



Parent & Camper Agreement

Please read this agreement completely. It will answer most of your questions.

Thank you for choosing to come to our camp, taking place on July 2-8, 2023. It promises to be an amazing week together worshipping God and growing in relationships with other Christians. Our camp is designed to help kids achieve a more Christ-like perspective, growing in maturity and in their relationship with God. In order to create an environment that accomplishes these goals, here are some details that will help you plan for the week's activities. This information can also be found on our website: welovefc.com.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

REGISTRATION: This year's registration will be different than previous years. We will have early registration for Hutchinson Bell members only. This registration link will be sent to them by email. The regular registration (open to all) will come about three weeks later. Both the early and regular registrations will be on Active and will only include contact information, payment, and medical forms. We are doing this to remove the "hurry" of the initial registration event. This registration will save your child's spot as a camper on the roster (or place them on the waitlist).

CONFIRMATION: Upon registration, your child will either be accepted as a camper or placed on a waitlist. We will email all registrants (those who are on the roster) in late February to sign up for activities and request more information from them. Once we receive that second form, they are officially on the accepted list. We will make sure to reach out to you on social media, on our website (welovefc.com), and by email to ensure you have an opportunity to fill out this form. If we have not received this information by the middle of March, your child's spot will be forfeited to a child on the waitlist.

WAITLIST: We do our best to get as many campers off of the wait list as soon as possible. If you are contacted to have your child accepted into camp, please cooperate as quickly as possible to guarantee their acceptance.

RULES

Camp is an atmosphere that promotes the values and love of Jesus. Each camper is expected to follow the rules of the camp and respect the counselor's instructions. Only those willing to follow the rules should apply to camp.

- Campers are to dress according to the dress code.
 - Sleeveless shirts must have a 2" strap and arm holes must not hang open. All shirts must cover cleavage. No one is allowed to wear muscle shirts or clothes that show the midriff or thighs.
 - Tight jeans or skinny pants are not allowed. This includes leggings as pants or jeggings.
 - Loose-fitting shorts and skirts are allowed only if they come to the kneecap.
 - You must bring at least two pairs of long pants or jeans to wear in case the clothes are considered insufficient.
 - Pajamas may only be worn in the cabins/lodges and must meet the dress code. All campers must be completely dressed when in common spaces.
 - Our emphasis is on the spiritual atmosphere. The dress code standard is not a matter of what is right or wrong, modest or immodest, moral or immoral. Rather, we have chosen a standard that least distracts the campers from more important matters. Our dress code is not a judgment on your own personal opinions, but not following the dress code will be considered a violation of rules, and could result in the camper, unfortunately, being sent home. We must protect the atmosphere of the camp at all costs.
- Campers must wear versatile clothes appropriate for a variety of activities. There will not be time built into the schedule for frequent clothing changes.
- No use of tobacco, any smoked substance, alcohol, or non-prescribed drugs, possession of weapons, or abuse of camp facilities is permitted.
- There will be no mixed swimming. Clothing for water activities (i.e., swimming, canoeing, slip 'n slide, etc.) must:
 - meet the dress code
 - must be dark and not see through
 - females must wear swimsuits beneath their clothing
- Proper relationships between campers must be maintained at all times. Displays of affection must be as is appropriate for "brothers and sisters."

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- Campers are not allowed to hang out in the cabins/lodges except at appointed times. The cabins/lodges are off-limits during the day without adult supervision.
 - Campers are allowed to bring their own snacks, but will have limited access to them due to rule #6. There will be an abundance of snacks available for purchase at the camp store. Each camper will have a camp store account that can be loaded at registration, the beginning of camp, or even during camp. Snacks in cabins/lodges must not require refrigeration.
 - Do not bring expensive jewelry, large amounts of cash, watches, or valuables that could be taken. The rooms are not locked, and there is no way to guarantee the safety of such items. We expect no problems of dishonesty or stealing, but we want to prevent accusations.
 - No electronic devices of any kind are allowed. Instruments used for the talent show are excepted.
 - Cars must be locked and keys will be collected at the beginning of camp. Campers will not have access to their vehicles during the week unless approved by the directors.
 - No cell phones or smart watches are allowed during camp. If you bring a cell phone to camp, then it must remain in the car or be turned in to the counselor (which will be returned at the end of camp). Phones cannot be used as Bibles, alarms, cameras, or for any other reason. Part of providing a spiritually focused week is removing the campers from the stresses and relationships at home that will cause homesickness or distraction. Camp is for getting away from your normal routine to create one amazing week. If a call home is required upon arrival, the call must be made, and then the cell phone put away in the car or given to a counselor. Emergency calls can be made, but only by the director and with the director present. If you need to get in touch with a counselor, you can call the campground directly or contact the director. Please contact the director before camp if you have questions about this policy. If your camper is found to have violated this rule, they risk being removed from camp for the remainder of the week. Please, as a parent, do not encourage your child to violate this rule.

If you feel these rules will cause your child not to enjoy camp, please do not sign them up for camp. We have a waiting list each year and want every camper to fully enjoy what camp has to offer. These rules help create the best experience for every camper and allow us to act harmoniously for the entire week. We lovingly solicit your cooperation.

MEDICAL CARE AND INSURANCE

NURSES: We have a fantastic group of nurses who serve the campers each year. They work tirelessly to distribute medicines as they have been directed, provide first aid, and help with other sicknesses.

FACILITIES: If your camper, unfortunately, needs more serious care, they will be taken to the closest hospital or medical center. You will be contacted if this happens.

INSURANCE: We collect insurance information before camp in case of emergencies. All medical costs not covered by insurance are the responsibility of the camper's parents/guardians.

COVID-19: We will not be requiring masks or social distancing. If symptoms are observed, the camper will be isolated, and their parents contacted about picking them up. Parents should plan to be able to do this within 8 hours or less.

OTHER INFORMATION

CHECK-IN: We begin check-in for campers at 1:30 pm on Sunday, July 2nd. You are welcome to arrive early and wait in the car line, but we do not plan to check in campers until 1:30 pm. Please be there between 1:30-3:30 pm to ensure that the camp schedule is maintained as our activities will begin at 4:30.

ASSIGNMENTS: When your camper arrives, you will receive several pieces of information. Some of this information will be for you as parents and some will be for the camper. All lodging and activity information will be on the camper's name tags. Please be prepared to hand over medicines (with clearly written instructions), any money you want to add to the camp store, and please consider keeping your child's cell phones and devices with you (they are not allowed to use them at camp).

PICK-UP: Please retrieve your camper from camp by 8 am on Saturday, July 8th. We will "finish" camp on Friday evening, so you will not risk them missing anything by picking them up this early. We have much to clean and pack away after the campers leave, so the more we can focus on this, the better. Thank you for understanding.

CONTACT AT CAMP:

If you want to mail your camper, please plan ahead and mail before camp begins. USPS, FedEx, and UPS can be slower than expected and any packages arriving after camp is complete will not be delivered or forwarded. The address to do so is:

[Camper Name]
c/o FC Alabama Camp
105 DeLong Road
Nauvoo, AL 35578

If you need to contact your camper to speak with them, contact the campground office at (205) 387-1806, Adam Shanks at (205) 675.4391, or Tiffany Shanks at (205) 675.4456. You are welcome to also text Adam or Tiffany and we will respond in a reasonable time frame.

We are super excited to make this “best week of the year” as great as can be possible. We rely on you to make that happen, both as a parent and as a camper. Working together, we can truly create a spiritually growing experience for these amazing kids!

In His Love,
Adam and Tiffany Shanks
Directors of the FC Alabama Summer Camp