



Big Sky Scholarship Camp

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Dear Parents and Campers:

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Thank you for your camper application(s). We look forward to having you at Big Sky Scholarship Camp (BSSC) on Saturday, July 25th 4 PM through Saturday, August 1st 9:30 AM. Campers can be picked up 9:30 – 11:00 AM. Team Awards will be presented at 9:10 AM at 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!**

<p>Please Bring: [Mark each item with your name!]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sleeping Bag and Pillow. 2. Suitable Clothing (See “Camp Dress Code” on application). 3. Warm clothes (long pants, long sleeves) for 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 games. 8. Sturdy Shoes for hiking; athletic shoes for games. 	<p>Please do not bring [anything dangerous, distracting, or inappropriate]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knives, weapon, guns. 2. Fireworks, matches, lighter. 3. Inappropriate literature. 4. Playing Cards. 5. Electronics (phones, games, entertainment) to be turned into the Nurse and will be returned at the end of the week.
<p>LOST & FOUND: BSSC/OFCR is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Any unlabeled items left at camp will be donated to charity after 30 days. If you forgot/lost something at Camp, please call Dave Ruthardt (307) 883-2654. The cost to return items will be your responsibility. We have a Camp Bank to minimize lost or stolen cash.</p>	

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. Camp Fee Balance.** Note, those Campers coming with a **Camp Staff person** shall give any Registration stuff to that staff person **BEFORE** you get into the vehicle.
3. **Picture.** Get your picture taken with your name button. If your parents (or family) come with you, please have them in the picture also.
4. **Nurse.** A copy of your **Medical Insurance Card if it wasn't sent with your application.** 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 paintball, the cost is \$5/day (covers cost of ammo). Please bring your spending money in bills no larger than \$10 (we prefer \$1s or \$5s). All purchases will be subtracted from your account sheet. You will be receiving back whatever remains Friday before chapel. There will be an offering received during the Friday evening chapel or our camp speaker.

Camp Theme: The Friday dinner will be a Banquet that we will celebrate with this year's theme: *God's Workmanship Ephesians 2:8-10. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* You will 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 "Apologetics, Evidence that Demands a Response"	L1 Hebrews 11:1,6 L2 Ephesians 2:8-9 L3 John 1:1,14 L4 1Peter 3:15 L5 Acts 17:27-28a L6 Proverbs 3:5-6 Review L1-6		JV: Middle School "Salvation & the Christian Walk"	L1: Acts 4:12 L2: Romans 8:38-39 L3: Galatians 2:20 L4: 1 Corinthians 10:13 L5: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 L6: Ephesians 5:15-16 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

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