INDIANA OUTDOOR MINISTRIES 2022

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana

Dear Camper:

We are delighted that you are registered for church camp!

To make sure that your time at camp gets off to a great start, we have attached some things that will help you get ready including a **map** with directions to the Bedford Camp & Conference Center, and **check-in/check-out times**. There will be a sign-in and sign-out process. You will need to know who is picking you up at the end of camp, so please tell your director when you arrive. This person will need to sign you out of camp when you leave. **The drop off and pick up time for campers is 11 am (Eastern).**

This year's camp theme "What's in a Name?" Names have great power. Some hold special meanings, and some come with expectations. In a lifetime, we may give new meaning to our name or take a new name. Along the journey, we discover who we are and how God equips us to care for others. This summer we'll look at how the people of the Bible confronted expectations, confounded others' assumptions, and forged new identities. Campers are invited to use the sacred ground of camp to reflect on who they are as an individual and how they are connected to others. As we explore, we are reminded that God knows us beyond any name we might be called and invites us into relationship.

As part of the camp fee, campers who register by May 15 will receive a themed t-shirt (if a shirt size is provided on your registration form).

CAMP OFFERING:

This year's offering will gifted to "Bedford Camp Revitalization Fund" to help with continued renovations and improvements of the camp.

**Please complete a Health Consent Form for each camper and bring a copy of your insurance card to camp with your camper. Here's the link to complete the Health Consent Form if needed: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rSuLd_nlBUVX2i1durKJLDOr0y_k- ftt8aWyweEkB4/edit

What to bring to Camp

- Toiletry articles: towels, wash cloths, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb/brush, soap in container, etc.
- Bible, pen/pencils, writing paper, envelopes, stamps.
- Long pants for hiking/vespers (because of mosquitoes)
- Shoes safe for walking/running
- Shirts: sweatshirt, sweater, light jacket
- Sheets (light cotton blanket, if desired), sleeping bag/bedroll, pillow/pillow case
- Laundry bag
- Swimsuit, raincoat or rain poncho, insect repellent (non-aerosol), sunscreen
- Water bottle (labeled with camper's name)

- Flashlight, cameras are allowed, but no cell phones
- Any medication you are currently taking (Camp First Aid Director will secure them upon arrival
 at camp and dispensed as directed. Unused medication will be returned last day of camp.)

Perhaps the most important thing that you can do to help your group build a Christian community is to consider why you are coming to camp. It is a place to retreat, to be away from the rest of the world so that we can focus on what it means to follow Jesus Christ, to be members of God's family. . . and to have fun, too. This is why we are clear about what we do bring to camp, don't bring to camp, and how we live and treat each other while we are at camp.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING

- Expensive Jewelry or other valuable items
- Good Luggage
- Fireworks
- Illegal drugs of any kind
- Alcoholic beverages
- Smoking materials or any other tobacco products or vaping devices
- Weapons (presence of these in camp are grounds for being sent home)
- Drinks or snacks (of any kind)
- Fans because electricity will not support multiple appliance use. If you need a fan for health reasons, please make <u>prior</u> arrangements by contacting the camp you are attending.
 (Please note: Bedford Camp & Conference Center has air-conditioned sleeping quarters.)

Note: To help all of us get the most out of our week together as a "camp community," we ask that campers remain at camp all week and have no visitors.

Thank you for your cooperation. Have a great time at camp!

The Outdoor Ministries Team of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana

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Camp Dress Code Policy:

Campers, Counselors, and Staff are required to dress in a manner conducive to a Christian community. The following guidelines have been established to assist campers, counselors and staff in packing for camp.

Use your best judgment when choosing clothing to wear during camp. We understand that fashion trends may make it difficult to find clothing that is considered modest. We ask that campers and staff wear clothing that they feel comfortable in. In general, no undergarments should be visible regardless of gender identity. Directors at each camp will address any clothing issues that arise during camp in a manner that is appropriate for the age group of the campers.

Swimsuits for all campers should be suitable for a Christian Camp setting. All campers are encouraged to choose swimwear that they feel comfortable in regardless of gender identity. If campers have questions about their swimwear, they should have a conversation with the directors to clarify.

The camp director reserves the right to ask any individual in a camp setting to change their clothing.

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Bedford Camp & Conference Center

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