

2018 CAMP BONCLARKEN I & II - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

- **Check in:** will be in the YOUTH ACTIVITY BUILDING. Signs will direct you to this facility. Luggage service will be available in the parking lot of the YAB. NO CARS will be allowed in the housing areas of camp. Please check with staff in the parking lot where you drop off your luggage. Luggage will be waiting for you in the housing area when you complete registration. Please go through the registration line before going to the housing area to move your camper in. Check-in will be arranged by alphabetical order according to your last name. There will be multiple check-in stations to make the process as smooth as possible. Parents must sign their child in with the counselor upon arrival.
- **Medications:** All medications regularly taken should be turned in to our Camp Nurse during registration. Please bring **ALL MEDICATIONS** to registration. **ALL MEDICATIONS MUST BE IN THE ORIGINAL BOTTLE with the child's name on it from a pharmacy.** All parents/guardians checking campers in will need to speak to the nurse in the registration line. As a precaution, ALL CAMPERS must have a head check and their temperature taken by the nurse in the registration line.
- **Spending Money:** All spending monies should be turned in to Trip McGill, Lynn Grimsley, and camp assistants as you go through the registration line. The amount of spending money that you leave for your child can be anywhere between \$20.00 and \$30.00. You should plan to leave cash for spending money. This money will be available for your camper to use in the Bonclarken Gift Shop and the Nibble Nook each day. Any money not spent during the week will be put in your child's packet at the end of the week to be returned to you. **NEW: To spend any money at the Nibble Nook and/or Gift Shop, please remind your camper of our new policy and that is they must show their picture name tag each time they wish to purchase!**
- **Parent Evaluations:** You will receive an online Parent Evaluation email several weeks after camp is over. Please assist us for planning for the future by giving thoughtful consideration to the items on the evaluation form. Your comments as parents are valued.
- **Day Campers:** If your child is a day camper, please have him/her at breakfast each morning on the front lawn of the hotel at 7:45am. At the end of the day, please pick him/her up at 8:45pm at the bridge at the lake following our evening bonfire. Please pick up a daily schedule at registration to make sure of exact times for your week of camp.
- **Swimming:** Each camper will have the opportunity to take the Bonclarken swim test during the Sunday Night rotation which includes swim time. Should it rain on Sunday Night, the campers will have an opportunity to take the test during swim times at the pool.
- **Mail:** You will be provided a postcard to send to your child at camp. Please take time, when you return home, to write a nice note and drop this postcard in the mail. Kids love to get mail at camp. Also, feel free to send your child a fax to camp. The Bonclarken fax # is: 828.697.1735. **Please put Camp Bonclarken, your camper's name and their counselor's name on all mail and faxes.** There will also be a website that you can access to send email to your camper during camp. Please access your account in the Camp Management System through the Bonclarken **Camps** tab at www.bonclarken.org and look for the for email information and for daily pictures posted at camp. Follow the directions on the Camp Management site to email your child. **Email is ONLY ONE WAY! Campers MAY NOT send email home or return emails.**
- **Care Packages:** While care packages are not a requirement, campers enjoy care packages from home. (It is the thought that counts, not the size or cost of the package!) Please consider a Bonclarken Gift Shop care package per the flier in your packet should you wish to do so. If you bring snack foods from home PLEASE only leave two or three things. Campers will have opportunities to visit the Nibble Nook, and excessive snacks lead to issues or possible unwanted visits from critters in the area (i.e. squirrels). Due to possible food allergies, please be avoid packing snacks that contain nut products. Please read all food packaging before sending!
- **Phone Calls:** Homesickness is a normal reaction to a new environment and our camp staff and counselors are trained in dealing with homesickness. Phone calls to and from camp exaggerate homesickness, and therefore we do not allow campers to call home, access phones, have cell phones or use anyone else's cell phone. We will, of course, call you in case of an emergency. Also, if we feel that we need to discuss your child or his/her situation, should they be homesick, Trip or Lynn will call you as well. **Please talk with your child about this before coming to camp.** If an emergency arises and you should need to contact us, please call Bonclarken Conference Center at **828.692.2223** and specify Camp Bonclarken and your child's name. Please direct your call to Trip McGill or Lynn Grimsley. Someone from our staff will return the call as soon as possible. You may also contact Trip directly on his cell phone **IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY** at **704.616.4539** or Lynn Grimsley on her cell phone at **803.924.3381**. If you are staying on campus or nearby, **WE RESPECTFULLY ASK that you PLEASE follow our policy of no visitors (parents, grandparents, etc) around the camp to assist us with any homesickness issues of both your child and others! Please do not ask your child's counselor for their cell phone number. The counselors are not permitted to receive calls from parents or make calls to parents. Please contact Trip McGill or Lynn Grimsley (our numbers are listed earlier in this document) should you have a question or concern during the week. We will be happy to help you. Of course, you may also call the Bonclarken Office and leave Trip or Lynn a message!**
- **Visitors at camp:** No visitors are allowed at camp! We invite parents, grandparents and family members to join us at the Friday Evening Closing Program at 7:15pm in the Youth Activity Building. We ask that you respect our policy of NO VISITORS during the week of camp. This also includes Friday afternoon and night, should you arrive in the Bonclarken area earlier in the day on Friday. This also includes evening bonfires, worship and all meals. It makes it difficult on other campers who won't see their parents until Friday evening for parents of other children to appear during the week and especially at night. If you are staying on campus or nearby, we RESPECTFULLY ASK that you PLEASE follow our policy of NO VISITORS around the camp. Please help each camper to have a smooth week. We appreciate your respect of our policy and helping us to maintain security at Bonclarken as well.
- **Accidents and Illness:** If a camper has an accident or becomes ill, parents will be contacted as soon as the situation is stable and there is correct and pertinent information to share with you. Contact will be made by the Health Professionals (i.e. Camp Nurse) and the Camp Directors. Please make sure all contact information and emergency information is correct in your account in the Camp Management System (i.e. Cell phone, work phone, and information should you be out of town during camp).

