

2025 Camp Information

WELCOME

We are looking forward to seeing your student(s) this summer at camp! The information below will help prepare you for a great camp experience and will hopefully answer questions that you may have. Our camps are designed for fun but also the guide students toward a spiritual encounter with God. We hope that their week at camp will be one of the highlights of their year. If you have further questions that are not answered in this packet, please feel free to reach out to Tammy Butler (tammybutler@ibsa.org or 217-341-1469) at IBSA for more information or help with registration.

SCHEDULE & RULES

The schedule for the week and other camp specifics are determined by the director of the particular week of camp you student is attending. While every camp will have general rules that are universal (such as being respectful of others and property) some rules will apply at each camp (such as when you can access the lake). These rules will be explained to students at the beginning of the week of camp and students will be expected to adhere to them.

CAMP PACKING LIST

- Shorts
- Shirts
- Extra clothes to get wet or messy in
- Jeans/pants (*if desired*)
- Sweater/hoodie (*if desired*)
- Pajamas
- Socks & Underwear
- Tennis Shoes & flip flops
- Swimsuit & coverup
- Beach towel
- Bedding (Pillow, sheets/blanket for twin or sleeping bag)
- Towels & washcloth
- Toiletries
- Flashlight
- Bible
- Notebook & pen or pencil
- Medications (in original bottle and in a ziplock bag with child's name)
- Sunscreen & bug repellent
- Money for snacks/camp merch
- A great attitude

Things to leave at home: electronics, video games, toys, knives, guns, vapes, lighters, alcohol, tobacco, illegal or recreational drugs, fireworks, pets, or anything else your parents know you should not bring.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell reception at the camps is poor. Students will not have access to camp WIFI. The amount of time and when cell phones can be used will be at the discretion of the Camp Director. Cell phones should not become a distraction if brought to camp. Neither IBSA nor the camp are responsible for phones that become lost, stolen, dropped in the lake, or otherwise damaged.

DRESS CODE

Although the dress is casual, all clothing should be modest out of respect for each other. T-shirts and shorts are typical. Clothes should be comfortable and suitable for recreational activities, games, etc.

Clothes and swimsuits should not be excessively revealing (e.g. bikinis, speedos, spaghetti straps, see-through, crop tops, tank tops, short shorts, not adequate to cover undergarments, etc.). Swimsuits for girls should be one piece, or worn with a dark coverup or t-shirt over the swimsuit. Girls should wear a cover up to and from the swim area. Guys should wear a t-shirt and trunks to and from the swim area.

No clothes with questionable or offensive graphics or language (e.g. alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, bars, swearwords, etc.).

COST

Registration is \$180 per person for those registering in connection with a IBSA partner church. The price will go up to \$200 three weeks prior to the start of the week of camp. This price includes lodging, meals, camp activities, a camp bag, water bottle, and t-shirt. Registration costs are significantly lower than most camps since our camp strategy is subsidized through gifts given by Illinois Baptist Churches through the Cooperative Program.

Refunds can be issued up to four weeks prior to camp. After that, refunds will be at 50%. Once camp begins, no refunds will be offered. Refunds are only processed upon request.

SNACK SHACK/CAMP STORE

Campers will have the opportunity to purchase snacks and other items during designated times throughout the week of camp.

FOOD ALLERGIES

If your camper has a food allergy, please make sure to note it on their Camper Information & Medical Release form. The staff will do everything possible to accommodate them and keep the kitchen staff aware of the campers' needs.

CAMP NURSE

Each camp will have a camp nurse. The camp nurse works directly with the camp staff to ensure safety of everyone at camp.

Our nurses are CPR certified. Nurses are able to provide basic first aid. Nurses will assist in storing and administering medications as well as assessing any situation that comes up.

If your child has a special need that you would like to discuss with the camp nurse before you arrive at camp, their contact information can be attained by contacting TammyButler@IBSA.org or (217) 391-3124

CAMP ADDRESS

Depending on the week registered for, your child will be attending either:

Lake Sallateeska
Camp Manager, Brock Vandever
4867 Baptist Camp Road
Pinckneyville, IL 62274
(618) 336-5272

OR

Streator Baptist Camp
Camp Manager, Jacob Kimbrough
1259 N. 1659 Road
Streator, IL 61364
(815) 992-5947

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE // GRADE OR AGE RANGE

Arrival and departure times and ages/grades able to attend vary by each week of camp. A list of camps and the specifics for each can be found at IBSA.org.

VISITING CAMP

We take child safety very seriously. We want every adult at camp to be background & reference check as well as trained in child safety. Because of this, parents/adults who are not serving as camp leaders are generally not able to visit camp.

ADULT LEADERS

Churches should send an adult leader for every 4-7 campers. If you bring campers of both genders to camp, please enlist at least one adult of each gender to accompany your group.

Adult leaders should be members of their church for at least six months and exhibit character that is above reproach. Adult leaders must be at least 21 years of age.

Adult leaders must complete the Volunteer application and will undergo a criminal background check. Adult leaders must also provide four character references (one from the pastor), which will be contacted via email and will need to respond.

Adult leaders must also complete the 1.5 hour online Sexual Abuse Awareness Training and complete the assessment prior to the start of camp. This training is valid for 2 years from the date of completion.

While at camp, adult leaders will be given various responsibilities by the camp director that include supervising groups of kids, leading or assisting with activities, assisting in Bible study breakouts, etc. For more information, contact the camp director.