

2018 Camper Policies & Parent Information

Read carefully before signing your child's application.

Visit our website at www.vesperpoint.org for more information.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Applications may be picked up at the church office or downloaded from our website: www.vesperpoint.org. Checks should be made out to: Camp Vesper Point. Visa, MasterCard and American Express accepted.

The following is required for registration:

- \$100 deposit (applied toward camp cost)
- Completed application

Once a camper is registered, they will receive an invoice confirming their session dates and indicating any balance due and necessary forms. Before camp starts, campers must complete our medical form and turn in a copy of their medical insurance card.

Returned Check Fee: \$25

EACH CAMP WEEK IS \$525

Week 1	June 11 - 16	Middler	Rising 3 rd -6 th grade
Week 2	June 18 - 23	Middler	Rising 3 rd -6 th grade
Week 3	June 25 - 30	Pioneer	Rising 7 th -10 th grade
Week 4	July 9 - 14	Middler	Rising 3 rd -6 th grade
Week 5	July 16 - 21	Middler	Rising 3 rd -6 th grade
Week 6	July 23 - 28	Pioneer	Rising 7 th -10 th grade

Financial aid is available. Please visit our website to download this form. Form must be submitted at least two weeks before your chosen camp session. All financial aid forms must be submitted by June 1.

CANCELLATIONS

Prior to February 1, 2018: Full refund.

February 1 - April 1, 2018: \$50 of deposit is forfeited

April 2 until 4 weeks prior to your session: \$100 deposit is forfeited along with 1/2 of remaining paid tuition.

Within 4 weeks of Session: All money is forfeited.

Forfeited funds cannot be credited to another year. Deposits are non-refundable and can be transferred to a siblings account up to May 1. If a camper needs to cancel due to health reasons they must submit a doctor's note in order to receive a refund. **This refund, though, will not include their \$100 deposit.**

The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss any camper whose behavior becomes detrimental to the other members of camp. No refund will be made for absences, dismissals or withdrawals before a camp session ends.

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF CAMP

Room and board, canteen snacks, camp theme T-shirt, cabin photo and all activities except for water ski clinic.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Campers are not allowed to leave camp during the week. If a camper leaves for some activity, they cannot return. Parents and campers may send mail to one another, but we do not allow personal phone calls or visits. If an emergency at home arises, please call our Camp Office at (423) 332-1849. If a parent is concerned for their camper or wants to check on them, he/she may call the camp office. Our staff will check on your camper and call you back with an update.

CABIN REQUEST POLICY

It is our policy to do our best to honor all buddy requests as long as their age and grade level allow. **Only single mutual requests are guaranteed.** All requests must be noted on the applications. Cabin assignments are revealed on Opening Day.

OPENING & CLOSING DAY

Opening Day is Monday between 8:30-9:30 AM. Camper should arrive with their bathing suit on under their clothes and a towel in hand. They will be taking their swim test before heading to their cabins to unpack. Say your goodbyes before dropping off your camper. Once they leave your vehicle you will not see them again until

Closing Day. After dropping off your camper, parents will come to the camp office to make sure their registration is complete. Luggage will be dropped off as you exit the property.

Closing Day is Saturday between 8:30 and 9:30 AM. Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's counselors and visit the Camp Store. Luggage will be picked up as you leave the property.

MAIL & PACKAGES

During the summer, all mail should be mailed to:

Camp Vesper Point, 3216 Lee Pike, Soddy Daisy TN 37379

DO NOT MAIL PACKAGES OR MAIL TO THE CHURCH ADDRESS IN CHATTANOOGA!

When sending packages to campers, please adhere to our guidelines of what not to bring. Packages are optional and not encouraged. All postal mail will be delivered to campers daily as it arrives.

- Notes brought on Opening Day for campers will be given as labeled.
- Packages brought on Opening Day or purchased at the Camp Store on Opening Day will be given to campers on Tuesday and Thursday.
- **Do not include money, food, candy or gum in letters or packages.** CVP reserves the right to confiscate food, candy, or gum.

