



Big Sky Scholarship Camp

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Dear Parents and Campers:

Thank you for your camper application(s). We look forward to having you at Big Sky Scholarship Camp (BSSC) on Saturday, July 27th 4pm through Saturday, August 3th 9:30am. Campers can be picked up 9:30 – 11:00 AM. Team Awards will be presented at 9:10pm at the Camp Amphitheatre.

For Directions to BIG SKY SCHOLARSHIP CAMP at Old Faithful Christian Ranch (OFCR), in Island Park, Idaho and for directions to facilities at OFCR. Physical Address:

4510 Meadow Creek Road, Island Park, ID 83429

Go to <http://ofcr.org>

from the Welcome page click on About/Directions AND click on Camp Facilities/Camp Facilities Map to local places like the Camp Amphitheatre.

Our prayer is for all of us to have a great camp experience. This letter includes information you need to be ready for camp. **Please read its contents carefully!**

Please Bring: [Mark each item with your name!]

1. Sleeping Bag and Pillow.
2. Suitable Clothing (See “Camp Dress Code” on page 4).
3. Warm clothes (long pants, long sleeves) for the cooler days. Warm Coat for cooler nights.
4. Towel/ toiletries.
5. Sun block/ insect repellent /flashlight.
6. Bible/ notebook & pen/pencil.
7. Rain gear. Clothes & shoes that can get wet and dirty during activities.
8. Sturdy Shoes for hiking; athletic shoes for games.

Please do not have at camp: [Anything dangerous, distracting, or inappropriate]

1. Knives, weapon, guns.
2. Fireworks, matches, lighter.
3. Inappropriate literature.
4. Playing Cards.
5. Electronics (phones, games, entertainment) **Will be turned into the Nurse and will be returned at the end of the week.**

LOST & FOUND: BSSC/OFCR is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Found, unlabeled items will be held for 30 days. Anything unclaimed will then be donated to charity. If you forgot/lost something at Camp please call Dave Ruthardt @ (307) 883-2654. Cost to return the items will be your responsibility. We have a Camp Bank to minimize lost or stolen cash.

Color Team Assignment: Each camper, cabin leader, and staff member will be assigned to a color team as applications are received. You will be notified which color team you are on in your Camper Acceptance email. You will be getting a Team Color T-Shirt. Camp offers a four-team competition in games, activities, Bible quizzing, and the completion of daily Bible verses and lessons.

Check-in: Check-in will be on Saturday from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, in the Camp Lodge/Dining Hall. **Please enter the West Entrance to the Dining Hall and with the following items for the following stations:**

1. **Start.** Pick up your camp manual, camper check sheet, and camp button.
2. **Registration.** Turn in Camp Fee Balance and a copy of your Medical Insurance Card if needed. Note, those coming on the bus or with a camp staff person give any Registration stuff to the staff person.
3. **Picture.** Get your picture taken with your name button. If your parents (or family) came with you, please have them in the picture also.
4. **Nurse.** If you have ANY prescription OR non-prescription drugs/supplements OR cell phone/electronics with you, the nurse will store them for you during the week. Medications are given before meals and at bedtime. If other arrangements are necessary, you can discuss them with the nurse at check-in.
5. **Snack.** There will be a dry storage container for non-perishable snacks (labelled with your name). There is **no** food/snacks allowed in the cabin because of critter control issues.
6. **Camp Mail.** There is no mail service at Old Faithful Christian Ranch (OFCR). If you plan to send packages or letters to a camper, bring them or send them with your camper’s driver to camp and TURN IT INTO THE CAMP POSTMASTER put them in the Camp Mailbox during Camp Check-In.

7. **Bank.** Please plan on “banking” with us since the snack/store accepts no cash. You can “deposit” spending money when you check-in. The purpose of the bank is to provide a safe place so that you don’t lose your money during the week at camp. There will be snacks, bottled beverages, and ice cream with a \$3/day limit. Other items for sale are T-shirts (\$15) and water bottles. For those who sign up to play paint ball, the cost is \$5/day (covers cost of ammo). Please bring your spending money in no bills larger than \$10 (we prefer \$1s or \$5s). All purchases will be subtracted from your account sheet. You will be receiving back whatever is remaining Friday before chapel. There will be an offering received during the Friday evening chapel service for our camp speaker.

