



## OVERNIGHT CAMP PARENT INFORMATION

### HOW MAY I HAVE QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT CAMP?

1. Review this information sheet. The most common questions are answered here.
2. Check our website: [www.CampBriarwood.org](http://www.CampBriarwood.org).
3. Contact the Quest Recreation Outreach/Camp office.

### HOW CAN I GET IN TOUCH WITH THE CAMP BRIARWOOD OFFICE?

1. Email the office at [Quest@Briarwood.org](mailto:Quest@Briarwood.org)
2. Call the office at 205-776-5237. If you get voice mail, please leave a message. We try to return each call promptly. We also have a mobile number, which will be provided to you on Monday morning of check-in.
3. Come to the office, Room G-100 at Briarwood Presbyterian Church. Our normal hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day during camp.

### HOW DO I PAY MY BALANCE?

Balances for camp registration are due no later than **June 6<sup>th</sup>**. These may be paid online, by check or cash. If paying by cash please bring to the Quest office (G-100). Do Not Mail. Checks may be mailed to Camp Briarwood, 2200 Briarwood Way, Birmingham, AL 35243. Please include camper name and camp session on all correspondence.

### WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD PACK FOR CAMP?

Please use the packing list at the end of this info sheet.

### MY CHILD TAKES MEDICATIONS. WHAT DO I DO?

If your camper has any medical or special needs, we need to know about please email the Quest office *prior* to camp.

**Each medication** must be placed in a zip-lock bag along with the completed Camp Briarwood Medication Form. Write the child's name on the outside of each bag with a Sharpie.

**Prescription Meds IMPORTANT!** Prescription meds must be in their original bottle with the pharmacy label. Meds will be given according to the instructions on the label. IF you want the med(s) given in a different manner/dosage, you must provide a completed School Medication Form from the prescribing doctor. All medications must be turned in to the health-care table at Check-In. Forms and zip-lock bags will be available the morning of check-in.

### WHEN WILL CAMPERS LEAVE FOR CAMP

#### Overnight Sessions A, B, D and E

We will open the doors for Check-in at 7:30 a.m. inside the church Fellowship Hall. All Overnight Campers should be at the church Fellowship Hall parking lot no later than 8:30 a.m. The bus(es) will leave at 9:00 a.m. If you miss the bus, it will be up to you to get your child to camp. Please don't be late!



### **Overnight Session C (mini week)**

We will open the doors for Check-in at 1:45 p.m. inside the church Fellowship Hall. All Overnight Campers should be at the church Fellowship Hall parking lot no later than 2:00 p.m. The bus(es) will leave at 2:30 p.m. If you miss the bus, it will be up to you to get your child to camp. Please don't be late!

### **WHAT DO I NEED TO DO WHEN I BRING MY CHILD TO CHECK-IN?**

A parent/guardian must sign-in each camper in the Briarwood Fellowship Hall at registration. In order to save time, please be prepared to:

1. Write in the name of each person that you will permit to pick up your child on Saturday morning.
2. Write their driver's license number on the check-in card.
3. Bring any medical information for the camp nurse, already written down. Our medical form can be downloaded from our website.
4. Leave any mail for them during the week.

### **WHAT DO I DO TO PICK UP MY CHILD WHEN CAMP ENDS?**

#### **Overnight Sessions A, B, D and E**

Check-Out is at Camp Chandler on Saturday morning. The Closing Ceremony will be at 9:00 a.m. This is a fun time of showing slides of the week, singing songs, and recognizing particular cabins. Campers must be checked out no later than 10:00 a.m. Photo ID is required to pick up a child.

#### **Overnight Session C (mini week)**

Check-Out is at Camp Chandler on Wednesday morning. The Closing Ceremony will be at 1:00 p.m. This is a fun time of showing slides of the week, singing songs, and recognizing particular cabins. Campers must be checked out no later than 2:00 p.m. Photo ID is required to pick up a child.

### **WHAT DOES MY CHILD PACK FOR CAMP?**

Please use the packing list at the end of this information sheet.

