

Three Rivers Baptist Association Summer Camp
July 13 - 17, 2026

BE COURAGEOUS
1 COR. 16:13-14



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CAMP 2026

Parent Packet

A NOTE TO PARENTS

Welcome to the 2026 camp season!

We are excited to welcome your student to Three Rivers Association Summer Camp at Streator Baptist Camp. Our leadership team has already been praying, planning, and preparing for a week that is safe, meaningful, and unforgettable. Our desire is to create an environment where students can have fun, build friendships, and be encouraged to take the next step in following Jesus.

There is something uniquely powerful about camp. Surrounded by tranquil farmland and quiet woods in Streator, Illinois, camp provides students with an opportunity to step away from the noise and distractions of everyday life and spend focused time growing in their faith. Throughout the week, students will experience worship services, small group Bible study, recreation, team activities, and time to rest and connect with others. Our prayer is that each student would encounter the love and truth of Jesus in a genuine and personal way.

Students can expect a schedule filled with both meaningful spiritual experiences and wildly fun activities. We want camp to be a place where students are challenged, encouraged, and supported by our caring adult leaders and Christian peers. Whether through worship, conversations in the cabin, big group games, or quiet moments alone with God in personal Bible study, we believe God uses camp to shape hearts in lasting ways.

This year's camp theme comes from 1 Corinthians 16:13-14: "Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Do everything in love." (CSB)

As students return home to a world that is increasingly complex and demanding, our prayer is that they leave camp strengthened in their faith and encouraged to live courageously for Christ.

Thank you for trusting us with your child during this week of camp ministry. We count it a privilege to invest in students and partner with families in pointing the next generation toward Jesus.

For His glory,
Michelle Laird
Director of Next Gen Ministries
Island City Baptist Church

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

- Register online before June 22 to take advantage of early registration prices

COST

Registration is \$200 per person and includes lodging, meals, camp activities, a camp bag, water bottle, and t-shirt.

Camp cost is \$180 for students from a Three Rivers Baptist Association Church.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE INFORMATION

- Check-in at Streator Baptist Camp: Monday, July 13 at 1:00pm
- Check-out: Friday, July 17 at 11:00 am

TENTATIVE CAMP SCHEDULE

Monday, July 13

1:00 PM	Camper Check-In at Streator Baptist Camp
3:00 - 4:45 PM	Camp Orientation & Group Games
5:00 PM	Dinner
6:00 PM	Worship
7:30 PM	Small Group
8:00 PM	Glow Night / Bonfire
10:00 pm	Church Group
10:30 PM	Cabins & Lights Out

Tuesday, July 14 - Thursday, July 16

7:00 am	Wake-Up
8:00 am	Breakfast
8:45 am	Devotional
9:20 am	Quiet Time
9:40 am	Rec Choice Round 1
10:50 am	Rec Choice Round 2
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Break Outs (Choice)
2:00 pm	Large Group Games
3:00 pm	Free Time / Swimming
5:00 pm	Dinner
6:00 pm	Evening Worship
7:30 pm	Small Group
8:00 pm	Field Game + Free Time
10:00 pm	Church Group
10:30 pm	Cabins
11:00 pm	Lights Out

Friday, July 17

7:00 am	Wake-Up
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Worship
10:00 am	Camp / Cabin Clean-Up
11:00 am	Check-Out

ADULT LEADERS AND SUPERVISION

Camp is staffed by adult leaders from Island City Baptist Church (ICBC) and participating churches in a ratio of one adult leader for every 8 campers. Adult leaders complete a Camp Staff application and undergo a criminal background check. Each adult leader has provided at least four character references - one of whom is their pastor. Illinois Baptist State Association (IBSA) has vetted each of the adult leaders.

Adult leaders complete a 1.5 hour Sexual Abuse Awareness Training prior to the start of camp. This training is valid for 2 years from the date of completion.

While at camp, adult leaders are given various responsibilities that include supervising students, leading or assisting with activities, assisting in Bible study breakouts, etc.

VISITING CAMP

We take child safety very seriously. Our goal is that every adult at camp has completed background and reference checks and received child safety training. Because of this, parents and other adults who are not serving as approved camp leaders are generally not permitted to visit camp during the week.

We understand that rare situations or family emergencies may arise. If circumstances require a parent or family member to come to camp, please contact Michelle Laird at icbcnextgen@gmail.com in advance so we can best support your family while maintaining a safe environment for all campers.

CELL PHONES & COMMUNICATION DURING CAMP

One of the most powerful aspects of camp is the opportunity for students to disconnect from their normal routine and rest from the many “noises” and distractions of everyday life. Additionally, cell reception at the camp is poor and students will not have access to camp WIFI. We encourage students to consider leaving their mobile devices at home.

That being said, students may bring their cell phones at their parents’ discretion. Cell phone use will be restricted to scheduled free time. Neither IBSA nor the camp are responsible for phones that become lost, stolen, dropped in the lake, or otherwise damaged.

