



Youth Camps FAQs

What is the age range for campers at Missouri youth camps?

We will have two consecutive weeks of youth camps; Junior High Camp the first week, and Senior High Camp the second week. Junior High Camp is open to campers age 12-15 at the time of the start of camp. Senior High Camp is open to campers age 15-18 at the time of the start of camp. If you have a question about the age ranges at youth camps, please contact the Youth Secretary.

What are the requirements for workers at Missouri youth camps?

For Junior High Camp, workers must be age 20 and up. For Senior High Camp, workers must be age 22 and up. All workers must have their pastor's approval and a background check form completed prior to their application being considered for a youth camp. These requirements extend to local church leadership team members, such as youth pastors and other licensed ministers.

When does check-in happen at the campground?

Camp check-in will occur on the Tuesday of each week of youth camps from 12:00pm until 3:00pm. All campers and workers should plan to arrive on-site before 2:00pm on Tuesday to allow adequate time for check-in. This is necessary because there is a mandatory worker orientation that begins at 3:00pm that day (see below).

What about orientation?

There will be a REQUIRED worker orientation for ALL workers at 3:00pm Tuesday.
There will be a REQUIRED camper orientation for ALL campers at 4:00pm Tuesday.

Can I register new campers when I arrive?

We may be able to accommodate unregistered campers at check-in on Tuesday. It is highly recommended that all campers and workers register ahead of time during the normal registration period. To check space availability for a late addition, please email Anthony Trimble at atrimble@moyouth.com.

What should my campers plan to wear swimming?

Outdoor/indoor swimming for young men and young women will be separate. Important: all swimmers must be fully clothed to and from the outdoor and indoor swimming area. Female swimmers need to wear leggings, shorts or gauchos under their skirt. Guys are asked to wear t-shirt & wind/track pants. ALL swim wear for the lake should be **not** be clingy to the body or see through when wet. Bathing suits for both genders are fine during indoor swimming ONLY.

What other necessary items should campers pack?

- Reusable water bottles – dehydration is the #1 cause of camp health issues
- Bible

- Notepad
- Alarm clock or watch
- Towels for swimming (optional)

Are towels or linens provided for our campers?

No. It is important that your students remember to bring ample supply of towels and proper bedding.

What should I do if my camper needs daily medicine(s)?

All campers bringing medications need to check them in with the camp nurse upon check-in. Any additional instructions also need to be given to the camp nurse.

When will the first meal be served?

The first meal will be served Tuesday evening, following camper orientation and prior to our first service.

Should my camper bring bug repellent or sunscreen?

Yes. We will be in the middle of the woods so naturally mosquitoes, etc. can be expected. Campers will also be outside in the sun quite a bit during the day, so sunscreen is highly recommended.

Is a snack area available during the day?

Yes. The "Pitstop" has a wide variety of snacks, beverages, and ice cream bars. These items are extra and are **not** included in the camper's registration.

When will the campers be checking out?

We ask for all campers to have bags packed and outside cabin prior to our 10:00am awards ceremony on Saturday morning. Rides need to be at camp by 11:00am on Saturday. Camp dismissal will be by 12:00pm on Saturday.

Are visitors allowed on Pinecrest Campground during camp?

Visitors are allowed on the campground for the evening service ONLY. They are asked to leave after the close of service.

Here is the address:

Pinecrest Campground
1252 Highway C
Fredericktown, MO 63645

Can campers bring electronics?

NO CAMPERS ARE PERMITTED TO BRING ANY HANDHELD ELECTRONICS; this includes all cell phones, iPods/mp3 players, DVD/CD players, computers, games, etc. Any campers who bring the above items to camp will be required to turn them into the camp office. They will receive them back on Saturday morning before departure. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** There will be telephones provided for campers to use in case of emergencies only. Parents will also receive contact phone numbers in case of emergency. NOTE: Campers bear SOLE responsibility for any lost or stolen electronics. For this reason we ask that you leave them at home. We will not be responsible for them. (Cameras are permitted; cell phone cameras are not.)

What if I need to contact my child or my child needs to contact me?

Staff and workers will all have phones that any camper will be able to use if there is a need to make an outgoing call. There will never be a time that the camper will not have access to a phone if they need to make an outgoing call in case of emergency.

If a family needs to get a hold of a camper in case of emergency only, there are two contact numbers:

- 1) Sis. Elyn Williams — 573-872-6243
- 2) Pinecrest Campground— Office Line – 573.783.3534

NOTE: Please call these numbers ONLY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. Do not call “just to talk,” as the first contact above is a private cell phone for emergencies ONLY. Thank you for understanding.

I want to be a camp worker, but can I bring my small child with me?

Unfortunately, the answer is no. Outside of Youth Leadership and senior staff, no workers are permitted to bring their babies or small children to camp. We have very limited private rooming and babies are not allowed in the dorms.

Can my spouse and I room together?

Unfortunately, no. Outside of Youth Leadership and senior staff, most workers will be asked to room with campers to chaperone during the camp experience.

Other questions?

Please feel free to email Anthony Trimble, Youth Secretary, at atrimble@moyouth.com

