



EXPERIENCE STUDENT SUMMER CAMP 2025 INFO PACKET

Experience Student Camp is a special time for our students to step away from the normal routine of life and to focus on the fun and exciting adventure of becoming a more authentic Jesus follower. Students will have opportunities to learn about and grow closer to Christ and to connect with other students and adult leaders.

WHEN

July 20th–25th

WHERE

Camp Chautauqua
10550 Camp Trail
Miamisburg, Ohio 45342

COST

Early Price - \$349 until 5/4
Regular Price - \$475 until 7/6

WHO IS GOING?

This event is open to all incoming 6th–12th graders. Student ministry leaders and parent leaders are also welcome, but priority for leader spots goes to our current student ministry leaders. All leaders will be required to pass a background check.

WHY SHOULD A STUDENT GO TO CAMP?

Camp allows students to spend a week free from the distractions of the world to focus on building their relationship with God or to be introduced to a relationship with God for the first time.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Sign up online at experiencecc.com/summer-camps. Registration closes July 6th. We have limited spots available, so students should sign up ASAP! There is a \$75 deposit due at time of registration to save your spot. After registration, campers can make payments at any time on the Camp Chautauqua website. The final balance remaining will be charged to your card on file on June 27th.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We do not want the cost of camp to deter a student from going! If a student is in need of funds, we offer need-based scholarships. Parents or guardians can submit a scholarship application. Applications can be found at experiencecc.com/summer-camps.

WHAT ARE THE ROOMS LIKE?

Students will be in cabins with their grade level and the same gender with at least two adult leaders in each cabin. There is a strict policy of not going into an opposite gender's cabin. *If a student violates that rule, the parent will be responsible for coming to pick up the student to take them home.*

WHAT ACTIVITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE?

Campers will get to enjoy many activities including the zip line, low challenge course, basketball and sand volleyball courts, the "human carwash," and swimming in the olympic-sized pool!

SUMMER CAMP RULES

1. Respect leaders, the camp staff, other students, and yourself.
2. No guys in girls' rooms and vice versa.
3. Alcohol, tobacco, vapes, drugs, and weapons are prohibited (pocket knives, mace, etc.)
4. Everyone must be in their cabins by the designated "In Room Time."
5. Follow the schedule. Be where you are supposed to be when you are supposed to be there.
6. Respect the Camp Chautauqua property.
7. No practical jokes or pranks—violators will be sent home.
8. Follow the clothing guidelines (see next page). At the core of our dress code is a desire to honor God and each other. We want everyone to be comfortable and to create an environment that will uplift everyone we come across (John 13:35; Ephesians 5:3).
9. Be open to what God has for you!

Frequently Asked Questions

LOCATION

Where is camp?

- Camp Chautauqua is in Miamisburg, Ohio.
Website: thecampbytheriver.com

How far away is this camp? How will I get my student(s) if they need to come home early?

- Camp is approximately 5.5 hours from the Murfreesboro Campus. If a situation should arise where you need to come get your child, we have adult leaders who will drive your student halfway to meet you.

CAMP DETAILS

Are parents allowed to volunteer for camp?

- Yes, but volunteer spots for camp will first be open to volunteers who are currently serving on a student ministry team. We encourage parents to serve in EON and Encounter throughout the year.

Will my child be with their leader?

- Students are paired with leaders based on the grade and campus they sign up with.

What will they be learning while at camp?

- We will be going through the Book of Jonah, focusing on the way God calls to each of us and how we can call out to Him. We will do large group teaching and then break off into Life Groups to discuss the lesson on a deeper level, similar to what we do on Wednesday nights.

COST

What if I cannot afford to send my student to camp?

- It has always been our policy to do our best to help keep finances from being an obstacle for any student to go to camp. We offer need-based scholarships on a first-come, first-serve basis. We do ask that the deposit be paid in full before a student's slot is secured. We have a payment plan option allowing you to pay in installments through direct deposit on the camp website.

