

# 2026 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 Julie Watson ([JulieWatson@ibsa.org](mailto:JulieWatson@ibsa.org) or 217-391-3138) 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**

One of the most powerful aspects of camp is the opportunity for students to disconnect from their normal routine, and rest from the many "noises" and distractions of everyday life. We encourage students to consider leaving their mobile devices at home.

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. Neither IBSA nor the camp are responsible for phones that become lost, stolen, dropped in the lake, or otherwise damaged.

Adult leaders will have their phones in case you need to reach your student.

## **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 an 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 are not offered, however credit can be transferred to another person.

## **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 during registration. 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 JulieWatson@IBSA.org or (217) 391-3138.

## **CAMP ADDRESS**

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

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

OR

Streator Baptist Camp  
Camp Manager, Anthony Heathcoat  
1259 N. 1659 Road  
Streator, IL 61364  
(815) 672-0084

## **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 3-7 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 Camp Staff 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.