



Overnight Camp Parent Information

HOW MAY I HAVE QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT CAMP?

1. Please review this information sheet. Most common questions are answered here.
2. Check our website: www.CampBriarwood.org
3. Contact the Camp/Quest Recreation Outreach office.

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

1. Email the office at 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. During camp 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 FOR CAMP?

1. All balances are due no later than **June 30, 2021**.
2. If your camper has been confirmed a spot, you may pay online or by check.
 - a. To pay online visit www.CampBriarwood.org, Click the button to the secure link, then select your Camp Session, photo (optional), and t-shirt size (pre-ordered, optional)
 - b. To pay by check, make payable to Camp Briarwood, list camper name and Camp Session on the check, drop off in the Quest office, Room G-100
 - c. Mail to: Camp Briarwood
2200 Briarwood Way
Birmingham, AL 35243
 - d. To pay with cash, note the name of the camper / camp session and drop off in the Quest office, Room G-100.

WHAT COVID PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN PLACE FOR CAMP THIS SUMMER?

Parents should answer the following COVID questions for their camper before coming to camp. If the answers to any of these are "Yes", then don't bring the camper to camp.

- Do you have a fever of 100 degrees or higher?
- Have you been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
- Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
- Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours of 100 degrees or higher?
- Have you experienced a new loss of taste or smell?
- Have you experienced vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?



While at camp:

- Campers will be assigned a Huddle Group. This Huddle Group will stay together throughout the entirety of the camp session (room together; participate in all activities together, etc.).
- Any camper developing a fever will be isolated and the parent/guardian will be contacted to come pick that camper up from the camp site.
- If the camper still has a fever of 100 degrees or higher by bedtime of the same day, the camper may not return to camp.
- If the camper does return to camp the next day, that camper will have their temperature checked by staff before they're allowed to check in. If the temp is 100 degrees or higher, the camper may not stay at camp.
- Parents of the campers in that Huddle Group will be contacted. Parents may determine to let their camper stay in camp or may come pick them up.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD PACK FOR CAMP?

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

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO WHEN I DROP MY CHILD OFF FOR CAMP ON MONDAY MORNING?

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

1. Bring \$15 cash for canteen.
2. Write in the name of each person that you will permit to pick up your child on Saturday morning.
3. Write their driver's license number on the check-in card.
4. Bring any medical information for the camp nurse, already written down. Our medical form can be downloaded from our website.
5. Leave any mail for them during the week.

MY CHILD TAKES MEDICATIONS. WHAT DO I DO?

Please fill out the medication form(s) which will instruct the health staff exactly when and how to administer your child's medication(s). Place each medication with its form in a Ziploc bag and write the camper's name on the bag with a Sharpie. All medications must be turned in to the health-care table at Check-In. You will be able to discuss any medical concerns at that time. Medical forms can be found on our website and will be available the morning of check-in along with Ziploc bags.



WHEN WILL CAMPERS LEAVE FOR CAMP?

Sessions A and B: Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. All Overnight Campers should be at the church Fellowship Hall parking lot no later than 8:30 a.m. If you miss the bus, it will be up to you to get your children to camp. Please don't be late!

WHAT IF I YOU ARE TAKING YOUR CHILD TO CAMP?

- Please have them arrive to Camp Chandler by 9:45 a.m. Monday morning. Check-in will be at the Chandler Lodge.
 - Directions to Chandler Lodge
 - When you enter Camp Chandler, look for the Chapel on the right before you come to a large open field. Turn right immediately past the Chapel.
 - Drive straight ahead to the Chandler Lodge.
- In order to save time, please be prepared to:
 - Sign camper in on arrival to Camp Chandler
 - Bring \$15 cash for canteen.
 - Write in the name of each person that you will permit to pick up your child on Saturday morning.
 - Write their driver's license number on the check-in card.
 - Bring any medical information for the camp nurse, already written down. (Please see instructions on website). Our medical form can be downloaded from our website.
 - Leave any mail for them during the week.

WHEN SHOULD I PICK UP MY CHILD FROM CAMP?

Check-out is at Camp Chandler on Saturday morning. Photo ID is required to pick up a child. Remember, at Monday morning Check-in you must list anyone who may be picking your camper up. If they're not on the list, they will not be allowed to pick up the camper.

Because of an underground septic line system that has been installed in the field we normally use for parking, vehicles are now not able to use that space. In order to make pickup for your camper as seamless and easy for you as possible, and in an effort to prevent traffic congestion with over 70 vehicles arriving at the same time for pick up, we are implementing staggered pickup times.

Female Campers Pickup will be at 9:00 Saturday morning.

Male Campers Pickup will be at 10:00 Saturday morning.

Closing Ceremonies this year will only be for campers. When you arrive to pick up your camper, you will sign out your camper, load up their luggage and head out. We will provide instructions for parents and their camper to be able to watch the Closing Ceremony slide show together at home.



HOW CAN I GET DIRECTIONS TO CAMP CHANDLER?

Overnight Camp is held at the YMCA Camp Chandler. Directions are available:

- On the website www.CampBriarwood.org
- 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 of 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 parent's health insurance plan, please notify the camp office.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS INJURED?

Camp Briarwood strives to have a nurse on site to take care of minor injuries. If we don't have a nurse then Camp Chandler has qualified First Aid staff. A more serious injury will be addressed appropriately. Also, please refer to the consent form which you signed on the registration form. You can download a copy of the registration form from our website.

CAN I WRITE LETTERS TO MY CHILD AND RECEIVE MAIL FROM THEM?

Yes. There will be a mail call each evening. The first mail-call is on Tuesday of each session of camp. This has become a fun part of the day. We prefer you bring your mail to Check-In when you bring your campers. Write the night you want them to receive the letter(s) and give it to the staffer at the Check-In table.

OR Mail may be sent to:

Camp Chandler
Child's Name
Camp Briarwood
1240 Jordan Dam Rd
Wetumpka, AL 36092

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. Please bring \$15 cash to Check-In. This will be collected and will allow your child to have snacks each day at the canteen. 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'd be surprised how many campers actually 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 the Monday morning of 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 sit the child out of some or all of an activity.
2. If that doesn't 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 our camp session. Photos cost \$8 each. The photo will be taken at camp on Monday. 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 on Monday morning. 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 counselors carefully review all requests when they put together the camper groups. There may be times when we can't accommodate every request, but we try because we believe this will result in the best camp experience for every child.

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 at camp who do not know other campers. Encourage your child to try to make new friends even if their friends are there.
3. Encourage your child to NOT 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

- Shorts and shirts
- Long pants for horseback riding
- Swimsuit (no bikinis)
- Pajamas
- Underwear for each day
- Bath Towel
- Beach Towel
- Washcloth
- Blanket and 2 sheet OR sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Brush / comb
- Flashlight
- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Tennis shoes (closed toe, needed for riding horses and sport activities)
- Bible
- Notebook and pen/pencil
- Stamps, envelopes, stationary
- Water bottle
- Mask

Optional:

- Disposable camera
- Robe

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO OVERNIGHT CAMP:

- Any electronic device
- Cell phone
- Digital camera



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 an 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!