

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

PARENT FAQs 2024 WATERMARKS CAMP

Where is *Watermarks 2024 Summer Camp* being held?

Watermarks Camp, 1145 James River Road, Scottsville, VA 24590

What are the dates for *Watermarks 2024 Summer Camp*?

July 22 – July 26, 2024

How much does it cost to go to *Watermarks 2024 Summer Camp* as a student?

Student cost: \$475

How do I register?

Registration will open on Monday, March 4th, 2024.

Are there payment plans?

You may elect to pay in full at the time of registration or to pay in installments. A \$99 deposit is due upon registration and the full payment is due on June 10th, 2024. If you have any questions, email shona@parkvalleychurch.com.

How do I apply for financial assistance?

If you or someone you know cannot go to *Watermarks 2024 Summer Camp* because of event costs, please email us at camps@parkvalleychurch.com for more information.

Is transportation provided to and from *Watermarks 2024 Summer Camp*?

Yes, we provide commercial bus transportation to camp.

What is a day at *Watermarks 2024 Summer Camp* like?

Students will arrive at Watermarks Camp in time for lunch. Lunch is followed by Camp Orientation and settling into assigned cabins. Students will be given a swim test followed by time at the lake. Following dinner, everyone gathers for worship. For the remainder of the week, there will be morning and evening worship sessions as well as fun recreational games, activities, and fellowship time where we'll explore how to grow in a relationship with Jesus.

What is the role of a Cabin Leader?

Cabin Leaders care for students by leading small group times, ensuring students' safety, being present and available, and encouraging students to have the best week of their lives.

What is the Cabin Leader approval and training process?

All volunteers going to *Watermarks 2024 Summer Camp* must pass a federal background check, an interview process, and be a member. Once volunteers are approved, they go through training before going to camp.

How do I volunteer as a leader?

Volunteers are critical to providing camps for our students and we are very grateful for your heart to share the love of Jesus with them! We need cabin leaders and nurses.

For more information and volunteer registration [CLICK HERE](#).

Why can't my student take a phone?

We want this week to be a distraction-free week for students, and few things distract students as much as their phones. Over the years, we've found that taking students out of their regular routine opens them up to hear from Jesus in ways they haven't before.

What do I do if there is an emergency while my child is at camp?

There will be an emergency number for you to call and get in contact with your student. You will find out more about this at the parent/student meeting before camp.

Do I have to come to the parent meeting if I went last year?

Every year we make changes to our program so that each camp can improve upon the last. As a result, there are new details every year that you'll want to know.

Can my student select their roommates?

Your student can request up to TWO roommates. We do our best to accommodate roommate requests, but we cannot guarantee students will be in a room with the people they requested. Please remember that whatever roommates your student chooses, those roommates must also pick your student during registration to improve the chances of their placement together.

Will I know who my student's Cabin Leader will be?

Students will learn who their Cabin Leader and cabin roommates are when they arrive for camp check-in. We do this for two reasons:

1. We are often finalizing rooming assignments right up until we leave. (For example, if a student wakes up sick on departure day and can't make the trip, it could result in a change of rooming assignments.)
2. We don't want students to say no to Watermarks 2024 Summer Camp because they didn't get a particular Cabin Leader. We've seen so many great friendships start with: "We met when we were in the same room at summer camp!"

What are the sleeping arrangements?

Students will be staying in cabins or converted school buses at Watermarks camp. All sleeping areas are air-conditioned and gender specific.

What will students eat throughout the week?

Watermarks will provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Snacks can be purchased at the snack shack. If you are concerned about an allergy, please reach out to CAMPS@parkvalleychurch.com.

Is there a medical team around in case of an emergency?

Yes. We bring a volunteer nurse with us to camp, along with nursing assistants. If you are interested in volunteering, reach out to CAMPS@parkvalleychurch.com.

Can I send my student with medicine?

On the morning of our departure, you will be required to check-in all medications. Medications must be placed in a plastic zip-lock bag along with a medication schedule form that Park Valley Church will provide. Our first aid team will be responsible for administering medications to the students. If your student is taking a controlled substance (such as an ADHD drug or prescription pain medication), they'll need to bring their medicine in the original bottle from the pharmacy. This allows our nurses to verify the prescription and the dose that your child is supposed to take. Please only send enough medication for the week. Students may keep prescribed inhalers and epi-pens in their backpacks for ready access if needed.

What are the dress requirements for my student?

The dress code, along with a packing list can be found in the camp packet on the website. It will also be provided at the parent meeting prior to camp.

How much money should I send with my student?

Meals and activities are included in the camp fee. The primary reason your student would need money is for snacks, souvenirs (t-shirts, water bottles, hats), extra paintballs (\$10 for 500). Cash or card payment accepted.

How do I find out more information?

We will host two opportunities to attend our mandatory **Parent Meeting** to answer your questions. Details regarding the meeting will be sent closer to camp. In the meantime, please plan on attending one of the following evening meetings:

Tuesday, June 18th at 6pm

Tuesday, June 25th at 6pm

Still have questions?

Email CAMPS@parkvalleychurch.com