

Melcome to the Carolina Bible Camp Family

WE ARE THRILLED TO HAVE YOUR CHILD AT CBC THIS SUMMER!

Our hope and prayer is that your child will be uplifted by an experience with God, that they have FUN, make new friends, and feel God's Spirit moving in their life and throughout camp.

Founded in 1957, CBC now serves campers from about 20 states with more than 20 different religious groups represented. Most of our support comes from the churches of Christ, alumni, friends and family.

In this document, you will find the information you need about sending your child to CBC. Additional information about each week can be found at www.carolinabiblecamp.org/info.

Our goals at CBC are to:

- Provide the opportunity for spiritual growth by teaching God's Word.
- Grow Christ's church through teaching and fellowship.
- Provide the best and safest possible summer camp experience.
- Provide ample opportunities to build memories for the future.
- Provide the opportunity to build and strengthen relationships.
- Sustain the facility for future generations.
- To show the spirit of Christ in all things.

CAROLINA BIBLE CAMP SEEKS
TO CREATE A COMMUNITY OF
CAMPERS AND VOLUNTEER
STAFF DEDICATED TO
KNOWING AND SHARING
THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

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Parent Handbook

REGISTRATION

HOW TO REGISTER

We use UltraCamp for registration, payment, and our camp portal. Register your camper at www.carolinabiblecamp.org/register.

You will need to create both a parent account and camper account. To register, click *Make a Reservation* to fill out the form (it should take about 15 minutes). You can use a credit card or to pay in full or set up monthly payments. Credits in your account roll over to the next year. All camp information is available in your online account for you to update at any time.

CANTEEN AND CRAFTS

During registration you may add money for your camper to use at the canteen, craft cabin, and camp store throughout the week. \$35 is a reasonable estimate for one week. Most canteen items are \$0.50-\$2.00, with crafts ranging up to \$8. Apparel and hats are also available for \$10-\$15.

REFUNDS

Registration for a camp session is for the entire week. Refunds may be requested in writing stating the reason and will be granted in the case of family or medical emergencies, or extenuating circumstances. They will not be granted for removal from camp due to behavior issues. The registration fee is not refundable. Deposits for the canteen are refundable.

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you would like to apply for a scholarship, send a letter briefly describing your need to cassie@carolinabiblecamp.org or mail to the camp address on the front page. We will reach out to you with next steps.

CABIN ASSIGNMENTS

Cabin assignments are made by age and gender assigned at birth. If you have any questions or concerns about the housing assignment process, please contact the Executive Director.

Cabin buddy requests may be made during registration online. Please do not wait until registration. Although we try to honor buddy requests, we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored. Guidelines for buddy requests are as follows:

Each camper may request one buddy. The request must appear on both campers' online registration forms. The campers' ages and grades must be within one year of each other to be placed in the same cabin.

Special circumstances must be approved in advance by the Executive Director. Once cabin assignments are finalized by camp staff, they cannot be changed.

STAYING OVER THE WEEKEND

We strongly encourage you to allow your camper time to rest and come home between sessions, but understand there may be some cases when that is not possible. If your child must remain between sessions,



BEHAVIOR POLICY

While at CBC, we expect all campers, visitors, and staff to be kind and respectful. Campers must stay within camp boundaries at all times. Cell phones, smart watches, and electronics should turned in to staff at registration or left at home. No knives or weapons are permitted. A full description of the behavior policy can be found in *Camp Info* on the website.

DRESS POLICY

The Highlights:

- Shirt with sleeves and covers the waistline
- Shorts to mid-thigh and worn at the waist
- Swimwear under clothing
- Kind words and images
- A full description of the dress policy can be found in *Camp Info* on the website.
- Pro tip: teens and women's shorts should be about 5" or longer.



CHECK IN

Check in for each week is Sunday from 1:00-4:30pm in the Lodge. After entering the gates, the Lodge is the first building on the left. Your camper will meet the head counselors and director, receive their cabin assignment, and give any medication to the camp nurse. You may also pay your remaining balance or add money for their canteen and crafts.

