



Parent Handbook

2022 Summer Day Camp

Ages 2 - Kindergarten

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to nurture the spiritual, physical, social, emotional and creative growth of children in our community through a quality camp experience.

Vision

- ★ Provide a spiritually, physically and emotionally safe environment for children to investigate and experience the Love of God through a variety of camp activities
- ★ Camp Unite is a place where parents feel safe leaving their kids.
- ★ Camp activities will be designed to be educational and fun so children will be excited about playing and learning
- ★ Campers will establish lifelong friendships and memories and leave with a positive experience with Dunwoody Baptist Church.

Format

One-week sessions for kids age 2-6 (age as of June 1, 2022) / Preschool through Completed Kindergarten

Camp Hours

Monday-Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm

According to Bright from the Start: GDECL, preschoolers are only allowed to attend camp for a maximum of four hours a day.

Carpool Pick-Up & Drop-Off

Drop-off is from 8:50-9:00am and pick-up is from 12:45-1:00pm. Enter from Ashford Dunwoody Road and exit at Mt. Vernon Road. *(Look for the Camp Unite Flag and see the map.)* Each day, make sure your contact information and emergency information are up-to-date for where you can be reached.

- **Drop-off:** Campers will be dropped off in carpool promptly from 8:50-9:00am. In accordance with CDC guidance, we will not conduct temperature checks and staff will not be required to wear masks as they are all fully vaccinated. Face masks are optional for campers, but not required.
- **Pick-up:** Carpool pick-up will begin at 12:45pm and ends at 1:00pm. Any camper picked up after 1:15pm will be charged \$5 for every 15 minutes that you are late. This fee applies to each child. Fees will be due at pick up. Please be on time.

Camp Fees

Before March 1: \$190/week (Week 5: \$152)

March 1 - May 26: \$200/week (Week 5: \$160)

After May 26: \$225/week (Week 5: \$185)

Registration Fee: There is a one-time, *non-refundable* registration fee of \$25 per family. Weekly fees must be paid prior to your child attending camp. If your balance is not paid your child will not be allowed to attend camp until it is paid or a payment plan has been established with and approved by head staff.

Sibling Discount: First child is regular price for each week registered. Each additional child in the same family receives a \$10 discount per week registered.

Payment Plan Option: Customers that choose installment billing instead of full payment must pay a deposit of 25% per session in order to check out. Remaining installments will be made February 28, March 30, April 30 and May 30 on the bank account you set up. All fees must be paid by May 30. Registrations after May 30 will require full payment.

Cancellation Policy: If you withdraw for any reason for a week that you are registered for, you may transfer to another week of camp for no additional charge. However, if you withdraw prior to April 1, the full fee less 20% will be refunded. After April 1, the full fee less 40% will be refunded. No refunds will be given after Wednesday prior to the week of camp you originally registered for. All refunds are given at the discretion of the Camp Director.

Weekly Specialties

Week 1: June 6-9

No Camp Unite this week—it's Vacation Bible School at DBC! NORB-E: An Out-Of-This-World Mission to Discover God's Glory! BUCKLE UP... THIS IS GOING TO BE A FUN RIDE! VBS is for kids ages 4 through 5th Grade (just completed) and it's FREE! [Register here.](#)

Week 2: June 13-17

Sports Galore: Let's start summer camp off with some energetic sports! Campers will play all day: soccer, basketball, football and baseball! They will have a great time with Coach Amber completing basic sport tasks that build motor development while learning a variety of skills including throwing, catching, kicking, hitting, ball handling, shooting, dribbling, running and more. Teamwork will be emphasized in a fun, non-competitive environment. What more could any young athlete ask for? We will also learn what the Bible says about being a team player. Lee Bryan, That Puppet Guy, will join us on Thursday to entertain us with *Travelin Tales!*

Princess Ballerina (ages 4-7): Experience the magical world of fairy tales with tea parties, dress-up and dancing in a real castle! This camp is a week of delight and excitement taught by Ms. Courtney.

