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**STUDENT CAMP**

INFO GUIDE 2025



## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Ocoee Ridge Camp: (423) 338-2747

Please call this number first in case of an emergency. The front desk will get the message to the Summit staff ASAP. Please make sure to tell them that your student is with The Summit Church's summer camp.

The Summit Church: (919) 383-7100

The Summit Church offices (during regular business hours) can relay messages to the staff while at camp.

Lead Male Staff: (919) 670-3523

The above two numbers are preferred, as cell phone service is very spotty and your student director may not be able to receive calls. If you are unable to connect with Ocoee Ridge or our Summit Church office, use this number to contact Josh Joyner.

Families,

Thanks so much for entrusting us with your son(s) and/or daughter(s) at Summit Student Camp. We can't wait to see what God does in their hearts as they temporarily remove themselves from the distractions of the world and focus an entire week on biblical discipleship and community.

Student Camp is an incredible opportunity for the students at every Summit campus to come together in worship, fellowship, and fun. Hosted at Ocoee Ridge Camp, it is led by the Summit Students staff at each campus and other members of our Summit staff. Each year, we are able to serve 1,600 students and leaders between both weeks, and it is often referred to by both students and leaders as the best week of the year.

We hope this guide will give you all the information you need as you prepare your child for summer camp. Please let us know if you have any questions by emailing [students@summitchurch.com](mailto:students@summitchurch.com).

# PACKING LIST

## Clothing

- Shorts and T-shirts
- Pants and long-sleeve tees  
(The worship area can be cool at night.)
- Undergarments
- Pajamas
- Bathing suit (one piece)
- Tennis shoes (two pairs preferable—most activities require closed-toe shoes)
- Water shoes for rafting (HS only); no flip-flops for this
- Flip-flops (worn in showers)

## Linens

- Twin bed sheets or sleeping bag
- Blanket
- Pillow
- Bath towel
- Washcloth
- Pool towel

## Miscellaneous

- **WATER BOTTLE**
- Toiletries (Don't forget deodorant.)
- Flashlight
- Plastic bag for dirty/wet clothes
- Feminine products as needed
- Waterproof sunscreen
- Aloe
- Bible
- Notebook/pens
- Camera
- Extra cash for snacks/merchandise from the camp store (suggestion: \$20–\$40)

Please do not bring cell phones, other electronic devices, or bad attitudes. 😊

# LOGISTICS

## COMMUNICATION

Please ensure that the email address used for registration allows emails from The Summit Church. Often, communication is not received because “No Mass Emails” has been selected on an account.

We plan to communicate information in April, in June once registration closes, and in July as we approach camp. If you have any questions, please contact [students@summitchurch.com](mailto:students@summitchurch.com).

## PAYMENT

A deposit of \$50 is required at the time of registration. You are able to make payments by logging into your Summit Dashboard and scrolling down to see your registrations. You can also use the link in the payment reminder that will be sent to your email.

**Payment in full is required by May 31. If payment is not received, registration will be forfeited. We often experience a waitlist and will give unpaid registration spots to those on our waitlist.**

## MEDICAL CARE

Each session of camp, there will be at least three licensed nurses assisting us with the distribution of medicine and all medical needs. In case of an emergency, there is an urgent care facility less than 15 minutes from camp. Due to the limited amount of medical personnel and housing facilities, sick students (especially those contagious to others) may need to be picked up early by parents at our staff's discretion.

## MEALS

Ocoee Ridge Camp provides breakfast, lunch, and dinner and offers alternate choices (with advance notice) for those with dietary needs. A salad bar with other cold meal options (fruit, yogurt, sandwiches, etc.) will be available at every lunch and dinner as an option if a student does not prefer the hot meal being served.

We will be stopping for lunch both to and from camp. We are planning for both lunches to be Chick-fil-A. All students will receive the typical CFA sandwich boxed lunches.

