

Delmarva Baptist Fellowship Summer Camp 2020 Information Packet

Thanks for taking the time to learn about camp and review these guidelines. We are so excited that you are considering spending a week with us at camp! Camp is a wonderful time of growth and fun. In this brochure, you will learn a few things:

- How to contact camp personnel
- Important dates
- Theme
- What to expect from a normal camp day
- What to pack and what to leave home
- Pricing, registration, and accommodations
- Guidelines for having a safe and happy experience at camp

How to Contact Camp Personnel:

If you have any questions or concerns about camp, please feel free to contact the camp director, David Mathews, directly via email (pastorbigred@aol.com) or phone (443.786.7880). You can also contact us on our facebook page: www.facebook.com/delmarvabaptistcamp.

During the week of camp, you can call the camp office as well, though it is not staffed at all times. That number is 443.786.7880. You can also write letters to the camp staff or to your camper (which we highly recommend!) at:

Camp Tohiglo
ATTN: {Camper Name Here}/ Delmarva
10670 Fort Loudon Rd.
Mercersburg, PA 17236

Important Dates:

- This year's camp is scheduled for August 2-8, 2020.
- Registration opens in April and continues through July 1, 2020.
- Early registration deadline is May 24, 2020
- A late fee of \$30 applies to all applications received after July 1, 2020.. If space is still available at that date, late applications may be considered.
- Check-in happens on Sunday, August 2, beginning at 3 PM.

Please www.delmarvabaptist.org/camp for additional information and to register.

Theme: Create In Me A Clean Heart

Are you a good Christian? In trying to answer that question, sometimes we settle for focusing on the outside. We settle for only considering what we look like in the mirror... or to others who might be looking at us out their window. But what does God look at? He looks at our heart! This year we hope to focus entirely on introspection and what it takes to have a heart that is truly pure and clean.

Sample Schedule:

This is a typical schedule and gives you a basic idea of what will happen. Of course, we often have to adapt to changing circumstances, and we always appreciate flexibility when that happens. The final schedule isn't set in stone yet, but it will be available to the campers and staff during the week. We may also take an off-site excursion for canoeing, swimming, hiking, or some other activity.

- 7am - Wake Up and Clean Up
- 7:45am - Flag Raising/Prayer
- 8:00am - Breakfast
- 9:00am - Activity or Lesson Time
- 10:30-11:45am - Free time (You can swim, visit our rifle range, hike the trail, go to the archery range, make a craft at the craft shack, visit the snack shop or get a shake at Moondoes)
- 11:45am - Flagpole Fun/Prayer
- 12:00pm - Lunch
- 1:00pm - Junior Kids Choir, Rest, or Study Time and Teen Activity
- 1:30pm - Missions Hour
- 2-3pm - Game Hour (Water Games, Team Games, or other hysterical activities)
- 3-4:45pm- Free time (You can swim, visit our rifle range, hike the trail, go to the archery range, make a craft at the craft shack, visit the snack shop or get a shake at Moondoes)
- 4:45pm - Flag Lowering / Prayer
- 5:00pm - Dinner
- 6:00pm - Team Games
- 7:00pm - Chapel/Worship Music/ Teaching/Activity
- 8:00pm - Free Time
- 9:00pm - Cabin Clean Up/Get Ready for Bed
- 9:30pm - Cabin Debrief/ Cabin Activity
- 10:00/10:30 pm - Lights Out

What to Pack (and What to Leave Home):

Both our fellowship and the campground we rent from have specific rules about attire. Please comply with these guidelines to ensure everyone is safe and happy and to ensure that we don't

lose the opportunity to continue to use the campground. We don't like to make people change their clothing, it is awkward for everyone, so parents please be helpful and check the clothing your campers pack.

- PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERYTHING!!!!
- Sleeping Bag or Sheets/Blanket (beds are provided, but linens are not)
- Pillow
- 2 towels minimum (1 for showers, 1 for swimming)
- Personal care items (Toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap...DEODORANT!)
- Sunscreen, insect repellent
- Clothing:
 - Cool, light, loose-fitting clothing. (It gets hot and humid during camp!) Avoid form-fitting pants (yoga/running/compression) unless you're wearing shorts over them.
 - Athletic shoes (Closed-toe shoes are required for activities; no flip flops, slides, or backless sandals outside the cabins except to/from pool only)
 - Extra shoes (We often get wet from games or rain, so it's good to have some dry shoes to change into--Crocs with the heel strap are wonderful camp shoes)
 - No attire with offensive or suggestive graphics, language, or drawings.
 - No sleeveless shirts please (guys or girls)
 - No short shorts (think Bermuda, not daisy dukes; as a guideline, make sure the shorts are longer than your fingertips with your arms at your sides)
 - Swimsuit:
 - Ladies: One-piece swimwear or a tankini that meets in the middle or a shirt to wear over your swimsuit.
 - Men: Swim trunks; a swim shirt is optional
 - No low-cut necklines or see-thru fabrics: basically others shouldn't be able to see your underwear at any time.
 - Pretty much bring a bunch of shorts and t-shirts that can get wet or dirty.
 - You may pack one nice outfit for the banquet on Friday night if you like.
 - Poncho and/or umbrella for the rainy days.
- Flashlight/batteries
- Watch
- Bible
- Notebook and Pens
- Backpack/bag to carry all your stuff.
- Spending money (We recommend around \$40. This will cover all snacks, crafts and offerings during the week) Extra money can be added on family day.
- Stationery/Stamps (so your camper can write home during the week, we recommend sending them with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope or two)
- Leave the electronics home: if it has a speaker or a screen, it's not needed.
- Instruments (for Music Track campers)
- Softball glove/bat (there's a campers vs. staff slow-pitch softball game planned, and you'll want to have your equipment for that)

