

Dear Student Life Parent,

There is an amazing opportunity coming up for your student(s) in just a couple weeks that we wanted to make sure you were aware of. Summer Camp is possibly our favorite event of the year, because it has the capacity to change a student's life like few activities we have found. Some basic information about camp is included below, but I just wanted to quickly share why I believe camp is crucial for the spiritual development of a student.

Camp connects students to Jesus. Whether they're beginning a relationship with Him for the first time, or deepening an existing one, getting away from everything for a few days to focus on Him has a huge impact on the spiritual life of a student. I know my life was impacted dramatically by a couple of camp experiences like this, and I sincerely pray that same change for the students of our group.

Camp connects students to others. Students make incredible relational connections at camp - they almost can't help it. After spending a few days in the woods with their peers and their sponsors, they leave with a truck-load of memories and experiences that bond them in a very powerful way. If a student is having trouble connecting or making friends, camp is a wonderful remedy.

I could go on with a host of other reasons that I believe camp is one of the best experiences a student can have, but I think the two above are broad enough to cover the other benefits. So, that being said, here are a few important details about camp...

Dates and Times

Jr. High Camp (going into 6-8 grade) - June 23 - 25

We will meet at Spring of Life after church on Sunday, June 23rd.

We will return to Spring of Life at TBD (Early afternoon) on Tuesday, June 25th.

High School Camp (9-12 grade) - June 25 - 28

We will meet at Spring of Life at TBD (Early Afternoon), June 25th.

We will return to Spring of Life by TBD (Early Afternoon), June 28th.

Cost

We have worked very hard to make this a quality camp experience, while keeping costs as low as possible. This is the reason we no longer attend the week-long standard church camps (UCYC, CIY, etc.), because registration costs have soared in recent years to between \$300-400, which is simply cost-prohibitive for many families. By doing our own camp, staying in tents, etc., we have managed to keep our cost per student to: Jr. High - \$95; High School - \$135.

We realize this is not a small amount of money, but we can assure you the experience will be well worth it. We have also encouraged the students to find creative ways to earn that money with odd-jobs, babysitting, saving, etc. We have also made form letters available that they can send to friends and family asking for help in raising funds for them to go to camp.

Location

Our campsite location is 60 miles north of Payson. It is called Elk's picnic campground. This is a fenced 5-acre camp site, equipped with vault style toilets and ramada's, as well as a stage. We have camped there for the last 3 years and have found this to be a wonderful campsite. It is also closely located to Blue Ridge Reservoir, where we take a day trip to go swim. There are also many great hiking opportunities as well nearby that we take advantage of.

Sign-Up

You can sign up at the events page on the Spring of Life website. By clicking the appropriate link it will take you to the form. As you sign up please download the liability waiver and return it to the church office or personally to Dennis. Once you sign up more information will be sent to you.

If you have any further questions or if there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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