Camp Theme: The Friday dinner will be a Banquet that we will celebrate with this year's *to be announced*. *There will be a theme verse. You be able to start before Camp* coming up with Team Banners, skits, cheers, and songs ideas related to our theme.

Participation:

You and your parent(s) should understand that all campers are required to complete daily Bible lessons and to memorize daily Bible verses. You will receive help to achieve these requirements from your qualified cabin leader and other camp staff. Campers should participate in camp activities unless indicated otherwise on the camper application, under activity/physical limitations, or directed by the camp nurse.

Bible Verses: In the event you wish to get a “head start” on your “Verse Card” (will be available in KJV, NKJ, NIV84, ESV), the following is a list of the Camp verses:

There are 2 age groups at Camp. Those going into 6th through 8th Grade are called JV (Junior Varsity) and those going into 9th through 12th (and Super Seniors, those who just graduated) are called Varsity.

Varsity: High School <i>To be announced.</i>	L1: L2: L3: L4: L5: L6: Review L1-6		JV: Middle School <i>To be announced.</i>	L1: L2: L3: L4: L5: L6: Review L1-6
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BIG SKY SCHOLARSHIP CAMP Major Activities: Human Foosball and Human Bumper Balls! Hikes, Paint Ball (\$5/day), Tubing on Henry’s Fork River, Water Slide, Archery, Pellet Guns, Basketball, Volleyball, Foosball, Frisbee Golf, Ping Pong, Snack Shop, Soccer, Football, and Pellet Guns. and Camp Pictures. Don’t forget Team Cheers, Songs, Skits, Banner Competition, Team Awards, and Camp Fire. We are looking forward to seeing you at camp and having a “terrific” week!

Cordially,

Dave Ruthardt
Camp Director

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Big Sky Scholarship Camp Dress Code

*1 Corinthians 10:31 "...whatever you do,
do all to the Glory of God."*

Camp staff, campers (and parents) should exercise discretion and modesty regarding the selection of camp clothing. In order to maintain an environment that is free from distractions, we are all expected to dress in a manner that brings honor and glory to God. Christians can hurt their testimony, cause another to stumble in their Christian walk, and possibly offend others by the clothing they wear or the way it is worn. Outfits that are too tight, too short, or offensively imprinted, though not intentionally worn to be provocative or offensive, nonetheless often are. God does not want us to do or wear anything that may cause someone else to stumble (Rom. 14: 13-23; 1Thes. 4: 3-8). The world has an agenda in fashion that does not line up with God's standards (James 4: 1-10; 1 John 2: 15-17). With this in mind, modesty, cleanliness, and appropriateness will be the standard used to honor and glorify God in what we wear.

- For safety reasons, bare feet are only allowed in your cabin and in the shower. Athletic shoes are required for Team Activity Time. Shoes that can get wet are required when tubing or canoeing.
- Do not wear T-shirts or other garments with inappropriate, worldly, or offensive writing or displays. No half or net shirts or muscle shirts.
- No underwear on display. It is called underwear for a reason.
- Shorts, if worn, must be of the "walking shorts" variety and shall come to the tip of the fingers while standing. Short shorts, split-sided jogging shorts or "spandex" style bicycle shorts are not to be worn.
- No tight fitting clothes.

Ladies

- Halter tops, bare-midriff clothing, "spaghetti straps" and mini dresses/skirts are not allowed.
- Swimwear must be one-piece style (front panel liner preferred). Suits with plunging necklines and/or high-cut leg openings are not allowed. (If in doubt, or unable to find suitable swimwear, wear a T-shirt to cover it.)

Guys

- Race type swimwear (Speedo, tank suits) is not allowed.
- Low hanging pants are not allowed.

This dress code is not intended to be "heavy handed" or restrictive, but is for the purpose of avoiding any problems before they start. If there is any question about an article of clothing, a camper's leader will speak to him/her about it privately. Cabin leaders will help their campers, whom God has put in their cabin, understand the importance of not being a distraction to those around them. In all cases, the camp director's word is final.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION. WE APPRECIATE IT.