

KIDVENTURE FAQs

Who are the leaders/director of camp? Jerilyn Winther is the Children's Ministry person at Summit Baptist Church. During her time in ministry, she has led what she named "Kidventure" camp for over 20 years. All of the leaders, cooks, nurse, recreation leaders, drama people, worship leaders – EVERYONE is someone that is background checked and worked with kids with Jerilyn in ministry settings.

What are sleeping areas like? One of the reasons we LOVE the camp we go to, is that kids are ALL together ALL the time. Instead of small groups of cabins – 30+ kids are together. They each have their own bunks with a place to put their suitcase & stuff. Counselors/Jr. Counselors/ Campers – we are all in bunks in a HUGE lodge type environment. Everyone gets to be with friends – new and old. We are only separated by boys & girls. ☺ The "Cabins" are large, open, CLEAN, Air conditioned and have showers & restrooms.

What ARE the bathroom facilities? The bathrooms are inside each cabin/lodge. The toilets have stalls with doors. The showers also have stalls with a door. Inside the stall door is a small area to undress privately, and step right into the shower. You can then step out and get dressed in the stall. Showers are super clean and private.

FOOD – We are blessed to have our own cook, prepare, with the help of our team awesome food that kids love! At the parent meeting, I'll give you a menu. We can take care of dietary needs (gluten, allergies, etc.). We give water bottles to kids to push liquids, and kids bring snacks to share several times during the day.

Why go away to camp? Just like adults need a break to reflect and connect with God – kids need that too! Kids also have the opportunity to grow and gain self confidence in a safe and caring environment. Without the distraction of electronics, phones, & video games, kids develop interpersonal communication skills and friendships. Nothing negative. No criticism. No comparison. All they think about is having a good time!

Why can't kids take phones and other electronics? Years ago, although we learned that phones and anything with headphones CAN be positive, they also isolate. Kids who are most comfortable just sitting playing a game alone might waste the opportunity for new experiences and new friendships. All of the leadership have phones for emergencies; however, campers do not bring them to camp.

Will my kids call me everyday? There is simply not time. In other words, no news, is good news! Having said that, I know how hard it is for me not to hear from my kids. So, each day we will post pictures on our Facebook page. (Link will be given at parents meeting) Also, my number is 770-853-4786. You are welcome to call or text anytime. Then as soon as possible, I will call you back so you can be sure they are doing well! Most calls are returned after lights out at 11:00pm. If THEY request to, or have something major happen (loss of tooth, start of period), we have them call on one of the staff's phones.

Is there is a dress code? In a word, YES. We want everyone comfortable and no wardrobe malfunctions! So, no spaghetti straps, shorts to bottom of finger-tips, no bare mid-riffs, and nothing super tight. Same for boys & girls. (No one wants to see Mr. Rick in a tube top! LOLLOL)

Can people drop in at camp? Due to our schedule and facilities, we have to have people listed and accommodations paid for in advance. We are also required to make sure all adults have proper background checks.

What if my child takes daily medications? We will have a camp nurse. ALL medications should be labeled in the containers. With the exception of some inhalers, meds are kept by the nurse and given 3 times a day at breakfast, lunch, & dinner, just to make certain kids don't get confused. Kids line up & it is marked on the med sheets. The nurse also has every over-the counter product for kids.

Are scholarships given? YES! Money will not keep any child from going to camp. Having said that, every family can come up with something to give. There is also the DEBORAH NEELAND SCHOLARSHIP FUND. This Godly woman had a heart for all that could happen in a child's heart and life at a young age. Please just fill out the scholarship request form. We can also help with clothing and sleeping bags too!

Why do you have rules & a camper agreement? Does that mean you have had a lot of problems? No, we have **NEVER** had difficulties at camp, but I believe that is ,in part, **BECAUSE** we have our rules and camper agreement. Kids know what is expected. One kid's bad behavior is not allowed to spoil the fun.

Can campers request to be with a friend? Absolutely, but 98% of the time they would be together anyway 😊