

IMPORTANT CAMP INFORMATION FOR PARENTS PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

I am looking forward to our Children's Camp this year! We are all going to have a great time! Please read the following information carefully.

Registration: April 10- May 21

For children finishing grades 3-6

To register for camp, go to southoaks.org/childrenscamp. You can register digitally, upload photos, upload your insurance information, e-sign your document, and pay online through Pushpay (Pushpay.com/pay/southoaksarlington). You no longer have to turn in signed copies of paperwork; you can sign everything digitally and keep from turning in any hard copies! If you do not have access to a computer, you are absolutely welcome to use the computer at the church office!

There is a \$50 deposit due at the time of registration. You can pay this deposit via Pushpay (Pushpay.com/pay/southoaksarlington), check (payable to South Oaks), or cash.

Due to the paperwork that has to be completed and turned in to Riverbend and First Baptist, Arlington, **we must hold strict to this deadline**—or we cannot make our deadlines. **ALL** deposits, camper pictures, copy of front and back of insurance card, and student registration forms must be turned in on or before May 21. (no exceptions)

If you have a **food allergy or special dietary need**, please visit **BendFoodAllergy.org** no later than May 21 to submit an allergy form and retrieve a copy of the planned menu.

The balance of money owed and any medications and medication form must be brought and turned in before we leave for Children's Camp.

Getting to Camp

Friday, June 2

- South Oaks ' bus will be in front of the offices.
- Stop at the registration table **FIRST**. We will begin loading at 4:00, and bus will depart at 4:30.
- We will eat dinner when we arrive at Riverbend.

Please give your child a big hug and say good-bye before they get on the bus. No one will be allowed off the bus once checked in. **PARENTS ARE ASKED NOT TO BOARD THE BUS.**

At Camp

Because we have so many children enjoying camp and their day is filled with activities, children are not allowed to use telephones to call home. In the event of an emergency, you may reach us at Riverbend Retreat Center, 1-888-269-2363. (ask to speak to Kim Herron with South Oaks Baptist or David Butts with First Baptist, Arlington)

If you need to come to camp for any reason or pick up your child during camp, please let me know by Sunday, May 21, so I can fill out the necessary paperwork. The person on duty at the camp office will have your name on a list.

Riverbend is always working on remodeling and beautifying the camp. Even with careful cleanup, there can be nails and other sharp objects on the ground. **Shoes must be worn at all times during camp, even to and from the pool and waterfront.**

Counselors

We strive to provide a safe environment for your child at camp. All of our counselors and staff are required to complete a background check before working with children.

Money

Meals are provided. Children will have an opportunity to visit the "Canteen" where they can get ice cream, nachos, hot dogs, soda, etc. As a guide, we suggest parents to send no more than \$10-20 for snacks. Children are responsible to carry and protect their own money.

There is a gift shop for souvenirs. You can see some of the items available at the Riverbend Retreat Center website, www.riverbendretreat.org. If you know you are purchasing shirts or hats or other higher priced items, you are welcome to send a check made out to Riverbend Retreat Center. You may also shop on their website and pay by credit card.

We will take an offering each night during camp. The offering money collected will be used for Riverbend to support the continued improvements to the facilities such as the refurbishments to existing cabins.

Coming Home

After our activities on Monday, we will board the bus for home. We will leave Riverbend at 12:00 pm. and arrive back at **South Oaks** at approximately 1:30 pm. The bus will unload in front of the offices.

I am excited about the wonderful group of children and counselors that will participate in this camp! If you need any additional information, please contact us.

In His service,

Kim Herron
Minister to Families of Preschoolers/Children

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INFORMATION FOR CAMPERS

Are you ready? We're going to have a fantastic time at Camp this year! This information sheet is for you to help pack your suitcase and get ready for the activities that are planned for you!

- ❖ Each day will be filled with fun things to do. You will have a time each day to participate in activities such as: crafts, archery, sports, fishing, drama, choir/sign language, wading in rock creek, sliding on the super water slide, jumping off the blob, the water trapeze and dropping off the water zip-line.
- ❖ We will have a time each day for Bible Study and worship. Dr. Dennis Wiles will be our camp Pastor and Emily Klophaus and her team will lead our worship music.
- ❖ In keeping with tradition, we will have special themes each day:
 - Friday- Carnival Night
 - Saturday - School Spirit T-Shirt Day
 - Sunday -Camo or Tye-Dye T-Shirt Day
 - Monday - Favorite T-Shirt Day
- ❖ Dress casually for camp. Be sure your name is on **EVERYTHING** you bring. **Write your name on clothes, shoes, socks, and towels with a permanent marker.**
- ❖ Be sure to bring socks and **tennis shoes** to camp. You will do a lot of walking, playing sports and team activities. An additional old pair of tennis shoes is necessary for walking through Rock Creek (they will get wet).

❖ You should pack:

Bible	Swimsuit cover or shirt (boys and girls)
Bedroll (sleeping bag & pillow)	Towel, washcloth & soap
Toothbrush & toothpaste	Light-weight jacket
Tennis shoes (2 pair is great)	Ball glove
Dirty clothes bag	Insect Repellant
Appropriate Swimsuit (1 piece)	SUNSCREEN

- ❖ Please do not bring a cell phone, iPad, TV, PSP, iPod, CD player, knife, trading cards, shaving cream or any types of guns (water, air-soft etc...).
- ❖ You will have a chance to show off your talent in our Talent Show on Saturday night. This needs to be planned and practiced BEFORE camp. Bring a copy of and CD tracks to the Parent Meeting.
- ❖ One afternoon at crafts we will have an opportunity to paint T-shirts or pillowcases. If you would like to paint, you will need to bring your own shirt, pillowcase or any other item from home.
- ❖ Make sure your parents read the enclosed information!!

Serving Him Together,

Kim Herron

Minister to Families of Preschoolers/Children

BUS INFORMATION

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

- Bus will be located in front of the offices.
- Please check-in when you arrive before loading luggage or students onto the bus.
- We will begin loading luggage and campers at 4:00 and bus will depart at 4:30. Riverbend will serve dinner when we arrive.

If you have questions, call us at
817-478-8284.

MEDICATIONS

If your child will need medication during camp, please follow these guidelines:

- Bring medications to the meeting on Sunday night beginning at 5:00 pm and fill out a medication form.
- Do not send the entire prescription - only the dose to be given at camp, plus one extra.

Prescription medications must be in their labeled pharmacy container.

This includes inhalers.

*Do not put medications in a baggie or pill dispenser.

*Samples are not acceptable without a note from the doctor that includes the child's name, medication name, and dosage instructions.

- Over-the-counter medications must be in their original container. Send only what might be needed for camp. The Camp Health Care Provider will have over-the-counter medication, but if your child only likes a particular flavor or type, you may want to provide it.
- If your child has an inhaler, or has ever used an inhaler, they may keep one with them and an extra one with the nurse. Inhalers must have the prescription label attached or you must provide the box. Make sure their name is written on it with a permanent marker.
- Allergies seem to flare up when enjoying the outdoors at Riverbend. If your child is one that only takes allergy medication occasionally, it's a good idea to go ahead and start it before camp, and continue it through camp.
- If you have a nebulizer and would like to send it, please bring it Sunday night with the appropriate medications.