

Renee's Camp Notes
Vacation Bible School Camp 2019
Kavanaugh Life Enrichment Center

1. **Arrival/Check-In:** All children should be dropped off at Camp Kavanaugh on Friday morning, July 19 at 8:30 am. Check-in will take place on the first floor of McCoy Chapel (directions are attached). Parking is in the gravel lot behind the Dining Hall. Cabins will be open at 8:30 am. Chaperones will be present to help children and families find their cabins, make beds, and get settled in. Please leave booster seats on your child's bed if that applies as we will need them to transport to the pool. **Label everything!!** Children will remain in cabins until all children have arrived. All children should be on campus and unloaded/settled by 9:00 am, unless special arrangements have been made. After your child is settled, please check out with the chaperone in your child's room – do not leave without telling us your child is now in our care! If someone else will be transporting your child to/from camp, please let Renee know in advance.
2. **Meals/Snacks:** All meals will be eaten together once we arrive at VBS Camp. Any food allergies/sensitivities? Please let me know! We have several food allergies in our group, so we will not have any peanuts, peanut butter or tree nuts at camp. We will make special accommodations for our children with gluten sensitivities or other food allergies.
3. **Theme:** This year's theme is *To Mars and Beyond: Go Beyond with God*. Together we will be reminded to go beyond with faith, boldness, kindness, thankfulness, and hope. Scripture will guide our time together, and will be complemented with recreation, art, mission, music, and science. On Saturday night, we will have a surprise group activity that relates to our theme!
4. **Daily Schedule:** Friday and Saturday have similar schedules. Sunday ends with lunch!

Breakfast

Session 1 [Opening Assembly, Rotations --Bible Story, Mission, Recreation, Snack, Camper's Choice—Closing Assembly]

Lunch

Session 2

Evening Activity [Pool/Surprise Activity]

Dinner

Free Time

Ready for Bed

Lights Out

5. **Aquatic Center:** On Friday evening (or if it rains, we'll try to go on Saturday), we travel to the Oldham County Aquatic Center for an evening of swimming! The facility has areas for all ages and swimming abilities, and each child has both a pool buddy that they stay with at all times and an adult who watches over them while in the pool.
6. **Contact by Phone/Mail:** Children are encouraged not to contact parents during the camp weekend, as this can cause homesickness to become more pronounced. Should you need to contact us for emergency purposes, please call **Renee's Cell: 502.592.1889**.

If you would like to send a note to your child at camp, please feel free to drop it off at check-in and we will make sure it is delivered to your child on Saturday of camp!

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7. **Discipline/Behavior Expectations**

I will do my very best to ensure your child has a positive camp experience, staying safe and happy throughout our weekend together. However, having a good weekend of camp is also very dependent on each child doing their part! Throughout the weekend, I do expect (require!) each child to make good choices and to behave in a respectful manner, remembering that they represent our church at all times. If a child is not able to make good choices and continues to struggle with behavior, here are the steps that I will take:

1. I will take the child aside and talk with them about their behavior.
 2. If the behavior continues for more than a day, I will call you and let you talk with your child.
 3. If the child cannot correct their behavior at this point, I will ask you to come get them.
- Each child is asked to treat others and their belongings respectfully and kindly. (Safety of Others)
 - Each child is asked to respect property in the mini-bus, other vehicles and in the dorms. (Safety of Property)
 - Each child is asked to care for themselves, making smart choices at all times. (Safety of Self)
 - Chaperones are in charge and should be respected.
 - Children will participate in all activities unless they are sick.
 - Children will have a great time!

I truly **do not** anticipate any problems. We have wonderful group of children and I trust that each will be cooperative. The procedure is stated so we all have an understanding of what is expected and how I will handle any issue that arises.

8. **Photos of Camp:** If internet access allows, I will be posting a few pictures to our *Children and Family Ministry of Highland* Facebook group.
9. **Sickness:** If your child has been sick during the days leading up to camp, please seriously consider whether or not you will send them. If they get sick while at camp, we will contact you to discuss the best option. We will have the basics (Children's Advil, Tylenol, Benadryl, Pepto Bismol, Immodium) should there be a need for these. Please let Renee know if your child can have these items prior to leaving for camp should they be needed.
10. **Departure/Check-Out:** We will conclude our camp experience around 1:00 pm. Please pick up your child at Camp Kavanuagh on Sunday, July 21 by 1:00 pm at Holloway Conference Center (directions attached). When you arrive, we will likely be having our pizza party to conclude camp! Each camper needs to check-out with Renee prior to leaving campus. Please gather all luggage, sleeping bag, pillows, booster seats, and art before leaving. All items will be in the foyer of Holloway Conference Center.