MEDICATION

Medication should be labeled clearly with the recommended dosage and the camper's name. Please place all medication and a note including frequency and time meds are taken inside a zip-top bag labeled with the camper's name and bring with you to registration.

CELL PHONES & TECHNOLOGY

One of the best parts of CBC is being outdoors and unplugged! Cell phones, smart watches, gaming systems, and all wifienabled devices will be collected at the start of camp. At registration, we will ask both you and your child to sign acknowledging that they do not have technology, the technology is in the possession of a parent or guardian, or the technology has been turned into CBC for safe keeping during the week. This ensures everyone is on the same page and we have confirmation that the cell phone policy was discussed at registration.



ABOUT YOUR CAMPER'S WEEK AT CBC

CAMP MAIL

Receiving mail is a highlight of the day for campers! If you will be mailing letters or packages, please send them to the camp a few days in advance; the postal service can sometimes take longer to process items for us, and we do not want your kids to miss out on this fun part of camp!

There will be a mailbox on the porch of the lodge at registration where you can drop off premade letters. Please identify the day you would like your child to receive the letter on the envelope so staff can deliver accordingly.

Care packages are welcome! Please limit to one package per week.

CONTACTING YOUR CAMPER

Email is a great way to let your camper know you are thinking about them! To send an email to your camper, log in to your Ultra Camp account. Click "Additional Options" then "send an email." Emails will be printed off each day at 11:00am and delivered to campers during mail call. While we do not currently have ability for campers to email you back, know that your notes from home bring encouragement and help your camper stay connected. Campers are not accessible by phone except in case of an emergency. If your camper wants to

write and mail letters home, please send stationary and stamped and addressed envelopes for campers to use.

HOMESICKNESS

Many campers, both first-time and returning, will experience some form of homesickness. These feelings are normal for campers of all ages. Homesickness can be shown through physical symptoms, strong emotions, or both. These feelings are often strongest at the beginning of the week, mealtimes, and rest times.

Our goal is to help campers enjoy their time away from home. Our staff are trained to encourage camper participation in activities and are also equipped with ways to provide love, comfort, and care to campers who miss home. Campers are also encouraged to write and talk about their feelings, but not to focus on them.

By staying at camp and participating, even when they are homesick, campers grow in confidence and independence. We make every effort to keep your camper at camp. If your camper's homesickness is severe or disruptive to the camp environment, parents and or guardians will be contacted. We try to get the camper to commit to one more day and if they stay until Wednesday, we feel there is a good chance they will be okay and stay the rest of the week.



Here are some tips to help you prepare your camper and prevent homesickness:

DO's

- Make sure campers know they will have a wonderful time.
- Talk openly about homesickness and explain that it is normal to miss home, but you know they can handle it.
- Encourage your camper to bring a security item.
- Write encouraging and enthusiastic letters to be delivered during the week.
 Tell your camper that you want them to have a good time and can't wait to hear about their new experiences.
- For younger children, make sure they know how to take care of their own basic needs and personal hygiene.
- Make sure your camper knows where all of their items are packed.

DON'T's

- Don't worry too much. Even if they are homesick, campers are having a positive experience.
- Don't tell your camper that you will call or visit during the camp week. If you are worried, you can call and talk to the Camp Director.
- Don't emphasize how much you miss your camper, either when saying goodbye or in your letters.
- Don't promise to pick up your camper immediately if they feel homesick.
- Don't emphasize homesickness so much that your camper expects it.
- Don't encourage your camper to call home if they aren't having a good time.

PICK UP PROCEDURE

Camper pick up is Saturday at 11am each week. Most sessions have an end-of-week ceremony that you are invited to join starting at 10am in the shelter. Campers will have their belongings packed and ready to go at their cabins. Be sure your camper checks out with a counselor before leaving.

As you exit the camp through the lodge parking lot (follow the signs), we will verify your child is leaving with the person designated for pick up in their registration form. We must be made aware of any change to the designated pick-up person by phone or email during the session. If you must leave early, you may make arrangements with the camp director by calling the office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Executive Director at any time!

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WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOUR FAMILY AT CBC THIS SUMMER!