



Camp Vinson Valley

(4158 Hwy 41North – Byron)

An Outreach Ministry of the Byron United Methodist Church

P. O. Box 6 - Byron, GA 31008

<http://byronumc.org/>. (Ministries - Camp Vinson Valley)

Camp - (478) 747-2704 (operating only during camp season)

Church Office - (478) 956-5717 - FAX: (478) 956-1526

Email: byronumch@windstream.net

ALL CAMP FEES MUST BE PAID THE WEEK BEFORE YOUR CAMPER IS ENROLLED. PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY CASH, CHECK, DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD.

Information to parents

Camp Vinson Valley is a Christian-based, non-denominational day camp open to all children 6 to 13 years of age. If your child turns 14 years old *after* camp begins, they are still eligible to attend this year. Camp will run from May 28^h through July 26, 2019. The camp day is scheduled from 9 am to 4 pm with Pre-camp and Post-camp activities available for working parents between 7-9 am and 4-6 pm.

Campers can have the opportunity to participate in the following activities:

Devotions
Swimming
Canoeing/kayaking
Water games
Archery

Arts and crafts
Singing
Team building events
Outdoor recreation

This Parents' Pack is provided to interested parents in the central Georgia area surrounding the Byron community with information regarding the activities of the day camp, medical information required for attendance, camp fees, and payment policy, what the camper needs to bring each day, sign in/sign out policy, discipline policy, and other vital information. An application form is enclosed with the Parents' Pack. If more than one child is enrolled from a family, **each child is required to have a separate completed application form.**

Camp Fees and Payment Policies

- Camp fees must be paid prior to the week your camper is enrolled. Payments can be made by cash, check, debit or credit card. Checks should be made out to: **BUMC Day Camp**.
- The weekly fee for **Camp Vinson Valley** is **\$140** per child.
- For additional children in the family, \$15 per week will be deducted. Thus, the first child will pay \$140 and all other children in the family will pay \$125 each.
- **There is a \$40 per week, per child non-refundable, non-transferable administrative fee due upon initial registration for all campers.**
- A \$30 fee will be assessed for any returned checks.

Camp Vinson Valley does not refund camp fees because of the dismissal of a child from the program for disciplinary action. For this reason, we recommend parents discuss the discipline policy with their child(ren). Any other questions can be answered with a call to the Camp Office (478) 747-2704.

The non-refundable administrative fee should accompany the application form. All applications received without a non-refundable administrative fee will be held until the fee is received. A child will not be registered for camp until both items are in.

- Space in **Camp Vinson Valley** is limited. For this reason, we urge parents to finalize their plans before registering their child.
- If after registering a child it becomes necessary to change sessions, a parent is urged to call the Church Office (478) 956-5717 as soon as possible. Session fees are transferable; however, session changes are limited to space availability.

Delinquent Accounts

If you owe a balance from previous years, your child cannot register for this year until the outstanding balances are paid in full.

If a registered camper fails to show up without prior notification, a full weeks' fee still applies. The Camp Office must be notified in advance of the start of the new camp week to make any changes! It is the parent's responsibility to notify the Camp Office or the church office by phone or in writing (email, note) at least by Thursday PRIOR to child not attending, so that someone on the waiting list can be contacted to attend. If you call, please get a name of who you spoke with when cancelling a registration.

Sign in and Sign out Policy

- Campers are not allowed to sign themselves in or out.
- **Camp Vinson Valley** requires parents to personally sign their children in and out. There will be a counselor with a sign in and sign out sheet at the welcome table daily.
- Parents or guardians must provide prior authorization for their children to be picked up by anyone other than a parent or legal guardian.
- If an unauthorized individual attempt to pick up a child, the child will not be granted permission to leave until the parent or guardian has been contacted and authorization received.

WHAT DO WE DO AT CAMP VINSON VALLEY?