- **Leaving camp and returning:** No camper may come to camp, leave for an event at home or some other place, and then return to camp. This is mainly a problem with local campers. Please be advised that once a camper is at camp and enrolled, he/she is to remain at camp until check out on Friday evening after the closing program. Thank you for your help with this policy!
- **Camp Dress Code:** Campers will need to conform to the following dress code: no spaghetti straps, no halter tops, tube tops and bare midriffs, shoulders or backs. One piece bathing suits are required for girls. Modest bathing suits are required for all. Shoes MUST be worn at all times. (Closed toed shoes are required for recreation and all outdoor activities – TENNIS SHOES!!!!) Please make sure all clothing is representative of a Christian camp. No inappropriate logos or writing on shirts will be allowed. Comfortable clothes are a must at camp. No short shorts will be allowed. Please include some older clothes if your camper plans to sign up for options that would be messy. **Please mark all clothing with your child's name!**
- **Camp Bonclarken Behavior Guidelines:** Please discuss with your camper the following behavior guidelines for Camp Bonclarken. Each camper is expected to be kind and respectful of their counselor and fellow campers. Any type of disrespect or bullying will not be tolerated and could be grounds for a camper to be sent home! Campers should respect each other at all times including not taking things that do not belong to them and using ONLY their own Nibble Nook Money and Gift Shop Money. Any theft of money by a camper from another camper at the Nibble Nook or Gift Shop will be grounds for sending a camper home.
- **Items Not Permitted at Camp:** No illegal drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaping materials, weapons, fire arms, fireworks, animals (other than service animals), personal sports equipment, video games, calculators with games, game boys or other personal gaming systems, laptops, personal computers, radios, CD players, iPods, iPads, MP3 players or any type of **CELL PHONE!!!!!!** No digital cameras are allowed at camp! **DISPOSABLE CAMERAS WITH REGULAR FILM ARE ALLOWED AT CAMP! NO EXCEPTIONS TO CELL PHONES AND DIGITAL CAMERAS. CAMPERS WILL HAVE THESE ITEMS TAKEN FROM THEM AND THE PARENT WILL HAVE TO PICK THEM UP AFTER THE FRIDAY NIGHT PROGRAM FROM THE CAMP DIRECTORS.** Please keep all cell phones at home! NO ELECTRONICS AT ALL ARE PERMITTED!!
- **INTERNET POLICY and PHOTO POLICY:** No camper may use camp logo or camp photos on any website or represent the camp in any way on any social networking sites such as FACEBOOK, Twitter, and Instagram, Snapchat or any other type of social media. Campers may not request to be friends with counselors, CITs and/or staff on social networking sites and Counselors/Staff/CITs may not be friends with campers on social networking sites. **At no time during the week should a camper use his/her camera to take photographs of any other camper, except during organized activities or group pictures of friends. NO PICTURES are to be made in or around the camp housing! Pictures taken in the bunks will be made by our webmaster so that parents may see where their campers are housed on the website during registration.**
- **MISSION PROJECT:** Bring items to construct an OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOX. Please see the website http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Pack_A_Shoe_Box/ in order to know what your box should include. WE HAVE DECIDED TO DO THIS PROJECT AGAIN AND MAKE IT AN ANNUAL MISSION PROJECT FOR CAMP BONCLARKEN IN ASSOCIATION WITH SAMARITAN'S PURSE.
- **Departure:** You may pick up your child on Friday evening of camp AFTER the Closing Program. Parents- for security reasons, you must sign your child out with his/her counselor before leaving. This MUST BE DONE AFTER the Closing Program. The Closing Program will begin at 7:15pm, with pictures of the week running on the big screen in the YAB starting at 7:05pm. The program will last no longer than an hour. (Parents - see information on the letter in this mailing regarding special rates for housing should you wish to stay overnight on Friday if you have long distances to travel!)
- Please consider a gift from our 2018 Camp Bonclarken "WISH LIST" on Amazon.com. We greatly appreciated all of the donated items last summer and many of you asked to have this information earlier so that you could respond when you received this packet! The earlier you respond, the better we can plan on what items will need to be purchased for camp by what we have had donated from you! Please feel free to pass this information on to your churches, by putting in your church newsletters, bulletins and giving it to your youth groups, circles, men's groups, women's groups, etc. We appreciate any and all items from our "Wish List" so that we can continue to be the best stewards of camp monies! We are thankful for your consideration!

To find our Camp Bonclarken Wish List for 2018, go to www.amazon.com, and in the top right hand corner where it says WISH LIST and click on Wish List button. When it asks to Search for the wish list, put in Trip's old email address: t.mcgill@att.net and it will take you to our list!