



## WHAT TO EXPECT AT CAMP AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS &

Students can experience what could be one of the greatest weeks in their entire lives. Away from the craziness and fullness of everyday life, campers are thrown into a realm of positive peer pressure encouraging them to pursue their relationship with God, build friendships, and stretch their comfort zone through daily activities. Camp is one of the best ways your child can be disciplined for a week by living 24/7 with others who love Jesus, influencing them towards a lifetime pursuit of Him.

So, what does a week of camp look like? Can you say “Exciting”, “Intense”, “Extreme”? That is why camp is loved by many students. While at camp, students will play team sports outside (some messy games), swim in the pool, enjoy the lake activities, zip-lining, the rock-climbing wall, and have special services and sessions encouraging them in their relationship with God. During this time, students will be challenged and pushed to be a part of a team.

Students will experience growth with their support staff member and others in their room through the games on the field and the services at night.

**WHAT ARE THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES?** The check-in line opens Monday at 9:30 a.m. and closes at 11:30 a.m. Please, no early arrivals! The first meal served is lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Monday. Orientation begins at 12:45 p.m. for **ALL** campers and personnel. Youth Camp will close on Friday at 10:00 a.m. sharp after breakfast and following a final room check.

Youth leaders will check in the entire group, unless a student is attending without a church, in which case the student will check themselves in. **\*If a student is NOT attending camp with a church, they must contact AYM to get registration information. [dydsec@amnag.org](mailto:dydsec@amnag.org) or 334-279-7172 x3.**

**WHAT DO I DO IN CASE OF EMERGENCY?** Parents may contact the camp office directly at 205-629-6279 to contact their student. Unless an emergency, camps should not be visited or contacted via phone.

**WHAT IS THE VISITOR POLICY?** For safety reasons, the camp is a closed event, and visitation is discouraged at all times. Visitors are not permitted.

**WHAT IF MY STUDENT HAS MEDICATION?** All **NARCOTIC** medications **MUST** be brought in their original containers and turned in to the Camp First Aid Director. All other medications may be distributed, overseen, and monitored by church leaders. Please keep medications securely packed in luggage. At all times, inhalers and EPI-Pens should always remain on the said camper. The First Aid Director will be available throughout the week to dispense narcotic medications. You should bring someone to provide care and attention to students who are at greater risk.

**WHAT IS THE HEALTH POLICY?** Due to very close living conditions, major disruptions occur when there is a health problem. Students with contagious health problems (i.e., fever, impetigo, lice, etc.) **will** be sent home. It is recommended that these situations be monitored **before** leaving for camp. We recommend every church perform a lice check at least once before leaving for camp. There will be **mandatory lice checks on Monday morning before registration takes place. Students must be fever-free, vomit-free, diarrhea-free, etc., within 24 hours of camp. Use the school policy - IF YOU ARE TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL, YOU ARE TOO SICK FOR CAMP.**

**ARE THERE ANY EXTRA FEES?** Yes, extra spending money may be used for snacks, drinks, and AYM merchandise at the Rec Hall and the Speed the Light offering that will be taken. The Rec. Hall is open in the afternoons and after service at night. You can use cash or debit/credit cards.

**WHAT IS THE LOST & FOUND POLICY?** There is a minimum \$15.00 handling charge to return recovered lost and found items, regardless of size, weight, etc. Payment must be received at the AYM Office before the item(s) can be returned. Lost and found items will be held for 7 days after an event. After 7 days, items may be discarded or donated.

**Neither Alabama Youth Ministries nor Springville Camp is responsible for lost or stolen items. Campers should plan to secure their belongings.** Label all items

with the camper's name. It is recommended to label all luggage with the camper's name, church name, city, and phone number.

**HOW DO I SEND MAIL TO THE CAMP?** Campers enjoy getting mail! Here are 3 ways to send mail to your camper:

1. Mail letters and cards to: Springville Camp (Camper Name, Camp Week, and Church Name) 3886 Mountain View Road - Odenville, AL 35120.

Please allow sufficient time for the mail to arrive during camp by mailing at least a week in advance. Please indicate on the envelope which camp your student is attending. The Camp Staff makes every attempt to deliver mail to campers, but this delivery cannot be guaranteed.

***Do not send money or valuable items.***

2. You can fax a letter to your camper at 205-629-6453. (Be sure to include camper's name, camp week, and church name)

3. Place cards, letters, and small gifts in your child's luggage to find during camp, or you may ask your leader if they will give your mail and care packages to your student during camp.

# GENERAL CAMP RULES

These rules are given as guidelines for every student and adult personnel to follow. This code of conduct has been established for the protective benefit of each camper and adult personnel. Camp rules must be observed at all times. Failure to comply with the camp rules may result in expulsion from camp with no refund. **\*Leaders, please monitor your own students.**

