

HEARTLAND CAMPING MINISTRIES PROGRAM STATEMENT

(KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR REFERENCE.)

Please read the following before completing the Camper Application. Parents, if the camper is younger than 18 years, please review this statement with him or her.

STATEMENT OF EQUITY: All applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with no regard to race, color, creed, sex, or nationality.

PARTICIPATION: We are interested in the moral, social, physical, and spiritual growth of each camper. Each camper will be expected to participate in the full camping program and all activities unless the parent or guardian indicates otherwise on the application.

REGULATIONS: For the safety of all campers and staff, the following items will not be allowed: fireworks, drugs, guns, knives, laser pointers, or weapons of any kind. The camp reserves the right to perform an inspection of all belongings. No use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or profanity will be allowed. **Camper, please do not bring the following items: valuable jewelry, large amounts of money; computer; video games; CD's, radio, MP3 players, iPods, Kindles (or any other such device).**

ITEMS TO BRING: Please bring the following items: flip-flops or other shoes to be worn in the shower and to the pool/lake; toiletries, towels, and washcloths; casual clothes, shoes, and socks; an umbrella; sheets for a twin bed, a pillow; a quilt, blanket or sleeping bag; bathing suit or swim trunks (and shirt and shorts you don't mind getting wet); water shoes or shoes to wear to/from the pool; a flashlight; a Bible, paper, and a pen. Snack shack money (This may be age group specific. Check camp application for details.)

BEHAVIOR: In the event that a member of the camp staff considers a camper's behavior to be unacceptable, extra duties may be used as corrective disciplinary action. For extreme cases, the camper may be sent home without refunding tuition.

DRESS CODE: The intent of our camp dress code is to provide an equitable dress code for all campers that will encourage modesty above legalism. Parents and church leaders are urged to see that only clothing which meets the policies and regulations of the camp policies are brought to Big Cedars. **CAMPERS:** Please bring clothing to Camp Big Cedars which fully complies with the following regulations:

Modesty — Since this is a Christian Camp with a distinctly Christian atmosphere, the New Testament principle of modesty should always be the standard dress at camp. While on our camp grounds, camper may not wear apparel that exposes the midriff, is extremely tight fitting, or has writing on the back of pants or shorts. Apparel may not display or promote **alcohol, drug, sexual, or inappropriate language or pictures**. It is the responsibility of the local church pastor/youth director/camp sponsor to see that each camper is aware of our camp policy and to reinforce these policies before camp begins. The camp staff is to model the standard of modesty and enforce the camp dress code, taking into consideration that wisdom dictates an appropriate response specific for each situation.

Dresses and Shorts — Camp dress is to be casual, neat, and clean. Shorts are thumb to finger-tip to the knee in length. Slits in dresses and skirts should also be modest in length. All apparel must cover the shoulder. Dresses must include accessory wear under or over any traps that do not cover the shoulder.

Shirts and Shoes — Tank tops are not allowed at camp. Sleeveless shirts are acceptable, but must go from the neck to the shoulder seam and not be split down the side. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times outside cabins, except while swimming.

Swimming Attire — "Speedos," or "Thong" type swim suits will be unacceptable. Extremely revealing swim suits will require adequate covering (t-shirt, etc.). Determining the appropriateness of swimming attire will be at the sole discretion of the camp staff. Please bring shorts, shirts, or robe (and shoes/flip flops) to wear to/from the pool.

CELL PHONE POLICY: We endeavor to create an atmosphere that minimizes distractions and maximizes a total "camping" experience. We ask that campers turn their phones off, and turn them in at check-in. We guarantee the privacy and security of the phone. The phones will be returned upon check-out from camp. **NOTE:** We want our campers to feel safe and secure. If a Camper wishes to call home, our Cabin Leaders are instructed to make sure they have access to their phone to make the call. Calls will be allowed to Parents/Guardians only, except in the case of an emergency. Parents/Guardians are more than welcome to call the Camp phone anytime to check on their Camper.

Kids Camp (East) and Senior Camp

Camp Pomme de Terre is located in the Ozarks on beautiful Lake Pomme de Terre, one mile east of Pittsburg, Missouri

Emergency phone numbers:

Kids Camp (East), Eric & Shawna Kaut: (417) 247-1188
Sr. Camp, Rodney & Dawn Wilcox (913) 634-7877

Kids Camp (West)

Camp Address:

Forest Park Retreat Center
3158 S.E. 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66607

Emergency Phone Numbers: Scott & Crystal Fuller (913) 608-1116

Camp visitation policy: Because of liability issues and the safety and security of the campers and property, no visitors are allowed on the campground. The only exceptions are for essential staff members