### **HOW CAN I GET DIRECTIONS TO CAMP CHANDLER?**

Overnight Camp is held at the YMCA Camp Chandler. Directions are available in this packet and also:

- on the Camp Briarwood section of our website
- at check-in
- in the Camp/Quest office.

### **DOES CAMP BRIARWOOD PROVIDE ACCIDENT INSURANCE?**

Camp Briarwood has received your permission to take care of your child if there are any medical problems. Children that are injured in camp activities fall under the insurance coverage their parents. Should a parent be without insurance, the church does have a policy that would cover accidental injury of your child. If your child is not covered under a health insurance plan, please notify the camp office.



### **WHAT IF MY CHILD IS INJURED?**

Camp Briarwood makes every effort to have a nurse or doctor on site to take care of minor injuries. If we do not have a nurse/doctor, then Camp Chandler has qualified First Aid staff. A more serious injury will be addressed appropriately. Also, please refer to the consent form you signed on the back of the registration form. You can download a copy of the form from our website.

### **CAN I SEND LETTERS TO MY CHILD?**

Absolutely! In fact we encourage that! There will be a mail call each evening. The first mail-call is on the second night of each session of camp. Bring your mail to check-in when you bring your camper. Write the night you want them to receive the letter(s) on the envelope and give it to the staffer at the Check-In table.

### **MAY I SEND FOOD?**

No. Food attracts bugs into cabins, making for a very long week for everyone. Any food sent will have to be taken up.

### **WILL MY CHILD NEED MONEY AT CAMP?**

No. The only place to spend money at camp is the canteen. Canteen funds are included in the camp fees and will allow your child to have snacks each day. If your child brings any additional money to camp, it is the responsibility of the child to keep up with that money.

### **ARE BATTERY OPERATED GAMES, ELECTRONIC GAMES, CELL PHONES, ETC ALLOWED?**

Sorry, no. This week is an opportunity for your child to get away from all of that. Many of them will believe that they cannot survive, but you would be surprised how many campers do make it through a week without electronic devices.

### **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, HOW CAN I GET IN TOUCH WITH MY CHILD DURING CAMP?**

1. Please call the Camp Director (phone number will be provided at check-in). If you do not reach the director on the first try, please leave a message.
2. Call the Camp Briarwood office, 205-776-5237.

### **WHO ADMINISTERS DISCIPLINE AND HOW?**

Camp staff will never spank campers. Should a situation arise that requires discipline, the Camp Briarwood staff will follow this protocol:

1. The camper's counselor will set the child out of some or all of an activity.
2. If that does not work, the counselor will take the camper to the Camp Director. The Director will then attempt to rectify the situation through counseling and/or removal from activities.
3. If the camper is still having trouble the parent or guardian will be called to discuss the problem with the child.
4. As a last resort, the parent or guardian will be called to come to camp and pick up your child as soon as possible.



### **MAY I VISIT MY CHILD AT CAMP?**

We recommend against visitation during the camp week. Please do not misunderstand, parents are welcome to visit camp, but we ask that you use discretion. If you are visiting because our child is homesick, or maybe you are missing your child, please reconsider your visit. Please contact the Camp office at 205-776-5237 to schedule a visit.

### **WHAT ABOUT THE CAMP GROUP PHOTOGRAPH?**

Group photos must be pre-ordered from the Camp Briarwood office before camp begins. If you did not order a photo on your registration form and would now like to, please call the office before your camp session. The photos cost \$8 each. The photo will be taken on the first day of camp. You will receive the photo at check-out.

### **WHAT ABOUT THE CAMP T-SHIRT?**

T-shirts are \$15, must be pre-ordered and will be received at check-in. If you did not order one, please check with the camp office to see if the order has already been placed with our vendor and what can be done.

### **WILL MY CHILD BE PUT IN THE SAME GROUP WITH ANOTHER CHILD I REQUESTED?**

Our desire is to honor every parent's request. The Camp Director carefully reviews all requests when they put together the camper groups. Simply because of numbers, there may be times when we cannot accommodate every request.

