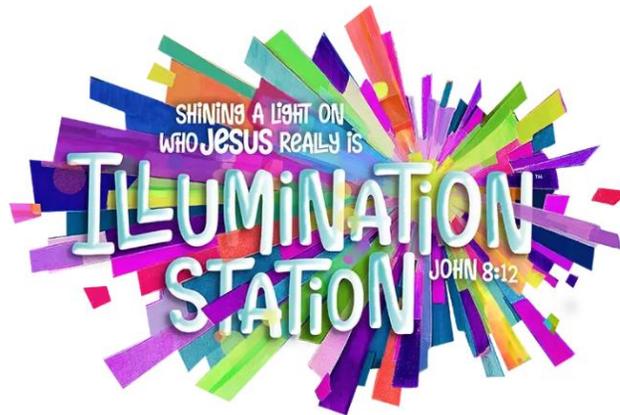




# PARENT HANDBOOK

## 2026 SUMMER CAMP



**BETHEL EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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*John 8:12 / "Jesus spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."*

Dear parents and friends,

We are grateful to welcome you and your family to our summer camp. Many kids today know about Jesus, but do they really know Him? Illumination Station will teach kids that Jesus isn't just a person from history, a good man, or a wise teacher—but He is much more than that! Kids will be challenged to answer Jesus' important question to His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" As kids discover the power of light to brighten, reflect, and reveal, they'll see how Jesus is more than just a good man or teacher—He is the Son of God, the Light of the World.

**WHO WE SERVE:** School-aged children, Kindergarten to 8th grade

**WHEN WE SERVE:** June 8 to July 31, 2025 (8 weeks) – Monday to Friday – 8:30am to 6:00pm. (Rain or shine, except on major hurricanes). Regular drop-off starts at 8am. Morning care is available from 6:30am- 8:00am as an additional PAID service.

**WHERE WE SERVE:** Bethel Evangelical Baptist Church of Delray Beach- 5780 W Atlantic Ave. Delray Beach, FL 33484

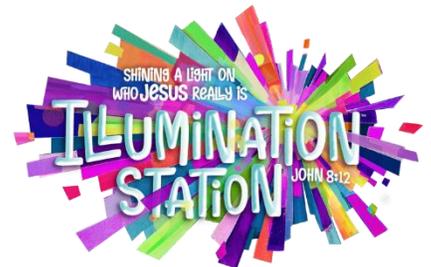
**COSTS:** Refer to page 7 for more information.

**MAIN THEME:** Illumination Station (Shining a light on who Jesus really is.)

In order to make the time comfortable and special for your children, please take a moment to READ, COMPLETE, NOTARIZE and RETURN the attached application as soon as possible. Your registration, the first week payment, and a copy of the child's birth certificate are due at the time you return this application.

At your service,

*The Staff*



# Eligibility

We welcome children from families who are both member and non-members of Bethel Evangelical Baptist Church. However, the following requirements **MUST** be met:

1. We are only accepting kids who will enter Kindergarten in August 2026 to youth who have completed 8th grade by May 29, 2026.
2. All campers and their parents/guardians must agree to abide by the rules set forth by Bethel Evangelical Baptist Church in this application and further instructions that will be received during camp.

# Hours of Operation

Getting campers to and from Camp is up to the cooperative efforts of parents. Please plan to arrive within the specified time and arrange for prompt pick-up every day. **Camp is from 8:30am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday.**

- **Watch the news carefully: if a hurricane is in our neighborhood, we will be closed.** If it's only raining, we will remain open.

Should your child(ren) need to leave early and/or someone other than the authorized persons indicated in the application need to pick up a camper, please call the office **BEFORE** the arrival of the person or send a written request authorizing such individual to pick up your child. **Please note that the request will be valid for that day ONLY.**

# Parking and Traffic

- Please **PARK** your car and walk to the office to drop off or pick up your child. You need to sign in and out your child every time. **We will not dismiss a child any other way!**
- Please follow the clearly marked signs posted around the parking lot. Traffic goes **ONE WAY**.
- We are visited regularly by the Sheriff, follow these directions to avoid receiving a parking ticket.
- You are responsible for passing on this information to anyone picking up the child.

