

Thank you for registering for 2025 Middle School Christian Day Camp!

Tuesday, June 24 - Friday, June 27
Optional overnight stay Friday, June 27 - Saturday, June 28

We are so excited to welcome your child(ren) to camp! To make this the best experience possible, please read the following information:

Parent Text Group:

Throughout the week, there will be times we need to relay a message to parents. (i.e.: a reminder regarding an activity for the next day, update in the case of severe weather.)

To make sure you receive up to date information and reminders, you will be added to a text group. If you opt out of this group, you will not receive important updates and messages pertinent to your child.

Contact number: **833-241-4107**

From now through the end of Christian Day Camp, use the number above to contact the organizers of Christian Day Camp. This number only receives text messages. If you cannot relay your message via text, request in your text for Pastor Cindy or Pastor Aleese to call you.

Location of camp:

- Camp is held at Saulsbury Bridge Recreational Area (2007 Saulsbury Road, Muscatine)

Registration:

- Registration will begin at **8:30 am Tuesday morning.**
- Follow the direction of traffic directors into Saulsbury. You'll be directed to turn left after you pass a playground area and cross a bridge.
- Registration will be in three parts:
 - 1 - Youth will get their nametag and wristband, unload their bikes and join their groups.
 - 2 - Parents continue by checking in with our camp nurses
 - 3 - Parents continue one more stop to confirm the list of adults authorized to pick up their child(ren) at the end of the day, and to confirm if their child is staying overnight from Fri-Sat.
- At the end of the day on Tuesday, campers will receive a camp t-shirt as a part of closing. Wear your camp shirt on Wednesday!

Daily drop off and pick up:

- Drop off between 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.; pick up at 4:00 p.m.
- **Only adults indicated on your child's registration form will be permitted to pick up your child.** When you come to pick up your child, you will be directed to your child's group leader. You will be required to sign your child out before your child can leave their group.
- If your child(ren) is/are staying the night on Wednesday, your child(ren) will remain at Saulsbury throughout Wednesday and Thursday. See notes below for more information about overnight accommodations. Both overnight and non-overnight campers will have a full day of camp on Thursday, June 27 from 9:00am - 4:00pm.

Inclement Weather:

- Camp runs rain or shine!
- In the case of severe weather, leaders will be in communication with parents via the text group.
- If there is a sudden storm, we will shelter kids at Saulsbury.
- If there is significant storm risk and/or rain scheduled for the entire day, we will move camp from Saulsbury to First Baptist Church (3003 Mulberry, Muscatine). Note that this is a *last resort*. If this occurs, a decision will be made the night before so that parents know to come to First Baptist rather than Saulsbury.

Before arriving at camp:

- Apply sunscreen and bug spray
- Eat a good breakfast. Lunch will be served around 12:00. Check our Parent page on our website for more information about meal menus
- Dress in comfortable clothes with the weather in mind. We'll be outside much of the day!

Items to bring to camp:

- **At the beginning of the week, bring a bike to camp.** Campers will be biking from station to station throughout the day and will receive biker safety training from Harper Cycling. Once you bring your bike to Saulsbury, it will remain there for the week.
- **Helmets are mandatory.** If you requested a bike helmet in your registration form, we will have a helmet for you!
- **Bring with you: water bottle and change of clothes.**
 - Though we do not have water games scheduled in our schedule, it is always likely that a rain shower pops up, or, that an accident happens. Come prepared with a change of clothes. Pack light!
- The following will be available for campers from their group leader: sunscreen and bug spray.

Items NOT to wear/bring to camp:

- Flip-flops
- Pocket knives
- Music devices and/or ear buds
- Anything of value that you don't want to lose or misplace

Missing days of camp/arriving late or leaving early from camp:

We are mindful that some campers may have other obligations during the hours of camp. As much as possible, devote your child's schedule to Christian Day Camp as they will receive the most benefit from being a consistent part of *all* our activities. ***If it is necessary for your camper to miss a day of camp, arrive late, or leave early, please text the number listed on page 1 at least 24 hours in advance.*** Indicate in your text the name of your camper, the grade they just completed, and what day/time your camper will be absent.

Daily Schedule:

- Visit the parent page of our website for a full daily schedule of activities

Lunch:

- Lunch is provided for campers courtesy of local churches. Menu is available on the parent page of our website.
- If your child(ren) has food allergies that you have not already disclosed on your child's health form, text the number above or email christiandaycamp@gmail.com.

Health and Safety:

- A camp nurse will be available each day for any needs that arise.
- Any medications that your child(ren) needs to take during the week must be dropped off on the first day of camp. Put medication in a sealable plastic bag with their first and last name. Medication may only be distributed by our nurse on site.
- Over-the-counter medication (Tylonal, Ibuprofen, Pepto Bismol, Benadryl) will be provided by our camp nurse and will be distributed as there is need.
- Know that all volunteers directly working with children have been screened with a criminal and sex offender background check.

Cell Phone Policy for Campers:

Cell phones *may* be carried by campers in their backpacks. Camp staff and volunteers will encourage campers to keep their phones in their backpacks throughout the day. Phones are to be used *only* for emergency situations. If you need to contact your child in case of emergency, we encourage you to contact camp staff first (Pastor Cindy Axtell: 563-260-5673 or Pastor Aleese Kenitzer: 319-427-0600).

Overnight accommodations for Friday night into Saturday morning:

- Campers have the opportunity to stay overnight on Friday night into Saturday morning. Campers will sleep inside Saulsbury Lodge overnight.
- Items to bring for the overnight:

- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Basic toiletries

Behavioral Expectations:

This is a faith-based day camp, and we expect our campers to treat one another with the understanding that all people are made in the image of God. We expect campers to treat each other responsibly and respectfully. Disrespectful behavior, swearing, and any attempt of violent behavior will not be tolerated.

United Christian Approach:

We are blessed to have *numerous* organizations and churches sponsor Christian Day Camp. Christian Day Camp is *not* denominationally-based. To that end, programming will not adhere to any specific denominational doctrine.

We look forward to an awesome week of camp! If you have any questions, text the number on page 1. We will respond via text and/or follow up with a phone call.

See you on Tuesday, June 24 at Saulsbury!