CAMP VINSON VALLEY'S general daily routine for the summer day camp is as follows:

- 7:00 - 9:00 am **Pre-camp** - A time when campers may be brought to the airnasium by their working parents. This time is spent in the airnasium playing, doing arts & crafts, playing in the game room, or watching a movie in the theater
- 9:30-10:00 am **Council ring** - A morning gathering of the entire camp to have a beginning boost for the day with a short sing time and devotional time. In addition, any announcements for the day are made.
- 10:00-10:45 am **First session** - The groups divided by age and gender goes with their group to a specifically designated activity as part of the camp.
- 10:45-11:30 am **Second session-** The groups divided by age and gender go with their group to a specifically designated activity as part of the camp.
- 11:30am - 12:00pm **Noon Session-** The groups come with their group to the airnasium for the blessing, any announcements, and released to eat lunch. (Boys eat in pavilion; girls eat in covered picnic area.)
- 12:00-1:00pm **Lunch and Group Circles** - Boy campers go to the pavilion nearest the bowling alley where they have lunch. Girl campers go to the covered picnic area for lunch. Immediately following lunch (approx. 12:30), the campers go with their own groups to a specified location to slow down/rest and have their daily group devotions.
- 1:00-2:00 pm **Third session** - Each group will participate in a specifically designated activity as part of the camp.
- 2:00-3:00 pm **Fourth session** -- Each group will participate in a specifically designated activity as part of the camp.
- 3:00-3:30 pm **Snack Time** - Each group will go to the open window in the office building for the afternoon snack and beverage.
- 3:30-4:00 pm **Council ring** - Each group will return to the airnasium for the last circle meet for all campers at the end of the day.
- 4:00-6:00 pm **Post-camp** - Campers will remain around the airnasium after closing of day camp to play and get involved in various activities while waiting to be picked up by their parents.

What Campers Should Bring

- A bottle of water each day with their name on it.
- A tote bag/book bag. This bag should have a drawstring or other means of closing securely and be large enough to hold personal belongings such as a swimsuit, towel, lunch, etc. A waterproof bag is recommended. Please put their name on it.
- Bathing suit and towel each day! Campers swim daily. We do not furnish towels.
- Sack lunch and drinks(s). There are no refrigeration or microwave accommodations at **Camp Vinson Valley!** A small cooler is recommended for sending lunch and drinks in.
- Daily drinks. Parents are encouraged to pack two drinks or more each day - one for lunch and one for snack. Additional drinks should be based on your child's individual needs (fruit drinks are recommended over sodas). **Camp Vinson Valley** provides water coolers to keep campers hydrated during the day. Please **no heat-up meals**.
- **Camp Vinson Valley** has a scheduled "Snack Time" each afternoon, but parents may want to pack another small snack along with the lunch for later in the day.
- Sun Screen. SPF of 36 is recommended. Waterproof sunscreen is preferred.
- For any item brought to camp, **PLEASE write their child's name on all items.**

PARENTS

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD(REN) BRINGS A WATER BOTTLE WITH THEIR NAME CLEARLY MARKED ON IT EACH DAY!

What Campers SHOULD NOT Bring

- Cell phones of any type, or electronic hand-held games, tablets, MP3 players, IPODs, etc.
- Toys should be left at home.
- Money (unless specified for a field trip)

Dress Policy

- Appropriate summer play clothes (short pants & T-shirts - no midriff shirts, short shorts or spaghetti strap shirts), socks, and tennis shoes. Boy's pants must fit - No baggy pants with underwear showing.
- Girls must wear one-piece bathing suits - **NO two-piece bathing suits will be allowed.**
- **Flip Flops and Crocs are not permitted!!** For the safety of the camper, ensure children have their feet protected during the very active day camp experience.
- Children are strongly discouraged from wearing jewelry to camp. Jewelry can be dangerous when children are playing, and it is often easily lost, stolen, or damaged.
- Use fragrance-free deodorants, cosmetics, and hair care products, as other campers may have allergies. Also, in a camp environment, insects can be attracted to scented products.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to clearly mark each of their child's items with their name, **INCLUDING CLOTHING**. A "lost and found" box is at the check-in area for parents to check daily.

Children tend to not claim misplaced items in front of their friends, so we urge parents to look at the box weekly. Unclaimed/unidentifiable items will be donated to a local charity.

Discipline Policy

One of **Camp Vinson Valley's** goals is for each child to have a memorable and enjoyable experience. The inappropriate, disruptive, abusive, or dangerous behavior of even a single child can mar that experience for an entire group. For this reason, we have found it necessary to institute a discipline policy. On the first day of each session, the discipline policy will be discussed with the children regarding those behaviors that are and are not acceptable. We encourage parents to review with their children the outline below before the first week of their registered camp session.

