



WHAT TO EXPECT AT AYM SUMMER CAMP

Your child can experience what could be one of the greatest weeks in their entire life. Away from the craziness and fullness of everyday life, campers are thrown into a realm of positive peer pressure encouraging them to pursue their relationship with God, build friendships, and stretch their comfort zone through daily activities. Camp is one of the best ways your child can be disciplined for a week by living 24/7 with others who love Jesus, influencing them towards a lifetime pursuit of Him.

So what does a week of camp look like? Can you say “Exciting”, “Intense”, “Extreme”? This is why camp is loved by many students. While at camp, they will play team sports outside (some messy games), swim in the pool, enjoy the lake activities, and have special services and sessions encouraging them in their relationship with God. During this time your student will be challenged and pushed to be a part of a team. Students will experience growth with their support staff member and others in their room through the games on the field and the services at night.

ROOMING

- Bunk style rooms. Our lodges sleep 4, 6 or 8 and the cabins sleep 34.
- Restrooms and showers provided within their room.
- There will be personnel in every room with campers.
- Campers are automatically assigned to rooms with other campers from the same church.
- Campers attending without a church group will be placed in a room with another church and leaders.

GENERAL CAMP RULES

These rules are given as guidelines for every student to follow. This code of conduct has been established for the protective benefit of each student. They must be observed at all times. Failure to comply with the camp rules can result in expulsion from camp with no refund.

- The daily schedule must be followed and attendance at all activities is required.
- No one is to leave the campgrounds without specific permission from the Camp Director and the appropriate forms completed.
- Students are expected to observe habits of personal and group cleanliness, courtesy, and Christian conduct.
- Males and females are not allowed in each other’s housing dormitories.
- Dress Code: Guests are to be modestly attired at all times. While comfort is important, all shorts, pants, shirts, and dresses are to be “size-appropriate” with no objectionable or suggestive slogans, artwork, or revealing style. Modest swimwear is required by anyone using the pool area. *See Dress Code section for further details.
- **Cell phones**, MP3/CD players, radios, air soft guns, and paintball guns are **not** permitted. All such items will be collected from campers and returned at the end of camp.
- Special Government/Camp Statement: Fireworks, smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages, and drugs are **NOT** allowed on the campground. Fire extinguishers are off limits to campers except in the event of an actual fire. It is **ILLEGAL** to tamper with fire extinguishers.
- We reserve the right to inspect the contents of all personal belongings. The holding and/or disposal of improper contents are the right of the camp staff.
- Camp Activities are open only to registered campers and staff. **No visitors allowed.** Evening services are not open to the public, visiting youth groups, friends or family members. Any guest persons coming on the grounds must have the approval of the District Youth Director or Camp Director.
- Profanity will be **NOT** tolerated on the campgrounds at any time.
- No alcohol, tobacco or vaping products of any kind are allowed on the camp grounds by campers or personnel.
- All cars will be parked on Monday and must remain parked until check-out on Friday. Campers are prohibited from driving on campgrounds.
- All staff and personnel are authorized to maintain order anywhere and everywhere on the campgrounds.
- Students and their parents will be held fully monetarily responsible for any intentional or accidental damage caused to Springville Camp
- Neither campers nor personnel are permitted to bring coolers or any other containers of food or beverage items or to stock or sell said items, but sports bottles are strongly recommended for outdoor activities.
- If you have a camper with dietary restrictions, send info in writing to AYM office at dvdsec@adcag.org.
- Serious offenses, such as banned substances (drugs, alcohol, vaping products, firearms, fireworks) will be met with immediate dismissal from camp, as well as notification of local authorities as required by law. Further, the lack of cooperation, unnecessary roughness, lack of respect for property, or an unwholesome attitude on the part of any camper can result in expulsion from camp. Parents are asked to help in explaining these rules to their children and in encouraging their compliance while at camp. Any expenses associated with transporting expelled campers are the responsibility of the parents. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

•CAMPERS NOR PERSONNEL WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN PHYSICALLY DEMANDING CAMP GAMES UNLESS THEY HAVE PERSONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE.

CAMP DRESS CODE

Our dress code at camp is based on the biblical principles of modesty, neatness, and appropriateness/safety for activities. The following guidelines are for both students as well as Camp Staff. Please help us by setting an example for your campers and communicating these guidelines to them. If camp security deems an outfit inappropriate, they will ask the individual to promptly change into something better suited for camp.

1. No undergarments or midsections showing.
2. Shorts must be "Fingertip Length". This means that the hem of these articles of clothing must be the approximate length of the campers' fingertips when the hands are relaxed at their side.
3. No short skirts. In general, skirts are probably not the best attire for camp; pants and shorts are great for all camp activities.
4. No clothing with inappropriate symbols or messages on it (including alcohol, tobacco, or sexually suggestive language or images)
5. No halter tops, tube tops, bare midriff tops, or spaghetti strap tops.
6. Only modest swimsuits are permitted to be worn at camp. Campers could be asked to wear a dark color t-shirt if the suit is deemed inappropriate.
7. Shirt and shorts **MUST** be worn over a swimsuit at all times when participating in the lake activities.
8. When walking back and forth from the pool, all swimmers must wear shoes/sandals and a cover up over their swimsuit.
9. Shirts must be worn at all times, unless swimming
10. Shoes or Flip-Flops must be worn at all times (except when swimming)
11. Open-toed shoes are not permitted to be worn during outside team activities. Campers must wear tennis shoes.
11. Tattoos and body piercings must be unobtrusive and of a non-controversial content. Some piercings may need to be removed for safety purposes.

