



# Parent Pack <sup>2024</sup>

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## Our Purpose

To provide a place and the opportunity for Christian teaching and fellowship along with wholesome and guided recreation in a Christ-like atmosphere. The goal and purpose of our youth camps is to bring young people to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and to provide exciting, challenging activities which will promote and nourish spiritual growth.

## Bring to Camper Drop-Off!

Please send in all payments 2 weeks prior to the start of your week of camp.

### If you Registered by Mail...

- Completed confirmation form**
  - Make sure that all info is correct. If you find an error, please contact us ASAP.
  - Fill in Trading Post and Group Photo money.
- Camper Release Form**
- Health History and Authorization Form**
  - Bring all medications to the nurse at registration!
  - Mark all medications clearly on the Health Form.

### If you Registered Online...

- Medications** - Bring all medications to the nurse at registration!
- \* All other paperwork was completed online.

## What to Bring for Camp

### All Campers

- Bible and notebook
- Backpack
- Clothes you are willing to get dirty
- Jacket or sweater
- Closed toed shoes for creek walk/water games, i.e. crocs or water shoes.
- 2 pairs of Sneakers
- Sunscreen
- Swimsuit/Trunks - no bikinis or cutoffs (see dress code)
- Swim towel
- Insect Repellent
- Water Bottle
- Bottle of Hand Sanitizer

### Overnight Campers

- Flashlights
- One pair of long pants (at least)
- Pillow and sleeping bag/bed roll
- Soap, shampoo, towels, washcloths
- Toothbrush/toothpaste

### Goldfinches

Bring at least the items on the list that are enclosed in the box; however, an extra pair of clothes is also highly recommended.

## What not to Bring

1. Electronic gadgets (i.e. Game Consoles, MP3 Player, Tablets, Cell Phones, etc.)
2. Snacks
3. Fireworks
4. Pocket knives
5. Alcohol, tobacco, cigarettes, drugs, etc.
6. Loose Money (All cash is to be put in your Trading Post Account at registration.)

# Drop Off & Dismissal

## June-July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Eagles					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Goldfinches		Jenny Wrens			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Wilderness Hawks					
	Cricketeers					
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Blue Jays					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Cardinals					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Hummingbirds					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Night Owls					

### Eagles

**Arrival**  
June 9, 4 pm  
**Dismissal**  
June 14, 4 pm

### Goldfinches

**Arrival - June 17-19**  
Everyday, 9 am  
**Dismissal**  
June 17-18, 4 pm  
June 19, 3 pm

### Jenny Wrens

**Arrival**  
June 19, 4 pm  
**Dismissal**  
June 21, 4 pm

### Cricketeers

**Arrival**  
June 23, 4 pm  
**Dismissal**  
June 28, 4 pm

### Blue Jays

**Arrival**  
June 30, 4 pm  
**Dismissal**  
July 5, 4 pm

### Cardinals

**Arrival**  
July 7, 4 pm  
**Dismissal**  
July 12, 4 pm

### Hummingbirds

**Arrival**  
July 14, 4 pm  
**Dismissal**  
July 18, 4 pm

### Night Owls

**Arrival**  
July 22, 7 pm  
**Dismissal**  
July 25, 7 pm

### Wilderness Hawks

**Arrival**  
June 23, 4 pm  
**Dismissal**  
June 28, 4 pm

### Ospreys/Red Tails

\*Due to low camper numbers,  
Ospreys and Red Tails were combined.\*

## Phone Calls, Visits, & Leaving Camp

- These distract from the total camp experience.
- Campers are not permitted to make or receive phone calls.
- You may talk to the office about your camper's progress.
- **No cell phones are permitted.**
- **If the camper must leave:**
  1. Turn in a note during registration time.
  2. When you arrive, stop at the office to talk to the Program Director or Program Assistant.
  3. You must sign out at the office.

## Money, Food, & Medications

- All **Medications** are to be turned into the camp nurse during registration.
  - **All meals will be provided by Cove Valley Camp - Goldfinches are provided with lunch only.**
  - Any **special dietary needs?** Please notify the camp 2 weeks before arrival. Leave snacks and drinks at home unless you have already discussed your specific dietary needs with the Food Service Director.
  - All **camper money** will be put into their **Trading Post Account** during registration.
  - Our **Trading Post** is where snacks, drinks, clothing, and other items may be purchased. Items are paid for out of an account that is set up by parents during registration.
- \*Please note:** If your camper would like to buy a shirt, sweatshirt, or hat, their price is \$10-\$30. Please place enough cash in their account. The Trading Post will also be open during camper pick-up.

# Dress Code

Please dress modestly at all times in comfortable and casual clothes.

## All Campers

- Dresses and tops must have at least 1 1/2" wide shoulder straps. Tops must cover chest and midriff.
- Shorts must be fingertip length/loose fitting. No Yoga Pants/Leggings.
- Modest/conservative swimsuits only. (Tankinis are permissible.)
- Pants/shorts must be kept up around the waist, with no underwear showing.

