



## **PARENT INFORMATION PACKET**

JULY 17 – 21, 2023

Dear Parent(s):

We are so excited that your student is going to Camp Paradise. This year is going to be a great year! For the first time, all three HG campuses will be combining efforts for a great week of student camp. Pastors Kyler and Luis will be preaching for the services while worship will be led by our Worship Ministry Team.

This packet contains important information for Camp Paradise. After reviewing, if you still have questions, please feel free to call the HG Students office at 704-531-4023 (Harris), 704-531-5336 (Mallard Creek) or 704-566-7515 (LA).

**Please note that check-in & return for Camp will be at Hickory Grove Mallard Creek Campus.**

Please find enclosed the following information that you will need as you prepare your student(s) for Camp:

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Camp Paradise 2023 Staff is looking forward to serving your student(s) at Camp!

Serving Him Together,  
HG Students Staff

# Camp Expectations

## General Guidelines

- Everyone is expected to attend all meetings, activities, and worship services. This means that everyone should be doing what everyone else is doing. In the event of an emergency, a Camp Director may give permission for a student to stay in their room.
- No guys in girls' dorms. No girls in guys' dorms.
- Do not leave the Camp. Do not go hiking.
- "Lights out" means that all students should be in their rooms and the lights should be out.
- No food or drinks in meeting rooms or dorm rooms. Food must be eaten in the dining hall or outside.
- Be aware that you are personally responsible for any damage to facilities.
- All medications **MUST** be given to medical staff during registration. This includes prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines.

## Behavior

- No PDA (Public Display of Affection).
- You do **NOT** need to begin or end a relationship during Camp.
- Be respectful to all adult leaders and other students. Rough housing or fighting will not be tolerated.
- No PRANKING. We forbid pranking at Camp because it makes it a bad experience for the student who gets pranked, and it distracts from the focus of growing in your relationship with Christ at Camp.

## Dress

- Dress appropriately for all worship services.
- Girls – modest one piece bathing suits or tankinis are required for participation in water activities, including outdoor showering. No tummy should show, and a T-shirt over a two piece is not an acceptable option. (Girls wearing inappropriate bathing suits will be asked by a female leader to change into an acceptable one piece. If one is not available, they will be asked not to participate in water activities.)
- Boys bathing suits – modest bathing suits, ie no Jammers or bathing suits hanging off hips revealing underwear or Jammers (Boys wearing inappropriate bathing suits will be asked by a male leader to change into an acceptable bathing suit. If one is not available, they will be asked not to participate in water activities.)
- Bathing suits may be worn at land recreation but must be covered at all times with shorts and shirt for **GIRLS** and **GUYS** must wear a shirt.
- **NO** short shorts.
- **NO** skirts or dresses.
- **NO** spaghetti/thin strapped tank tops unless a shirt is worn underneath.

## Cell Phone Policy

- **All students are encouraged to leave cell phones and all other electronics at home.**
- If cell phones are brought to Camp, they should only be used to contact parents at appropriate times during the day. **At no time shall a cell phone be used during a worship service or family group time. If a student is found to be abusing the privilege of having a cell phone at Camp, the phone will be confiscated and returned to the student upon departing Camp on Sunday morning.** If a cell phone is confiscated, the student will still be allowed to contact their parents at any time upon request. This will be communicated to the student at the time of confiscation.
- Overnight student cell phones will be charged in one central location within each lodging area under the watch of adult leaders. This will ensure student cell phone usage is not abused late at night.

## Emergency Contact Information

Jacob Prince, Harris Student Pastor (cell)	704-249-0764
Blake Maxwell, Mallard Creek Student Pastor (cell)	704-401-8127
Jose Ocampo, LA Harris Student Associate (cell)	704-499-1835
Nate Nervegna, LA Mallard Creek Student Associate (cell)	980-210-8015
Robyn Jaynes, Camp Director (cell)	704-516-7412

### **Awanita Valley Christian Retreat**

600 Gap Creek Road  
Marietta, SC 29661  
864-836-3956

## Required Forms

All forms can be found online at [www.HickoryGrove.org/CampParadise](http://www.HickoryGrove.org/CampParadise). These forms are required for your student(s) to attend Camp.

