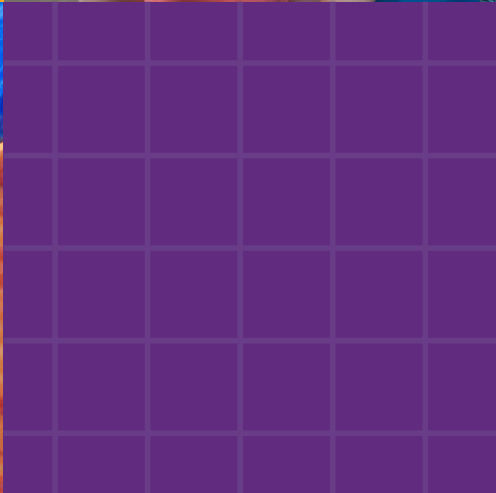




DAYPLAYERS *Parent* HANDBOOK



Dayplayers Summer Camp
First Cumberland Presbyterian
Church of Chattanooga
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WELCOME!



Dayplayers is a mission of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga. The mission of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church is to give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, preaching, teaching, fellowship and ministering to the whole person: heart, body & mind; that all persons may experience the saving power of God in this life and in the life to come.



MEET THE PASTOR

Dr. Courtney Krueger was born in South Carolina, raised in the Baptist church and went to Furman University. He then attended Duke Divinity School and a Presbyterian Seminary for his doctoral degree (Columbia Theological Seminary). He accepted the call to First Cumberland Presbyterian in 2015.

Pastor Courtney conducts chapel services with the Dayplayers campers each week. He is always available to parents who want to discuss chapel topics. He prides himself on being inventive and resourceful when planning for Dayplayers chapel.

Courtney is married to his college sweetheart Lea. They have two grown children, David and Sarah. In his free time, Courtney can often be found getting lost in the mountains hiking with his children, receiving priceless gems of wisdom from his wife, riding his beloved horses or hosting groups, church members and strangers who become friends at their small horse farm in Cleveland, TN.

KEY DETAILS

- Payment in full is due prior to 1st day of camp.
- Parents are responsible for sending either a med/large reusable water bottle OR a LARGE bottled water (16.9oz bottles or Gatorade bottles may NOT be used as water bottles for the day) with their child each day.
- **A CAMPER WITHOUT A PROPER WATER BOTTLE IS NOT CAMP READY AND MAY NOT ATTEND CAMP UNTIL A PROPER WATER BOTTLE IS IN THEIR POSSESSION.**
- Apply a first layer of sunscreen to your child prior to drop off. Send ONLY lotion sunscreens (no sprays are allowed).
- Please pack a healthy lunch and 2-3 large snacks daily.
- Campers will not be allowed to wear slides only to camp. They must bring another pair of shoes in addition to the slides (i.e. tennis shoes)
- Please make sure your child does not bring expensive or irreplaceable items to summer camp. We are not responsible for lost, broken, or stolen items.
- Be sure to review our behavior policies within the parent handbook!
- Dayplayers is not equipped/staffed to accommodate children with special needs/disabilities. For more information, please review the “Children with Disabilities/Special Needs” section of the parent handbook.

EXAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00–9:00: ALL AGES FREE TIME/ CAR LINE
9:00–10:00: ORGANIZED GAMES BY AGE GROUP
9:30–9:55: CHAPEL 6 YR OLDS (TUES/THURS)
10:00–10:30: SNACK (6/7 GROUP)
10:00–10:25: CHAPEL (8/9 AGE) (TUES/THURS)
10:30–11:00: 1ST SUNSCREEN FOR 6/7
10:30–11:00: SNACK (8–11 GROUP)
11:00: SUNSCREEN FOR 8–11 GROUP
11:00–11:50/12:25: SWIMMING/GAMES
11:50–12:20: LUNCH (6/7 GROUP)
12:30–1:30: 6 YEAR OLD DUNGEON/ART ROOM
12:30–12:55: CHAPEL 7 YR OLDS (TUES/THURS)
12:25–12:55: LUNCH (8–11 YR OLDS)
1:00–1:30: 7 YEAR OLD UNDER PAVILION GAMES
1:00–1:45: MUSICAL PRACTICE (MON/WED)
1:00–1:25: CHAPEL 10/11 YR OLDS (TUES/THURS)
1:30–1:50: 2ND SUNSCREEN FOR ALL AGES
2:00–2:50/3:20: SWIMMING/GAMES
2:50–3:20: SNACK (6/7 GROUP)
3:20–3:50: SNACK (8–11 GROUP)
3:50–4:00 PACK UP/CLEAN UP
4:00–6:00: FREE TIME/ CAR LINE

*The Dungeon is what the campers call the church basement.

