



# BEAR CREEK CAMP

*Explore, celebrate & grow in God's creation!*

Hello Labor Day Family Camp Families,

Thank you for registering for Bear Creek Camp's Labor Day Family Camp! We are so excited you are spending your long weekend here at camp, and we look forward to being with you all.

Check-in for the weekend will be in the Retreat Center from 7 to 8 PM on Friday evening. Please check in with a staff member at breakfast if you arrived past 8 PM so we can get you officially signed in. Scheduled activities will conclude with lunch on Monday.

While you are here, there will be opportunities for a lot of fun activities including hiking, boating, songs, games, arts and crafts, and plenty of free time for family time. We will be sure you receive an orientation, schedule, and map to help you best navigate your way around camp and all the fun that is in store for you.

Please bring sturdy and comfortable clothing. You have the option to be very active during the weekend and clothing could get dirty, wet, and muddy. No laundry opportunities will be available. Since it will most likely get cooler at night, please be sure to also bring layers.

Here is a list of other things that would be good to bring up for the weekend:

- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Swimsuit or boating clothes
- Sturdy shoes for hiking
- Extra pair of shoes (in case yours get wet)
- Rain gear
- Flashlight
- Personal water bottle

The information in this packet is intended to help you and your family prepare for camp and have the best possible experience at Bear Creek Camp. Even if you are a long-time Bear Creek Camp family campers, please take a few minutes to read through the packet as some things may have changed.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions concerning your family's time at Bear Creek Camp. We can be reached by phone at (570) 472-3741 or email at [bccamp@bearcreekcamp.org](mailto:bccamp@bearcreekcamp.org). Also, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram to see updates from camp!

In Christ,

Collin Grooms  
Executive Director

# PREPARING FOR CAMP

## ALLERGIES

Please ensure that all registration information lists all allergies and food restrictions for your family to allow our kitchen team to be prepared to accommodate food allergies and restrictions.

## MEDICATIONS

All medications brought to camp must be kept in the controlled possession of the parents/guardians of the family or securely in the cabin area.

## REFUND POLICY

All registrations for Family Camp are subject to a \$75/person non-refundable deposit. Refunds for cancellations will be made according to the following schedule:

No-show or less than 1 week in advance: 50% refund of cost of camp. More than 1 week: refunded minus deposit. Cancellations due to medical reasons: Refunded 100% when we receive a doctor's certification.

# DURING CAMP

## MEALS/FOOD

Meals are served from our camp kitchen at 8:00 AM for breakfast, 12:00PM for lunch, and 5:30 PM for dinner. Families will be encouraged to dine together in the dining hall or at an outdoor location around camp. All family food allergies should be listed on the medical forms completed through the CampBrain registration portal prior to arrival at camp.

Personal food and snack are allowed but should be kept in cars or program buildings in a sealed container. Please do not bring any food into cabins as it attracts animals

## GENERAL GUEST BEHAVIOR AND CONDUCT COVENANT AND POLICIES

Bear Creek Camp's core purpose is to help individuals explore, celebrate, and grow in God's creation through experiences in community that values having fun, sharing faith, developing leaders, building character, promoting adventure, and embracing the inclusion of all. It is the expectation of our community that every participant's conduct while at camp is in line with these values. Specific expectations are outlined below.

We hold this covenant together in community. Rules for participation in programs at Bear Creek Camp are the same for everyone without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, handicap, or national origin. Guests are asked to report observed violations of any of the below to a Bear Creek Camp staff member immediately.

Failure to comply with any element of the covenant and policies below can result in immediate removal from the camp property and a restriction on further participation in BCC events. Such actions are at the discretion of the Executive Director.

### Use of Premises and Activity Areas

- a. During their stay guests shall comply with all applicable laws, codes, and regulations.
- b. Guests are restricted to areas of the premises as designated by the program design and lodging assignments. The commercial kitchen is off-limits to all guests unless under explicit permission from a BCC staff member.
- c. Lodging areas are restricted to the guests assigned to each lodging unit. Those assigned to other lodging units and day users are restricted from entering unassigned lodging units.

- d. No one shall enter the waterfront area unless a qualified lifeguard is supervising and adhering to the full procedures of waterfront operation.
- e. Other specialized program activity areas or equipment (archery, low ropes, high ropes, climbing wall, etc.) are prohibited for access unless under the supervision of BCC staff.
- f. Use of all program areas are subject to weather conditions and can be designated “closed” by BCC staff.

#### **Interaction with Other Guests**

- a. Interactions between all guests at Bear Creek Camp are expected to provide for the safety of all guests.
- b. Bear Creek Camp is committed to providing an environment that provides everyone equality, respect, and dignity. In keeping with this commitment, we maintain a strict policy prohibiting harassment. Harassment is defined as unwelcome conduct that is based on race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity), national origin, age, disability, or genetic information.
- c. Sexual harassment in any form will not be tolerated and applies equally to all genders. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.
- d. Quiet hours will be respected between the hours of 11pm and 7am.
- e. We recommend that cell phone usage is limited and not impede the experience of other campers or distract from programming and proper supervision of youth.

#### **Prohibited and Restricted Materials**

- a. BCC prohibits pets, hunting, fireworks, firearms, ammunition, and explosives at camp except under explicit permission from the Executive Director.
- b. All persons must refrain from use or possession of illegal drugs, included but not limited to marijuana and off-label use of prescription drugs.
- c. During Family Camp, smoking and alcohol use are prohibited on the grounds of Bear Creek Camp
- d. Open fires may be built only in designated campfire areas with provided firewood. It is understood that both BCC and the guest must comply with all lawful orders of appropriate fire control officials.
- f. Use of vehicles at camp is restricted to designated roads and parking areas. Posted speed limits shall be obeyed. Transportation of persons in vehicles or parts of vehicles not designated for passengers is prohibited. BCC assumes no liability over personal vehicles or their contents

#### **Health and Safety**

- a. BCC does not provide medical supervision or dispensing of medications for family campers. These responsibilities belong to the adult guest or the present adult guardian in the case of a minor.
- b. Bear Creek Camp does not carry primary medical insurance for families. Parents are financially responsible for the cost of any medical care needed during a family’s stay at Bear Creek Camp.
- c. BCC staff are trained in first-aid, CPR, and AED as well as our emergency response procedures and can assist in medical care throughout family camp.
- d. Emergency transportation is available through local emergency response groups by dialing 911.

#### **Maintenance**

- a. BCC shall maintain camp property in good condition and repair and shall provide janitorial services to the premises and buildings. BCC shall provide beds, mattresses, and other equipment necessary for general operations. Housekeeping is not provided during your stay.
- b. Guest agrees to assist in keeping camp clean, and shall leave property free of defacement.
- c. Guest agrees to pay BCC the amount reasonably necessary to repair or replace property or equipment damaged or destroyed during the guest’s use.

**We appreciate your thoughtful attention to the above.**

**Please direct any questions to the camp office- [bccamp@bearcreekcamp.org](mailto:bccamp@bearcreekcamp.org) or 570.472.3741**