YOUR STUDENT MAY BE EXPOSED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Sun
- Water
- Mud
- Physical activities outside/inside
- Rock climbing wall
- Zip-line
- Basketball, volleyball, baseball
- Team Competitions
- Lake Activities
- Loud music
- Flashing lights
- Hazers (smoke machines)
- Loud crowds (cheering during games)

WHAT TO BRING

- Bible, pen and notepad
- Towels and washcloths
- Personal bathroom toiletry items
- Sheets, pillow, 2 blankets or sleeping bag
- Sweater or jacket
- Modest Swimsuit & cover-up
- Practical camp clothes
- Spending money for Rec Hall snacks, AYM Merch, and special Speed the Light offering
- Athletic shoes (may get muddy or wet)
- Shoes that stay dry for indoor use
- Clothing and shoes for outside water and mud sports
- Recommend aqua shoes for outside water sports
- Camera
- Softball Glove
- Flashlight
- Alarm clock (cell phones are prohibited)
- A large trash bag for the camper's dirty clothes. Label the bag with the camper's name, church name and city, and a phone number.
- Medication in its original packing

SCCC nor AYM is responsible for lost or stolen items. Campers should plan to secure their belongings.

****Be sure to label all items with the camper's name.***

It is recommended to also label all luggage with the camper's name, church name and city, and a phone number.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Short shorts or cut-off shorts
- Tight fitting clothing (non-opaque leggings are okay with extra-long shirt)
- Low-cut shirts or clothing exposing the midriff
- CD players, radios, MP3 players
- Cell phones
- Electronic games
- Skateboards
- Non-essential Medications.

Please Note: Springville Camp & Conference Center and Alabama Youth Ministries Camp and its Leadership are not held responsible for any lost or stolen items.

MEDICATIONS

All medications must be turned in to the Camp Nurse. **Medications MUST be brought in their original containers! No exceptions!** The Nurse will be available throughout the week to dispense medications as prescribed. Your student will NOT be able to self-carry their medication.

SICK CAMPERS

Due to very close living conditions, major disruptions occur when there is a health problem. Students with contagious health problems **will** be sent home. Students must be fever free, vomit free, diarrhea free, etc. within 24 hours of camp. AYM adheres to the school rule: ***IF YOU ARE TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL, YOU ARE TOO SICK FOR CAMP!***

MAIL

Campers enjoy getting mail! Here are three1000 ways to send mail to your camper:

1. Mail letters and cards to:

(Camper's Name, camp week and church name)

Springville Camp

3886 Mountain View Road

Odenville, AL 35120

Please allow sufficient time for the mail to arrive during camp by mailing at least a week in advance. Please indicate on the envelope which camp your camper is attending. The Camp Staff makes every attempt to deliver mail to campers, but this delivery cannot be guaranteed. Do not send money or valuable items.

2. You can fax a letter to your camper at 205-629-6453. (Be sure to include camper's name, camp week, and church name)

3. Place cards, letters, and small gifts in your child's luggage to find during camp, or you may ask your leader if they will give your mail and care packages to your student during camp.

LICE TREATMENT

A lice check will be performed on every camper (and personnel) during registration on the first day of camp. If lice are found, your youth leader will be notified and treatment done at a cost of \$25. **DO A LICE CHECK WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY PRIOR TO CAMP AND AGAIN BEFORE YOU LEAVE MONDAY MORNING!**

PHONE CALLS

Campers are not permitted to call home without the Director's permission because this promotes homesickness. Parents should not call camp and expect to speak to their child. In case of an emergency, parents may contact the youth leader or the Camp Office at 205-629-6279. There are no public phones available for campers to use.

NO VISITORS

For safety and security reasons, the campgrounds are closed to all visitors. This includes evening services.

LOST & FOUND POLICY

There is a \$15.00 handling charge to return any lost and found items, regardless of size, weight, etc. Payment must be received at the AYM Office before the item(s) can be returned. Lost and found items will be held for 7 days after an event. After the 7-day period, items may be discarded or donated depending on the item.

CAMPER DROP OFF AND PICK-UP

Registration for Summer Camp is Monday morning from 9:30AM-12:00PM. One leader should check in campers at any point during that time.

Camp begins at 12:45 with mandatory orientation for campers and personnel.

For additional information regarding Summer Camp, please contact your church group leader. If your child is not attending Summer Camp as a part of a church group, you can contact Alabama Youth Ministries directly at dydsec@adcag.org