



Camp Spearhead

The Weekend Program

Parents Guide

Dear Parents and/or Caregivers,

We are so pleased that your family member will be participating in Camp Spearhead's *The Weekend Program* this Fall or Spring!

This Parents Guide is designed to answer questions and prepare you and your family member for their *The Weekend Program* experience. If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email at any time.

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We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you,

Madison Bates

The Weekend Program Coordinator

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Goals and Objectives

Camp Spearhead's *The Weekend Program* serves children (8+years) & adults (no upper age limit) with special needs and disabilities by giving opportunity to participate in fun, structured, fulfilling recreational activities all around the community while in an accepting, safe and controlled environment.

The Weekend Program accomplishes this by:

1. Emphasizing safety, respect, and acceptance.
2. Being well-organized.
3. Utilizing caring volunteers.
4. Having an RN at each activity.

The Weekend Program supervises participants with staff and volunteers in the same way as camp counselors during our summer camp season. Staff and volunteers are divided into groups with the participants (campers) and this allows campers to engage in activities while being safely supervised. While the group sizes may vary somewhat from activity to activity, a typical group size is 10 campers with 3 or 4 volunteers.

Activities

The Weekend Program gives campers the opportunity to participate in a variety of fun activities that are facilitated throughout Greenville County. Typically, we schedule activities that have been popular with past campers, but we are open to suggestions from you for future activities. Activities vary from season to season and may include, but are not limited to:

- Sporting Events – Furman football, Swamp Rabbits hockey, etc.
- Karaoke/Dance Parties
- Movie Days
- Apple/Pumpkin Picking
- Greenville Zoo
- Bowling

The program schedule and registration forms are available on the Camp Spearhead website under *The Weekend Program* tab.

Meal Guidelines

The majority (but not all) of our activities includes one meal and are noted on the Registration Form and Confirmation Form for that season. Food allergies and health concerns are taken into account when we choose our meals for the campers. You may choose to send a bag meal with your camper if you prefer because of your campers diet needs or food allergies.

Registration/Admissions Policy

Pre-registration and payment is required for every camper before each activity. Payment should be made by the Monday before the scheduled activity. Not paying by the deadline could result in your camper losing their spot for that activity.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Cancellations made 5 days or more before an activity will receive a full refund minus a \$5 processing fee. Cancellations made less than 5 days before an activity or simply not showing up for an activity will result in no refund.

Fees:

- \$5 processing fee for cancellations made 5 days or more prior to an activity
 - Full cost of activity for cancellations made less than 5 days prior to an activity
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Transportation Information

Safety First: We need you, the parent/caregiver, to partner with us in encouraging your camper to follow safety guidelines when riding on our vehicles to and from the activities. Here is what we expect:

Safety Rules for Bus Travel

1. Passengers should remain seated at all times.
2. Passengers must keep hands, arms, and head inside vehicle at all times.
3. Nothing should ever be thrown out of the vehicle.
4. All passengers are required to wear seat belts when provided.
5. The driver should ensure that passengers using wheelchairs are seat belted and properly secured in the wheelchair restraint system.
6. Noise level should be such as to not distract the driver.
7. Passengers should enter and exit the vehicle under the direction of a staff member and/or driver.
8. Do not block exits with equipment or personal belongings.

Arrival/Camper Drop Off: Campers are responsible for arriving for pick up at the Bob Jones Academy Primary Center parking lot located at 1450 Wade Hampton Blvd. at the scheduled time. If, for example, the event is scheduled from 10 am-2pm, the camper should arrive at the Primary Center at 10am – please no earlier or later. After campers arrive we will organize campers into their assigned group and assigned bus. If your camper has any medication to be taken while they are at the activity, you should take it directly to the nurse.

Departure/Camper Pick Up: You should arrive to pick up your camper at the Bob Jones Academy Primary Center parking lot at the scheduled time for pick-up. Campers will stay on their assigned buses until their parent/guardian retrieves them from the bus. If a non-

parent/guardian is picking up the camper, please make sure to inform the *The Weekend Program* Coordinator before the event.

Communication During Activities: All camper emergency contact information is carried with us during activities. Should we need to contact you during an activity we will use the Emergency Contact Information you provided on your application/registration. Should you need to contact us during an activity, please use the telephone number provided on Confirmation Form sent to you at the beginning of the season.



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