

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 bunk (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.*