



Big Sky Scholarship Camp

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Dear Parents and Campers:

We look forward to having you at Big Sky Scholarship Camp (BSSC) on Saturday, August 4th 4pm through Saturday, August 11th 9:30am. Our prayer is for all of us to have a great camp experience. This letter includes information you need to be ready for camp. **Please read its contents carefully!**

<p>Please Bring: [Mark each item with your name!]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sleeping Bag and Pillow. 2. Suitable Clothing (See “Camp Dress Code” on the last page). 3. Warm clothes (long pants, long sleeves) for the cooler days. Warm Coat for cooler nights. 4. Towel/ toiletries. 5. Sun block/ insect repellent /flash light. 6. Bible/ notebook & pen/pencil. 7. Rain gear. Clothes & shoes that can get wet and dirty during activities. 8. Sturdy Shoes for hiking; athletic shoes for games. 	<p>Please do not have at camp: [Anything dangerous, distracting, or inappropriate]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knives, weapon, guns. 2. Fireworks, matches, lighter. 3. Inappropriate literature. 4. Playing Cards. 5. Electronics (phones, games, entertainment) <p>[Leave electronics used on the trip locked in your driver’s vehicle] {Cell Phones will be turned in at the bank.}</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="852 976 1112 1060"> <p>Optional Items to Bring:</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1112 976 1489 1060"> <p>1-Camera. 2-Musical Instruments & Music</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>Optional Items to Bring:</p>	<p>1-Camera. 2-Musical Instruments & Music</p>
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<p>LOST & FOUND: BSSC/OFCR is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Lost, unlabeled items will be held for 30 days. Anything unclaimed will then be donated to charity. If you forgot/lost something at Camp please call Dave Ruthardt @ (307) 883-2654. Cost to return the items will be your responsibility. We have a Camp Bank to minimize lost or stolen cash.</p>			

Color Team Assignment: Each camper, cabin leader, and staff member will be assigned to a color team before 7/28. You will be getting a Team Color T-Shirt. Camp offers a four team competition in games, activities, verses, Bible quizzing, and the completion of daily Bible lessons.

Registration Check-in (SEE page 3 for directions to get to CAMP): Registration Check-in will be on Saturday from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, in the lodge (see camp map for location of lodge). **Please enter the West Entrance to the dining hall, with the following items:**

1. **Your Driver** (to sign the Release Form), **Your Check-In Release Form**, and **any Camp Fee Balance**.
2. **Medication.** If you have ANY prescription OR non-prescription drugs with you, the nurse will store them for you during the week. Medications are given before meals and at bed time. If other arrangements are necessary, you can discuss them with the nurse at check-in.
3. **Food Limitations.** We provide special meals for camper/staff with food allergies (e.g. gluten free, dairy free, etc.). List all food limitations on your application and follow up with the nurse at check-in. For campers with allergies, there will be a storage container for specialty snacks (labelled with your name). There is **no** food/snacks allowed in the cabin because of critter control issues.
4. **Spending Money.** Please plan on “banking” with us. You can “deposit” your spending when you check-in. The purpose of the bank is to provide a safe place so that you don’t lose your money during the week at camp. The bank will be open each day so you can purchase items at the snack shop/store and \$5/day for paint ball (covers cost of ammo). All purchases will be subtracted from your account. On Friday evening you will be given whatever remaining money is left in your account. You may want to consider giving a donation to our camp speaker during the Friday evening chapel service.

5. Camp Mail. There is **no** mail service at Old Faithful Christian Ranch (OFCR). If you plan to send packages or letters to a camper, bring them or send them with your camper’s driver to camp and **TURN IT INTO THE CAMP POSTMASTER** put them in the Camp Mail Box during Camp Check-In.

Banquet Theme: The Friday dinner will be a Banquet that we will celebrate with a Paradise theme. The attire will be “camp casual” consistent with the Camp Dress Code. There won’t be any need to bring your Awana uniform.

Chapel Missions Emphasis: Our speaker this year will be Josh Beaudin from New Tribes Missions! We will be hearing about how New Tribes and Awana are each reaching indigenous people and unreached people groups around the world with the Gospel and Discipleship. Someday we will see these people at the Rapture and IN HEAVEN! We will discover how Awana GO (Reach Kids) connects parents, leaders, and clubbers (campers) to God’s heart for children all around the world. Through GO, children learn that they can be a part of the Great Commission today through sharing the Gospel and Discipleship!

