

Renee's Camp Notes

PASSPORT*kids!* 2019 – Cumberland University, Lebanon, TN

1. **Departing from Highland:** We will begin our trip to camp by meeting at Highland on Monday morning, June 24. We will return on Thursday night, June 27 at 5:00 pm. We will post a note on Facebook when we arrive at camp on Monday, and we will communicate throughout the week of camp through the *Children and Family Ministry of Highland Facebook Group* as we are able.

8:00 am (EDT)	Meet at Highland/Prepare to Leave
8:15 am (EDT)	Leave Highland!
11:00 am (CST)	Lunch (bring money!)
12:00 pm (CST)	Arrive at Camp

2. **Drinks, Snacks:** All meals will be eaten together in the dining hall once we arrive at PASSPORT*kids!* Any food allergies/sensitivities? Please let me know! Your child should bring his/her own snacks and a filled water bottle for traveling. Please do not send any snacks with peanuts, peanut butter or tree nuts due to food allergies.
3. **Money:** Children are responsible for their own money at camp. The following are places where money will /may be needed.
 - *Travel Meals* - \$20 to cover lunch on the way to camp and lunch on the way home from camp. Children are responsible for their own money as we travel.
 - *Mission Offering* – Each year, PASSPORT*kids!* selects a focus for our giving throughout the week. During worship, children will see videos of where our money will be given. On the first night, we will set a goal as a group of what we would like to collect. We usually try to have a goal that equals out to about \$10 per person. Please pray with your child about this offering and encourage them to find ways in the next few weeks to earn/raise this money themselves – a great lesson in stewardship! Not sure how to do that? Contact Renee for ideas.
 - *Camp Store* – The PASSPORT*kids!* store sells memorabilia (t-shirts, hats, beach towels, drawstring tote bags, flair for your crocs, etc.) The price range for these items is approximately \$2-\$20. Please have a conversation with your child about how they will spend the money they bring with them.
4. **Contact by Phone/Mail:** Children are encouraged not to contact parents during the camp week, 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**. Should you not be able to reach my cell phone, there are numbers where you can reach us along the way:

Other Chaperones/Cell Numbers:

Angela Collins: (502) 930-2024

Buddy Lee: (502) 819-3363

Bonnie Lindsay: (502) 379-5574

PASSPORT*kids!* Camp Office Phone: *(205) 588-6937 (emergency calls only, no text messages)

If you would like to mail a letter to your child at camp, mail it one week before we leave! Send it to:

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Camper Name, Highland Baptist Church
PASSPORT at Cumberland University
1 Cumberland Square
Lebanon, TN 37087

5. Discipline/Behavior Expectations

I will do my very best to ensure your child has a positive camp experience, staying safe and happy throughout our week together. However, having a good week of camp is also very dependent on each child doing their part! Throughout the week, I do expect (require!) each child to make wise 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 wise 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. If anything comes up though, it's important for everyone to know and understand the steps we'll take.

6. **Photos of Camp:** If internet access allows at our camp location, I will be posting a few pictures to our *Children and Family Ministry of Highland* Facebook Group as we go through our week together.
7. **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.
8. **Variety Show:** There is an opportunity for children to participate in a variety show at camp. Children can gather together with friends to create a skit, juggling act, sing a song, choreograph a dance, play the piano, etc. Be creative! Each church may have one act from among us, and it may only be 2 minutes long. This means that if multiple people want to participate, we will need to come up with a group plan! **Let Renee know by May 31** if you are hoping to participate so we can prepare accordingly. There is also **costume attire recommended** for all attending the show – this year our theme is superheroes!
9. **Return from Camp:** We will conclude our camp experience around 11:30 am CST in Lebanon, TN on Thursday, June 27. We will stop for lunch immediately after camp concludes, and we hope to be on the road to Louisville by 1:00 CST/2:00 pm EDT. Your child will need money for lunch as we return home. **We plan to arrive back at Highland around 5:00 pm EDT!** We'll call/text you if we are running a few minutes early or late.