



Camp Vinson Valley

Day Camp Program of Byron Heritage Church
(4158 Hwy 41 North – Byron)

An Outreach Ministry of Byron Heritage Church
105 W Heritage - Byron, GA 31008

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

Camp - (478) 550-9721 (operating only during camp season)

Church Office - (478) 956-5717

Church Office open 9am – 4pm Mon thru Thr CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

Email: office@byronheritage.org (Registration) camp@byronheritage.org (Camp Director)

\$50 per week REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE YOUR CHILD IS CONSIDERED ENROLLED. REMAINING CAMP FEES CAN BE PAID THE WEEK YOUR CAMPER IS ENROLLED. PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY CASH, CHECK, DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD.

Information for parents

Camp Vinson Valley, Day Camp by Byron Heritage Church 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 June 1, 2026 until July 31, 2026. 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	Arts and crafts	Hiking
Swimming	Singing	Archery
Canoeing/kayaking	Team building	And more!
Water games	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 can be paid in advance, or the beginning of the week your camper is enrolled.
- Payments can be made by cash, check, debit, or credit card.
- **Checks should be made out to: Byron Heritage Day Camp or Camp Vinson Valley.**
- Please add Camper name to the "MEMO" line of the check.
- The weekly fee for **Camp Vinson Valley** is **\$175** per child, \$50 due at time of registration.
- **\$50 per week, per child is due as non-refundable, non-transferable administrative fee upon initial registration for all campers.**
- For additional children in the family, \$20 per week "*sibling discount*" will be deducted from the total per week cost of each additional child. Thus, \$175/wk total will be due for the first child and \$155/wk will be due for each additional child per week. **This discount is applied to remaining fees due upon attendance, after the \$50/week registration is paid for each camper.**

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 by calling the Camp Office (478) 550-9721.

The \$50, per camper, per week, 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 as changes to existing registration may not be possible.
- 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 changes are limited to space availability and cannot be guaranteed.

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. Designated Staff will be present to assist you and provide all relevant information.
- 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 attempts 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.
- **All adults may be asked to present I.D to verify they are authorized for pick-up.**

What we do at Camp Vinson Valley:

- 7:00 – 9:30am **Pre-camp** - A time when campers may be brought to the airnasium by their working parents. This time is spent in the airnasium and the surrounding activity areas playing and doing arts & crafts.
- 9:30 – 10:00am **Council-Ring** - A morning gathering of the entire camp to have a beginning boost for the day with a short time of songs and devotions. In addition, any announcements for the day are made. Campers are expected to listen to and remember information for their day at Camp.
- 10:00 – 10:50am **First Activity** – Each group, divided by age and gender, goes together to a specifically designated activity as part of the camp.
- 11:00 – 11:50am **Second Activity**- Each group, divided by age and gender, goes together to a specifically designated activity as part of the camp.
- 12:00pm **Noon Council-Ring**- The groups come together 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** – Campers go to designated, covered shelters to eat lunch with their specific groups. 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 – 2:00pm **Third Activity/Campers-Choice Activity 1** - Each group will participate in a specifically designated activity as part of the camp, or we will permit campers to sign-up for specific, designated camp activities.
- 2:00 – 3:00pm **Fourth Activity/Campers-Choice Activity 2** - Each group will participate in a specifically designated activity as part of the camp, or we will permit campers to sign-up for specific, designated camp activities.
- 3:00 – 3:30pm **Snack Time** - Each group will go as directed to the open window in the office building for the afternoon snack.
- 3:30 – 4:00pm **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 – 6:00pm **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 **reusable, refillable water-bottle** each day with their name on it. Water is provided all day.
- 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 also 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.**
- *Camp Vinson Valley* has a scheduled "Snack Time" each afternoon, but parents may want to pack another small snack along with lunch for later in the day.
- **Sunscreen and Bug Spray**. SPF of 35+ 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 CAMPER(S) BRING A REUSABLE
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.
- Any electronic communication or internet device
- Toys should be left at home.

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 with hard-sole shoes 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 negatively impact 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 all campers 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 and disruptions to the camp experience of other campers.
 - 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 the campers, limited to one per child. Extra t-shirts will also be available for sale daily at the welcome table or Camp Office!

Camp Closings

Camp operates on rainy days. The campsite offers more than enough facilities for sheltered activities on stormy days.

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 Administrative Staff.
- Provide **Camp Vinson Valley** a written authorization when medication is required. The authorization should detail the medication(s), dosage, and frequency. For more information, please contact the Camp Director to discuss further arrangements.
- 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 at the front desk.

For additional assistance in locating our property, visit our website.

If an emergency prevents parents from picking up their child before 6:00 pm, they must call the camp office at (478) 550-9721.

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 Heritage Church. The camp scholarship request should be attached with the camper application.



Camp Vinson Valley Summer Day Camp

An Outreach Ministry of the Byron Heritage Church

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

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

email at office@byronheritage.org OR camp@byronheritage.org

2026 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 (as of June 1st): _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade Entering _____
 E-Mail Address _____ School attending: _____
 Church Affiliation _____

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:

Insurance Information

Primary: Company _____ Policy Number _____

Secondary: Company _____ Policy Number _____

Currently on Medication? YES ____ NO ____ If so, what? _____

We strongly discourage sending any medication with your camper. Any medication needed by your camper during the camp day needs to be checked in to the Camp Office at the Sign-In Desk and will require an authorization/distribution form.

Medical History

Are there any health reasons, or physical limitations, 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:

- | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|---|---------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Week 1 | June 1 | – | June 5 | Getting to Know You |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Week 2 | June 8 | – | June 12 | Water Week I |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Week 3 | June 15 | – | June 19 | Trails, Trees & Critters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Week 4 | June 22 | – | June 26 | Training Champions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Week 5 | June 29 | – | July 3 | Camp Olympics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Week 6 | July 6 | – | July 10 | Christmas in July |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Week 7 | July 13 | – | July 17 | Water Week II |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Week 8 | July 20 | – | July 24 | Talent/Spirt Week |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Week 9 | July 27 | - | July 31 | Anything Goes |

Don't Forget: A \$50 per week non-refundable, non-transferable administrative fee must accompany this registration form before your child is registered. ALL changes made after registration are subject to forfeiture of any paid registration fee.

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

Are you interested in receiving a monthly newsletter from Byron Heritage Church? **YES** **NO**

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

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



Byron Heritage Church

I, _____ acknowledge that I have been informed that this program is not a licensed childcare 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 \$175 per week, per child. Families with multiple campers will be given a \$20 “*sibling discount*” for additional children registered. Thus, \$175/week will be due for the first child and \$155/week will be due for each additional child.
- There is a **\$50 per week; per child non-refundable, non-transferable** registration fee is due upon **initial registration** for each week your camper is enrolled. **Registration is not considered complete until this fee has been paid.** (EX: If you enroll (1) camper for (3) weeks of camp, a \$150 Registration fee is required upon registration.)
- The non-refundable fee will then be applied and deducted from the \$175 weekly fee, so the balance due at the beginning of the registered camp week would be \$125. All camp fees MUST BE paid the week your camper is enrolled. Payments can be made by cash, check, debit or credit card. Delinquent camp fees may result in your camper’s dismissal from the program.
- Checks are to be made payable to **“Byron Heritage Day Camp or Camp Vinson Valley”**
- The \$175 session fee is 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, 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 Byron Heritage Church, 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 **Byron Heritage Church'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 Heritage Church.

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 Day Camp Staff, Volunteer Staff and Byron Heritage Church harmless from all liability for occurrences while my child's activities at **Camp Vinson Valley**.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____