*On particularly hot days, we offer an indoor choice at 2:00.

SNOWCONES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON FRIDAYS.

PICK UP/DROP OFF INFORMATION

AUTHORIZED PICKUP

Parents/Guardians will designate authorized pickup people when registering online. We have a copy of this list at pickup. Each camper receives two hang tags for authorized pickup people. Individuals who have a car tag will not be asked to provide identification. Individuals seeking to pickup a child who do not have a hang tag will be asked to provide identification until such time as the camp directors are familiar with the individual.

If you have an unexpected situation where someone who is not on your approved pickup list needs to pick up your child, please let us know at drop off.

*Note: Appropriate legal documentation is required to be on file with Dayplayers Summer Camp when the custodial parent requests the center not to release the child to the other parent.

MORNING CARLINE -DROP OFF (7AM-9AM)

Beginning at 7am there will be a camp director in the back parking lot to greet you and check your child in for the day. You will NOT have to exit your car if you drop off between 7am and 9am.

LATE DROP OFF (AFTER 9AM)

If you drop off after 9am- please park and walk your child to the pavilion and see a director to sign them in. You are not allowed to check your child in with a counselor or allowed to drop your child off in the parking lot and have them walk down to camp alone. Parents/guardians who drop off in the parking lot in this manner may be subject to having their child dismissed from camp.

END OF DAY CARLINE -PICK UP (4PM-6PM)

Beginning at 4pm there will be a camp director in the parking lot to assist with pick up. Please be sure to have your hang tag displayed in your vehicle. The bag tag on your camper's bag must match the number on the hang tag in order for us to release that child to you. If you do not have your hang tag you will need to produce your drivers license for us to check against the list of people on your pick up list (collected from your online registration).

EARLY PICK UP (BEFORE 4PM)

If you need to pick up before 4pm, please either let us know at drop off or let us know as soon as possible by texting the camp phone (i.e. doctor's appt, other appt) so we can have your child ready.

LATE PICK UP (AFTER 6PM)

6:00-6:05 grace period, 6:06- 6:15 \$5, 6:16- 6:30 \$10, 6:31- 6:45 \$15, 6:46- 7:00 \$20

Our late pickup fees are not negotiable. You must pay at pickup or bring cash the next morning at drop off for any late pick up fees in order for your child to attend camp that day.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

ALL CAMPERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING UP WITH THEIR OWN ITEMS. IF YOU LABEL ITEMS THAT COME TO CAMP, IT WILL BE MUCH EASIER FOR US TO REUNITE THAT ITEM WITH YOUR CHILD.

LUNCH AND SNACKS

Campers are expected to have a lunch and 2 LARGE snacks packed for them each day.

- All campers must bring a nonperishable lunch to camp daily. Please pack a healthy and balanced meal.
- Meal delivery is not allowed.
- Do not send food or drinks in glass containers.
- Lunches will not be refrigerated, so please do not send foods that will spoil if not kept cold.
- Campers do not have access to a microwave.
- As summer goes on, you may find that you need to pack extra food.
- Our concession stand only sells water & Gatorade.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND:

- Cell phones
- Important/expensive/irreplaceable personal items
- Electronic games/devices (including Switches, iPads, CD players, etc.)
- Trading cards
- Toys
- Guns, knives or weapons of any sort (fake or real)
- large bills/money

Dayplayers summer camp is not responsible for lost, broken, or stolen items.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

DAILY CAMP BAG CONTENTS

Please label EVERYTHING!

- Camp Bag- large enough to hold all items!
- Large Carabiner (attached to camp bag so it can be hooked onto the fence)
- Swimsuit
(children should arrive in swimsuit. Tankinis ARE allowed, Bikinis are NOT allowed)
- Swim shirt (A long or short sleeve swim shirt/rash guard with UPF protection is VERY STRONGLY recommended.)
- SUNSCREEN! (We only allow LOTION sunscreens for all ages. Please NO SPRAY!)
- Sunscreen Face Stick
- Tennis shoes
(Tennis shoes MUST be worn every day- this is essential for the safety of your child's feet.)
(Children are not allowed to wear slides or dress shoes as their main camp shoe.)
- Water shoes (not required but HIGHLY recommended.)
- Inexpensive Beach Towel
- Change of clothes (sealed in a large ziplock bag)
- Reusable Water Bottle LABELED with your child's name
- Lunch/snacks
- Goggles (if needed)