# What to Bring?

- Campers should consider packing the following: Bible, pen, note pad or journal for bible study lessons.
- **Younger children should bring an extra set of clothes every day or leave a clearly labeled backpack in the office to be used in case of emergency.** All other campers will be notified of when to bring extra sets of clothes.
- **Also consider sunscreens (SPF 30 recommended minimum)** especially when the field trips are conducted in an open area.
- Please **DO NOT BRING** any form of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs or abuse able substances, electronic devices (including cell phones), weapons, or other items that might distract from the purpose of the Camp

# Dress Code

- NO flip flops, sandals, shoes with heels, etc. Only CLOSED-TOE shoes. SNEAKERS are to be worn on ALL field trips.
- NO see-through, garments that expose parts of the body, tank tops, two-piece bathing suits, clothing and/or accessories which display emblems relating to abusive substances, sex, gangs, obscenities, and/or support discrimination, skirts above the knees.
- Camp T-shirts are to be worn during ALL field trip activities. Your child will be provided with ONE (1) T- shirt. **Should your child need extra T-shirts, you will need to purchase them at \$15.00 each.**

# Visitors & Security Policy

For the security of the campers, all camps are closed to visitors who are not registered Campers or approved Camp or Program staff. This includes family members, relatives, and friends. All requests to visit the Camp must be made in advance by contacting the church office at (561)498-2855 or [summercamp@mybethelbaptist.org](mailto:summercamp@mybethelbaptist.org)

# Expectations - Campers

- We expect the FULL participation, understanding, and engagement of the campers in every

aspect of the camp.

- We expect all campers to respect one another, the counselors, and the property of the church.
- Stay away from strangers: Apply “NO-GO-YELL-TELL”

## Expectations - Parents

- We expect the **FULL participation, understanding, and engagement** of the parents in every aspect of the camp.
- We expect the parents to **respect and cooperate** with the counselors, the administrative staff, and the property of the church.
- We expect the parents to continue **devotion at home on the lessons**. Updates will be sent home weekly.
- We expect the parents to take care of their **financial responsibilities**.

## Scholarship Recipients

- Campers must attend camp for a minimum of four (4) consecutive hours per day for at least three (3) days during the identified week.
- If a camper is absent due to illness, a doctor’s note is required.
- Parents/guardians must notify the camp office in advance if the camper will be absent due to vacation.
- Failure to meet the minimum attendance requirements without proper documentation may result in the parent/guardian being responsible for applicable camp fees.

## Disciplinary Actions

Bethel Evangelical Baptist Church is committed to the idea that each camper should have a positive and enjoyable experience at summer camp, and the misbehavior of one camper, or a group of campers, should not be allowed to impact negatively on the experience of others.

- Level 1: Verbal warning
- Level 2: Written warning
- Level 3: Parent pick/up. Parent meeting with camp director.
- Level 4: Meeting with the Pastor or possible expulsion.

*Note: no refund will be given if such measure is taken. To be reconsidered, child and parent must prove their willingness to promote a positive relationship*

Bethel Evangelical Baptist Church reserves the right to skip some levels depending on the gravity of the situation.

## Field Trip Safety Guidelines

Information about the field trips will be sent home in our **Weekly Newsletters** one (1) week prior to each event. In order to ensure a fun and safe environment away from the church's grounds, please take some time to read over the guidelines below with your child. Then sign and return this form to the church's office to confirm your acknowledgment of these rules.

### GENERAL

- Parents are NOT required to send money for child. We will provide lunch and snack. If parent chooses to send money for souvenirs, you must let the office know. Otherwise, we will not take responsibility for any loss or misuse of funds.
- Proper behavior is expected on the bus and during the field trips. Violation of these rules may result in the termination of the trip for the entire group or the removal of a participant from the trip.
- Headcounts will be conducted at multiple points during the day: before the bus is loaded, after the bus is loaded, once it is unloaded and throughout the day.
- Cell phone will still NOT be allowed.