- No drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, matches, lighters, fireworks, or weapons are allowed. We provide rifles and ammo for the rifle range. If you plan to bring shooting equipment, it will need to be in the possession of and under the supervision of your youth leader or the range master at all times.

Pricing, Registration, and Accommodations for Camp:

- Juniors: \$245
- Teens: \$265
- \$30 Early Bird Discount--deadline May 24
- AFTER July 1 there is a \$30 late fee

Registration: You can register your camper online, using our secure interface (one application per camper, one camper per application) at www.delmarvabaptist.org/campapp. If you need a paper application, please contact your youth leaders from your church. Please have your medical care provider, insurance, church, and personal information ready when you fill out the application. This year, you will be able to make changes to submitted applications using the email address you provide at the beginning of the application process. So, if you change insurance or doctors, you can update us later. Please don't make any changes to your application after July 15. Instead, email the camp director with updates.

When you register you will usually write a check to the church or group you are coming with. They will keep track of the campers in their group and write one big check for the whole group for all registration fees. If you're not part of a Delmarva Baptist Fellowship church, please send payment directly to:

Delmarva Baptist Fellowship Camp
 %: Grace Baptist Church
 PO BOX 162
 Hurlock, MD 21643

Spending Money should be turned in at check-in. You can bring it in an envelope with your camper's name on it. We will issue a money card with the camper's name and cabin so no one else can spend it or steal it. Unused money left on the card will be refunded Friday night. Please see the Snack Shack staff to obtain your refund.

Accommodations: Campers will stay in air-conditioned cabins with access to flush toilets and hot showers. There are bunk beds and mattresses provided as well. Please bring your own sheets/pillow/pillowcase/sleeping bag or other appropriate bedding.

Three square meals are served daily, Monday through Friday. Also supper Sunday and breakfast Saturday are included. We strive to provide healthy, nutritious meals for the campers. If you camper has any special dietary needs, please remember to share that on the registration form!

Our staff is made up of pastoral staff, wives and volunteers from churches in the Delmarva area. We care greatly about the safety of both your kids and ours! So we background check our staff

to help ensure the safety of everyone. We also are careful to make sure that counselors and kids have separate shower times.

Guidelines:

We don't love rules, but we also don't love anarchy. So a few guidelines for conduct will help ensure that everyone can have a safe and happy experience at camp. Parents, please review these guidelines with your campers prior to sending them off to camp, so they don't have the disappointing and embarrassing experience of being corrected for a rule they didn't know they were breaking.

Identification Bracelets: Every person on camp grounds after check in is required to be wearing one of three colors of bracelets (for campers, staff, and visitors). These bracelets help us do several things. First, it lets us know that you have checked in and that you are supposed to be at our camp. It also lets us know if you are a staff member, a camper, or a visitor. Sadly, in our world there are hurting families and kids with custody issues or other problems. It is our job to keep the kids as safe as possible and providing bracelets is one way to do that. Please wear your bracelets at all times, and if you find someone without one please direct them to the snack shack or one of the leadership to check in or get a replacement. Please also do not take your camper off the grounds or away from camp without checking them out with the director so they can make sure all the people involved in the campers' care are properly notified.

Visitor Policy: All visitors must check in and out every time they visit! Please make sure you check in at the snack shack or with the camp director. Also, any visitor on campus during mealtimes may purchase a meal for \$5. Both cash and checks will be accepted at the dining hall at the time of meal service. There will be a receptacle for your payment at the service table. There will be no charge for dinner on Wednesday night for our "Family Day" guests. To ensure we have food for everyone, please try to notify us in advance of your plans to join us for any meals.

