

# What to Bring to Camp



# Camp Rules

Camp Copass is a Christian camp and all rules are in place to govern our conduct which should reflect Christ. The leadership of Camp Copass urges you to become familiar with and abide by these rules. By respecting these guidelines and assisting in the enforcement of them you will assist in making everyone's camp experience enjoyable and Christ-centered. Your example in following these rules will also serve as an example to those around you (1Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7).

- **Respect** all camp properties. We ask you to assist in keeping the grounds clean of trash. Cans are provided throughout the camp to dispose of debris.
- **Illegal drugs, alcohol, any form of tobacco, fireworks, firearms, knives, or weapons of any kind are not allowed. Immediate removal from the camp grounds will occur.**
- **Students should not be in possession of mp3 players, electronic games, cell phones, walkie-talkies, or any kind of electronic devices.** Scooters and bicycles are not allowed. Skateboards, rollerblades/skates may only be used in the designated area and helmets are required.
- **Camp attire for campers & counselors:** Shorts are permitted but may be no higher than 5" above the knee. For very tall girls mid-thigh is acceptable. Sleeveless shirts may be worn if they are squared at the shoulders with a 3 finger width spread. No spaghetti straps or midriff revealing garments will be allowed. No muscle shirts or body shirts that are open at the armpits are allowed for boys. Clothing advertising alcohol or tobacco products or of a suggestive nature may not be worn. Closed toe shoes are safest and are required for the ropes course.
- **Swimwear:** Girl's swimwear must be one-piece (tankinis are permitted as long as the entire midriff is covered) and modest or a dark colored t-shirt must be worn over it. Boys are to wear modest trunk-style swim suits and a t-shirt must be worn to and from the pool. The lifeguard may eject anyone wearing inappropriate attire. Swim shoes or flip-flops are recommended for swim times.
- **Attendance** is required by students at all scheduled sessions and activities unless they are ill or are accompanied by a sponsor.
- **Vehicle usage is not permitted** by students during the week of camp. For safety purposes we ask that counselors refrain from using their vehicles to transport students around the camp grounds.
- **No public or private displays of affection will be tolerated.**
- **Unauthorized use of the ropes course is not permitted.** Only trained staff may operate the ropes equipment. Please make prior arrangements if you desire to use the ropes course.
- **Meals must be taken in the dining hall** without prior approval from the camp manager. Please pay for any visitors that may be dining with us. Special dietary needs should be made known to the Food Service Director at least one week prior to arrival.
- **Students may not leave the camp without notifying the acting camp director.**
- **Expenses incurred from lost or damaged recreational equipment will be billed to the responsible party.**
- **No swimming is allowed in the lake.** Keep a safe distance away from the water unless accompanied by a waterfront instructor.
- **Shaving cream fights, water fights, etc. must be pre-approved by the camp manager.** Any expense incurred as result of damage to camp property as a result of such activities will be passed along to the responsible parties.
- **Nametags** must be worn by students and counselors at all times for identification purposes in the event of an emergency.







## VISITOR POLICY

In order to ensure the safety and security of our campers, Camp Copass has implemented a **NO VISITOR POLICY DURING ALL SUMMER CAMPS** (effective 6/1/19)

The Camp Copass Board of Directors felt it necessary to implement this policy because of unpredictable violent events against innocents in our country and in our churches.

We require every staff member, volunteer, counselor/sponsor, worship/band leader, etc. to be background checked yearly and to have completed the Child Protection Training as required before being allowed on the campgrounds. It would be irresponsible and negate all of our efforts if we allowed visitors.

We understand that this has been something that has been enjoyed over the years, and it saddens us to have to initiate this rule. However, just as our schools and churches are tightening security, we have to do the same. **The protection of our campers is our #1 priority at Camp Copass.**

Since pastoral staff are an integral part of sending their children/youth to camp, they are encouraged to attend as a support to their counselors. The following are the requirements for pastoral staff to come on the campgrounds while their church is here:

- Pre-arrange their arrival on campus by calling the camp office at least 1 day ahead at 940.565.0050.
- Church pastoral staff members can see their group between the hours of 8:30 am and 10 pm
- Check in at the camp office with driver's license and **completed** criminal background check form between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm
- Wear a nametag while on campus and leave by 10 pm.
- Parents, family, friends, etc. are not permitted as guests "with" pastoral staff members.