Adult leaders will have their cell phones in case you need to reach your child. You may also reach out to the Three Rivers Baptist Camp Director or Streator Baptist Camp Manager.

Camp Director:
Michelle Laird
icbcnextgen@gmail.com

Streator Baptist Camp, Camp Manager:
Anthony Heathcoat
anthonyheathcoat@ibsa.org

Camp updates and photos will be shared periodically through ICBC's Facebook page so families can stay connected throughout the week. If you do not want your child's photo included on social media or used for church promotional purposes, please notify a camp leader prior to departure.

HEALTH, ALLERGIES, & MEDICATIONS

The health and safety of our campers is a high priority for our leadership team. Please make sure all medical information, allergies, dietary needs, and emergency contact information are fully communicated during registration so we can care for your student well throughout the week.

Food Allergies & Dietary Accommodations

Streator Baptist Camp works to accommodate common food allergies and dietary needs whenever possible. Please communicate any allergies or dietary restrictions during registration so camp staff can prepare appropriately. While every effort will be made to provide safe options, families should understand that camp kitchens are not allergen-free environments.

Camp Nurse

A camp nurse will be available throughout the week to assist with routine medical needs, medication distribution, minor injuries, and illness concerns.

Medication Procedures

All medications must:

- Be in the original prescription bottle or packaging
- Be clearly labeled with the camper's name
- Be placed in a Ziplock bag for check-in

Medications should be turned in during camp check-in unless other arrangements have been communicated in advance. Camp staff will assist students with medication schedules as needed.

Emergency Medical Care

In the event of a medical emergency, camp staff will make every reasonable effort to contact parents or guardians immediately. If emergency medical treatment is necessary, camp leadership may seek appropriate medical care for the student. Parents/guardians are responsible for any medical expenses incurred during camp.

CAMP EXPECTATIONS

Our goal is to create a camp environment that is safe, respectful, fun, and centered on helping students follow Jesus. Camp works best when everyone contributes to that environment.

- **R-E-S-P-E-C-T** (🎵)
 - Be kind in words and actions
 - Help others learn during teaching times
 - Be a good sport in games and activities
- **JUST DO IT** (☺)
 - Be where you're supposed to be
 - Participate
 - Follow adult directions promptly
 - Be safe
- **THREE'S COMPANY** (👥)
 - Campers and leaders should travel around camp and participate in free-time activities in groups of 3 or more
 - Don't make it weird - respect others with your words, actions, and personal boundaries
 - No hand holding
 - No horseplay
 - No physical displays of affection
 - No behavior that distracts from the purpose of camp
- **DON'T BE CHEEKY** (🚫)
 - July is HOT and camp is active. Summer clothes are expected...just keep them camp-appropriate and modest. Swimsuit cover-ups or t-shirts are required to and from the pool. Translation:
 - No cheeky bottoms
 - No spaghetti straps
 - No muscle shirts with open sides
 - No bikinis
 - No Speedo-style swimwearIf you could wear it to school without becoming the main topic in the principal's office, you're probably good.
- **THE KITCHEN SINK CLAUSE** (👤)
 - Camp leaders reserve the right to make judgment calls regarding dress code, safety concerns, and participation expectations.

One more thing...

Illegal behavior, dangerous behavior, or repeated refusal to respond to correction may result in a camper being sent home early. If a camper is dismissed early, a parent / guardian is responsible for arranging prompt transportation home. If a parent / guardian cannot be reached, the church may contact emergency contacts listed on the registration form.

By attending camp, students and parents acknowledge these expectations and agree to support the leadership team in maintaining a safe and Christ-honoring environment.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if my child has never been to camp before?

That's completely normal. Many students attend camp for the first time each year. Our leaders work hard to help students feel welcomed, included, and connected from the moment they arrive.

What if my child doesn't know anyone?

Camp is one of the easiest places to make friends. Students participate in cabin groups, team activities, worship services, games, and recreation throughout the week, which helps friendships form quickly.

What if my child gets homesick?

Homesickness happens occasionally, especially during the first day or two. Our leaders are experienced in encouraging and supporting students through those moments. In many cases, staying engaged with camp activities and building relationships helps students adjust quickly.

What if my child gets ill?

Our camp nurse is a seasoned medical professional who works closely with camp leadership to care for students throughout the week. Minor illnesses and injuries are common at camp and are typically handled on-site. However, in situations involving fever, vomiting, diarrhea, dehydration, or other illnesses that significantly limit a camper's ability to participate safely, parents and guardians may be contacted to pick their child up from camp. We are committed to care for students thoughtfully, communicate clearly with families, and help campers remain safe, healthy, and well-supported during their time at camp.

Can my child bring a cell phone?

While your child may bring their phone at your discretion, our goal is to help students unplug from distractions and engage fully in the camp experience, relationships, and spiritual activities. Cell phone use is restricted to scheduled free time.

Can parents contact students during camp?