## At the Pool

- Girls - Swimsuits must be modest & not showing midriff or chest.
- Guys - Must have swimming trunks.



# Mail

Two ways to send a letter to your camper:

1. **Snail Mail** - make sure that their name is on the outside of the envelope.
2. **One-way Email** - No fee this summer!
  - **Camper email address: campers@covevalleycamp.com.**
  - You may share the email address with friends and family.
  - Subject line **MUST** be: child's first name then last name **ONLY**.
  - Emails are printed and delivered daily, usually at lunch.



# Trading Post

Our store where you can buy snacks, drinks, souvenirs, and more! At registration or before, you are able to put money into your child's "Trading Post Account". Each day, the campers will be able to go into the store and buy snacks & drinks at the allotted time(s). At least once during the week, they will have the opportunity to purchase other items! Money must be in their account in order to purchase things!

We have t-shirts, hoodies, postcards, toys, jewelry, hats, and many other souvenirs all ranging in price. Apparel usually ranges between \$10-\$30. The Trading Post will also be open during registration and during departure if you would like to purchase an item before or after camp begins.

\* We have had to increase the cost of food in the Trading Post \$.25 - \$.50 a piece.\*



# Trading Post Mission Project

Each summer, we choose a mission project as an option for the campers to donate toward by using the remainder of their Trading Post account money at the end of each week. This summer's donations will be going to assist the New Birth Christian School in the Dominican Republic, with the purchase of computers for their Middle School Students. Past Cove Valley Camp summer staff Benedid (2021-2023) and JuanSa (2023), are both employed by the school.

Please follow this link to view a video of the high schoolers using their computers, with Benedid as their teacher. <https://youtu.be/P3K14MjOVul?si=L8-AyfDTCEd9pRI3>

New Birth's mission is, "To be an educational institution recognized for its Christian base, that gives an alternative for higher quality in education and responsibility. That promotes academic development that will help build a more just and compassionate society". We are excited to be able to partner with New Birth Christian School in 2024!

# Online Photo Gallery

During registration there will be an email address list for you to confirm that we have the correct email address for you on file.

Within the first full day of your child's camp, we will send you an email that will include a link for the site where you will find the photos. Once into the site, you will again have the option of viewing and downloading the photos.

If you do not receive the email within the first two days of camp, please email us at: [programassistant@covevalleycamp.com](mailto:programassistant@covevalleycamp.com)

# Group Picture

An 8x10 photo of the entire group with the camp logo, week, and dates printed on the picture.

**The cost is \$5.** If you purchase a group picture they will be sent home with your child at the end of the week. The group picture will also be available to download for free.

# Lost and Found

Please clearly mark all clothing & personal items so that found items can be returned to you at camp. We encourage you to label all belongings! If you would like to buy labels, Mabel's Labels is a great site where you can order your labels for camp this summer!

Go to [camps.mabelslabels.com](http://camps.mabelslabels.com) and select **Cove Valley Christian Youth Camp** in the dropdown box. A portion of your purchase goes to support the camp.

# Something to Avoid

If this is your child's first trip away from home or you know your child may get homesick, please follow these guidelines:

1. **Do not mention the word "HOMESICK" in front of your child.**
2. Instead of reminding the camper of home, talk about all the fun they'll have at camp. In letters and emails, ask about what the camper is most excited about, what they've had the most fun with so far, and other things to keep them focused on being here. Unfortunately, saying things like "We will miss you", "I am only a phone call away", and "If you want to come home, have them give me a call" tends to make the camper focus on home and makes homesickness much worse.
3. Set your child up for success. Present going away to camp in a positive way (i.e. talking about all the fun they'll have, the memories they'll make, asking what they're looking forward to, etc.).
4. We will encourage each camper to make it through the week.

For more information on homesickness please visit: <http://www.acacamps.org> and search "Homesickness".



Dear Parent,

Thank you for choosing to send your child to Cove Valley Camp. We want to make their experience here the best that it can be. Often parents ask me what they can expect for their children to experience here at camp.

At Cove Valley Camp, your child will...

1. Interact with staff that love Jesus and have a heart for serving children and youth. We are here as staff for the campers!
2. Hear the good news of the Gospel. Our goal is to see all campers come to accept Jesus as their Savior and grow in their relationship with Him. The Gospel is presented and modeled to the campers, but it is not forced on them. We trust that the Holy Spirit is working here in each camper and staff members' heart.
3. Be unplugged! Each week of camp is a great way for your child to get away from technology (tv, tablets, cell phones, etc.) and decompress. Being unplugged will help them to focus on the wonder of Creation and the relationships around them.
4. Come into contact with campers that are working through some home/personal issues. We do our best to create a positive environment for growth.
5. Not have a "perfect" week. Expect that there will be some challenging situations for your child to learn and grow from. Campers do not always get along with others or connect immediately with staff members. Spending a week together is always a great opportunity for the love and grace of Jesus to shine through in possibly challenging situations.
6. Be loved, cared for, and given every opportunity to have a great experience!

Again, thank you for choosing Cove Valley Camp and entrusting us with your child. This is an honor and a privilege. See you this summer!

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