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Dear Campers and Parents:

Winter 2026

We are glad you and your family are planning to join us at Bethany Birches Camp this winter. Many exciting activities are planned that will surely create life-long memories! Your child will experience the pavilion which allows for unique indoor activities, as well as lots of outdoor Winter Camp favorites including snow tubing, telemark skiing, ice skating and more. Of course, we'll have some of the coolest, well trained, caring, young adults around (including some 2024 and 25 Summer Staff) to be positive role models keeping your child safe.

The email that accompanied this document shows the session(s) for which we have you registered. It also shows your status and arrival and departure dates. Check-in is at 6:30pm Friday evening. Check-out will be at 2pm on Sunday. For check in come to the parking lot, park, leave your bags in the car and follow the greeter's instructions. If you arrive early please follow the signs to the waiting area.

It is our prayer that your child's time at camp is fun, educational, spiritually enriching and a time to build community with new and old friends!

We're looking forward to seeing you! Please read on for more details.

For the BBC Winter Team,

Amber "Cheeks" Bergey

Associate Director

General Parent Information

Dear Parents,

Thank you for entrusting your child to us this winter. It is our highest priority to provide a safe, nurturing place for your child to grow and experience the many joys of this God-given life. Faith nurturing and fun, are also top of mind. Please find below information regarding your child's time at BBC.

FORMS

We don't like paperwork anymore than you do! Though we try to keep it to a minimum, some information is necessary. Please have these forms filled out before arriving at camp to ensure a smooth and quick check-in process. Here are some instructions for each form ([you can do all of this online in your camper account](#) and do NOT need to print if you've completed there):

- ✓ Health Form
 - o Notify us in advance if your child has any special dietary needs.
 - o Any medication MUST be brought in its original container, and handed off to the camp health staff at check in.
- ✓ Permission to Participate
- ✓ Release of Camper: fill this out if someone other than the child's listed guardian is picking them up from camp.
- ✓ Map: please call if you need more detailed directions.

FINANCIAL

Review your financial status.

R = Registered

I = Incomplete - A \$50 deposit is required to hold a spot in a session. That \$50 is applied toward the session total.

W= Waitlisted - If a spot opens up you will be contacted about your child attending before the session starts. Our goal is to contact you more than a week in advance. If your schedule has changed and you know the date no longer works, please just shoot us an email at camp@bethanybirches.org to have us take your camper off the waitlist.

Full payment is required 3 weeks prior to the session. If a cancellation is made 3 weeks in advance, in writing or in the online account, the entire payment can be kept on account and applied to another program(s) within 1 year from the date of cancellation. If a cancellation is made less than 3 weeks in advance or the camper simply does not show up at check-in, no balance can be forwarded and no refund given. If you aren't clear about our tiered pricing, the take home lesson is simple. The highest price is what camp costs us to provide. The other rates are subsidized by supporters of Bethany Birches who want every child in the area to be able to come to camp. Please choose the highest rate you can afford.

CAMP STORE

Please see the camp store here: <https://bbcstore.square.site>. Make an order (at least 24 hours in advance) to be picked up at the end of your child's weekend, or take a look at our camp store items when you check-out your camper.

COMMUNICATION

If you would like to send a letter to your child(ren) we will be happy to deliver it to them. You can give it to us during check-in, or, log in and use the one way email feature in your camper account.

We cannot take phone messages or emails for campers (we will be busy working to keep them safe, having fun, and learning)! You can also view the photo album we will provide that will include photos posted real time, visit our Facebook and Instagram pages (please share with your friends ☺) for updates. If there is any incident involving your child, you will be the first one to know. If you can't be reached and it's an emergency, we will try all other parent/guardians and then emergency contacts after leaving messages with parent/guardians.

In the event your child gets homesick, we will encourage them to get involved in camp and enjoy the experience. If that encouragement doesn't help, we will call you and let you know the scenario. At that point, you can talk to them or instruct us on how you would like us to proceed.

If you have any questions regarding your camper's session, don't hesitate to contact us. Thanks again for giving us the opportunity to share in community and God's love with your child.

LICE CHECKS

What a fun topic 😊. To ensure your camper comes home lice-free we will perform a lice check at check-in. If lice (or nits) are found you will have two options.

1. You may take your camper home to see a doctor (or lice specialist) to receive treatment. Most treatments include some type of follow-up. You must get prescription treatment. The CDC believes that most over the counter treatments are not effective (which is why we don't just do that for you!). We are happy to do the necessary follow-up according to the doctor's orders.
2. Your second option would be to take your child home and bring him or her back for a future session.

It is best to check your child for lice a week before camp starts. If you find lice you should get it treated and bring documentation to camp with you. This video gives a good tutorial on how to check for lice: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hybe7quFRVU>. When in doubt, call your healthcare provider.