What is the cancellation policy?

- Refunds will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, but no refunds will be available after June 1st. If you are unable to make it to camp, all funds will be put towards our camp scholarship fund.

MEDICAL

What happens if my student has a medical emergency or gets sick?

- We will have a team of nurses on-site at camp for minor illnesses and injuries. If a student requires more serious medical attention, we are only five minutes away from the nearest hospital.

What if my student needs to come home from camp due to illness or other issues?

- We will have two teams of adult leaders (one pair of male leaders and one pair of female leaders) to drive students to meet their parents at a halfway point (Bullitt County Welcome Center I-65S).

EMERGE

Will my child be able to participate in camp/engage with the other students and the teachings?

- Our Emerge team works with parents before camp to thoroughly discuss the level of participation each student will have at camp. Emerge will also have modified lesson/Life Group options for students who need to receive the curriculum in a unique way.

Who will be taking care of and supporting my students while they are at camp?

- Every Emerge student will be paired with a one-on-one buddy who will assist them with everything they need during camp—hygiene care, bathroom, traveling to destinations, etc.

What is the emergency plan if my child needs me while they are that far away at camp?

- The Emerge team will communicate clearly if anything happens that would cause your child to need medical assistance or for you, as the parent, to come to camp. You and the Emerge team will decide what steps to take if this scenario occurs.

Are there restrictions at this camp?

- While there may be some restrictions, we will make many accommodations for students throughout the camp regarding dietary needs, unique activities, Emerge Life Group time, etc.

How do I know if/when my student receives an Emerge buddy for camp?

- The Emerge team will prioritize buddies for current Emerge participants. Emerge buddies will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis as parents sign up for camp. We can only provide buddies based on volunteers we have available. The Emerge team will reach out to you directly if/when your student is able to receive a buddy for camp.

Packing List

Students are limited to one suitcase/duffle bag and one carry-on or backpack. Please pack for five days and four nights.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Comfortable clothing for 5 days (suitable for outdoor activities). Include at least 2 extra outfits.
- Sleeping bag or blanket and sheets
- Pillow
- Girls: modest one-piece swimsuit (full coverage on top and bottom); shorts and a shirt to wear to/from the pool.*
- Boys: swim trunks (modest length) and a shirt to wear to/from the pool.*
 - *If swimsuit does not follow dress code, students will be asked to change or wear a shirt/shorts over it to swim.
- Swim towel
- Three pairs of shoes: closed-toe shoes (one pair of shoes you can get muddy and one for casual wear) and sandals/flip flops (for showering).
- Bug repellent
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses, baseball cap, or hat
- Rain jacket
- Bath towel and toiletries
- Bible and pen or pencil
- Medications (*In original packaging with your full name and all instructions*)
- Two garbage bags (*for dirty clothes*)
- Resuable water bottle (*labeled with your name*)
- Optional: spending money for camp snacks and camp store

- Clothes in your family group color (family group color assignments will be emailed closer to camp)
- Clothes for a 90's themed dress-up day

DO NOT BRING:

- Cell phones: we recommend students leave them at home, or they can turn them in at check-in. Students will have opportunities to contact family as needed.
 - Students may bring cameras, alarm clocks, non-smart watches, and other items needed to help replace the need for phones.
- Alcohol, tobacco, vapes, non-prescription drugs, fireworks, or weapons (including pocket knives, mace, etc.)
- Valuables that could get lost, stolen, or damaged.

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES:

A great go-to for every day is a t-shirt and fingertip-length shorts! The following are not allowed at camp:

- Low-cut tops
- Crop tops
- Short shorts (must be fingertip length)
- Sleeveless shirts or tanks
- Yoga pants (can be worn if covered by a long shirt)
- Muscle shirts/shirts that have been cut up
- Clothing with graphics or words that do not honor Jesus

Have questions? Email us!

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HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FACILITIES?

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