If there is an emergency, parents may contact camp leadership and we will make sure students receive important information promptly. Families are encouraged to allow students to remain fully engaged in the camp experience throughout the week.

What are the cabins / sleeping arrangements like?

Campers will stay in gender-specific, dorm-style cabins supervised by adult leaders. The cabins are simple, comfortable, air-conditioned and include bunk beds along with restroom and shower facilities. Students generally get to choose their bunk when they arrive and will keep that same spot for the week.

Your child will need to bring bedding for the twin-sized bed (sleeping bag or sheets/blanket plus a pillow work great). While we cannot accommodate an entire stuffed-animal civilization, a favorite bedtime stuffie is absolutely welcome.

Is there air conditioning?

Yes. While we spend a lot of time outside, all camp buildings are air-conditioned. Camp leadership closely monitors weather conditions, especially during periods of extreme heat. The camp nurse, camp director, and camp manager work together to make adjustments as needed to help students remain safe and healthy. Alternative indoor activities or schedule changes may be implemented in the event of severe weather or extreme heat.

What kind of food is served?

Meals are provided by the camp dining staff and typically include a variety of student-friendly options throughout the week. Dietary restrictions and food allergies should be communicated during registration.

Can students bring snacks?

Yes, students may bring small non-perishable snacks for personal use unless otherwise directed by camp staff. Please avoid bringing food that requires refrigeration.

What if my child takes medication?

Please see the Medication Procedures section of this packet. All medications should be clearly labeled and turned in according to camp guidelines. Any over-the-counter medications need to be in the original packaging and checked-in with the camp nurse.

What should students NOT bring?

Please review the "Do Not Bring" section of the packing list carefully. Camp leadership may confiscate prohibited items and return them at the end of camp or require parents to retrieve them if necessary. Camp is full of activity, movement, and mess. Because items can be easily misplaced, damaged, or lost, we encourage campers to leave valuables, cellphones, and toys at home so they can fully enjoy the camp experience.

Will students have free time?

Yes. Camp schedules include supervised recreation and downtime throughout the day in addition to worship services, Bible study, and group activities.

What if my child can't swim?

Students are not required to swim to participate in camp. Swimming is optional and supervised by certified lifeguards. Campers must pass a swim test to swim in the deep end of the lake without a life jacket, and many students choose to wear life jackets during lake time. Alternative activities are also available during free time.

Should I send my child with money?

There is a camp store stocked with inexpensive treats and some camp merchandise (tshirts, etc.). The store is typically open for about an hour each day. Sending money is completely optional, though most campers enjoy having a little snack-and-soda budget during the week. Campers will be responsible for managing any money they bring. Most students who bring spending money typically bring between \$10 - \$30.

What if my child has learning and/or emotional needs?

Many of our ICBC camp leaders have extensive experience working with children and teens in school settings and supporting diverse learners. If there are behavioral, emotional, sensory, or developmental needs that would help us care well for your child, please communicate those during registration or contact camp leadership directly. Our goal is to partner with families to help every camper feel safe, supported, and included throughout the week.

What happens if there is a disciplinary issue?

Camp leaders will work with students to address concerns respectfully and appropriately. However, illegal behavior, dangerous behavior, or repeated refusal to respond to correction may result in a camper being sent home early. If a child is dismissed early from camp, the parent / guardian is expected to pick up the child in a timely manner.

How can parents follow along during the week?

Updates and photos will be shared periodically through ICBC's Facebook page throughout the week.

*Please join us in praying that students will grow in their faith,
build Christ-centered friendships, respond to God's word,
and return home encouraged and courageous in Christ.*

CAMP PACKING LIST

Clothing (don't be cheeky!)

- Shorts
- T-Shirts
- Extra clothes
- Jeans or pants (if desired)
- Sweater or hoodie
(optional, but late nights
can get cool)
- Pajamas
- Socks & Underwear
- Tennis shoes (shoes get
wet, consider more than 1
pair)
- Flip Flops (for lake or
shower areas)
- Swimsuit & Cover-up
- Beach towel

Bedding

- Pillow
- Twin-sized sheets &
blanket or sleeping bag
- A stuffie for sleeping

Toiletries

- Bath towels & washcloths
- Soap / Body Wash
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Deodorant (be a blessing)
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Brush / comb
- Lotion

Medications / Health Items

- Prescription medications in
original bottle inside a
labeled ziplock bag
- Sunscreen
- Bug Repellant
- Aloe

Study Tools

- Bible
- Notebook
- Pen / Pencil

Incidentals

- Money for snacks / camp
merch (optional)
- Refillable water bottle
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Flashlight
- Laundry Bag
- Rain jacket / poncho

Do Not Bring

- Electronics
- Video Games
- Weapons (knives, guns,
etc.)
- Vapes, lighters or tobacco
products
- Alcohol
- Illegal or recreational
Drugs
- Fireworks
- Pets

If you're wondering whether it's a good idea to bring something to camp, it's probably best to leave it at home.