Week 3: June 20-24

Disney Week: Explore the magical world of Disney with us! Campers will recreate their favorite characters through art projects. We may even have a special guest come and visit. We will also learn about princes and princesses in the Bible—as well as our true Prince of Peace, Jesus.

Week 4: June 27 - July 1

Sweets & Treats: Your mom says "NO", but we say "YES!" Campers will have fun eating, decorating and doing art projects with candy! We will also have a special visit from Jeffini the Great. You do not want to miss this week...it's too sweet! We will also learn about how God's words are "sweeter than honey!"

Week 5: July 5-8

Watching the Parades Go By: As we celebrate America's birthday, campers will learn patriotic songs, play games and have fun learning rhythm while marching in their very own parade. We will show our red, white and blue through arts, crafts and enjoy a Happy Birthday America picnic on Friday, July 8. We will also read and talk about Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. Instructor: Ms. Okwii.

Week 6: July 11-15

Dinosaurs: Go back into the prehistoric days and dust off some fossils and discover all things dinosaur related! Campers will learn how God used different animals in the Bible such as a donkey, sheep, dove and a snake. Lee Bryan, That Puppet Guy, will join us on Thursday to entertain us with *Dr. Dinosaur!*

Week 7: July 18-22

Under The Sea: Let's go under the sea and discover all of the creatures that live in the ocean. We'll have a splashing good time! Campers will learn all about God's creation when He lets the waters under the heaven be gathered together in one place. Jeffini the Great will also be visiting to perform a special magic show for us.

Week 8: July 25-29

Super Heroes of The Bible: Campers will meet a few heroes of the Bible while learning the truths from God's Word that help us to stand firm and be a hero for God! They will free the Israelites with Moses, get to know the female judge Esther, slay the Giant with David and learn more about the greatest hero of all, Jesus.

Camp Facilities

All camp activities will be held on the campus of Dunwoody Baptist Church. See campus map. Specific areas used will be preschool classrooms, Rally Rooms and playgrounds.

Camp Staff

Faith Giebel, Director of Camp Unite

Faith has been a part of the Dunwoody Baptist Church Sports Center since 1991. She has served as a ref, field worker, sports and family event coordinator, directed a variety of day camps, served as Associate Camp Unite Director and has coached many teams. She enjoys the fact that she gets to work with such great families that are members of the church and the Dunwoody community. It is her desire to make sure that the love of Jesus shines through her as she works with these great families. Faith graduated with an Associate degree from Kennesaw Jr. College, BS in Recreation and Physical Education from GA Southern and has worked towards her Masters at VA Tech. Faith loves working in the recreation field and has worked with the cities of Cartersville and Marietta as recreation coordinator, taught tennis, and conducted a few camps of her own in different subdivisions. Her camp experience consists of overnight camp (Camp Toccoa) and day camps such as Camp Bright Star and sports camps.

Toni Pouliot, Preschool Camp Coordinator & Lead Teacher

Toni has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from The University of Maine at Farmington. She has been a professional teacher since the year of 2002 when she began as a developmental therapist. She became a teacher here at Dunwoody Baptist Preschool in 2008 as a lead young 5's teacher.

Lynn Sprang, Office Manager

Lynn is the first point of contact with Camp Unite and is always here to assist parents either by phone, email, or in person in the camp office.

Group Leaders

Our Certified Dunwoody Baptist Preschool Teachers lead our camps each week!

