



Welcome to Camp RidgeKidz!

We're thrilled to announce that the much-anticipated Camp RidgeKidz is just around the corner! As the school year draws to a close, we couldn't be more excited to share all the details about this incredible summer camp. Take a moment to peruse this brief info pack, and you'll see why we're counting down the days until camp begins!

One of the things that makes Camp RidgeKidz so special is our dedicated camp leaders. These amazing individuals, many of whom are volunteers from Ridge Kidz, will be overseeing each cabin group. We firmly believe that these relationships are key, and the opportunity for your children to connect with our consistent church leaders will truly make a difference in their camp experience!

Most of the details are in place. Cabin assignments are almost set. The master schedule is just about finished. Small groups will be finalized as soon as registration closes. In just a few weeks, you'll help your campers pack their suitcases and drop them off at camp!

Also, please join us in praying for camp. Camp RidgeKidz has the potential to do so much good in the lives of kids (and even the leaders)! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email us at [kidz@theridge.cc](mailto:kidz@theridge.cc). We'll send more communication with the final details the week before camp.

Expecting big things!

Kenny Conley  
RidgeKidz (interim) Director  
The Ridge Community Church

# PARENT PACK 2024

These are some of the topics covered in our parent information packet. This packet contains important details, so no skimming allowed!

- General Information - The basics that every parent needs to know.
- Camp Schedule - A general overview of the weekend for each age group.
- Packing List - No one wants to get to camp realizing they forgot something!
- Medication Information - A helpful guide to packing your child's medicine.
- F.A.Q. - Because we already know what questions you're thinking.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### DATES & TIMES

- Camp Dates: June 18-22
- Camper drop off will take place at Mountain Fellowship at 4:00p on Tuesday, June 18
- Camper pick up will take place at Mountain Fellowship at 11:00a on Saturday, June 22

### CAMP INFORMATION

Mountain Fellowship  
853 Camp Rd, Suches, GA 30572  
(706) 747-7933

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

If there is a serious emergency and you need to speak with your child while at camp, you can contact us 24/7. We will provide the emergency number the week before camp.

### CAMP RULES

We have three basic rules for camp:

- Respect camp property
- Respect the leaders
- Respect your peers

Please take a little extra time to make sure your child fully understands these three rules. Perhaps you can give them examples of ways to obey and break them.

While we want every camper to fully enjoy his/her experience while at camp, we have a low-tolerance discipline policy for youth who push the boundaries of these rules. Campers who break these rules will face the following consequences:

- First Offense: Warning- everyone deserves a second chance.
- Second Offense: Camper will sit out from that specific activity.
- Third Offense: Parents will be called to discuss situations and may be asked to come get their child depending on the severity of the offense.

# SCHEDULE

The schedule isn't 100% finalized, but here is a final draft of our 2024 camp schedule.

## **Tuesday:**

- Dropoff for camp is between 4-4:30p
- Parents will need to say goodbye and leave camp by 5:30p
- Dinner is served at 5:30p
- The evening session will be at 7:00p
- We'll have a camp party at 9:00p
- In cabins by 10:00p
- Lights out by 10:30p

## **Wednesday - Friday:**

- Breakfast is served at 8:30a
- The morning session is at 9:30a
- Lunch is served at 12:00p
- Color War is scheduled for 1:00p
- Lake time and camp activities are from 2:00 - 4:30p
- Dinner is served at 5:30p
- The evening session will be at 7:00p
- We'll have a camp party at 9:00p
- In cabins by 10:00p
- Lights out by 10:30p

## **Saturday:**

- Breakfast is served at 8:30a
- The morning session is at 9:30a
- Pickup is scheduled at 11a

The above schedule is a summary. Each day, campers will have morning quiet time, small group time, free time, and the opportunity to visit the snack shack.

## **TEAM COLORS**

Campers are divided into TWO color teams: Red & Blue. A separate email with team color assignments will be going out to all registered parents. Come ready to represent your team! You can wear colored t-shirts, bandanas, socks, etc.

# Camp RidgeKidz Packing List

## What should I bring?

- Bedding/Sleeping bag & pillow
- Clothes for 5 days/4 nights
- Pajamas
- Light jacket (or rain jacket)
- Light hoodie or sweatshirt (it's still cool at night/morning)
- 1 outfit you can get really dirty in - shoes too!
- Laundry bag for dirty clothes
- Trash bag to put dirty/muddy clothes in
- Toiletries- toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc.
- Towel & washcloth (for bathing)
- Towel (for the lake)
- Swimwear (trunks for boys and 1 piece suits for girls)
- Closed-toed shoes (tennis/running shoes/crocks)
- Flip flops for the shower
- Sunblock, Bugspray, Lipbalm
- Water bottle
- Flashlight
- Alarm clock/watch
- Bible, journal & pen
- Spending money for concession stand and gift shop - we recommended around \$20.00 or so
- Snacks - make sure snack bags are resealable, and drinks must have screw-top lids (no cans)

All belongings must be labeled and fit in ONE BAG and ONE CARRY-ON

**Optional:** Life vests are ALWAYS required when at the lake. Camp provides basic life vests for everyone, but if you have your own fitted/comfortable life vest, feel free to bring it.

