

FORTS LAKE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, INC

SUMMER CAMPS

CAMPER HAND BOOK / POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

I. PHILOSOPHY

The goal of summer camp is to provide a Christ-centered experience for every camper.

II. OBJECTIVES

The camp program shall be designed to provide a reasonable balance of emphasis in the various areas of the camp philosophy.

A. The Spiritual Emphasis Shall Include:

1. Evangelistic services designed to win to the Lord Jesus Christ all campers who are not saved and provide opportunities for seeking the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.
2. Devotions in dorms after PM services will allow opportunities for campers to testify or get spiritual help.

B. The Social Emphasis Shall Include:

1. A schedule designed to provide opportunities for social interaction through such activities as banquets, field games, and tabernacle games.
2. A program designed to develop the Christian lifestyle in a social environment among their peers.

C. The Physical Emphasis Shall Include:

1. A recreational program which promotes wholesome exercise and good sportsmanship.
2. A health program which encourages sound health habits, cleanliness, adequate rest, proper diet, and good attitudes toward our body and each other.

III. CAMP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. *Orientation*

1. The camper orientation session will take place on the opening day of camp at 10:30 AM.
2. All campers are required to attend.
3. The purpose of the orientation is to reemphasize the rules/regulations and policies/procedures so that everyone will have an enjoyable time.

2. *Begin and End Times for Camp*

1. Check in begins at 8:30 AM on Monday morning.

2. No meals will be available for campers who arrive before 11:00 AM on the opening day of camp. Meals for campers will begin with lunch the opening day of camp.
3. Campers should arrive between 8:00 and 9:30 AM on the opening day of camp. All early and late arrival arrangements must be made with Scottie Allen (251) 605-8990 or Ginger Allen (228) 327-2102. Due to insurance limitations we will not be responsible for ANY camper or counselor arriving before the stated time for the opening day of camp. Those who stay in the dorms before or after camps open/close are required to have counselors with them.
4. Both the Senior Youth Camp and the Junior Youth Camp will close after lunch on Friday of the camps.

3. *Camp Rules and Policies*

1. All campers will be under the supervision of their counselors 24 hours a day.
2. No one is allowed to leave the immediate camp area without approval of the Camp Director or Assistant Camp Director. Vehicles are to be parked in designated parking areas and not moved without the express permission of the Camp Director or Assistant Camp Director.
3. All cars will be parked on Monday and must remain parked until check-out on Friday.
4. We reserve the right to inspect the contents of all personal belongings. The holding and/or disposal of improper contents is the right of the camp staff.
5. Campers are not allowed to leave their dorms after lights out without the counselor's permission.
6. The Daily Schedule is to be observed by everyone. Campers must attend all assemblies and services. They must be present for all meals, spirit stick competition and all group activities unless excused by the Camp Nurse, Camp Director, or Assistant Camp Director.
7. Long distance phone calls can only be made with a pre-paid calling card. Cell phones are prohibited except during certain times to be specified during orientation.
8. Unplug curling irons and hot rollers immediately after use.
9. No one is allowed to leave the tabernacle during service until dismissed by the Camp Director or the Assistant Camp Director.
10. No one is allowed in the cafeteria or tabernacle during free time or field games.
11. No one is allowed on the stage or in sound booth without the permission of the Camp Director or the Assistant Camp Director.
12. **CAMP DRESS & OTHER ITEMS:** Campers should bring play clothes for the day and bring church attire for the evening services.

Clothing Policy

Modest clothing. Girls should wear dresses/skirts. No pants. Boys should wear jeans or windpants, no shorts.

Bedpants are not allowed to be worn outside that dorms at any time by boys or girls.

Clothing should cover the midriff at all times.

Clothing should be of Godly nature (no reference to rock, country music, sports, gangs, etc.)

Boy's hair should be well groomed; no longer than their collar and out of their eyes.

What to bring:

Linens: Towels & bath cloths, Sleeping Bag or Twin Sheets, Blankets & Pillow

Toiletries: Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Tooth Paste, Hairbrush, Toothbrush

Other Items: Bible, Ball Glove, Notebook, Pen, Money for Concession Stand and Offering.

What NOT to Bring:

Sleeveless, low cut or sheer blouses and dresses

Shorts, sundresses or muscle shirts of any type

Short skirts (must be below the knee)

And the following:

Alcohol	Ankle bracelet	Body rings	Bracelets
Candy	CD players	Cell Phones	Cosmetics
Earrings	Excessive rings	Firearms	Fireworks
Guns	Knives	Matches	Nail Polish
Narcotics	Necklaces	Radios	Snack Foods
Tobacco Products	TV's	Video Cameras	Video Games