**\*If your student has any special dietary restrictions while at camp, please make sure you list that on the registration. If you need to add or update any details after registering, please email [students@summitchurch.com](mailto:students@summitchurch.com).**

## CABIN DETAILS

All students will be placed in a group of no more than 16 people, with a ratio of 1:7 leader/students. These groups will also be their rooming assignments for the week. There is a possibility that two groups may share one room, but each group will contain students of the same grade/gender from their particular campus, led by a leader from that same campus.

**\*\*We do our best to assign cabins by small groups. Due to some groups being larger, please provide your top three preferred roommates on your registration and we will do our best to accommodate your request. If your student was invited by a friend who attends a Summit Church campus, please indicate the campus of the friend who invited them on the registration.**

All volunteers have been background checked and most serve in Summit Students on the weekend.

In addition to background checks and safety policies already in place, all volunteers are required to watch an Abuse Prevention Training video before serving at summer camp. Please know that during our orientation meeting, we will also talk to our students about the concept of “If you see something, say something.” However, we hope you will have this conversation in more detail with them at home prior to camp. If you have questions about this, please let us know by emailing [students@summitchurch.com](mailto:students@summitchurch.com).

## CAMP TERRAIN

Ocoee Ridge is in the mountains of Tennessee. There are gravel paths, and students/leaders will be walking to and from the bunkhouses multiple times each day.

Please expect hills and know that some of the paths to activities could be considered strenuous, and most paths are at least considered moderate. Although not necessary, we strongly encourage campers to do some type of physical activity leading up to camp.

# CAMP POLICIES

## Cell Phone Policy

We want to give your students the unique opportunity to have a few days away from their phone. For this reason, we are not allowing cell phones at camp. Your student will always be with an adult leader who will have their phone. You will also have direct lines of communication with the camp office and Josh Joyner. Both of those phone numbers are listed earlier in this guide. We understand your son/daughter may be driving themselves to check-in and need their phone for navigation and safety. For this reason, students may bring phones to Brier Creek for check-in if necessary. Students will be asked to give their phone to our staff before entering the bus. Phones will be placed in a safe and secure location and will be returned when we arrive back to Brier Creek at the end of camp. If you have any questions about this, please let us know by emailing [students@summitchurch.com](mailto:students@summitchurch.com) prior to camp. Thanks for your support and cooperation.

## Dress Code

While it is not our desire to control what your student wears, we want to make sure that our clothes don't become an issue. Because of the diverse backgrounds and cultures represented in our ministry, we have chosen not to be too legalistic in application, but instead to emphasize the need to make sure we're modest in a way that honors all people there. This typically means working with both our guys and girls on clothes being long enough, loose enough, and not attracting inappropriate attention. While we know this is sensitive, our staff and leaders will help guide where needed while at camp.

## **Destruction of Property**

Parents are responsible for any damage to camp property caused by their child's actions. We encourage all campers to treat the facilities, equipment, and environment with care and respect. In the event that a camper causes damage, parents will be notified, and any associated repair or replacement costs will be their responsibility. Additionally, certain behaviors may result in the camper being sent home early.

## **Harassment**

We are committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all campers. Harassment of any kind, including bullying, discrimination, or inappropriate behavior, will not be tolerated. Campers are expected to treat one another with respect and kindness at all times. If a camper engages in harassment, parents will be contacted, and depending on the severity of the situation, may be required to pick up their child early from camp. Our goal is to ensure every camper has a positive and enjoyable experience, and we appreciate your partnership in fostering this environment.

# EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

Students must attend and be on time to all scheduled events.  
They should bring their Bible/journal/pen with them to all worship sessions.

Stay hydrated.

No pranks or raids at camp.

No venturing off of the camp property; camp is on a mountain, and the terrain/wildlife away from camp can be dangerous.

No guys in girls' rooms; no girls in guys' rooms.

If a couple is at camp, we ask that they keep their focus on God and not on each other for the week. Couple or not, we ask that there be no PDA. This helps us ensure that nothing inappropriate occurs, as well as prevents questions that could arise involving boundaries/consent.

It should go without saying, but no tobacco, drugs, alcohol, weapons, etc.