A NOTE ABOUT WATER BOTTLES

Dayplayers Summer Camp includes a great deal of time spent outside, therefore, campers will not be allowed to come to camp without a medium/large reusable water bottle or an EXTRA LARGE bottled water (in a pinch). **A child without a water bottle is not camp ready.** We will no longer allow campers to use small water bottles (16.9oz) or Gatorade/Powerade bottles as their primary water bottle for the day. If your child struggles to keep track of their water bottle, it is suggested that you go to Dollar Tree (or a similar store) and purchase multiple, large, inexpensive water bottles for the summer.

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES/SPECIAL NEEDS

Due to staffing, we are not able to enroll specific/special needs children with disabilities and/or any child that requires constant one on one care from a staff member (including children who are not able to emotionally regulate, follow verbal directions, follow schedules & camp rules, extreme or repetitive discipline/behavior issues, bathroom help, eloping, etc.) We make every attempt to serve all children, however your child must be able to function INDEPENDENTLY in a large group setting (much of which occurs outdoors).

We encourage open communication between parent(s) and the Dayplayers Summer Camp to help facilitate any reasonable and manageable accommodations needed for your child.

GUIDANCE WHEN CHALLENGES/BEHAVIORS OCCUR:

Dayplayers Summer Camp believes that all children should experience success in their day. Campers are expected to be responsible for their behavior. Staff will interact with children with caring and respect and will guide campers to behave accordingly including encouraging the following:

- Respect of personal privacy & safety
- Respect differences in cultural, ethnic and family backgrounds
- Encourage decision making abilities, independence, & responsibility
- Promote getting along with others
- Encourage independence and self-direction
- Provide clear expectations

Behavioral guidance will seek to redirect children to appropriate behavior and resolve conflicts. Parents will be notified if/when persistent behavior problems are identified. Please be aware that if the problem behavior persists despite intervention from parent and staff, the camper may be dismissed from camp without a refund. Proper camper behavior is meant to insure a positive and safe camp experience for all children.

DAYPLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Our code of conduct does not permit:

- Inappropriate, aggressive, vulgar, or sexual language
- Physical contact (hitting, kicking, shoving, biting) with another person.
- Any demonstration of sexual activity or sexual contact with another person.
- Harassment or intimidation with words, gestures, body language or other menacing/inappropriate behavior.
- Behavior that intends to destroy property.
- Theft
- Carrying or concealing weapons or devices that may be used as weapons.
- Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated.

Should any of these behaviors occur, our staff will respond with guidance, parent notification, and a verbal or written warning. Repeated warnings may result in a camp suspension. Camp suspension is on a case-by-case basis and is determined by camp directors depending on the nature, frequency, or severity of the incident (s).

Dayplayers directors reserve the right to dismiss a child from camp if issues are ongoing, persistent, or are unable to be resolved.

*Note that if your child is suspended from camp, there will be no refund issued for the duration of suspension. If your child is dismissed from camp due to disciplinary issues or violations of the Code of Conduct, no refund will be issued.

BULLYING

Dayplayers is committed to preventing bullying by creating a welcoming, positive environment where all are included and accepted. Our goal is that campers gain self-confidence, make new friends, and have fun making positive and memorable camp experiences. Bullying of any type is not tolerated.

MEDICAL/EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Each camper must have a completed camp registration prior to the first day of camp. Campers who do not have complete registration information will not be allowed to attend camp due to lack of contact information.

UPDATED PHONE NUMBERS

Please inform Dayplayers Summer Camp immediately of all changes to parent/guardian/emergency contact phone numbers.

ILLNESS POLICY

Children must be healthy enough to participate in the daily routine. For the safety and comfort of your child, please keep them home if they are sick. In the event your child becomes ill at camp (vomiting, fever, etc), you will be contacted and are expected to pick up as soon as possible. If the parent or guardian is unable to be reached, the child's emergency contact will be notified. It is the responsibility of the parents to arrange for the child to be picked up from camp.

INJURIES & MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

In the event of a minor injury such as a cut or scrape, first aid will be administered at the camp location by the camp staff, lifeguard, or pool manager. If it is a more significant cut, scrape, or bump, you will be notified.

In the event of a medical emergency, immediate action will be taken by the staff. 911 will be called if necessary.