**** THESE ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN IF FOUND ****

13. No hats are to be worn inside buildings.
14. No destroying or marking property. (Parents will be charged for replacement costs.)
15. Beds and mattresses are not to be moved under any circumstances. There is no rough housing or standing on beds. Please take care of all furnishings. Water balloon fights, water pistols, shaving cream fights, pillow fights, etc. will not be permitted under any circumstances. Invariably, this always leads to injury or destruction of personal property.
16. No paper or cans are to be thrown on the grounds. Containers are provided for all trash.
17. Counselors are the only ones allowed to adjust air conditioner thermostat.
18. All campers are to be in one of the three buildings (cafeteria, gym, or tabernacle) after evening service.
19. No camper is allowed in the dorms without a counselor.
20. No food or drink is allowed in the tabernacle.
21. All campers are expected to show respect, observe habits of personal and group courtesy, cleanliness, Christian conduct and cooperate with the requests of all counselors and staff members.
22. All counselors and staff members are authorized to maintain order anywhere on the campgrounds.
23. Musical instruments and the P. A. System are not to be touched by the campers unless they are asked by member of Forts Lake A/G staff.
24. Any tampering with another camper's personal belongings is strictly prohibited. Please demonstrate respect for one another's personal property.
25. Staff, other than designated personnel, should not be in the kitchen area. No dishes/utensils may be taken by anyone from the kitchen at any time without the permission of the Camp Director, Assistant Camp Director or the Cafeteria Manager.
26. Registration includes: lodging, meals, services, and games.

4. Medication:

1. **IF CAMPER IS ON PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION, IT MUST BE IN ORIGINAL CONTAINER WITH CORRECT NAME AND INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BOTTLE!** Please do not send over the counter drugs unless prescribed by a doctor.
2. All medication will be held and administered by the Camp Nurse.

5. *Discipline Policy*

1. In the event of minor violations of camp rules, it is the responsibility of counselors and team captains to dispose of these violations with love and prayer. If necessary you may seek the guidance of the camp director or assistant camp director. Disciplinary action might include such methods as removal of privileges, minor work details (sweeping floors, picking up trash, etc.), but in no case will it include physical punishment.
2. All major disciplinary action will be the responsibility of the Camp Director and the Assistant Camp Director.
3. Every effort will be made to make camp enjoyable and to retain each camper for the duration of the camp. In the event that a camper is to leave camp (due to disciplinary action, homesickness, emergency, etc.) he/she will only be permitted to leave with their pastor, parent or guardian, or someone specifically designated by the legal parent with written consent. This must be cleared by the Camp Director.
4. Under no circumstances shall a camper be deprived of food or subjected to corporal punishment or abusive physical exercise as a means of punishment.

6. *Guidelines for Visitors*

1. Each visitor must register with the camp office upon arrival.
2. Day passes are available and can be purchased for \$12. This will include meals, services, and field games.
3. The Thursday evening banquet will not be available to visitors without the permission of the Camp Director. All unregistered persons who wish to attend the banquet must reserve seating (limited) and pay an attending fee.

7. *Off Limit Areas*

1. Buildings and wooded areas not directly involved with the camping program are off limits, unless when authorized by the proper personnel.
2. Male campers should not be in the female cabin/dorm area and all female campers should not be in the male cabin/dorm area.
3. Campers should not be in the cafeteria except during their regularly scheduled times.
4. At night all campers should stay in well-lit areas.

8. *Procedures for The Awards Program*

1. Spirit Stick Competition
 - A. Each team will have the opportunity to earn points for their team during the Spirit Stick Competition. This competition is graded on participation, togetherness, loudness, and creativity.
2. TEAM Points
 - A. The following are everyday activities which may earn points for each TEAM: Maintaining a clean cabin, team recreation, exemplary Christian conduct by group, field games, tabernacle games, etc.

3. Other Awards

- A. Any awards given will be either a ribbon or certificate to be awarded at the appropriate time on Thursday night for junior camp and Thursday night for senior camp.
- B. Any athletic awards (track and field, all stars, etc.) shall be determined by the Recreation Director and his/her staff.
- C. Where appropriate, ribbons may be awarded for participation in special events. These awards will be approved on an individual camp basis by the Camp Director.

9. Concessions

- 1. Concessions will be opened after sports activities, after PM service, and during free time. It will close each night at 5:00 PM and will not reopen until after the PM service.

10. Camp Insurance

- 1. All staff/counselors and campers are asked to supply the name of their hospitalization carrier and policy number. Also, campers are asked to supply their personal physician's name and number for reference in medical emergencies.

11. Emergency Procedures

- 1. In the event of fire (or fire drill), the following procedure shall be observed:
 - A. The fire alarms in the buildings will sound.
 - B. Each camper should report to your counselor and follow his/her instructions. Each group should evacuate the building quickly and orderly. No running, pushing or shoving.
 - C. The counselor must be certain that every member of the group is present and accounted for.
 - D. Any missing persons should be reported immediately to the team captain or the Camp Director.
 - E. All persons should proceed calmly and safely to the nearest field and remain in this open area until given further instructions.
- 2. In the event of a severe storm or tornado, the following procedure shall be observed:
 - A. Each camper should report to your counselor and follow his/her instructions. No running, pushing or shoving.
 - B. No one should remain in the wooded area or any open area such as the ball fields, etc.
 - C. Insure that your counselor has accounted for you. The counselor must be certain that every member of the group is present and accounted for.
 - D. Report to the team captain and/or other camp staff making rounds of any missing persons.
 - E. All persons should remain in the designated buildings until given further instructions by the camp staff.