- **2023 ACTIVITY & MEDICAL RELEASE FORM:** Must be signed by the parent and **NOTARIZED**. If you have already turned in a 2023 form (i.e.: for a mission trip), you are good to go. **Please note a new form must be completed every calendar year.**
- **MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION FORM:** This form helps our Medical Team provide the best and most thorough care for your student if they take medication. This form is required for every prescription and over the counter medication your child is bringing to Camp. Please note that a **DOCTOR'S SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED**. It is due **with your student's medication on the day of drop-off, July 17. Original medication packaging is required, or it will NOT be accepted.**

## Camp Activities

Camp offers several exciting activities that your student can enjoy over the course of the week.

All students will be participating in the following activities, which include but are not limited to:

- Field activities (such as running, throwing, kicking, GaGa ball, etc...).
- Swimming (only after passing a swim test administered by life guards).
- Low ropes courses, horseback riding, archery tag (these are optional in participation and facilitated through trained Awanita staff).
- If you are concerned about your student participating in any of the activities, please contact the Student Ministry Offices to discuss this further.

## Packing List

- Bible (*write name on inside cover of Bible*)
- Spiritual journal or notepad
- **Water bottle!**
- Casual clothes (enough for 5 days)
- Clothes for recreation and clothes appropriate for worship (If an adult leader decides your clothing is inappropriate you will be asked to change)
  - Closed-toed shoes for land recreation activities (**most of these activities require closed toed shoes**)
  - **NO** short shorts (students are not allowed to roll shorts up to make them shorter)
  - **NO** thin/spaghetti strap tank tops at any time
  - **NO** skirts or dresses
- Bathing suit (see notes on dress on page 2).
- Sheets for a twin bed and/or sleeping bag, blanket(s), pillow. Dorms are air-conditioned, so it may get cold at night.
- Bath Towels and washcloths (enough for 5 days)
- Beach towel
- Personal hygiene items (including, but not limited to shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, feminine products...)
- Medicine (will be dropped-off with medical stay on drop-off day, July 17). **Original medication packaging is required, or it will NOT be accepted.**
- Bug repellent
- Plenty of sunscreen.
- Hat and/or sunglasses
- Optional: Spending money for the camp store

### The following items shall not be brought to camp:

- Electronics (i.e. hand-held game consoles like Nintendo Switch etc.)
- Tobacco products, drugs, alcohol, weapons, fireworks, or any illegal item or substance. These items will be confiscated immediately, the parent will be contacted, and possession of these items may result in immediate ejection from Camp. A parent will be required to travel to Camp to pick-up the student. Authorities will be contacted as needed.
- Skateboards or any other item with wheels (i.e. roller blades, wheelie shoes, etc.)
- Pranking items (i.e. shaving cream, silly string, etc.). These items will be taken from you if brought on the bus or to Camp and returned to the PARENT.

## Cancellation Policy

If a student requests to cancel their Camp Paradise registration before **Sunday, July 9**, they will receive a full refund. If the request to cancel occurs on or after Sunday, July 9, the entire Camp fee is forfeited. Our policy applies to all cancellations regardless of original sign-up date. Thank you for your understanding!

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What should I do if my student calls me and wants to come home?**

**A:** There have been occasions where students will call home and request for a parent to come and pick them up without telling their Family Group Leader or a Director. If your student calls you and wants to be picked up from camp, please contact one of the Pastors listed BEFORE coming to camp. We would like to speak with your student and encourage them to stay. We will talk with you personally, and if the only option is for the student to go home, we can work through that at the time. **Please do not come to pick up your student without notifying one of the staff members above.**

**Q: What are the sleeping arrangements?**

**A:** Awanita has several "bunk houses" with rooms that sleep 10-12 people per room. Bed linens **are not** provided, please bring your own. Adults will be present with students in the lodging areas.

**Q: What is the adult to student ratio?**

**A:** Generally, there is at least one adult to every five students at Camp. All family groups, which consist of 10-12 students, will have at least two adult leaders (male and female).

**Q: Will there be a medical professional on site?**

**A:** Yes, we will be bringing medical staff along with us. If your student has any special medical needs (i.e. A.D.D., frequent seizures, asthma, diabetic medications, severe allergies) our medical staff need to know. All medications are administered by the medical staff. There will be three medical professionals from Hickory Grove volunteering their time at Camp.