- The daily schedule must be followed, and attendance at all activities is required.
- No one is to leave the campgrounds without specific permission from Pastor Ben Russell, District Youth Director.
- All staff and personnel are authorized to maintain order anywhere and everywhere on the campgrounds.
- All vehicles are to remain parked Monday through check-out Friday. Campers are prohibited from driving in campgrounds.
- Students are expected to observe habits of personal and group cleanliness, courtesy, and Christian conduct.
- Students are not permitted to call home except in an emergency. All calls must be approved. Cell phones are not permitted.
- Males and females are not allowed in each other's housing dormitories.
- We reserve the right to inspect the contents of all personal belongings. The holding and/or disposal of improper contents is the right of the camp staff.
- Profanity will NOT be tolerated on the campgrounds at any time.
- No alcohol, tobacco, or vaping products of any kind are allowed on the campgrounds by campers or personnel.
- Dress Code must be followed at all times \*See Dress Code section below for further details.
- **Cell phones**, MP3/CD players, radios, airsoft guns, and paintball guns are **not** permitted. All such items will be collected from campers and returned when camp is over.
- Special Government/Camp Statement: Weapons, fireworks, smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages, vaping products, and drugs are NOT allowed on the campground.
- Fire extinguishers are off limits to campers except in the event of an actual fire. It is ILLEGAL to tamper with fire extinguishers.
- Camp activities are open only to registered campers and staff. **No visitors allowed.** Evening services are not open to the public, visiting youth groups, friends, or family members.
- Neither campers nor personnel are permitted to bring coolers or any other containers of food or beverage items or to stock or sell said items, but sports bottles are strongly recommended for outdoor activities.
- If you have a camper with dietary restrictions and special needs, send info in writing to the AYM office at [dvdsec@amnag.org](mailto:dvdsec@amnag.org).
- Students and their parents will be held fully financially responsible for any intentional or accidental damage caused to Springville Camp.
- Serious offenses, such as banned substances (drugs, alcohol, vaping products, firearms, fireworks), will be met with immediate dismissal from camp, as well as notification of local authorities as required by law. Further, the lack of cooperation, unnecessary roughness, lack of respect for property, or an unwholesome attitude on the part of any camper may result in expulsion from camp. Parents are asked to help in explaining these rules to their student and in encouraging their compliance while at camp. Any expenses associated with transporting expelled campers are the responsibility of the parents. NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
- **CAMPERS NOR PERSONNEL WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN PHYSICALLY DEMANDING CAMP GAMES UNLESS THEY HAVE PERSONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE.**

**Please Note:** Springville Camp & Conference Center and Alabama Youth Ministries Camp and its Leadership are not held responsible for any lost or stolen items. It is the camper's responsibility to keep their items secured.

## YOUR STUDENT MAY BE EXPOSED TO THE FOLLOWING

- Sun
- Water
- Heat
- Mud
- Zip-line
- Physical activities outside/inside
- Rock climbing wall
- Basketball, volleyball, baseball
- Team Competitions
- Lake Activities
- Loud crowds (cheering during games)
- Loud music

- Flashing lights
- Hazers (smoke machines)
- Possible physical exertion due to walking the terrain

## **CAMP DRESS CODE**

Our dress code at camp is based on the biblical principles of modesty, neatness, and appropriateness/safety for activities. The following guidelines are for students, personnel, and camp staff. Please help us by setting an example for your campers and communicating these guidelines to them. If camp staff deems an outfit inappropriate, they will ask the individual to promptly change into something better suited for camp.

- No undergarments or midsections showing.
- Shorts must be "Fingertip Length". This means that the hem of these articles of clothing must not be shorter than the approximate length of the campers' fingertips when the hands are relaxed at their side.
- No short skirts. In general, skirts are probably not the best attire for camp; pants and shorts are great for all camp activities.
- No clothing with inappropriate symbols or messages (including alcohol, tobacco, or inappropriate suggestive language or images).
- No halter tops, tube tops, bare midriff tops, or spaghetti strap tops.
- Only modest swimsuits are permitted to be worn at camp. Girls could be asked to wear a dark color t-shirt if the suit is deemed inappropriate. Boys should wear trunks.
- Shirt and shorts **MUST** always be worn over a swimsuit when participating in lake activities.
- When walking back and forth from the pool, all swimmers must wear shoes/sandals and a cover-up over their swimsuit. A towel wrapped around you is not appropriate as a cover-up.
- Shirts must be worn at all times unless swimming in the pool.
- Shoes or Flip-Flops must be worn at all times (except when swimming).
- **OPEN-TOED SHOES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE WORN DURING OUTSIDE TEAM ACTIVITIES. CAMPERS MUST WEAR TENNIS SHOES.**
- Tattoos and body piercings must be unobtrusive and of non-controversial content. Some piercings may need to be removed for safety purposes.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

- Personal Hand Sanitizer
- Bible, pen, and notepad
- Towels and washcloths
- Personal bathroom toiletry items
- Twin Sheets, pillow, 2 blankets or sleeping bag
- Sweater or jacket
- Raincoat or umbrella
- Modest Swimsuit & cover-up
- Practical camp clothes that may get dirty
- Adequate spending money for Rec Hall snacks, AYM Merch, and special Speed the Light missions offering
- Athletic shoes (may get muddy or wet)
- Shoes that stay dry for indoor use
- Clothing and shoes for outside water and mud sports
- White shirt for the Color Run
- Recommend aqua shoes for outside water sports
- Camera
- Softball Glove
- Flashlight
- Alarm clock (cell phones are prohibited)
- Sunscreen
- A large trash bag for dirty clothes. Label the bag with the camper's name, church name, city, and phone number
- Medication in its original packaging

## **WHAT NOT TO BRING**

- Short shorts or cut-off shorts
- Tight-fitting clothing (non-opaque leggings are okay with an **extra-long shirt**)
- Low-cut shirts or clothing exposing the midriff
- CD players, radios, MP3 players
- Cell phones
- Electronic games
- Skateboards
- Non-essential Medications
- Outside food and drinks

## **ROOMING**

- Bunk-style rooms. Our lodges sleep 4, 6, or 8, and the cabins sleep 34.
- Restrooms and showers are provided within each room.
- There will be personnel in every room with campers.
- Campers are automatically assigned to rooms with other campers from the same church.
- Campers attending without a church group will be placed in a room with another church and leaders.

- Rooms will remain unlocked. It is the camper's responsibility to keep their items secured. **AYM is not responsible for lost or stolen items.**