### **WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP PREPARE MY CHILD AND MYSELF FOR CAMP?**

1. Encourage your child to respect the authority of the camp staff.
2. There will be many children attending camp who do not know other campers. Encourage your child not to be afraid of this, but to take the initiative to make new friends, even if their current friends are also attending camp.
3. Do not encourage your child to call home if: they are afraid, don't like camp, don't like the people, etc. Instead, encourage them to talk to the camp staff if they feel badly about any of these things. The camp staff is trained to deal with homesickness. When children believe that they can go home if they want, it undermines the authority of the camp staff and prevents them from adequately taking care of your child.
4. If you get a call or a message saying "PLEASE COME GET ME NOW!!!" please call the Camp Director who will be best able to discuss with your child's situation. We want what is best for every child.
5. Pray with your child before camp for God to use the week to teach them specific things that are important in your child's life at this time. The reason we have Camp Briarwood is to present the gospel of Christ and challenge campers to live a life of faith in every way. The Camp staff seeks many ways to do this in each camper's life. Campers will have a "quiet time" study each morning. Each evening campers will gather in their small groups to reflect on and talk about things they saw and learned during the day, how things connect with what they are studying throughout the week, and how it applies to their lives.



## **CAMP BRIARWOOD OVERNIGHT CAMP PACKING LIST**

- Short and shirts
- Long pants for horseback riding
- Swimsuit (no bikinis)
- Pajamas
- Underwear for each day
- Bath towel
- Beach towel
- washcloth
- Blanket and 2 sheets OR sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Brush / comb
- Flashlight
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- Flip-flops (recommended) or crocs
- Tennis shoes (closed-toe shoes) - needed for riding horses and sports activities
- Bible
- Notebook and pen / pencil
- Stamps, envelopes, stationery - 5

### Optional:

- Disposable camera
- Robe

### **WHAT NOT TO BRING TO OVERNIGHT CAMP**

- Any electronic device - iPod, radio, games, computer, etc.
- Cell phone
- Digital camera
- Smart watch



## Directions to Camp Chandler

### Via I-65:

- Take I-65 to Exit 181 near Prattville. There is a "Cracker Barrel" restaurant at this exit. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn onto Hwy. 14.
- Follow Hwy. 14 to Hwy. 231. Hwy. 14 will turn right approximately 7 miles after you get on it from I-65. It will turn back left approximately 5 miles after that. There is an Amoco station at this turn. From here it is approximately 2.7 miles to Hwy. 231.
- Turn left on Hwy. 231.
- Go approx. 3.3 miles until you see the "YMCA" Camp Chandler" or "Jordan Dam" signs. These are not large signs. Turn left here.
- Drive about 2.4 miles and turn left at the "Jordan Dam" sign.
- Follow this road into Camp Chandler.

### Or to save about fifteen minutes you can go this way:

- Take I-65 South 44.1 miles to exit #205. This is the Clanton exit with the Peach Park. Turn left onto Hwy. 31 South.
- Go 8.5 miles until you come to Hwy. 143. Turn left onto Hwy. 143 South.
- Go 6.1 miles and turn left onto Hwy. 111.
- Go 14.8 miles and turn left on Hwy. 14.
- Go 1.4 miles and turn left onto Hwy. 231 North.
- Go 3.3 miles and turn left at Camp Chandler and Jordan Dam signs onto County Road 667
- Go 2.4 miles and veer left at Camp Chandler and Jordan Dam signs.
- Stay on this road 1.5 miles and you will drive straight into Camp Chandler.

### Via Hwy. 280:

- Take Hwy 280 to Hwy 231 (39 miles from I-459). This is the Sylacauga exit. Turn right on 231.
- Stay on Hwy. 231 South 39.3 miles and turn right onto Noah's Rd. (There is a BBQ Restaurant and the Farmer's Flea and Market across Hwy. 231 from Noah's Rd.)
- Go 1/2 mile to a "T" intersection and turn right onto County Road 667.
- Drive approx. 1.1 miles to the "Camp Chandler" and "Jordan Dam" signs and turn left.
- Follow this road 1.5 miles into Camp Chandler.

**Camp Chandler Phone #: (334) 567-4089**

**SEE YOU THERE!**