

A LETTER TO PARENTS

We are so excited that your student will be joining us at Camp RISE this year! We've been praying that this week will be a milestone event in the lives of every person attending camp this year. Our prayer is that our students will encounter God in a real way, and that they would engage in honest and true worship. Our staff is passionate about serving your student and helping them go deeper in their spiritual walk. This week will be an amazing, memorable experience that your student will talk about for years to come.

We are privileged to be a part of what God is doing in the next generation and we are honored that you would entrust us with your students. If there is anything that we can do to serve you, or if you have any questions, please, don't hesitate to contact us at info@camprise.net or at the 4H Main Office from 7:00am-10:00pm

WHAT'S IN THIS PACKET?

In this packet you will find practical tools, packing lists, and the required release forms needed at Check-In. We hope that this information will be useful as you and your student prepare for camp.

Here is an overview of the resources and forms included in the packet:

1 WHAT TO EXPECT

This information will let you know what your student can expect on his/her first day. It will also give you a better insight into daily camp life so your student can be prepared. It also includes a handy Packing List, and emergency contact numbers in case parents need to reach their student during the week.

2 CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT (Required at Check In | Form 1 of 3)

An agreement stating that you have read through this entire packet and understand our rules, policies, and requirements.

3 CELL PHONE POLICY & RELEASE FORM (Required at Check In | Form 2 of 3)

Outlines our cell phone policies and includes a release form for our Safe Box.

4 CAMPER MEDICAL RELEASE FORM (Required at Check In | Form 3 of 3)

This form provides us with your student's current medical information and insurance so we can be prepared in case of an emergency. In order to keep things current, a new form is needed even if you filled one of these out in the past.

REQUIRED AT CHECK IN

The items marked as **REQUIRED AT CHECK IN** should be completed online at the time of registration. All forms must be completed online through the online registration portal **by the time of departure**. These forms must be completed before we can let your student participate in any camp activities. ***Your student will not be allowed to check-in until these forms have been completed.***

FOR PARENTS

What To Expect at Camp

HEY PARENTS, THIS SECTION IS JUST FOR YOU!

You know all those “details” that you can’t seem to get out of your student when you ask them about camp? Here is everything that you need to know.

TRANSPORTATION

Students are responsible for their transportation to and from camp. It may be possible that your home church is providing group transportation, so be sure to check with your Youth Pastor. If a student is driving his/her car to the campsite, he/she will **NOT** be allowed to use their car for any reason once they arrive at camp. All cars must remain parked in the designated area for the duration of camp.

LOCATION

Camp RISE will, once again, be held at the beautiful **Alabama 4H Center** in Columbiana, AL. The 4H Center is centrally located between I-65 and Alabama Hwy 280 along sparkling Lay Lake.

ADDRESS:

892 4-H Road | Columbiana, AL 35051

DEPARTURE TO & FROM CAMP

DEPARTURE TO CAMP (Monday July 10)

*****Please be sure to check with your church's Youth Pastor about what time your church will be departing*****

DEPARTURE FROM CAMP (SATURDAY JULY 15)

12:30pm **Camp Ends**

Final Camp Chapel, all students are dismissed.

1:00pm **Lunch**

Lunch is included as a part of camp, if you are picking your student up from camp, you are welcome to stay and eat with us for one last meal.

CELL PHONES

Cell Phones are NOT allowed at camp and students will not be allowed to call home except in the case of an emergency. Please refer to the **“Cell Phone Policy”** form through the registration portal online for more details.

CHECK-IN

When you arrive at the camp site, look for our directional signs that will point you to where your student will need to check in. All students must check-in before going into the camp grounds.

REQUIRED AT CHECK-IN

All students will need the following before they will be allowed to check-in.

Any balance owed must be paid in full

COMPLETED (ALL FORMS ARE TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE)

Medical Release Form

Code of Conduct Agreement

Cell Phone Release Form

VISITORS

We request that parents, relatives, and friends refrain from visiting students during camp. Students are not permitted to leave campsite, except for an emergency and must always be accompanied by a Senior Staff Member.

FIRST AID

It's camp policy to notify parents in the event of accident or injury. Should medical treatment be necessary or medical bills be incurred, parents will be notified and fully responsible for payment.

PRESCRIPTIONS

If your teenager is on a daily medication or needs supervision while taking prescription medication, please make note of this in the **“Camper's Medical Release”**.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Cell phone service at the 4H camp can be a bit infrequent. In the event of an **EMERGENCY**, please:

1. Contact your Youth Leader.

They will get you in contact with your student.

2. If you cannot reach your leader, contact the 4H Offices and let them know you're with Camp RISE.

4H CENTER OFFICE EMERGENCY LINE

(205) 669-4241 - Open 7:00am-10:00pm every day.

PAYMENTS/BALANCES

If you have any money that is still due for your registration please be sure that you **complete your payment online before the first day of camp**. Please note that your student will not be allowed to check-in until his/her balance has been paid in full.

PAY YOUR BALANCE ONLINE

You can pay the balance of your registration online **before the first day of camp**. This is our preferred method. To make a payment, just sign in to your account by following the link in any emails you got when you registered. **No payments will be received at check-in. All payments must be paid online.**

REGISTRATION HELP

If you have a question about your registration, misplaced your original email, or would like more information regarding your balance, please contact us at info@camprise.net

MEALS INCLUDED

All meals are included with your registration. Students will not need extra money for meals while attending camp.