**Q: What kind of food will be served?**

**A:** Camp food is not gourmet, but Awanita will exceed expectations in the quality of food. Students will be fed 3 "buffet style" meals a day. If your student has special dietary needs, please do not let that keep him/her from Camp, call us and we can work something out. Awanita has a system in place to serve appropriate meals for anyone who has dietary restrictions and we have a team of incredible moms to make sure all students are cared for nutritionally. **Camp can be physically exhausting and students who do not eat or drink appropriately will pay for it by spending quality time with the Camp medical staff and not participating in Camp activities.**

## Important Dates

### Monday July 3,

- **All payments are due.** To make a payment on your balance, go to your original confirmation email and select make a payment.
- All medical forms are due.
  - 2023 Medical Release Form (must be notarized): [hickorygrove.org/medical](http://hickorygrove.org/medical)
  - 2023 Medication Administration Form (must be signed by a doctor): [hickorygrove.org/medication](http://hickorygrove.org/medication)

### Monday, July 17

**ALL STUDENTS** meet at Hickory Grove **MALLARD CREEK Campus** (13200 Mallard Creek Rd, Charlotte, NC 28262) at **11:30 AM** for check-in

- This will be the last time turn in required forms, although we strongly encourage having these turned in ahead of time. Students without the required forms and payments will not be allowed on the buses to Camp.
- **MEDICATION: (PERScription AND OVER THE COUNTER)**
  - Do **NOT** place medication in your student's luggage.
  - Ensure that you provide the medicine in its **original packing**.
  - Prior to arriving for registration, place all medicines in a Ziploc baggie. On an index card, write the student's name, list of medicines, and dosing instructions. Enclose index card in baggie with medication.
  - Ensure that you have also completed a Medication Administration Form.
- When you arrive at Mallard Creek for registration, follow signs for parking.
- Once parked, go directly to the appropriate student registration table where you will be directed to place a luggage tag on your suitcase and place the luggage by an assigned box truck. **Take all items you want on the bus with you at this time. You will not have access to your luggage again until after arriving at Camp.**
- Students will proceed into the Worship Center to be seated with their Family Group for lunch, orientation, and our first Family Group Lesson.
- **Scheduled to leave Mallard Creek Campus for Camp 2:00pm**
- **Scheduled to arrive at Camp at 4:00pm.**

## Return to Hickory Grove

### Friday, July 21

- **Leave Camp at 10 AM Arrive at Mallard Creek Campus at Noon.**



## SCHEDULE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30am		MS Quiet Time	MS Quiet Time	MS Quiet Time	Depart for HG
8:00am		HS Quiet Time MS Breakfast	HS Quiet Time MS Breakfast	HS Quiet Time MS Breakfast	
8:30am		HS Breakfast	HS Breakfast	HS Breakfast	
9:30am		Morning Rally	Morning Rally	Morning Rally	
10:30am		Family Group	Family Group	Family Group	
11:00am					
11:30am	Lunch	HS Tracks MS Lunch	HS Tracks MS Lunch	HS Tracks MS Lunch	
12:15pm	Orientation				
12:30pm		HS Lunch MS Land Rec	HS Lunch MS Land Rec	HS Lunch MS Land Rec	
12:45pm	Family Groups				
1:45pm	Departing Instructions				
2:00pm	Depart	HS Land Rec MS Water Rec	HS Land Rec MS Water Rec	HS Land Rec MS Water Rec	
3:15pm		MS Tracks	MS Tracks	MS Tracks	
3:30pm		HS Water Rec	HS Water Rec	HS Water Rec	
4:00pm	Arrive at Camp	MS Clean Up	MS Clean Up	MS Clean Up	
4:45pm		HS Break	HS Break	HS Break	
5:00pm		MS Dinner	MS Dinner	MS Dinner	
5:45pm	Dinner	HS Dinner MS Break	HS Dinner MS Break	HS Dinner MS Break	
7:00pm	Worship Rally	Worship Rally	Worship Rally	Worship Rally	
8:00pm	Debrief	Debrief	Debrief	Debrief	
9:00pm	Late Night	Late Night	Late Night	Late Night	
10:30pm	To Rooms	To Rooms	To Rooms	To Rooms	