We do have "lights out" and "lights on," which we refer to as "quiet hours." During these times, all rooms must have their lights turned off and be quiet.

We hate listing camp rules, but we know we have to. It's pretty simple, though: Don't do dumb things. Have fun. It's CAMP! Make some memories!

# CHECK-IN DETAILS

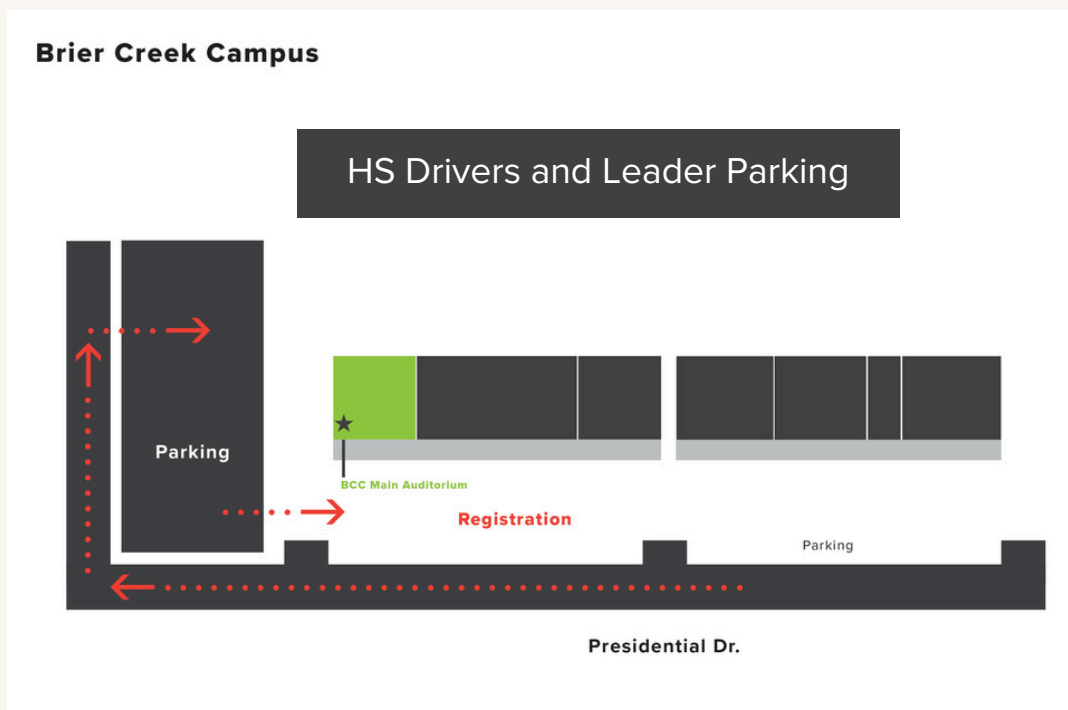
**Monday, July 14 (Middle School) / Friday, July 18 (High School)**

All students except those at our Alamance campus will check in at our Brier Creek campus. Ethan will communicate details for our Alamance students.

Check-in for students begins at 6:00 a.m.

Departure time is at 7:00 a.m.

## STEP 1: PARKING



If you are turning off TW Alexander, you will go past the campus and turn right into the far parking lot (pic shown).

If you are turning off Miami Blvd., you will turn left into the far parking lot before you get to the campus.

Do not enter any entrances off of Presidential Dr. other than the one shown above. We will have cones/volunteers to help direct traffic.

