

Camp 1914 Ministry

Parent Handbook



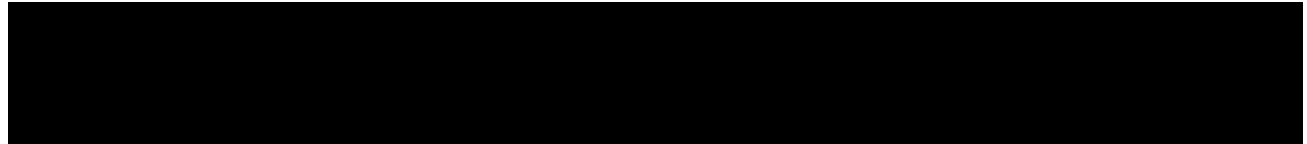
WHERE KIDS COME TO
CHRIST'S CAMP

Camp Mission Statement

Camp 1914 exists to use God's inspired Word to lead children to live Christ-centered lives and to build authentic relationships in love and service with others.

Chapel Essentials

To glorify God by making much of Christ through being:



Camp Focus

The focus in Camp 1914 Ministry is to

- Introduce children to God through Jesus Christ, His Son
- Grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ through the Holy Scriptures
- Praise and worship our Heavenly Father
- Fellowship in love with other Campers

Cabin Information

Hummingbird Cabin: 0-3 years old

Hummingbird Cabin is comprised of the babies and toddlers of the Chapel. Their classroom is located downstairs in the classroom at the end of the hallway on the left. Hummingbirds meet during the sermon time and need to be picked up by a parent or guardian promptly at the conclusion of the service. A cry room is also available for parents and infants. The cry room is located upstairs in the foyer area by the women's restroom.

This class's main role is to introduce the ministry's littlest campers to the church environment. Parents are asked to inform the supervising counselor any specific directions or information regarding the care of their child(ren). Parents will then be given an assigned pager as a communication device with the counselor. The counselor will provide instructions on its intended use, function, and need to be returned when picking up child(ren) after the end of service.

Deer Cabin: 4-6 years

Deer Cabin is comprised of early elementary school-aged children. Their classroom is located downstairs in the first big classroom and they meet during the sermon time. The supervising counselor will return all campers to the sanctuary for the closing benediction song and prayer. Information regarding the curriculum used in this class is provided in the next section.

Owl Cabin: 3rd thru 7th grade

Owl Cabin is comprised of mid-upper elementary-middle school-aged children and meet in the Fellowship Hall during the sermon time. At the conclusion of class, the supervising counselor will return all Owl campers to the sanctuary for communion and end of service benediction. Information regarding the curriculum used in this class is provided in the next section.

Curriculum Overview

The Hummingbird toddlers will have a simplified curriculum mainly based on learning worship songs and Bible verses, while the full nursery accommodates the babies. Both the Deer & Owl Cabins use *Generations of Grace* 3-year curriculum which tells the redemptive story of sinners from Genesis to Revelation. This curriculum is ideal for Camp 1914 because it not only supports the Chapel's essential values, but it is easily adaptable for all age groups. Each lesson includes a Central Truth, Key Verse, Supporting Truths, Spotlight on the Gospel, discussion questions, activities, and crafts. Activity books are provided for each Deer and Owl camper.

Snack

Due to possible allergies snack will not be provided at this time.

Restroom Guidelines

For safety of both campers and counselors, it is requested that a counselor is never to take a child to the bathroom alone. If a young child needs assistance attending the bathroom, a counselor may offer aid with the bathroom door open. Parents are strongly encouraged to have their children visit the bathroom prior to each class.

Behavior Expectations

First and foremost, the Chapel is a dedicated House of Worship and the property should be treated with reverence. The ministry respectfully asks that children behave in manners that glorify God. The Chapel building and property have been involved in numerous renovation uplifts in recent years, including a playground, ramps, handrails, paved parking lot, and remodeled upstairs area. In order for the upgrades to endure, children should refrain from climbing on any railings, fences, buildings, or the steep mountain.

There are also certain areas inside the church that contain very expensive equipment. In order to protect this equipment, and parent's budget, the Chapel asks that **no** campers be on the stage, in the baptismal & surrounding back areas, and at the soundboard unless given specific permission. If damage is done to the facility, the parents of the responsible camper(s) will be held liable for paying for the needed repair or replacement.

Sick Child & Medication Policy

It is our desire to provide a healthy and safe environment for all of the children at the Chapel. Parents are encouraged to be considerate of other children and the elderly attendees when deciding to place a child under the care of the ministry. In general, children with the following symptoms should **NOT** be dropped off:

- Fever, diarrhea, or vomiting within the last 48 hours
- Green or yellow runny nose
- Eye or skin infections
- Other symptoms of communicable or infectious disease

Children who are observed to be ill will be separated from other children and the parent or guardian will be contacted through the pager system to request that the child be picked up for the day.

It is the policy of the Chapel not to administer either prescription or nonprescription medications to children. Medications should be administered by a parent at home. If there are children with potential life-threatening conditions (such as asthma or severe allergies), parents will develop a plan of action with the Camp Coordinator.

Accidental Injuries to Children

It is the hope that all children are kept out of harm while at the Chapel. In the unfortunate event that a child is injured, the following steps will be followed:

1. For minor injuries, scrapes, and bruises, counselors will provide First Aid and TLC as appropriate. The counselor will notify the parent or guardian of the injury as soon as possible.
2. For injuries requiring medical treatment beyond simple First Aid, the parent or guardian will immediately be summoned via the pager system in addition to notifying the Camp Coordinator. If warranted by circumstances, an ambulance will be called by a member of the Chapel Security Team.
3. Once the child has received appropriate medical attention, all incident reports will be completed and kept on file at the Chapel.

Discipline

It is the desire of the ministry for all campers to be active participants in class. If a camper is disruptive to the group, the counselor will go through the following steps in hopes of altering the child's behavior. The counselor will respectfully take the child aside and discuss the inappropriate behavior while explaining to them the proper behavior expectation. If the behavior continues, the child will be asked to sit away from the group for some quiet time to reflect on their choices and discuss the proper behavior expectation when an appropriate time allows. If these behavior modifications aren't effective, the camp coordinator will be contacted through the pager system to discuss the situation. The camp coordinator will then take appropriate measures through loving discussion with the parent or guardian.

Responding to Suspicions of Child Abuse

Childcare overseers may have the opportunity to become aware of abuse or neglect of attending children. In the event that an overseer is made aware of, or is suspicious of, suspected abuse or neglect of a child, a report should be conveyed immediately to the Camp Coordinator. The Camp Coordinator will then follow the Chapel's Policies & Procedures outlining the suspected abuse as may be mandated by state law.

Emergency Situation

In an event of an emergency (fire, smoke, unwelcomed visitor, or active shooter), children's safety is the Chapel's number one goal. The emergency situation will determine if classrooms need to go on lockdown, or be evacuated from the building. All counselors will follow the Chapel's Policies & Procedures regarding an emergency situation.

Informational Videos

Videos regarding further information about Camp 1914 are available on the Chapel's website under the Children's page.