts that have large holes near the armpits, undershirts, or pants that are sagging or falling below the waistline. Belts should be worn to prevent pants from falling. Hats are not to be worn inside the church but may be worn outside! The **F.A.B.C. T-Shirt** is designated to be worn only on the **Field-trip days**. **SAFETY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND TO HELP PREVENT ANY FOOT INJURIES, IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL CAMPERS WEAR TENNIS SHOES OR A CLOSED IN SHOE TO CAMP DAILY. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CAMPERS WITH SANDALS! SANDALS ARE NOT ALLOWED!**

Field Trip Days

A list of the field-trips and the dates will be shared with you later. We are not allowed to give out calendars or handouts at this time. Campers must be in regular attendance (3 of 5 days) to be included, in addition to not having any behavior report(s) from any Camp Counselor. All campers must be at the camp no later than 8:10 a.m. on the day of a scheduled field-trip. Once we **leave** the F.A.B.C. CAMP SITE, **No camper** will be allowed to meet us at any location. All campers must ride the buses designated for the trip. It will be **mandatory** for all campers to wear their **F.A.B.C. SUMMER CAMP T-SHIRT** and **TENNIS SHOES** on field-trip days. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Swim Days

We are unsure at this time about weekly swimming, but we are hopeful to acquire the days, times, and location of a NORD pool site to incorporate water activities that fit within our weekly schedule. It is our desire to include the water-slide activities for this summer.

Discipline

To maintain a positive, loving, Christian, and fun filled learning environment, we expect all campers to demonstrate daily **good character qualities, love, self-control, a winning attitude, respect for self and others, living responsibly, and eager to learn new things**. Therefore, if a camper's behavior is contrary to having a positive, loving, Christian, respectful, winning attitude and they are not demonstrating the expectations mentioned above, consequences will take place. The following **negative behaviors** are **unacceptable** and **will not** be tolerated!

- **Fighting**
- **Sexual Harassment**
- **Disrespectfulness to an Adult/Camp Personnel/Job One Counselor**
- **Stealing**
- **Bullying**

- Defacing the Property of F.A.B.C., Field-Trip Property, or F.A.B.C. Summer Camp's Property
- Usage of Profanity
- Running in the hallways or indoor areas of the church

Consequences

The **first time** the behavior occurs, we will conference with the camper, speak to the parent/guardian, and a written infraction will be filed. The **second time**, we will conference with the camper, notify the parent, take a privilege away, and a written infraction will be filed. On the **third occurrence** the parent will be notified, the child will be suspended from camp for one (1) day, and a written infraction will be filed. If the behavior continues, and there is no improvement, the camper will be dismissed from the camp for the duration of the summer. Certainly, all campers will be given due process regarding individual situations and the final decision will be given after all parties involved have been heard. Depending on the situation or the offense, a camper can be removed immediately from the camp if necessary. We have 7 weeks of camp this summer and it is extremely crucial for all campers to have FUN in and out of the SUN. Parents, please encourage your camper(s) to adhere to all rules given throughout the duration of the camp. **Zero Tolerance** for negative behaviors will be **enforced!**

Special Note:

It is important that each of you provide me with an accurate email address and telephone number for communication purposes. It may be necessary to contact parents for weather conditions, emergency closures, or important messages that need to be communicated to you. Let us all work cooperatively together to have a wonderful, safe, and exciting seven (7) weeks of summer fun. We look forward to working with your youth and appreciate the opportunity to make a difference in their lives! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to express them to Ms. Agnes. You may contact me at one of these numbers if you have an emergency: **Call First: (504) 481-8426** or **Call Second: (504) 488-8488**. Please give your name, the camper(s) name, a telephone number to reach you, and the message if you need to call the second number. Thank you and have a wonderful, glorious, joyous blessed day!

Sincerely yours,



Agnes Moore Hollins
F.A.B.C. Summer Camp Director