What to Bring / Wear

- ★ Two-year-olds and toilet training children will need diapers/pull-ups and wipes.
- ★ Three-year olds that are not potty trained will need to wear a pull-up.
- ★ All children must wear tennis shoes.
- ★ Apply sun-block to your child before they arrive at camp each day.
- ★ Bring your child a labeled bottle of ice water each day.
- ★ Each child should bring their lunch and snack every day except for Friday. On Fridays we will have a cookout with hot dogs, chips, watermelon, lemonade, water and a cookie. If your child has a special diet, they may choose to bring their lunch on Friday. We are a peanut free camp. *(Please send your child with easy open containers that they will be able to open independently. One piece works best.)*
- ★ Dress children in clothes that are okay to get messy. We will do our best to keep them neat, but we will not reimburse for clothes stained by our art projects or other activities.
- ★ Please bring a change of clothes labeled in a zip-lock bag. Have a bathing suit and towel available in your child's backpack for days we may have water play.
- ★ Camper's backpacks will be kept in bins in each classroom and only that camper will be allowed access to their backpack with the exception of the two-year-olds.
- ★ As we get closer to the week(s) you are registered for, we will inform you of what you can do to specifically prepare for Camp Unite in light of COVID-19.

Bible Lessons & Worship Content

First and foremost, Camp Unite is a ministry of Dunwoody Baptist Church. Campers will participate in daily Bible lessons and worship times, whether in the classroom or group assembly. Content focuses on Christian behavior and is explored through lessons, stories, puppets, skits and songs. We strive to make our content kid and family friendly.

Group Participation Policy

To qualify for enrollment—and to remain enrolled—children in this program must be able to function in a group setting. We are not able to change the emphasis on group activities we have at our camp. We will try to meet the needs of each child as long as it does not require a change in our camp format. Camp Unite is not a “special needs” camp. Our staff is not trained to work with special needs campers. If your child has special needs, please discuss with our head staff whether Camp Unite is the right camp for your child. Campers will only be allowed to stay with their own group during all individual class activities. Groups will be spaced out for special events and worship.

Visitors

If you, or someone authorized by you, have a need to be on campus during the day, you will only be able to come to the Camp Unite Office (see map). For your child's safety, no one will be allowed to visit your child's classroom. Please communicate with head staff and provide documentation if a biological parent is not allowed to pick up the child. If you have questions or concerns, please call us at 770.280.1220 or email campunite@dbc.org.

Camper Release

Campers will be released only to people listed on your child's registration that you have authorized to pick them up. If someone other than a parent is to pick up your child, please let us know in writing so we can add them to your list. We will ask them to show a picture I.D. This helps to ensure your child's safety. Please communicate with head staff and provide proper documentation if a biological parent is not allowed to pick up the child.

Parent-Staff Relationship

Parents are responsible for keeping Camp Unite informed of any changes in enrollment information including changes in contact information or health information. Parents will receive weekly emails with important information concerning camp activities for that specific week. Please remember to check your email weekly. We value our camp families and look forward to building close relationships with you throughout the summer.

Emergency Transportation

In the event of a medical emergency, your child may be transported to the nearest hospital (from Camp this is Children's Healthcare of Atlanta) in a Dunwoody Baptist Church or possibly private vehicle belonging to a member of camp staff. Drivers of these vehicles have submitted their license and are insured by the church. In more critical emergencies, an ambulance may be called to the location of your child. In this case, your child will be transported to CHOA. In either case, you will be notified immediately. If we are unable to reach you, we will call your designated emergency contact person.

Illness/Injury Notification

In the event of your child's illness, we will contact you at the numbers you provide. In the event of an injury, we will provide first aid at camp. If the injury consists of anything other than minor scrapes, cuts, or bruises, we will contact you for further instruction. In a severe emergency, we will begin treatment and arrange for transportation to a hospital whether or not we are able to reach you. For anything other than the most minor of injuries or illnesses, we will have a completed incident form for you to view.

Exclusion of Sick/Contagious Children

Camp Unite requires children who have an oral temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, along with any other possibly contagious symptoms (rash, cough, sore throat, vomiting, shortness of breath, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell) to be sent home. Please do not send your child to camp if they exhibit any of these symptoms, if they have been in contact with a person that has had or suspected to have COVID-19 or has travelled out of the country within the past fourteen days.