WHAT TO BRING

CLOTHES

Modest Shorts
T'Shirts
Pajamas
Sweatshirt
*Swimsuit
Rainjacket
Tennis Shoes/Sandals

LINENS

Sheets/Sleeping Bag
Pillow
Towes/Washcloth
(Thin towels are best
since they dry faster)

TOILETRIES

Toothbrush/paste
Soap
Shampoo
Bug Spray
Sunblock

MISCELLANEOUS

Flashlight
Clothes Pins
Bible & Notepad
Extension Cord
Small Fan
Water Bottle
Laundry Bag
Small Back Pack

* Girls are required to one-piece suits or a two piece that completely covers their middle.

During the week we have a few special activities that campers can dress specifically for:

- Counselor Scavenger Hunt: dark clothing & long pants
- Fun Field Night: clothes you don't mind getting dirty
- Hoe Down: western attire

All items should be labeled.

Please make sure that your camper's laundry bag is clearly labeled as well. (Using an unlabeled trash bag may result in dirty laundry getting thrown away.)

Camp is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Alcohol/tobacco products, portable electronic devices including cell phones, iPods and video games, fireworks, comic books/magazines, inappropriate t-shirts, spaghetti strap shirts, weapons, chewing gum, candy, or other food and drink products, silly string, jewelry, and watches. Many of these items are often lost or broken and we cannot be responsible.

LICE

We thoroughly check all campers for lice upon arrival. If any nits are found we will discreetly ask the parent to take the child home until he/she can be treated and return nit-free. Campers will be asked to leave camp and not be allowed to return for a minimum of 6 hours in order to rectify this problem. Campers will be re-checked by our camp nurse upon their return.

ACTIVITIES

These two activities (clinics) are chosen on the application and are assigned before campers arrive. They last each morning for almost one hour and are only a small part of the day. These are all low-key with minimum instruction. Each activity has limited spaces and are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. If your camper does not get their first two choices, most likely they will have other opportunities throughout their week to participate in them. Campers will not be assigned duplicate activities. Because of the high demand of water activities, campers are assigned only one water activity. The rest of the day after lunch, campers spend with their cabin doing many different fun activities.

Arts/Crafts

Baseball/Softball

Water Inflatables

Bouldering Gym - we provide climbing shoes, but campers may want to bring their own

Clinic Sampler - different activity every day

Dance - girls only

Drama - improvisation skits & activities

Fishing

Frisbee Sports

Kayaks & Paddleboards

Outdoorsman - boy scout/camping skills/archery

Pavilion Sports - basketball, 4-square, floor hockey, etc.

Sand Volleyball

Soccer

Swim & Watermats

Water Ski - additional \$25 fee

MEDICAL POLICY

We have a Registered Nurse or Doctor on our staff each week to dispense medications and handle any medical situations that may arise. The Camp Director reserves the right to refuse any applicant whose condition is beyond our [professional] and medical accommodations. Please contact us prior to registering if your child has any special medical conditions or needs (ie. peanut allergy, diabetes, special diets, etc.)

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Medications: All Medication (both prescription and over-the-counter) must be checked in with the Camp Nurse at the time of registration. Prescription medicines MUST be brought in the pharmacy-labeled container with the camper's name, dosage and instructions. If the dosage has changed from what is listed on the label, a note from the physician will be required, stating the new dosage. Parents must bring their own 7-Day pillbox to accommodate daily medication(s). Do not put medication(s) in the pillbox. The nurse will do this once she has reviewed the medication with the parent/guardian.

Note: If your camper has been on medication to help control behavior, and you have chosen to take him/her off for some reason, we need to know of the condition and the medication used for controlling it.

FOOD ALLERGIES

CVP understands that there are many different types of food allergies that children have to deal with. Due to the rise in nut allergies, our kitchen has become nut-free. We also try to offer a variety of choices at each meal. With breakfast, we offer cereal, fruit and yogurt along with our main entrees. With lunch and dinner, we offer a salad bar. We do not provide gluten free meals. If your child has a food allergy and you are concerned that they will not have the food they desire, you may send with them pre-cooked supplemental food. Parents are responsible for sending food with their camper to accommodate their dietary needs if they feel that our camp will not meet their requirements. Our kitchen staff will label all food sent with a camper and store his/her food in the kitchen. Your child's counselors will be able to retrieve it when necessary. There is a microwave available in the dining hall if something needs to be heated. If it would help to know the menu, feel free to email the office with that request.

DIRECTIONS

There are several ways to get to CVP. The easiest directions that we recommend are listed on our website at www.vesperpoint.org.