## What NOT to bring:

- Phones, iPads, drones, desktop computers, or big-screen TVs
- Bad attitude
- Tobacco products, drugs, and alcohol
- Weapons - no guns, knives, or chainsaws
- No clothing advertising alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or suggestive sayings
- No spaghetti straps or "short" shorts. If clothing is deemed inappropriate, camper will be required to change.

**Team Colors** - Campers are divided into color teams. Come ready to represent your team (T-shirts, bandanas, colored socks, etc)

# MEDICATION INFORMATION

All medication **MUST BE** checked in to our staff upon arrival. This includes any over-the-counter medication and/or supplements. Medication will be dispensed by the camp nurse, and campers will not be allowed to keep any medication with them. Here are the policies to keep in mind while packing your child's medications.

- For the safety and well-being of your child, it is important that all medication is in the original prescribed container, clearly labeled with the prescribed dosage. This ensures our staff can accurately identify and administer the medication as needed.
- Please pack only enough medication for your child's stay at camp. Any unused medication will be thrown away after camp (unless the parent requests otherwise during pickup).
- Medication must be in a medication bag (provided at check-in) labeled with your child's name and the correct dosage/directions for each medication.
- Should your child require over-the-counter medication, please be sure to write their name on the container or box and place it inside the medication envelope.
- Epi-pens and rescue inhalers, being essential medications, will be checked into the camp nurse. They will then be returned to the camper's leader to keep for the week. Rest assured, these medications will be kept where they can be easily accessed by the youth in case of an emergency.

# **FAQ: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

## **Are my kids going to be safe?**

Of course they are. We have an incredible ratio of 1 adult leader to every 2-3 kids. Our staff and leaders have been screened, background-checked, and trained to work with kids. All volunteers and staff receive special training for Summer Camp. We take safety seriously so you can rest at ease.

## **Are my kids going to miss me?**

Probably. But not as much as you think - especially if we do our jobs. Don't take that the wrong way. We plan to offer an incredible experience for kids from the moment they arrive on Tuesday until the moment you pick them up on Saturday. The schedule is full, most kids won't even have much time to think about missing you. Don't worry, once they see you, they'll be amazed that they made it so long without you!

## **Will my kids get any sleep?**

You bet they will! Nobody has time for cranky kids at camp - especially their tired leaders! Most kids will get between 8-9 hours of sleep each night. It may not be quite as much as they get at home, but it's summer camp! We have full schedules every day, so a day or two in, campers will crash pretty quickly after the lights go out.

## **Who will be in my kid's group? Who will be his/her leader?**

Groups are divided by grade and gender (although some groups might span two grades when necessary). For the most part, kids are grouped with kids and small group leaders they see each Sunday. The week before camp, we'll send out group assignments so you'll know exactly who your child's group and leader is.

## **Are phones allowed at camp?**

Nope. We want campers to unplug and focus on being present with others and with God! Additionally, phone service doesn't work in most areas around Mountain Fellowship. Please have your preteen leave all electronic devices at home.

## **Do you accommodate dietary needs?**

Unfortunately, the kitchen staff cannot prepare multiple food options for various dietary needs. However, the kitchen provides refrigerator access (and a

microwave). Campers with specific needs can bring their own food and store it in the kitchen. Please inform us if your child is bringing food so we can coordinate.

### **Does my camper need spending money?**

The camp store will be open daily (Tuesday-Friday). Twenty dollars for drinks and snacks should be more than enough.

### **Can my camper arrive late/leave early?**

Though we highly recommend you stay the entire duration of camp, we can accommodate special requests. Please let the Ridge Kidz staff know at least a week before camp.

### **My camper takes medication. What do I need to do?**

We have staff and volunteers who will ensure kids take their medication at the proper time. At the time of drop-off, all medications must be given to a medication team member and in their original pharmacy container with written instructions in a sealable plastic bag with the camper's full name printed on it. You will pick up the proper medications when you pick up your camper!

### **If there is an emergency, how can I get in touch with my child?**

If there is a serious emergency and you need to speak with your child while at camp, you can contact us 24/7. We will provide the emergency number the week before camp.