Illness

If your child has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, they may not attend camp until they are free of fever without medication for 72 hours. We will be checking staff at their arrival and campers at carpool drop-off and again around 11am.

Personal Safety

Camp Unite will make every effort possible to ensure the safety of each camper. Each head staff member will be certified in First Aid and CPR.

Camper Rules

- ★ Each camper is expected and encouraged to participate in all activities to the best of his/her ability, and maintain a positive attitude while doing so.
- ★ No camper is to leave the supervision of his or her teacher.
- ★ Campers are not allowed to go into another person's clothing bag or lunch bag for any reason.
- ★ Foul language, profanity, or obscene gestures will not be permitted. Any such abuse will result in the calling of a child's parents to report what language is being used, or a short session with the parent, child, and director at pickup time.
- ★ Name calling that is abusive, belittling, or downgrading will not be tolerated and will result in the loss of certain privileges during the camp programming time.
- ★ Physical violence will not be tolerated. Throwing rocks or foreign objects will not be permitted.
- ★ Any Camper who is constantly disruptive, or non-cooperative, or who fails to comply with the stated rules, will lose his/her privileges of programmed activities.

Behavior Management

Camp Unite does reserve the right to dismiss any camper without a monetary refund if he/she seems unable to adjust to the group experience. In the event that discipline is needed, our policy is that it will be carried out in a positive manner, in order to enhance the campers' self-esteem and help develop self-control.

The individual need of each camper will be taken into consideration in determining discipline procedures. If and when problems persist, parents will be called for a conference with the Camp Director. Please know that corporal punishment will not be used for any reason.

We consider the process of camper discipline to be a partnership between the parents and our staff. We ask that parents would communicate to their children that the camp staff members are authority figures while they are at camp. In our experience, we've learned that when parents make this point in advance to their children, it aids in the prevention of discipline issues before they occur. We will strive to keep all parents informed about all but the most trivial infractions and we rely heavily upon parents to follow-up by disciplining the child at home when necessary.

Camp Unite operates with the sincere understanding that all children will likely commit some infraction from time to time, by simple virtue of the fact that they are children. We accept the responsibility to sufficiently document such infractions, and view any

action taken on our part without proper documentation to be irresponsible and arbitrary. Nevertheless, habitual infractions that present a hazard to other campers or have the potential to create a breakdown in camp operation will be taken seriously and in a delicate manner. In such cases, this is not an act of judgment, but a determination that Camp Unite may not be a good fit for the child. The criteria by which we must consider disallowing further admittance to Camp, is as follows:

- ★ If the actions of the camper present a hazard to other campers or significantly disrupt camp operations.
- ★ If a child habitually refuses to acknowledge the authority of camp staff.
- ★ If the parents of the child refuse to acknowledge a pattern of documented behavioral concerns, or refuse to partner with camp staff in administering discipline. In addition, Camp Unite Directors reserve the right to make determinations regarding the seriousness of any infraction and the level of threat it presents to the camp as a whole. In a case where a camper has presented a hazard to the camp, through his or her actions, camp management may disallow the camper from the premises after the first infraction. In all other cases, three such infractions are necessary before expulsion is considered and consequences will be handled in the following order:
 - ★ The first time a child breaks a rule he or she will be reminded that their behavior is inappropriate and it will be clearly stated that a warning has been given.
 - ★ The second time a child breaks a rule on the same day, the teacher will provide a consequence such as a 5-minute time-out period away from the group.
 - ★ The third time a child breaks a rule on the same day, a stricter consequence will be provided such as being sent to the Camp Director for a time-out period and an opportunity for the Camp Director to speak with this child regarding their behavior.
 - ★ The fourth time a child breaks a rule on the same day the child's parents will be called by the Camp Director to discuss the child's misbehavior.
 - ★ The parents will be asked to come and pick up their child immediately and the child will not be allowed to return to camp that day, but will be allowed to return to camp the following day. (Please know that no refund will be given for such suspensions)
 - ★ If the child's misbehavior persists the following day, the Camp Director will call the child's parents to come and pick up their child immediately and the child will not be permitted to return to camp. (Please know that no refund will be given for such expulsions).