CONCESSIONS STAND & CARD

There will be a Concession Stand available throughout the week. You may pay at the stand with a credit card or purchase a **Concessions Punch Card** during check-in the first day and every night after chapel. **No cash will be accepted at the Stand during the week except to purchase a Concessions Punch Card.**

PUNCH CARDS

Students can purchase cards with set amounts indicated on them. The dollar amount they spend will be punched with a hole puncher. Student will use these cards to purchase snacks and merchandise.

PLEASE NOTE: Like a gift card, the Punch Card **cannot** be exchanged for cash at the end of the week. If you have a left-over balance, you can use it to purchase anything from our store or even put it towards your deposit for camp next year.

FOR STUDENTS

What To Expect At Camp

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS, HERE'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW!

Included are things like, what to do when you first get to camp, roommate assignment information, and a handy packing list with all of the items that will be helpful for you to have with you at camp.

CHECK-IN

When you arrive at the camp, you will immediately go through our check-in process. Please do not go to any other part of the camp grounds before checking in.

REQUIRED AT CHECK-IN

All students will need the following before they will be allowed to check-in.

- Any balance owed must be paid in full

COMPLETED (ALL FORMS ARE TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE)

- Medical Release Form
- Code of Conduct Agreement
- Cell Phone Release Form

WHAT YOU'LL GET AT CHECK-IN

At Check-In, you will be given your bag with your supplies for the week (including a camp t-shirt), as well as your dorm and team assignments. Then, you can find some people who are on your team and introduce yourself.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER CHECK-IN?

After Check-In, you'll be escorted to your dorm room by one of our staff members. They'll show you where you'll be staying and help you find your room. After you get settled, you can grab some dinner and hang out. Our first Night Chapel starts at **7:30pm** that night.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

You will be placed in a cottage or dorm room with at least four other people. Dorms have been carefully assigned according to your roommate preferences on your registration form.

Please know that we work really hard to accommodate all roommate requests, **HOWEVER**, there will be times that we're unable to grant your requests due to availability.

If you don't get the dorm assignment you were hoping for, cheer up! With everything we have planned, you won't be spending much time in the dorms anyway!

WHAT TO BRING

MANDATORY ITEMS

- Bible (**PHYSICAL COPY**, not on an electronic device)
- Paper/Notebook
- Pen/Pencil
- Flashlight (*Paths can get very dark*)

IMPORTANT ITEMS

- Water Bottle
- Insect Repellent
- Sun Screen
- Medications/Prescriptions (*See Medical Release Form*)

CLOTHING (*Please refer to the "Clothing" Section on Page 5*)

- Lots of T-shirts
- Shorts
- Swim Suit (*Refer to "Swimsuit" Section on Page 5*)
- Athletic Shoes (**Closed Toe Shoes REQUIRED**)
- Shoes/Sandals for the waterfront/showers
- Disposable Clothing
(*Clothing which you can get very dirty in and at least one outfit that you will not care if you have to throw away*)

SLEEPING GEAR

- Sleeping Bag or Twin-size sheets
- Blankets or Comforters (*Dorms can get cold at night*)
- Pillow

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Duffel Bag/Suitcase
- Camera (*Cannot be a camera-phone, tablet or iPad*)
- Bag For Dirty Clothes (*Large Trash Bag*)
- Snacks or money for Concession Stand

TOILETRIES

- Towels (*2-3 for swimming & bathing*)
- Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant
- Toothpaste & Toothbrush
- Feminine Products

CONDUCT

Camp is always a significant time of worship, fun and friendship. However, a few guidelines are necessary to keep the camp atmosphere positive. Please understand that we will not be able to outline **every** scenario that might come up, for this reason, when something is in question, always refer back to this verse:

*“ Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.” **Philippians 4:8 (NASB)***

TWO VERY IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Practical Jokes will not be allowed in any manner. Don't use shaving cream, toothpaste, or other items, for practical jokes on other students, staff, or any of their belongings. Such games tend to get out of control quickly and eventually people get hurt.
2. All scheduled activities **are required**. Help us stay on schedule by being on time for all activities.

CLOTHING

All students must wear modest clothing. It is up to the Dorm Director's discretion if a piece of clothing is inappropriate. Please note that a Dorm Director may, at **ANY POINT**, ask you to change outfits if they deem it is necessary. Remember that we are here to seek after God this week, and you do not want your clothing to be a distraction to other people.

CLOTHING ITEMS NOT ALLOWED:

- Tight, see-through, or revealing clothing
- Shorts that are too short
(*Shorts must come past your fingertips*)
- Shirts that show the midriff
- Shirts with low neck lines
- Clothing that does not completely cover your undergarments
- Clothing with inappropriate graphics
- Clothing with references to alcohol, drugs, or tobacco

SWIMSUITS

Girls - Must wear a modest one-piece swimsuit or a "tankini" that covers your entire midriff, **no two-piece suits or bikinis will be allowed**. If your swimsuit is deemed inappropriate by your Dorm Director, you will be required to wear a **dark** t-shirt or shorts over your swimsuit.

Guys - Will **NOT** be allowed to walk around without a shirt on unless they are at the waterfront.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

For safety reasons and to avoid distractions from our focus at Camp RISE, the following items are prohibited at camp.

- Cell Phones (*See "Cell Phone Policy" Handout*)
- iPods or music players
- Laptops, internet devices or tablets (*iPads, Kindles, etc*)
- Electronic Gaming Devices
- Fireworks
- Firearms, knives, or weapons of any sort
- Alcohol or illegal drugs
- Tobacco products (including all vaping/vape products)