

Operation Wilderness

July 23-26, 2026

For students who have completed sixth grade and desire to grow in their relationship with God alongside their peers.

CBC Core Value Focus: Loving God. Operation Wilderness is an extended weekend that challenges students to begin making their relationship with Jesus Christ their own. By spending time in creation, camping with peers, and being guided in spending time with God, students are taught and shown what it means to have a relationship with Jesus Christ on a day-to-day basis.

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HOW TO APPLY FOR THIS TRIP:

1. Go to cbcpta.org/youthtrips to download the Operation Wilderness application.
2. Return your application to Cathy Wilcox in the Church Office at cwilcox@cbcpta.org.
3. You will receive an email by Thursday, March 12, *only* if your application has been denied.

Application Due Date: Wednesday, February 25

The purpose of this application is for students to show their desire to be on this Youth Summer Trip.

TRIP EXPENSES

Total Cost: \$150 Covers the cost of the trip for students

Due Date: Wednesday, July 1

How to Submit Money

1. Place money in a giving envelope. Be sure to complete the information on the envelope with the student's name.
2. The giving envelope can be submitted:
 - In the Offering Boxes on Sunday mornings
 - In the Offering Slot at the Welcome Center
 - In the lockboxes in the youth rooms
 - By mailing it to CBC

EXPECTATIONS

Failure to fulfill these expectations may result in disqualification from the team.

1. Attend TNT (Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights) once before the trip.
2. Begin memorizing Psalm 63:1 before the trip.
3. Complete all necessary paperwork and forms by noted deadlines.
4. Submit payment by deadline.

Failure to meet these expectations on the trip may result in being sent home early.

1. Respect and obey authority on the trip (especially when exploring and swimming).
2. Encourage and support peers rather than discouraging and harassing them.
3. Listen to peers during group discussion times.

PARENTS: *Adults will have minimal to no cell phone service. Do not expect to be able to make immediate contact with anyone on the trip.*

IMPORTANT DATES/DUE DATES		Mark your calendars now!	
DATE	EVENT/ITEM DUE	TIME	NOTES
Wednesday, July 1	The Youth Activity and Medical Form is due Trip Payment is due		<i>This ensures CBC has the necessary documentation to host/care for students.</i>
Thursday, July 30	Drop Off at CBC	10 a.m.	Bring a packed lunch!
During the trip	Recite memory verse Psalm 63:1		
Sunday, August 2	Pick Up at CBC	3:30 p.m.	

PACKING LIST

Items to Bring:

- _____ A Bible and pen or pencil
- _____ Toiletries (toothpaste and brush, deodorant, body soap, etc.)
- _____ Two beach/pool towels
- _____ Swimsuit (Guys: mid-thigh length shorts; Girls: swimwear that covers midriff, cleavage, and bottom)
- _____ Sun protection (sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, etc.)
- _____ Bug spray
- _____ Reusable water bottle
- _____ Flashlight (extra batteries)
- _____ Bedding (sleeping bag, pillow, sleeping mat, etc.)
- _____ Small backpack for the hike and camping adventures
- _____ Spending money (optional, \$10)
- _____ Trash bag for wet and dirty clothes
- _____ A packed lunch for the ride up

Clothing Requirements:

- _____ Sneakers
- _____ Hiking shoes/boots
- _____ Sandals/water shoes for the creek
- _____ Long pants for the hike
- _____ Poncho or raincoat
- _____ Warm jacket and/or sweatshirt

IMPORTANT NOTE: Pack everything into one bag except for the pillow and sleeping bag. We have a limited amount of space and need to be efficient. Bring a packed lunch on Departure Day!

Do Not Bring:

- Electronics (cell phone, Nintendo Switch, iPad, etc.)
- Illegal substances (drugs, alcohol, smoking/vaping/tobacco products, weapons, etc.)
- Anything valuable that you don't want to be lost or stolen (jewelry, watches, sentimental items)
- A bad attitude