

Day Camp: June 30th–July 3rd

Dear Parent/Guardians,

We at Camp Gideon are looking forward to spending an incredible week with your child this summer! Before your child arrives, there are a few details that you should be aware of:

Campers ride to camp in the morning and return home in the afternoon every day. Registration begins at **9:00 am on Monday** and lasts until 10:00 am. If you are unable to arrive during this time, please call Gideon and make arrangements with a leadership member. **Registration will not begin before 9:00 am.** If you arrive early, we ask that you stay out of the buildings to allow the staff freedom to finish making final preparations for the week. Feel free to explore the property or use the restrooms on the left side of the Wilson Building. Arrival time on the other three days is 10:00 am. Many Friends churches arrange carpools to go to and from camp. Check with your local church for information on these.

Each camper must have completed and signed Medical, Medical Treatment, and Release Forms as well as the Anti-Bullying Letter. These can be completed online through your online registration on thecampgideon.org. Please print out a completed Medical Form and bring it with you when you arrive.

PDFs of these forms can be found on our website at campgideon.org under the “Summer Camp 2025” Tab. Make sure to read, understand, and complete the forms. This is standard practice. A few points:

- Please be sure that you have completed and filled in the entire form. Leaving spaces blank severely limits our ability to contact you or get proper care for your child if a medical emergency should happen.
- Be specific about any allergies that your child has, their reaction, and possible ways to avoid reactions.
- If your child has a food allergy, please let us know before your child arrives so that we can substitute for the allergens, or bring appropriate substitutes for your child.

Camp does not serve breakfast in the mornings, so please plan on eating before you arrive.

Any medication your child needs **must be in the original bottle** or, by law, we are not allowed to dispense it. This applies to vitamins as well. Please note on the Medical Form that there is permission for us to dispense basic, over-the-counter medicine to your child, such as Tylenol and Benadryl. Note if you do not give us permission for this.

Campers will have several opportunities to purchase snacks from our Snack Shack. We use a voucher system to ensure that campers do not lose or misplace money brought to camp for purchases. Cash is deposited during registration. As purchases are made at the Snack Shack, the appropriate amount is recorded and deducted from the balance of the voucher. When the camper departs at the end of the stay, any remaining balance on the voucher is refunded. Money is deposited when you complete your online registration or you can bring it in person. We recommend giving your camper \$2 per day for the Snack Shack.

Some campers may experience bouts of homesickness. Please prepare your child for this possibility and give suggestions for what he/she can do should this occur. The staff strongly discourages campers from calling home, as this usually makes the situation worse. Parents may call to inquire about their children, but it is necessary to limit outgoing calls.

The following are some items that campers **should** bring to camp:

- A backpack or bag labeled with their name for their items to be kept in
- Towels
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Water bottle
- Appropriate and modest camp clothing
- An extra change of clothes
- Modest swimwear (One piece would be best, but tankinis that cover the midriff are acceptable.)
- Rain gear
- Camp shoes and hiking boots; flip flops or sandals for going to and from the pool
- Hat and sunglasses

The following are some items that campers **should not** bring to camp:

- Electronics, including cell phones, iPads, etc.
- Secular music or reading materials
- No alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or related items

Items not allowed at camp like those above will be confiscated. They will be returned upon departure.

If a friend, grandparent, or relative is planning on transporting your child to Gideon, please be sure that they are aware of the contents of this letter and have the signed and completed forms to be turned in at registration for your child to stay at camp. **Only complete forms may make your child eligible to stay for their week of camp.**

Camper pickup at Camp Gideon is **4:00 pm** every day. If your church is transporting your child to Camp Gideon for you, that church will have a designated pickup time of its own at the church.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Camp Gideon at **330.738.2074**, or send us an email at **thecampgideon@gmail.com**. For more information, please visit our website at campgideon.churchcenter.com.

We are looking forward to having your child at camp this summer, and we are praying that he/she will grow to know Jesus in a new and greater way!

Thank you,
Camp Gideon Summer Leadership