Severe Clause: In cases of severe misbehavior, such as fighting, vandalism, defying a teacher, or in some way stopping the whole group from functioning, a child will not receive a warning. He or she will lose the right to proceed through the hierarchy of consequences. If such a case arises, the child will be sent directly to the Camp Director.

Campus Rules

Dunwoody Baptist Church is a non-smoking facility. Please refrain from smoking (Juuls included) while on the church campus, and at all camp activities. Drinking alcohol is also prohibited on church campus and at all camp activities. Illegal drugs are prohibited on church campus and at all camp activities. Weapons and firearms are prohibited on church campus and at any camp activities

Child Welfare

Camp Unite has a zero tolerance for abuse. All camp staff members are trained in child protection policies. We take these issues and policies very seriously. We are required by law to report when there is reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused in any way, including physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, abandonment, and/or sexual abuse/exploitation.

Grievances

All grievances should be directed to the Camp Director. Usually the problem can be solved through a personal conference. Appropriate records and documentation will be kept on matters relating to the grievances.

Right to Amend Policies

Camp Unite reserves the right to add and/or change policies for any family or camper when necessary, due to individual circumstances and issues. This includes but is not limited to payment policies, late pick-up policies and behavior management policies.

Sample Schedules

Times are flexible and subject to change based on activities throughout the weeks. These are just a sample of what the day might look like.

2 Year Olds

9:00: Arrival at carpool
9:00-9:30: Snack
9:30-10:00: Music & Movement
10:00-10:30: Outside play
10:30-11:30: Projects in class
11:30-12:10: Christian Rally Time/Devotion
12:10-12:40: Lunch
12:40-1:00: Ice Pops
1:00: Dismissal at carpool

3 Year Olds

9:00: Arrival at carpool
9:00-9:20: Snack
9:30-10:00: Outside play
10:00-10:30: Music & Movement
10:30-11:00: Projects in Class
11:00-11:30: Finish projects in classroom
11:30-12:10: Christian Rally Time/Devotion
12:10-12:40: Lunch
12:40-1:00: Ice Pops
1:00: Dismissal at carpool

4 Year Olds

9:00: Arrival at carpool
9:00-9:20: Snack
9:20-10:00: Themed projects in class
10:00-10:30: Outside play
10:30-11:00: Themed projects in class
11:00-11:30: Music & Movement Class
11:30-12:10 Christian Rally Time/Devotion
12:10-12:40: Lunch
12:40-1:00: Ice Pops
1:00: Dismissal at carpool

5 & 6 Year Olds

9:00: Arrival at carpool
9:00-9:20: Snack
9:20-10:00: Themed projects in class
10:00-10:30: Outside play
10:30-11:00: Music & Movement Class
11:00-11:30: Finish projects in classroom
11:30-12:10: Christian Rally Time/Devotion
12:10-12:40: Lunch
12:40-1:00: Ice Pops
1:00 Dismissal at carpool

Camp Unite is exempt with Bright from the Start License.

2022 CAMP UNITE POLICY AGREEMENT

I have read, understand, and agree to follow all policies outlined in the Parent Handbook. I understand that if I have questions at any time regarding camp policies, I may address any member of Camp Unite head staff.

_____ (Please initial)

I have read the rules listed for campers and will help my child be aware of them and help him or her to follow these rules in any way I can. I agree to work with the camp staff in dealing with any issues that may arise regarding my child's behaviors and actions while at camp.

_____ (Please initial)

I understand that I must inform Camp Unite of any changes to my contact information or my child's health information.

_____ (Please initial)

Childs Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____ / _____ / _____