Technology: We are a technology-free camp for our campers. Here's why. So many kids get so attached to their phones and devices they struggle to connect, learn, and participate in the planned camp activities, which isn't much fun for anyone. Also, kids don't always use technology wisely and we don't want inappropriate photos being taken (even accidentally) from the cabins and changing areas. Lastly, there really isn't a good cell signal around so we are close to being off-the-grid anyway! Please know that the staff keep their phones on them and there should be a point of contact at the camp from the group you attend with in case you need to reach us for any reason. We highly suggest you send letters and not attempt to call during the week. It really helps with homesickness! Some groups let their campers have their phones on the ride up and then hand them into the leader for lockup in the staff rooms until Saturday. Check with your youth leader for their technology policy. Campers ARE allowed to take goodbye photos and get friends' contact info during and after breakfast the last day.

Participation: Many of our activities are optional, but there are some mandatory events every camper must participate in, unless prior approval is granted by the camp director or medical necessity prevents participation. Campers must attend all meals, all lesson times, and all

scheduled activities for their groups. Campers must participate in cabin discussions led by the counselors and be in their cabins from “lights out” until 7:00am. But don’t worry, there’s lots of free time and options to choose from.

Conduct: Campers should treat others with the kindness and respect that they would desire for themselves and that reflects the grace of God. Unkind speech, swearing, teasing, pranking, or hazing are not acceptable. Also, physical displays of affection are not necessary or helpful for the camp experience, and are not permitted.

Modesty: Modest attire is expected at all times. Clothes that are revealing or suggestive are not permitted at camp. Please ensure you have sleeves on all shirts and shorts/skirts are longer than (not just even with) your fingertips when your arms hang naturally at your sides.

Arrival: Please check in between 3-4:45pm on Sunday, August 2. We will not be ready prior to 3pm so please don’t plan to unload or get your cabin assignments until the check in area is open. Don’t go anywhere else on campus until you have checked in.

Family Day: On Wednesday of camp week we invite YOU to join us for the afternoon and evening, including free time, dinner, and programs. The campers love having a chance to show you all the things they have been doing. Try to arrive before their afternoon free time around 3pm so that you can spend that time seeing all the fun stuff they do. We will have a parents/visitors check-in station at the Snack Shack this year. If you are visiting camp for any reason we need to know! So please sign in and out at the Snack Shack. It’s easy to find as you enter the camp: just look to your right when you see the swingset. We have dinner at 5pm, and a service at 7pm so plan to come and stay as long as you can! Dinner on Wednesday is free for all of our Family Day guests!

Mail call: *You’ve Got Mail!* Every day at dinner time there is a mail call. You can send letters and gifts through the mail, but it would be wise to send it before camp so it will arrive during camp week! Letters that are unclaimed or that arrive after camp ends will not be forwarded, so please don’t include any valuables. Please mark your letters with “Delmarva Baptist Camp” so that they get to us.

Medical Care: We will have a nurse or two on the grounds at all times. Usually, if a group leaves campus, one nurse stays at camp and one goes with the group. The nurse will maintain all medications and distribute as needed, based on each camper’s health form. Please place medications in a ziplock bag labeled with the camper’s name. You can also include a note with any special instruction for the camp nurse. Campers with conditions that may affect/infect others will be sent home. If you know your camper is sick, please don’t send them to camp. They need rest, and camp is not a restful environment at all!

Prohibited Items: Campers may not bring: drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, matches, lighters, or fireworks with them to camp. No weapons are allowed, except those that are for use at the rifle or archery ranges. Campers must turn in their shooting equipment to their youth leader or the Rangemaster immediately upon arriving at camp. Also, electronics and cameras are not permitted during camp (though you may take group photos on Saturday morning).

Staff Supplement:

Child Care Program for Children of Camp Staff: We are thankful to be able to offer a free childcare program for our camp staff's children who are under camping age. This program is only open to those serving in non-counselor positions, as you will need to be able to supervise your own children when not on-duty. Your children will be under your care any time you are not serving in your camp position. (For example, if you work at the craft shack, when your shift is over you will pick up your child and be in charge of them for meals etc.) Good communication with childcare workers is greatly appreciated. Those workers should be reachable by radio at all times. Your children may not roam the campground unattended at any time. They must be supervised by you or enrolled in and participating with a program in order to come with you to camp.

We do ask that any children over the age of 8 be enrolled as a camper because we have limited housing and child care staff. The childcare program is designed for ages 7 and under. If you are an occasional drop in staff member your kids may attend the program, or camp activities but we need to know in advance, so we have a proper worker to child ratio and so that we are properly prepared for food and activity needs.

Any special accommodations needed may be addressed to the Camp Director, and he will work to help you out in any way possible. His email is bigredthinker@gmail.com.

Additional information and constant updates can be found on our Facebook page! Please like us and share us with your friends and neighbors! Please visit and share our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/delmarvabaptistcamp>