1. Consistent with the frequency and severity of unacceptable behavior, a camper must:
 - Lose the privilege of participating in a specific event or activity;
 - Be denied special event or activity privileges; or
 - Be placed on probation from the program.

2. In addition, we reserve the right to dismiss a camper from the program for:
 - Refusing to remain with the assigned group during activities;
 - Repeated use of foul or abusive language;
 - Continuing rude and discourteous behavior toward staff members and peers;
 - Frequent fights;
 - Frequent refusal to follow basic safety or **Camp Vinson Valley** rules; or
 - Repeated intentional excursion into unauthorized areas.

Camp Vinson Valley T-Shirts

Camp Vinson Valley provides camp T-shirts for purchase by the campers. These will be available for sale daily at the welcome table or Camp Office! (Cost is the same for adult and child sizes)

Field Trips

A limited number of field trips are scheduled during the summer. Dates and details on these trips are sent home to parents in a flyer at least one week prior to the event.

Camp Closings

- **Camp operates on rainy days.** The campsite offers more than enough facilities for indoor activities on stormy days. **Camp will be closed for Memorial Day and July 4th due to the Independence Day holiday. Cost for these two weeks will be \$110.00.**

Medications and Medicine Policy

State law governs the limitations of medication administration to children while in custodial care. Therefore, if a child requires any medication, the following policy is adhered to:

- The senior counselor must administer all medication(s) for their group unless other arrangements are made with the Camp office staff.
- Provide **Camp Vinson Valley** a written authorization when medication is required. The authorization should detail the medication(s), dosage, and frequency. A form is provided in the Parent's Pack.
- All medications to be given to a child during the camp session must be delivered to a camp staff person with written instructions when a child is signed in at the beginning of the day. Parents are strongly discouraged from sending medications with their children.

Pre-camp and Post-camp Information

Pre-camp (7:00-9:00 am) and post-camp (4:00-6:00 pm) hours provide supervised recreation at **NO ADDITIONAL COST** for parents.

Pre-camp does not open until 7:00 am, and no camper may be dropped off prior to this hour.

Post-camp closes promptly at 6:00 pm... All campers must be picked up by this time.

Campers are dropped off at the designated "drop off site" in front of the **Camp Vinson Valley** which is located at **4158 Hwy 41 North, near Byron** - between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 am. Children can be picked up at the same location between the hours of 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Children picked up prior to 4:00 PM, sign-out sheets will be in the camp office.

If an emergency prevents parents from picking up their child before 6:00 pm, they must call the camp office at (478) 788-2272.

Camp Scholarships Available

Families who may need assistance to attend Camp Vinson Valley may request a camp scholarship. Camp scholarships are based upon need and are limited to funds available.

Families requesting a camp scholarship can do so by making a written request to Camp Vinson Valley in care of Byron United Methodist Church. The camp scholarship request should be attached with the camper application.



Camp Vinson Valley Summer Day Camp

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Mail back to: BUMC Day Camp - P. O. Box 6 - Byron, GA 31008

Or drop off registration at BUMC, 105 W. Heritage Blvd, Byron

2019 Application Form

OFFICE USE ONLY			
DB		TSHIRT	
QB		REG VER.	
CK#		AMT	
VISA		MASTER CARD	

Camper Information (Please use a separate form for each camper & PRINT legibly.)

Child's Name: _____

Gender: M F

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth _____

Grade Entering _____

E-Mail Address _____

School attending: _____

Church Affiliation _____

Pastor's Name: _____

T-Shirt Size (Circle) **Youth Sm Youth Med Youth Lg Adult Sm. Adult Med Adult Lg Adult XL**

Parent/Guardian Information

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Mother's Work #: _____ Father's Work #: _____

Mother's Cell #: _____ Father's Cell #: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

List other authorized person(s) than parents who will pick up child from camp:

Doctor's Name: _____

Doctor's Address: _____

Doctor's Phone: _____

Hospital Preference: _____

Medical History

Are there any health reasons which would prevent your camper from participating in any camp activities?