If an injury occurs and parents or other responsible adults are unable to be reached, the child will be taken to the nearest hospital for any necessary treatment.

A staff member will accompany your child to the hospital and remain until you arrive.

First Cumberland Presbyterian does carry an insurance policy that reimburses you for your out of pocket costs for any medical treatment necessary as a result of injury on our property. Please see camp management or the church office for information.

INDOOR MOVIES

We watch movies/shows when we are inside the church at different times. When there is inclement weather, especially hot weather, or when a special indoor option is offered, a movie or show may be watched as a group. We allow G rated movies and shows for all age groups. The youth group may watch G or PG rated shows.

FIELD TRIPS

Campers in the youth group (rising 7th and 8th graders) can go on field trips. Field trips are arranged and attended by the Youth Director of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in cooperation with the Dayplayers leadership. The Youth Director will attend field trips along with assigned youth staff. Extra cost may be incurred for some field trips. We will make every effort to keep costs as low as possible. Your child does not have to go on field trips, he/she can remain on site at camp.

WEATHER

Outdoor play is an important part of our camp day. Parents are asked to dress children appropriately for weather conditions. A light sweater or jacket may be needed in the mornings or if we go inside the church. During periods of extreme heat, the camp staff will scale down physical activities. Campers will not be outdoors unless under the cover of the pavilion or swimming in the pool. On especially hot days, indoor options will be offered. Dayplayers staff verbally remind/encourage water intake many times per day including snack and lunch times. It is up to your child to refill his/her water bottle at the available water stations.

SUNSCREEN

- We allow lotion sunscreens only. It is recommended that you also send a sunscreen stick for your child's face.
- Keep the sunscreen in the original container, labeled with your child's name.
- Camp staff will apply sunscreen to campers age 7 and under. Sunscreen will be applied as a group. All campers older than 7 years old will be permitted to apply their own sunscreen. Campers who apply their own sunscreen will be checked before going to the pool area.

Note: Dayplayers summer camp does have extra sunscreen in an emergency. The extra sunscreen is not meant to be used as a daily sunscreen.

MEDICATIONS

Dayplayers Summer camp does not administer medications to campers that need it on a regular basis. We will make exceptions for very short term medication needs. Please give all medications (including Epipens & inhalers) to a camp director. Campers are not allowed to keep medications on their person, in backpacks or lunch bags.

ALLERGIES

It is your responsibility to fill out the allergy portion of the online registration for your child. Allergies will be reviewed by directors and a printed copy of the listed allergies will be kept at camp. [DAYPLAYERS IS NOT A NUT FREE ENVIRONMENT.](#)

