What to Expect at Family Camp

Family Camp is a week to spend quality time with your family in a relaxed Christ-centered setting, with fabulous meals and fun activities! Child care is scheduled throughout each day and chapels are part of the week for adults and kids alike.

**Staff Assistants**

Staff assistants are assigned to each family and are a favorite part for many families! They will assist families throughout each day with any of your needs, help your children through the buffet line at meal times, or watch napping children so you can spend time doing other fun activities like a kayak trip or trail ride. Staff assistants are trained to care for kids of all ages safely and love running alongside your kids in all their activities!

**Housing**

Various housing options are available for your stay at VCBC. Rooms with a private bathroom are available at the Bunkhouse and Heckman House. Rooms with community style bathrooms, similar to a college dorm, are available in the Lodge. We also have cabins with a shared bathhouse. Rooms in the Lodge, Bunkhouse, and Heckman House have a full size bed and several twin beds. The cabins have several twin beds. Every room has air-conditioning to stay cool on those hot summer nights.

**Chapels**

Our chapels start with everyone together for worship through song. We then dismiss the kids for their own age-appropriate chapel groups and activities.

**Parents Night Out**

Parents Night Out with friends and/or your spouse is a much anticipated time away from camp for the adults while the children stay at camp for their own special evening. They’ll enjoy supper, chapel, games, and a fun children’s movie - all while the parents are out for the evening! Each family’s staff will have had a few days to get to know the children which helps the kids feel comfortable at camp while their parents are out! This event is planned for weeklong family camps only.

**Food**

Our fabulous meals are served buffet style! Walk through the line when your family is dismissed by our hosts to enjoy tasty meals from burgers off the grill to pulled pork to the famous VCBC baked oatmeal! If you have any special dietary needs, let us know in advance, and we will be glad to help in any way we can.

**Canteen and Camp Store**

VCBC has a Canteen where you can charge purchases to your family account to be paid at the end of your stay. Items available include soda, candy, and mixed nuts. The Camp Store offers a variety of clothing, gifts, and other keepsakes to take home as a memory of your time in the Valley.

**WiFi Access**

Internet is available for adult guests in the Dining Hall. Stop by the office for the password.
We are so excited to be able to help plan a great week for you and your family! Your kids will look forward to specific activities, and we want to give you some information about the options that will be available for each age group throughout the week. Ages are based on insurance and safety regulations in order to best serve all our campers. With this information we hope that campers of every age can begin to look forward to many great activities during the weekend!

Fun for all ages!
- Bungee trampoline
- Laser tag ($7)
- Archery
- Hay rides
- Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
- Pony rides
- Mountain boarding
- Ice blocking
- Bouldering Wall
- Frisbee Golf
- Crafts ($0-10)
- Model rocketry ($10-25)
- Campfires
- Hiking
- Creek stomping
- Fishing at the lake
- Blob, swimming, and water slides at the lake
- Tree climb ($5)
- Gun range (bring your own firearm)
- Trap shooting ($10) youth with parent present

Fun for those over 12 years old:
- Trail ride ($15)
- Zip Line ($7)
- Multi-Vine ($7)
- Kayak trip on the Mississippi River ($10)

In case of rain or extreme heat, we have an awesome indoor Activity Center (gym and game room) with plenty of room for fun!

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- The remaining balance for the family is due at the end of the scheduled Family Camp week.

We would love to work with your family in setting up a payment plan throughout the year to pay for your Family Camp. Please contact the office to set up an EFT or credit card payment plan.

WHAT TO BRING
There are several items that you may want to bring to make sure your stay at VCBC is most enjoyable.

- bedding (sheets, pillows, and blankets)
- towels (bath and beach)
- older clothes (it’s camp!)
- gym shoes
- laundry detergent (washers and dryers are available to you)
- fan (each room has an ac unit but many like a fan as well)
- Bible, paper and pencil
- water bottle
- extra money for the canteen and camp store
- long pants and closed-toed shoes for riding horses and challenge course

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- Little Dudes ($24) - ages 3-7 - a 30-minute class each day to introduce young campers to horses.
- Arena Lesson ($50) - ages 8-11 - a one-hour class each day in the arena, learning how to ride and care for a horse.
- Trail ride ($15) - ages 12+up - an hour long trail ride experience for beginners to advanced riders.
- Extended Trail Ride ($20) - a 90-minute trail ride for more experienced riders.

No pets are allowed. Boarding in the local community can be arranged by contacting the camp office.

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