**Leaders and HS students who are leaving their vehicles will need to park in the parking area above the top red arrow (behind the building). PLEASE CARPOOL!**

# AERIAL VIEW



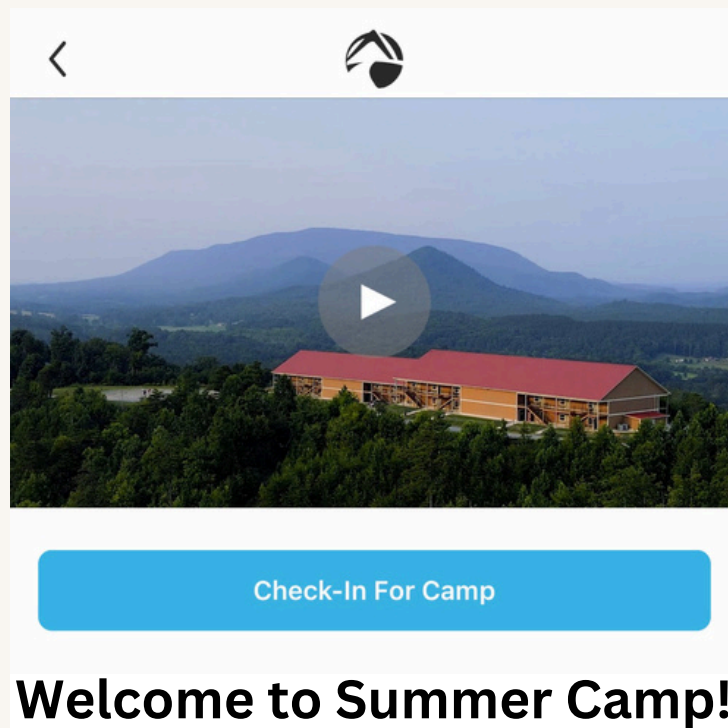
## STEP 2: PROCEED TO CHECK-IN

You and/or your student(s) will grab their luggage and make your way to the outside area designated “CHECK-IN.”

Options for check-in:

We have made a slight change to this process as of June 4th. Students will be assigned a bus NUMBER rather than a color.

- There will be iPads available where you can check in using the camper’s name or information from the account that was used to register (phone number or name). The iPad will show which number bus your student(s) will be riding.
- You can check in on your mobile device through the Summit app once you are on campus, and you will receive the same bus number info. Directions below:

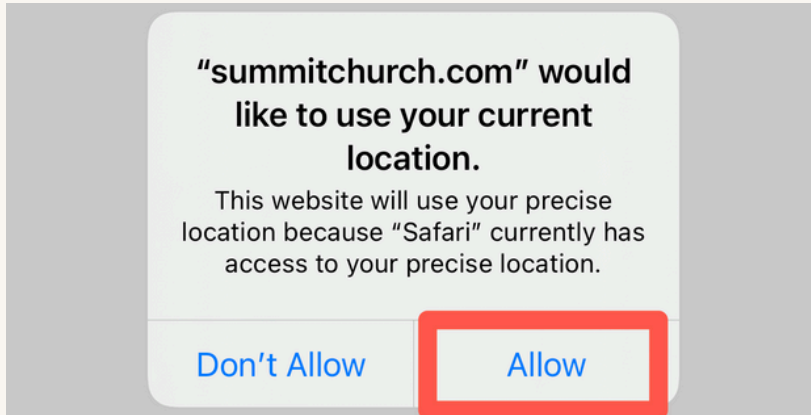


When you open the Summit Church app on the day of departure, you will see an image for summer camp that you need to click. From there, you will see a screen that looks something like the screenshot above, where all information leading up to camp, during camp, and details around coming home will be kept.

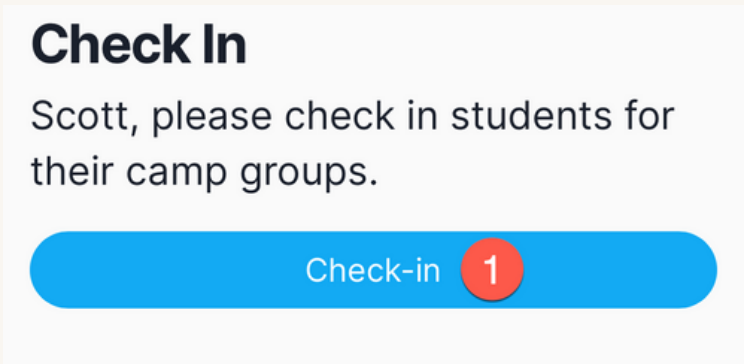
**Upon arriving at the Brier Creek campus, open the app and click the “Check-in for Camp” button. You must be at the Brier Creek campus and enable location settings for this to appear.**

## DETERMINING LOCATION

It's extremely important that when you reach the screen asking to use your location, you click "Allow." Without that chosen, you will not be able to use mobile check-in unless you fix it within your phone settings.

