

Mt. Salem-Wyaconda Southern Baptist Association

Camp Dress Code —

The Mount Salem-Wyaconda Baptist Association Summer Camps implement a dress code for a variety of reasons. A reasonable dress code calling for loose, comfortable clothing helps to ensure the safety of campers by keeping the risk of heat-related injury to a minimum. Modest clothing choices will help your children to be focused on camp activities instead of each other. *Above all, God calls us to be careful in how we present ourselves* (cf. 1 Timothy 2:9, and 1 Peter 3:3-4).

This dress code is intended to describe comfortable, reasonable clothing choices while identifying articles that are inappropriate for a Christian summer camp. The rules will apply to everyone at camp, from campers and staff to visitors and guests.

Ultimately, what is and is not appropriate will be determined by Camp Staff, and specifically by the Camp Dress Code Officer on the basis of this dress code. He or she will determine on a case-by-case basis if compliance is being met. This dress code is a starting point for the Camp Staff, but also for parents/guardians, so that camper's clothing will not only be comfortable and functional, but also appropriate and secondary to their main concerns while at camp (i.e., growing in a relationship with the Lord and in fellowship with each other). Specifically, it is directed to the following areas at a minimum:

- **SHORTS** – Shorts should have a loose fitting cut. Short shorts are not appropriate. If standing in a natural posture and your fingers reach past the hem, then your shorts are too short. “Low-rise” or similar shorts will not be an issue as long as a shirt can be tucked into them or overlap them in every position, sitting or standing.
- **SHIRTS** – Form fitting shirts and spaghetti straps are not appropriate. Shirts should be loose, with material over the shoulder at least three fingers wide. Length of hem will not be an issue, as long as it can be tucked into shorts or overlap them in every position, sitting or standing.
- **SWIMWEAR** – *For girls*, swimwear shall be one piece. Swimwear with cutouts, mesh, see-through material, or in two pieces [bikinis, tankinis (*i.e., a woman's swimsuit with a bikini bottom and a brief tank top*), or monokinis/unikinis (*i.e., a one-piece cutout swimsuit, or a swimsuit with only the lower half of a bikini*)] of any kind is not appropriate. *For boys*, swimwear that exposes more than a normally acceptable pair of shorts is not appropriate [*e.g., Speedo type swimwear is not acceptable*]. Swim trunks should have a liner and cinch or tie at the waist.
- **WORSHIP ATTIRE** – Believing that the assembling for corporate worship of God is of biblical importance and should never be approached casually, we encourage campers/staff, both male and female, to dress in clothing that shows due respect for coming together for worship services. For boys, a button-down or polo shirt and dress slacks are encouraged. For girls, modest dresses, skirts and blouses or blouse and dress slacks are encouraged. Additionally, the wearing of

flip-flop type footwear is discouraged. Persons may be requested to revise their dress/clothing if it is determined to be inappropriate (i.e., too casual) by camp leadership. Due consideration will be given in regard to what persons have available, and on a case-by-case basis (an attitude of legalism shall be avoided in all instances).

The swimming pool is the only place where swimwear is to be observed being worn; therefore, all campers need clothes/wrap to wear to and from the pool area that covers their swimwear.

Gender appropriate undergarments should be worn at all times. Any clothing items that cannot completely cover a camper's undergarments are not appropriate.

All articles of clothing will be subject to the same rules of decency regarding any graphics or printed words displayed on them. Vulgarity, sexuality, alcoholic beverage, or illicit drug use shall not be promoted or displayed in any way on clothing—including innuendo.

It is understood that campers may have some well-worn clothing items, and it is understood that even some new clothes are 'fashionably ripped', however, holes or rips in clothing that expose areas of the body that would normally be covered in this dress code are not permitted or appropriate.

Lastly, any clothing that is causing a distraction, or is attracting undue attention from the other campers, is not appropriate and will be addressed.