

Beaver Creek Youth Camp Parent Handbook

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A Quick Reference Sheet

Final/Full Payment and Forms:

Final/Full Payment, Camper Profile, Medical Release Form, and Parental Consent Form are all due no later than 30 days prior to the camp your child is attending. The Camper Profile, Medical Release Form and Parental Consent Form can be found on our website:

<http://www.beavercreekcamp.org>.

Receiving final payment and forms prior to arrival will help expedite registration on the day of check-in. If you are unable to send in payment and forms 30 days prior, please contact the Camp Manager at: 719-873-5311.

Check-In and Pick-Up:

Please be aware that Pick-Up times have changed for 2010. All campers must be signed out of camp by a parent or guardian unless other arrangements have been made ahead of time.

Camp Check-In:

Registration begins at **4:00 p.m.** Please do not arrive earlier than 4:00 p.m. as the staff needs the time to prepare for each camp. If it is necessary to bring your child(ren) earlier than 4:00 p.m., please call 719-873-5311 to make special arrangements.

Pick-Up time will be anytime after **12:00 p.m.** on the last day of camp.

Contacting Your Camper:

Mail

Mail at camp is very important. Frequent short notes or cards from you mean more than a lengthy letter once a week. The address for Beaver Creek Youth Camp is: Beaver Creek Youth Camp, P.O. Box 186, South Fork, CO 81154. Be sure to clearly mark your child's name on the envelope or postcard. Please allow at least two or three days for letters to reach camp.

Phone

- In case of emergency, you can call: 719-873-5311 and a message will be relayed to your child(ren).
- Campers are not permitted to call home unless they are ill and have seen the doctor.
- Cell phones are not permitted and will be taken away and held in the office until the camper's departure.
- Please allow your child(ren) at least 2 days to adjust to camp life before you call. If you are particularly concerned you can call the office and request to speak with one of your child's counselors.

Homesickness:

For many children, the first time away from their parent(s)/guardian(s) can be somewhat traumatic. And, sometimes, it's harder on the parents than on the camper. But, after the children have had a day or two to adjust, most of them quickly take to camp life and those that stay are very happy that they did.

- We help minimize homesickness by making sure that each camper is welcomed, introduced to their bunkmates, given lots of individual attention and immediately included in activities.
- You can help us by letting us know of any unusual situations at home (death of a relative or pet, separation of parents, moving to a new home, etc.). Also, you can write your camper often and tell them you love them but that you are glad they have the opportunity to be at camp and you are confident that they will do well.
- Please be positive and DO NOT suggest that he/she can come home early if it does not get better, for that may encourage them to not try to make it better.
- We know that it is hard for parents, so please feel free to call the office to talk with the directors or your campers' counselors. Also, you can monitor your camper's time here at camp by checking out our website at: <http://www.beavercreekcamp.org>
- Our staff is trained to help your camper work through this transitional time, so unless you have a reason to be concerned, please trust our judgment in determining if your child is overcoming their fears or not. Most campers do adjust to camp life and end up returning for many years to come.

Medical Care:

Medical Form

- A Medical Release form was included in the Registration Form. If you did not receive one, please download one from our website immediately.
- Some doctors prefer their own form which you may attach to our Medical Release form as long as it has the doctor's signature, indicates that the doctor has seen your child within 24 months prior to camp, AND has a record of immunizations. The doctor **MUST** sign bottom of camp form also.
- Parents **MUST** fill out and sign the front page of the medical form every year.
- Be sure to attach a copy of the front and back of your medical insurance card.
- The Medical Release forms along with final payment and the Parental Consent form **MUST** be completed and returned **at least two weeks prior** to your child's camp or your child will not be able to participate in camp.

Medication

If medication is brought to camp it must be in its original container with prescription directions, and **MUST** be checked in with the camp nurse upon registration. This includes any over the counter pain relief.

Discipline, Drugs, Alcohol & Smoking:

- Vandalism, breakage or damage to equipment, buildings or ground are not tolerated and any such activity may require restitution by the parent/guardian and/or immediate dismissal without refund.
- BCYC has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for bullying including but not limited to physical, verbal and emotional bullying.
- BCYC has a policy of NO DRUGS, NO ALCOHOL. Possession of either substance is grounds for immediate dismissal without refund.
- Campers are not permitted to smoke or have cigarettes in their possession. First offense will result in confiscation and a call home; second offense will result in immediate dismissal without refund.

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What to Bring/What Not to Bring

We are a Christian Camp. Please help us honor our Lord by following the guidelines below:

1 Corinthians 10:31—“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

What to Bring:

- Any necessary medication(s)
- Proper attire
- Modest swimwear and cover-up
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Shower items and toiletries
- Towel for showers and swimming
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Bug spray with DEET
- Ball cap or hat
- Sneakers (an extra pair or two are suggested)
- Hiking boots or stiff-soled sneakers for Ropes Course
- Clothes for warm and cool weather
- Bible
- Flashlight
- Money for Canteen items (no more than \$20)

What Not to Bring:

Clothing

- Halter tops
- Spaghetti straps
- Tube Tops
- Bare midriff or cut-off tops
- Inappropriate or vulgar t-shirts
- Short shorts

Other Items

- Tobacco, drugs, or alcohol
- Fireworks, knives, or weapons
- Candy or other food items
- Expensive electronic devices
- Lighters or matches
- Valuable items or excess cash
- Cell phones (unless necessary for emergencies and reported to Camp Manager)

Directions to Camp:

From the East

Go west on Highway 160 through South Fork towards Pagosa Springs. Just outside of South Fork will be a green sign that says, “National Forest Access Beaver Creek Road,” turn left and cross the creek. Follow Beaver Creek Road for 3 miles and you will come to a brown sign that says, “Beaver Creek Youth Camp” and points to the right. Take the road to the right that immediately follows it. Follow this road down the hill and up and around the curve to the left. There will be another brown sign that says, “Beaver Creek Youth Camp” to the left. Follow the road up the hill to the camp.

From the West

Go east on Highway 160 toward South Fork and Alamosa. Just before arriving in South Fork there is a green sign that says, “National Forest Access Beaver Creek Road.” Turn right and cross the creek. Follow Beaver Creek Road for 3 miles and you will come to a brown sign that says, “Beaver Creek Youth Camp” and points to the right. Take the road to the right that immediately follows it. Follow this road down the hill and up and around the curve to the left. There will be another brown sign that says, “Beaver Creek Youth Camp” to the left. Follow the road up the hill to the camp.