

2018 CAMP BONCLARKEN I & II

Dear Camp Bonclarken Camp Family,

Thank you for your registration for Camp Bonclarken 2018! We are very busy planning for a great summer of camp. We will have another large group this summer and we look forward to providing the best experience possible for your child. Our theme this summer is: **“Champions for Christ: Keep the Torch Burning!”** Phillipians. 3:14-15 says, **“I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”** Psalm 37:5 says, **“Commit your ways to the Lord, trust in Him, and He will act.”**

During the rotations on Sunday Night, there will be a time to swim, have recreation, put together an Operation Christmas Child Box and, of course, a huge options/activities assignment time. **Once again this year...** You and your child will be able to sign up for options on our CampBrain website through your account before camp. You will receive an email closer to camp with details on how to register for options. On Sunday night, each camper will have a chance to confirm the options that they have for the week. Take a look at the many cool activities that will be going on at Camp Bonclarken 2018: swimming and hiking, seeing old friends, meeting new friends, climbing tower, a camp video and pictures to enjoy seeing everything you did, Bible class, singing and cabin devotions, great new options (along with old favorites), wonderful crafts, exciting recreation, evening worship, and nightly bonfires. Older Bible groups need to bring comfortable clothes (shorts, t-shirts, polo shirts, etc) to wear on Thursday night for the last night Pizza Party. We have a Pizza party planned with a closing Bonfire for just the older groups. We want them to look nice in shorts, shirts, etc – NOTHING DRESSY! Just casual! This is a Pizza Party and Bonfire for the closing night!

On Tuesday night we will have our theme night, BONCLARKEN OLYMPICS - In keeping with our “CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST” theme, we will be having an evening filled with Games, races and lots of fun! Please have your child bring “appropriate Olympic clothes” for this special night of fun! (Athletic wear, Jerseys, appropriate athletic uniforms, headbands, running shoes, etc)

ANNUAL MISSION PROJECT: Once again this year, we will participate in OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. We ask that each camper bring a plastic grocery bag filled with the necessary items to make a well-filled Operation Christmas Child box. We will have a packing party on Sunday night during our opening activities. Campers will put their boxes together as a cabin group and will use the Green and Red boxes that we provide. Please remember to bring your check payable to: Samaritan’s Purse for \$9.00 OR cash of \$7.00 to help defray the costs of shipping these boxes all over the world! It is our pleasure to team up with Samaritan’s Purse each year in the worthwhile project and allow our campers to learn how to pray for the child that receives his or her box. Please feel free to pay your \$9.00 online at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> Here you will also find a way to track your box, print off the label which shows you have paid and tracking information. You will also find the list of items that are approved for the boxes. Thank you for your time with our project!

Some other important items are as follows:

REGISTRATION TIMES! Check in and Registration for camp will be at the YOUTH ACTIVITY BUILDING (YAB) on Sunday, July 15, 2018 (for SESSION ONE), and Sunday, July 22, 2018 (for SESSION TWO) at 2:00pm. We will close registration at 3:30pm (We will NOT start before 2:00pm.) Registration balances can be paid prior to camp by mailing a check or paying by credit card. (This is strongly encouraged in an effort to help make our registration lines move more smoothly) *If you have not already paid the balance of your registration it is due at this time. If you have any questions about payments or your balance, please contact the Bonclarken Office 828.692.2223. Make all checks payable to **BONCLARKEN CONFERENCE CENTER**.* Should you have OTHER camp questions, contact Trip or Lynn.

SESSION ONE

- The first camp meal will be Supper on Sunday, July 15, 2018.
- The last camp meal will be Supper on Friday, July 20, 2018.
- A Closing Program will be held on Friday, July 20, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Youth Activity Building.
- Check out will take place immediately following this program. NO ONE will be allowed in the housing areas before the program on Friday evening at all.
- Once again this year, in an effort to make a more smooth transition from Camp Bonclarken I to Camp Bonclarken II, we have standardized both weeks to end on Friday evening after the Closing Program.

SESSION TWO

- The first camp meal will be Supper on Sunday, July 22, 2018.
- The last camp meal will be Supper on Friday, July 27, 2018.
- A Closing Program will be held on Friday, July 27, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Youth Activity Building.
- Check out will take place immediately following this program. NO ONE will be allowed in the housing areas before the program on Friday evening at all.
- Once again this year, in an effort to make a more smooth transition from Camp Bonclarken I to Camp Bonclarken II, we have standardized both weeks to end on Friday evening after the Closing Program.

ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR: Parents who wish to come to Bonclarken and spend the night on Friday night AFTER the program may contact the Bonclarken Office to make reservations, and will be provided with a SPECIAL RATE for this evening to assist those with long travel distances. We hope this will address those travel issues which are always difficult for some of you.

Before you do anything else, please fill out the enclosed forms and return them to BONCLARKEN. (THEY ARE ALL DUE BEFORE CAMP. WE WOULD LIKE TO NOT ACCEPT THEM IN THE REGISTRATION LINE!!!!) **Once again this year!** Through our partnership with CampBrain, all of your camper forms are available online and can be uploaded once you've filled them out. Attached you will find information on how to fill out your camper documents using CampBrain.

- **MEDICAL FORMS: (Medical Exam, Health History, Medical Authorization) EVERY CAMPER MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL EACH YEAR TO ATTEND CAMP! ALL MEDICAL FORMS ARE DUE TO BONCLARKEN ON OR BEFORE JULY 5, 2018, for SESSION ONE and July 12, 2018, for SESSION TWO. THESE ARE TO BE SENT BEFORE CAMP! WE WOULD LIKE TO NOT ACCEPT THEM AT REGISTRATION! Thank you for your attention to this.**
- **Activities Release Form: RETURN TO BONCLARKEN!!**
- **Media Release Form: RETURN TO BONCLARKEN!!**

After you have completed all forms and returned them to Bonclarken, please begin praying for Camp Bonclarken 2018! Our desire for the campers would be for them to take a look at themselves and their relationship with God and be better prepared for the challenges that life will bring. Please pray specifically for all of our campers, their counselors, our excellent staff and that God's will be done through our experiences in this ministry. **PARENTS, please read all information for you!** May God richly bless your family in the coming months. Please call us if you have specific questions about CAMP BONCLARKEN.

In His Service,

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