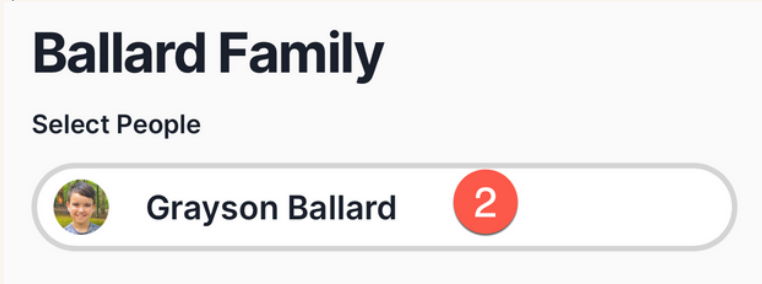


If you successfully allowed our app to use your location, you will see this screen. Click on the button to proceed.



## SELECT STUDENT(S)

You will select your student(s) who are eligible to check in by clicking the name of each person. When selected, the bubble will be blue. Click "Next" at the bottom of the screen.



When you have completed check-in, you will see a confirmation on the next screen. You will also be shown which number wristband to pick up, as well as which bus your student(s) will be riding.

# STEP 3: PICK UP WRISTBANDS



You will make your way to the designated table that matches the number bus that your student(s) will be riding.

Tables should be easily identifiable by balloons, signage, and staff.

You will need to pick up two to three wristbands, depending on how many bags are going under the bus:

- One that will be worn on your student's arm
- One for each piece of luggage that is going under the bus
- No wristband is needed for pillows, sleeping bags, or items like backpacks that are going on the bus

If you have multiple students, you will need to visit multiple tables if they are not on the same bus.

Place one wristband on your student's arm and one on each piece of luggage going under the bus, and proceed to luggage drop-off. Our team will direct you.

## STEP 4: NURSE STATION

**(If you do not have medicine to turn in to the camp nurse, you can immediately proceed to Step 5.)**



Please DO NOT place medicine in your luggage. Keep all medicine in its original container, enclosed in a Ziploc bag.

Proceed to the nurse station, where you will meet with camp nurses and go over any special instructions they need to know. They will record all information digitally so that we will have easy access once at camp.

There will be a cooler available to place any medicine that requires refrigeration.

## STEP 5: LUGGAGE DROP-OFF



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Our staff will direct you to drop off luggage at your student's assigned bus behind the building.

There will be balloons that match the number wristband that you received after check-in (e.g., if you are on bus 9 and have a bus 9 wristband, you will find the designated bus 9 balloon).

## STEP 6: SAYING GOODBYE



He looks young for his age

The last step is to proceed to the North Auditorium lobby (at the back of the building) where you will have a quick opportunity to grab a hug and say goodbye.

At this point, all students will make their way into the Brier Creek auditorium. They will not be permitted to go outside once they reach this area.

Parents and/or guardians, you will make your way back to the parking area and leave through the same entrance you came in. To help us with space, please do not go into the auditorium.

Students will remain in the Brier Creek auditorium until all students have checked in and luggage has been loaded. They will be supervised the entire time by camp volunteers/staff.

We will dismiss one bus at a time. Students and leaders will get on the bus and names will be checked. Once it is confirmed that all students/leaders are on board, each bus will make its way to camp!

# FINAL DETAILS

Additional information on team competition will be available on this page during the first week of June.

We understand that this guide covers a lot of information, and you may still have questions about topics not addressed here. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [students@summitchurch.com](mailto:students@summitchurch.com)—we're here to help and partner with you to create the best camp experience for your student!