Y N If yes, please describe:

Does the camper have allergies or any type of dietary restrictions? Y N If yes, please describe:

Does the camper have any current physical conditions or psychological concerns requiring medication, treatment, or special restrictions or considerations while at camp? Y N

(for example: asthma, heart trouble, diabetes, ADD, ADHD, etc.) If yes, please describe:

Camp Themes

Please review and check all camp sessions your child will be attending:

- Week 1 May 28 - 31 – Getting to Know You **(Closed Monday, May 27)**
- Week 2 June 3 - 7 – Wet-n-Wild I
- Week 3 June 10 - 14 – Trails, Trees & Critters
- Week 4 June 17 - 21 – Training Champions
- Week 5 June 24 - 28 – Camp Olympics
- Week 6 July 1 – 5 – Christmas in July **(Closed Thursday, July 4)**
- Week 7 July 8 – 12 – Wet-n-Wild II
- Week 8 July 15 – 19 – Hometown Heroes
- Week 9 July 22 - 26 – Anything Goes

Don't Forget: A \$40 per week non-refundable, non-transferable administrative fee must accompany this registration form before your child is registered.

Permission to use camper photos for advertising

Camp Vinson Valley may use pictures of my child in their promotional materials, including both printed and electronic media. Circle one: Yes No

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

DO YOU NEED AN END-OF-YEAR TAX STATEMENT? YES NO



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I, _____ acknowledge that I have been informed that this program is not a licensed child care facility. I also understand this program is not required to be licensed by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning and this program is exempt from state licensure requirements.

Parent Signature

Date

Camp Fees
Please Read this Information Carefully!

- The fee for Camp Vinson Valley is \$140 per week per child. A \$15 reduction will be given for additional children so that the first child will pay \$140 and all other children in the same family will pay \$125 each.
- There is a **\$40 per week; per child non-refundable, non-transferable** administrative fee is due upon **initial registration** for each week your camper is enrolled. *Example: If you enroll your camper for 3 weeks of camp, a \$120 administrative fee is required.*
- The \$40 non-refundable fee will then be applied and deducted from the \$140 weekly fee, so the balance at the beginning of the registered camp week would be \$100.00. All camp fees **MUST BE** paid the week your camper is enrolled. Payments can be made by cash, check, debit or credit card.
- The \$140 session fee is based on a **weekly rate!** There will not be any adjustments or refunds given if your child misses a day during the week due to illness, family events, etc.
- **If a registered camper fails to show up without prior notification, a full week's fee still applies.** The Camp or Church Office must be notified in advance of the start of the new camp week to make any changes! It is the parent's responsibility to notify the Camp or Church Office at least by the Thursday *PRIOR* to the child not attending, so that someone on the waiting list can be contacted to attend.

PARENT'S AUTHORIZATION – Please read carefully

My child _____ has permission to engage in all camp activities. Any exceptions are noted on the Medical History form. As a parent /guardian of the child, I authorize him/her to attend and take part in ALL Camp Vinson Valley activities and field trips.

I understand that with any Camp environment, accidents may happen. I will not hold BUMC, summer camp staff or volunteer staff liable for such accidental occurrences while activities at **Camp Vinson Valley**.

In case of emergency, the camp staff and volunteer staff have my permission to give first aid or take the child to a physician for treatment.

I give my permission to the Camp Director or Manager or to other staff members to call a doctor for medical or surgical care of my child. Should an emergency arise, I understand that a conscious effort will be made to locate me or my spouse before any action is taken, but if it is not possible to locate us; I understand that any expense will be my responsibility and not **Camp Vinson Valley's**.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Hold Harmless Agreement - Camper

As a parent/guardian of camper _____, I authorize my child to participate in all **Camp Vinson Valley activities** as sponsored by Byron UMC.

In case of an emergency, the Summer Day Camp Staff and Volunteer Staff have my permission to give first aid or take my child to a physician for treatment. I give my permission to the Camp Director, Camp Manager or other Staff members to call a doctor for medical or surgical care of my child.

Should an emergency arise, I understand that a conscientious effort will be made to locate my spouse or me before any action will be taken. However, if it is not possible to locate us, I understand and agree that we will accept this expense.

I understand that I will hold **Camp Vinson Valley**, the Summer Day Camp Staff, and Volunteer Staff and Byron UMC harmless from all liability for occurrences while my child's activities at **Camp Vinson Valley**.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____