

Kootenay Covenant Bible Camp 2006 Camping

Parent Stuff- Q & A

What can I do to help my child have a great camp experience?

- If possible, visit the camp ahead of time to familiarize your child with the campgrounds, cabins and other general surroundings.
- Consider arranging a first-time camper to attend with a close friend, relative, or camp "buddy".
- Do not tell your child in advance that you will "rescue" him/her from camp if he/she does not like it.
- Discuss what camp will be like well before your child leaves home, acknowledging feelings; role-play anticipated camp situations such as using a flashlight to finding the bathroom.
- Send a letter to your child before camp begins so he/she will have a letter waiting for his/her arrival.
- Allow your child to pack a favourite stuffed animal and/or picture so he/she will have a reminder of home.

How do I Handle Homesickness?

- Talk candidly with the Program Director to obtain his/her perception of your child's adjustment.
- Resist the temptation to "rescue" your child.
- Acknowledge your child's feelings and communicate your love.
- Support your child's efforts to work out the problems with the help of camp staff.
- Remind him/her, if necessary, that he/she has made a commitment.
- Trust your instincts; the occasional child who is truly having a difficult adjustment should be allowed to return home after a reasonable amount of time and effort.

What are the Fees and are there Refunds?

The \$25 deposit is non-refundable. The balance of the camper fee is due the day of registration for that confirmed camp. If your child is unable to attend please cancel within 10 days of the confirmed camp by calling the Registrar Laura Nelson @ 250-428-9048. This way that spot may then be available for another camper.

What is the policy on Cabin Mates?

Cabin assignments are made by the staff, prior to the start of each session. We will try, whenever possible, to honour the request of up to two friends wanting to bunk together, if the request is made with pre-registration.

What are the guidelines for Phone Calls?

The campers are encouraged not to use the phone other than for emergencies. If an emergency arises at home, please contact the office and they will see the message gets to the camper to return your call.

Do I send food with my child?

Please do not send food to camp with your child. We serve them three hearty meals a day plus afternoon and evening snacks plus TUCK (canteen) times. Food in the cabins encourages unwanted guests! (Kootenay Camp is home to many kinds of wildlife). If your child has special dietary needs, please let us know on the registration form.

Are there family discounts?

A \$25 discount per child is available for families sending three or more children.

How much money should my child take to Camp?

A little extra cash is useful to the camper for purchasing Tuck and canteen items. Money for a Missionary offering is also encouraged. There is no other need for cash so please do not send any more than \$20 with your child.

What are the guidelines for valuables at Camp?

There is no facility on the camp premises to store valuable items. We encourage all campers to leave items such as Walkman, CD players, MP3 players as well as all computer style games at home. Any other valuable items can be at risk of loss or misplacement and the Camp cannot be held responsible for these items.

What is there to do?

Swimming, Canoeing, Lots of great games, Archery, Skits, Crafts, Singing, Talent Nights, making friends, SUPER SURPRISE Activities, and much more.

Who can come?

Junior Camp- Anyone finished Grade 3 up to those finished grade 6.

Teen Camp- Anyone this year who has finished grade 7 to those finished grade 12.

How do I Sign Up?

Fill out the Registration form and mail it along with a non-refundable deposit of \$25 to the Registrar. You will receive confirmation upon receipt.

What if I lose or break my stuff?

Sorry, KCBC is not responsible for any lost, broken, or stolen items.

What to leave home?

- Knives
- Collector/Trading Items
- Card Games
- CD Players
- Video Games
- Walkman
- Game-boys
- Cell Phones
- Other Electronics
- Fireworks

What is the time schedule?

A complete time schedule will be posted at the camp. Campers should not arrive before Monday @ 2-4 PM. Pick up time will be the following Sunday immediately after 2PM.

What to bring to Camp?

- Notebook
- Clothes for all types of weather
- Sleeping bag/Blankets
- Pillow
- PJ's
- Soap and Shampoo
- Comb/Brush
- Two Towels/Washcloth
- Swim Shoes
- Swimsuit
- Disposable Camera recommended
- Flashlight
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Sunscreen
- Rain Gear
- Insect Repellent
- Money for Tuck, Canteen, and Offering
- A friend!
- Jacket

What if my child is caught with Drugs, Alcohol, or Tobacco on the camp property?

Your child will be sent home immediately.