CORE (Community Outreach Evangelism): We will be offering CORE workshops for the High School (Varsity) campers. There will be a workshop on using Awana Verse-A-Thon to get clubbers (campers) excited about memorizing Awana verses and reaching kids with the Gospel and Discipleship by raising funds to sponsor children in Awana Clubs around the world. The Varsity will apply what they learned by putting on a Verse-A-Thon to earn extra points for their Color Team by reciting verses from the Awana books you have completed in your club. Earn extra points for reviewing your entire book! No need to bring your book, we have all the verses in all translations. Go Team!

Prayer & Praise Team: The prayers of God’s people are what keep this ministry going. As parents, if you want to be on the Specifics Camp Prayer Team and receive a specific Camper and/or Camp Leader to pray for, let us know by emailing us at bssm.camp@gmail.com. THANK YOU! To God be the GLORY!

Participation:

You and your parent(s) should understand that all campers are required to complete daily Bible lessons and to memorize daily Bible verses. You will receive help to achieve these requirements from your qualified cabin leader and other camp staff. Campers should participate in camp activities unless indicated otherwise on the camper application, under activity/physical limitations, or directed by the camp nurse.

Bible Verses: In the event you wish to get a “head start” on your “Verse Card” (will be available in KJV, NKJ, NIV84, ESV), the following is a list of the Camp verses:

There are 2 age groups at Camp. Those going into 6th through 8th Grade are called JV (Junior Varsity) and those going into 9th through 12th (and Super Senior, those who just graduated) are called Varsity.

Varsity: Senior High <i>“The Making of Disciples”</i>	L1: 2Thessalonians 1:11-12 L2: Matthew 28:18-20 L3: Jeremiah 17:5, 7 L4: Colossians 3:16-17 L5: 2Timothy 2:21-22 L6: 1Thessalonians 4:3, 7 Review L1-6	JV: Junior/Junior High <i>“Soldiers for Christ”</i>	L1: Ephesians 6:10-11 L2: Ephesians 6:12-13 L3: Ephesians 6:14-15 L4: Ephesians 6:16-17 L5: Ephesians 6:18-19 L6: 2Timothy 2:3,4 Review L1-6
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BIG SKY SCHOLARSHIP CAMP Major Activities: New this year: Human Foosball and Human Bumper Balls! Hikes, Canoe Trip on Henry’s Fork River, Paint Ball (\$5/day), Tubing on Henry’s Fork River, Water Slide, Archery, Pellet Guns, and Camp Pictures. Don’t forget Team Cheers, Songs, Skits, Banner Competition, Team Awards, and Camp Fire.

Free Time Activities Include: Archery, Basketball, Volleyball, Foosball, Frisbee Golf, Ping Pong, Snack Shop, Soccer, Football, Mountain Biking, and Pellet Guns.

Directions to BIG SKY SCHOLARSHIP CAMP at Old Faithful Christian Ranch, in Island Park, Idaho:

From the North - Take Highway 191 South to West Yellowstone, MT.

Turn Right on Highway 20 heading west. Stay on Highway 20 as it turns south and crosses over the Idaho state line.