### RULES ON THE BUS

- When provided, seatbelts must be worn at all times.
- No hazardous or disruptive activity or noise will be permitted while the vehicle is moving.
- All passengers must follow the driver's instructions.
- Keep all objects inside the vehicle.
- All windows must be kept clear of objects that may disrupt the driver's view.
- In case of an accident or emergency, stop; and do not exit the vehicle unless instructed by the driver and lead by the group leaders.
- Always exit on the street side of the vehicle, never on the traffic side

### PARENT'S AND CAMPER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Wear camp T-shirts on all field trips – NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Clearly label all backpacks/bags
- Provide additional accessories for the field trip when needed: socks, bathing suits and towels, extra set of clothes, etc.
- Take notes of the departure and return times of each week's field trips as they will vary. Campers must arrive at least 30 minutes before the bus leaves. We cannot wait on late campers.
- Alert us if your child has certain conditions that will hinder him/her from fully participating in

an activity: non-swimmer, allergic to bees, a phobia, etc.

### **OUR RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Provide Lunch and Snacks
- Encourage the campers to stay hydrated
- Alert parents of any changes in schedule due to unforeseen circumstances such as weather, transportation issues, etc.
- Provide adequate supervision (1:15 adult to camper ratio)
- Visit sites that are fun, safe, educational and honors the Lord

### **SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT FIELD TRIPS**

Reservations must be made weekly for field trips and spots are **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED**. **Any required forms and payment must be submitted by Wednesdays**. Your account must not be in arrears. Price includes admission fees, transportation to and from camp. Food will be served.

**We will continue to follow the CDC's guidelines on the bus, and at our destination.**

## **Wellness Policy**

All campers should be free of the following symptoms for at least 24 hours prior to start of the Camp Session: fever of 100 degrees or more, vomiting, diarrhea, contagious skin infection, or lice. Campers with these symptoms will need to return home. In the event of injury or illness, parents will be notified and are expected to come and pick up their camper.

## **Food**

Please make sure your kids **EAT BREAKFAST AT HOME**. Lunch and Snacks are served every day on site at no cost at 12pm and 3pm respectively. A menu will be sent home weekly. If a camper is allergic to any items in the meal, you are welcome to send an alternate one in a clearly labeled lunch bag. We will store it in our fridge.

## **Fees/Additional Services**

- **The registration fee with the 1<sup>st</sup> week payment (or the full payment) are due when signing up.** Camp fees are payable weekly thereafter
- Cash, ACH, Debit/Credit Card, Check payments are accepted. Please make checks Payable to ***Bethel Evangelical Baptist Church***. **Weekly payments are due BY THURSDAY for the following week!!!!**

- A convenient fee will be added to your account for any electronic payment.
- **MORNING CARE** (drop off anywhere between 6:30AM and 8:00AM), you must pay a one-time fee of \$150.00 per family to enroll in this service.
- A \$20.00 fee will be assessed to any account with:
  - Any **RETURNED PAYMENTS**
  - **LATE PAYMENTS**
  - **EARLY DROP OFFS:** Family who has not registered for morning care.
  - **LATE PICK UPS:** If you arrive later than 6:00pm to pick up your camper(s).
- Scholarship Recipients, please note that your voucher does NOT cover these additional services: morning care, late pick-ups, extra T-shirts, or the registration fees.

## Payment Schedule

<i>All fees are per child</i>	Scholarship Recipients	Members of Bethel (Monday – Thursday)	All other participants (Monday – Thursday)	Friday Field Trips	Due Dates
<b>Registration</b>	\$30	\$50	\$50	-	At sign up
<b>Week 1</b>	Included	\$90	\$110	\$50	At sign up
<b>Week 2-9</b>	Included	\$90	\$110	\$50	See below
<b>PAY IN FULL</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$720</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$400</b>	
<b>DUE DATES: every Thursdays for the following week</b>					
<b>PAY IN FULL OPTION due by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Summer Camp (June 8, 2026)</b>					
Thursday June 11, Thursday June 18, Thursday June 25, Thursday July 2, Thursday July 9, Thursday July 16, Thursday July 23					