

## INDIANA OUTDOOR MINISTRIES 2023

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
in Indiana

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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 is FruitFULL Faith. Have you ever seen God at work and wondered why the moment was so clear? Have you wondered what you could do to try and connect with those moments and feelings? Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia will come alive this week as we explore the fruit of the Spirit. Seeing this fruit all around assures us we have encountered God. We will see how these same fruit flow freely from us when we walk in the Spirit. Scripture is honest about how complicated life can be. The fruit of the Spirit show us we are on the right track as we observe, receive, and embody these virtues.

### CAMP OFFERING:

This year's offering will be gifted to Society of St. Andrew which brings people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors. To learn more about the work of Society of St. Andrew in Indiana, visit <https://endhunger.org/indiana/>

**\*\*Please complete a Health Consent Form for each camper. The Health Consent Form and a copy of the insurance card should be sent to Krista Hunter [krista@indianadisciples.org](mailto:krista@indianadisciples.org) no later than May 31, 2023.**

### 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/pillowcase
- 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 in their original container. **(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 prior 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**

33 Church Camp Road  
Bedford, IN 47421  
(812) 279-4212

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## Directions to Bedford Christian Camp

If you are coming from the north on State Road 37 continue past Bedford to where U.S. 50 merges, then make a "U"-turn and come back north on 50 to the first road to the south (Sandpit Road). (Do not take the 37N exit) Follow Sandpit Road past a landfill and down a hill. Watch for a pond on your right and turn right on the first crossroad. Follow the road back to the camp. From the south, watch for the blacktop road just past the 37N exit and then follow the above instructions.

If you are coming from the east or west on 50, it merges with 37. Follow the above instructions.

If you get lost, call the camp at (812) 279-4212