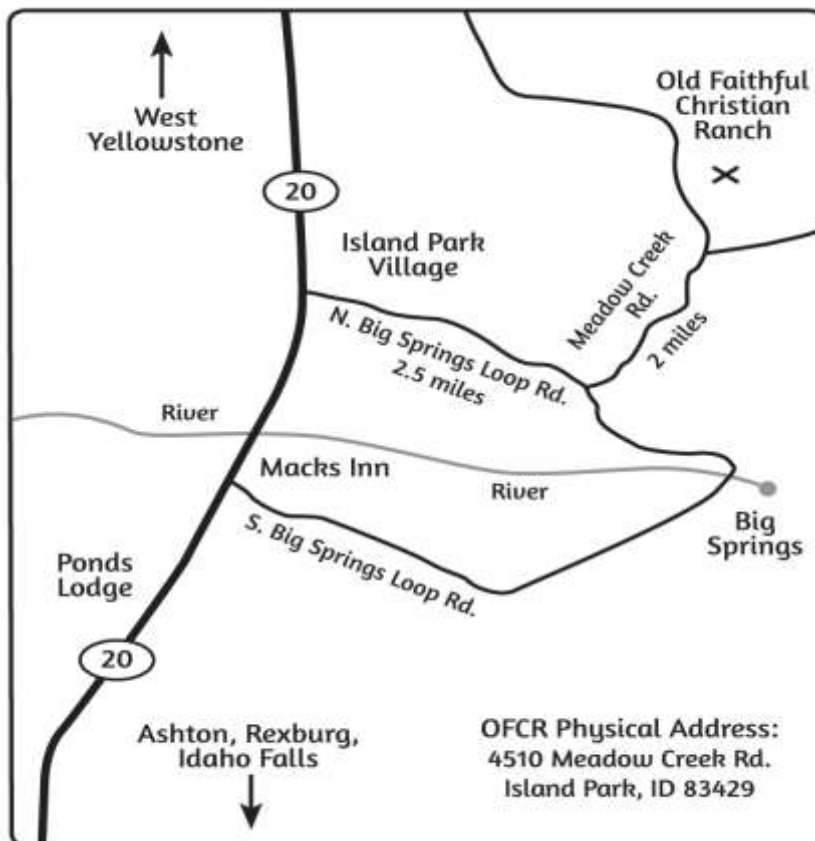
At the Island Park Village intersection of Highway 20 and North Big Springs Loop Road, turn east onto North Big Springs Loop Road.

On the way to Meadow Creek Road, you will cross over the Henry's Lake Outlet Bridge where the pavement ends.

Stay on this gravel section of North Big Springs Loop Road and turn Left at the intersection of North Big Springs Loop Road and Meadow Creek Road.

This intersection is marked with an Old Faithful Christian Ranch sign on the left. After turning left onto Meadow Creek Road, travel approximately 2 miles until you see the Old Faithful Christian Ranch archway on the right.

Turn right through the archway



From the South - Take Highway 20 North past Ashton, Idaho.

Just after Mile Post 394, at the Island Park Village intersection of Highway 20 and North Big Springs Loop Road, turn east onto North Big Springs Loop Road.

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Big Sky Scholarship Camp Dress Code

*1 Corinthians 10:31 "...whatever you do,
do all to the Glory of God."*

Camp staff, campers (and parents) should to exercise discretion and modesty regarding the selection of camp clothing. In order to maintain an environment that is free from distractions, we are all expected to dress in a manner that brings honor and glory to God. Christians can hurt their testimony, cause another to stumble in their Christian walk, and possibly offend others by the clothing they wear or the way it is worn. Outfits that are too tight, too short, or offensively imprinted, though not intentionally worn to be provocative or offensive, nonetheless often are. God does not want us to do or wear anything that may cause someone else to stumble (Rom. 14: 13-23; 1Thes. 4: 3-8). The world has an agenda in fashion that does not line up with God's standards (James 4: 1-10; 1 John 2: 15-17). With this in mind, modesty, cleanliness, and appropriateness will be the standard used to honor and glorify God in what we wear.

- For safety reasons, bare feet are only allowed in your cabin and in the shower. Athletic shoes are required for Team Activity Time. Shoes that can get wet are required when tubing or canoeing.
- Do not wear T-shirts or other garments with inappropriate, worldly, or offensive writing or displays. No half or net shirts or muscle shirts.
- No underwear on display. It is called underwear for a reason.
- Shorts, if worn, must be of the "walking shorts" variety and shall come to the tip of the fingers while standing. Short shorts, split-sided jogging shorts or "spandex" style bicycle shorts are not to be worn.
- No tight fitting clothes.

Ladies

- Halter tops, bare-midriff clothing, "spaghetti straps" and mini dresses/skirts are not allowed.
- Swimwear must be one-piece style (front panel liner preferred). Suits with plunging necklines and/or high-cut leg openings are not allowed. (If in doubt, or unable to find suitable swimwear, wear a T-shirt to cover it.)

Guys

- Race type swimwear (Speedo, tank suits) is not allowed.
- Low hanging pants are not allowed.

This dress code is not intended to be "heavy handed" or restrictive, but is for the purpose of avoiding any problems before they start. If there is any question about an article of clothing, a camper's leader will speak to him/her about it privately. Cabin leaders will help their campers, whom God has put in their cabin, understand the importance of not being a distraction to those around them. In all cases, the camp director's word is final.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION. WE APPRECIATE IT.