SWIM TEST REQUIREMENTS

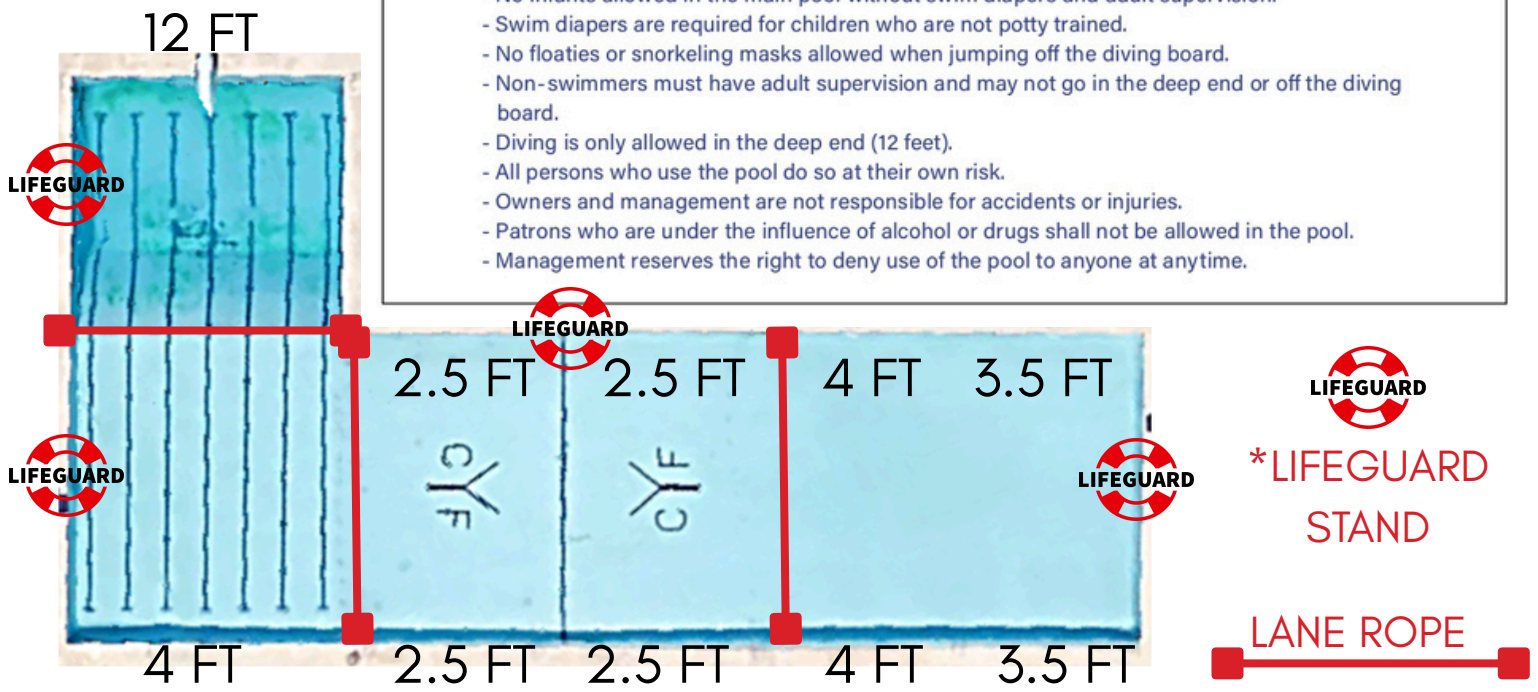
Children will be given the option to take the swim test at the beginning of each summer and shown what areas of the pool they may swim in following the test. Colored bands are used at the beginning of each summer to help indicate what areas of the pool a camper may use. Certified lifeguards are present at all times and are staffed according to regulations.

To successfully complete the swim test, the child must swim the width of the pool unassisted, without rest, and without feet touching the floor of the pool. If successful, the child will be provided with a green wristband and have access to the entire swim area including the deep end. Any swimmer who cannot complete these requirements will receive either a yellow or a red wristband, and only have access to appropriate sections of the pool for their abilities. Floaties, life jackets, etc are not allowed. Campers may retake the swim test as many times as they would like. Conversely, campers do not have to take the swim test at all- but they will be given a red band.

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church SWIMMING POOL RULES

- No running on the pool deck.
- No horseplay, pushing, or dunking in the pool
- No food or drink in the pool.
- No glass objects allowed in the pool or on the pool deck.
- No smoking, vaping, or alcohol allowed in the pool, on the deck or under the pavilion.
- Children 14 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- Floats may only be used if approved by a lifeguard.
- No infants allowed in the main pool without swim diapers and adult supervision.
- Swim diapers are required for children who are not potty trained.
- No floaties or snorkeling masks allowed when jumping off the diving board.
- Non-swimmers must have adult supervision and may not go in the deep end or off the diving board.
- Diving is only allowed in the deep end (12 feet).
- All persons who use the pool do so at their own risk.
- Owners and management are not responsible for accidents or injuries.
- Patrons who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall not be allowed in the pool.
- Management reserves the right to deny use of the pool to anyone at anytime.





COMMUNICATIONS

- Communication between parents/guardians and staff must remain respectful at all times.
- Talk to your child about the importance of telling you if someone does or says something that makes them feel uncomfortable or upset. Emphasize that Dayplayers leadership cannot be helpful if we are not aware of the a situation. We make every effort to help in any situation.
- Parents and guardians are expected and encouraged to communicate any issues as quickly as possible to camp leadership. We cannot be helpful if we are not aware!

PHONE CALLS/ TEXTS TO THE CAMP PHONE

- Please program the camp phone in your cell phone. If you need to speak with a camp director, please TEXT THE CAMP PHONE and we will return your call as soon as possible.
- The camp phone is manned during camp hours only (7am-6pm).

CAMP MUSICAL

Each year, we put on a musical here at Dayplayers. This is an optional, free activity for your child. First Cumberland Minister of Music, Gerald Peel, is our musical director. This is a very special evening with the children's choir accompanied by adult singers and live musicians. The kids have practice at least two days per week while at summer camp. Please make a special note of the date of the performance of the musical when information comes out. Your child must be able to attend the night of the musical, as well the evening before the musical for a dress rehearsal in order to participate.