



Big Sky Scholarship Camp

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Dear Parents and Campers:

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Thank you for your camper application(s). We look forward to having you at Big Sky Scholarship Camp (BSSC) on Saturday, July 26th 4pm through Saturday, August 2nd 9:30am. Campers can be picked up 9:30 – 11:00 AM. Team Awards will be presented at 9:10pm at the Camp Amphitheatre.

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!** Please read the Camp Dress Code and Code of Content on pages 3&4. Camper, ***please sign page 4 and turn it in at the Registration Table.***

Please Bring: [Mark each item with your name!] <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sleeping Bag and Pillow.2. Suitable Clothing (See “Camp Dress Code” on page 3).3. Warm clothes (long pants, long sleeves) for the cooler days. Warm Coat for cooler nights.4. Towel/ toiletries.5. Sun block/ insect repellent /flashlight.6. Bible/ notebook & pen/pencil.7. Rain gear. Clothes & shoes that can get wet and dirty during games.8. Sturdy Shoes for hiking; athletic shoes for games.	Please do not bring [anything dangerous, distracting, or inappropriate] <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) to be turned into the Nurse and will be returned at the end of the week.
LOST & FOUND: BSSC/OFCR is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Found, 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. The cost to return items will be your responsibility. We have a Camp Bank to minimize lost or stolen cash.	

Color Team Assignment: Each camper, cabin leader, and staff member will be assigned to a color team as applications are received. You will be notified which color team you are on in your Camper Acceptance email. You will be getting a Team Color T-Shirt. Camp offers a four-team competition in games, activities, Bible quizzing, and the completion of daily Bible verses and lessons.

Check-in: Check-in will be on Saturday from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, in the Camp Lodge/Dining Hall. **Please enter the West Entrance to the Dining Hall and with the following items for the following stations:**

1. **Start.** Pick up your camp manual, camper check sheet, and camp button.
2. **Registration.** Turn in page 4 of this letter signed, **Camp Fee Balance, and a copy of your Medical Insurance Card if needed.** Note, those **Campers** coming with a camp staff person give any Registration stuff to the staff person **BEFORE** you get into the vehicle.
3. **Picture.** Get your picture taken with your name button. If your parents (or family) come with you, please have them in the picture also.
4. **Nurse.** If you have ANY prescription OR non-prescription drugs/supplements OR cell phone/electronics with you, the nurse will store them for you during the week. Medications are given before meals and at bedtime. If other arrangements are necessary, you can discuss them with the nurse at check-in.
5. **Snack.** There will be a dry storage container for non-perishable snacks (labelled with your name). There is **no** food/snacks allowed in the cabin because of critter-control-issues.
6. **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 Mailbox during Camp Check-In.
7. **Bank.** Please plan on “banking” with us since the snack/store accepts no cash. You can “deposit” spending money 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. There will be snacks, bottled beverages, and ice cream with a \$3/day limit. Other items for sale are T-shirts (\$15) and water bottles. For those who sign up to play paintball, the cost is \$5/day (covers cost of ammo). Please bring your spending money in no bills larger than \$10 (we prefer \$1s or \$5s). All purchases will be subtracted from your account sheet. You will be receiving back whatever remains Friday before chapel. There will be an offering received during the Friday evening chapel or our camp speaker.

Camp Theme: The Friday dinner will be a Banquet that we will celebrate with this year's theme: *Jesus is the Only True Hero (the only one who died in you) Hebrews 12:2*. You will be able to start before Camp coming up with Team Banners, skits, cheers, and songs ideas related to our theme.

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 Seniors, those who just graduated) are called Varsity.

Varsity: High School <i>Hope, Jesus the Anchor for Our Souls</i>	L1: Heb.11:1-3 L2: Heb.6:18-19 L3: Rom.5:3-5 L4: Rom.8:28-29 L5: 1Pet.3:14-15 L6: Tit.2:11-13 Review L1-6		JV: Middle School “Soldiers for Christ”	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: Human Foosball and Human Bumper Balls! Hikes, Paint Ball (\$5/day), Tubing on Henry’s Fork River, Water Slide, Archery, Pellet Guns, Basketball, Volleyball, Foosball, Frisbee Golf, Ping Pong, Snack Shop, Soccer, Football, and Pellet Guns. and Camp Pictures. Don’t forget Team Cheers, Songs, Skits, Banner Competition, Team Awards, and Camp Fire. We are looking forward to seeing you at camp and having a “terrific” week!

Cordially,

Dave Ruthardt
Camp Director

For Directions to BIG SKY SCHOLARSHIP CAMP at Old Faithful Christian Ranch (OFCR), in Island Park, Idaho and for directions to facilities at OFCR. Physical Address: 4510 Meadow Creek Road, Island Park, ID 83429	
Go to http://ofcr.org	from the Welcome page click on About/Directions AND click on Camp Facilities/Camp Facilities Map



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CAMP DRESS CODE

At Big Sky Scholarship Camp, we want everything we do to glorify the Lord, and that includes the way we dress (1 Cor. 10:31). **Modesty and appropriateness** in a distraction-free environment is the goal for everyone's week at camp!

Please take the time to review our Dress Code so that you will choose clothes that will be right for camp. **Here's the deal: Agents who choose to wear outfits that are too tight, too loose, or too short will be asked to change. Ugh!** The following policies need to be followed by campers, counselors, and staff alike. Though your clothing choices may be comfortable for you, they may make others uncomfortable; therefore, **please take the time to read this!**

- Shirts and shoes or sandals must always be worn when outdoors or in a public setting.
- Athletic (closed toe) shoes must be worn for all activities.
- Flannel pants/pajama pants are only acceptable for bedtime/cabin wearing.
- No tank tops, halter tops, low necklines, sleeveless tops, or narrow/string-type straps.
- Shorts, skirts and dresses must be modest. We use the **"fingertip" rule** (when standing straight up with hands straight down, shorts must be longer than their fingertips, **but no shorter than 3- 4 inches above the knee**). We understand that all body types are different, and IF the "fingertip" rule does not appear to keep you modest you will be asked to change.
Note from a tall girl camper: I bought my shorts in the men's department as they are longer and work well for me! Check it out!
- All clothing must be loose fitting (no yoga/spandex/tight clothing).
- No skin may show between pants and shirt (raise your arms to make sure). Low rise-sagging pants or shorts are not allowed. Ripped pants have the same "fingertip" rule (no upper thigh holes).
- Do not wear clothing that reveals your underwear (that's a no-brainer).
- Offensive clothing with inappropriate language, or something not honoring to God, is not allowed.
- Body piercing jewelry (other than earrings for females) are not allowed – please use a clear spacer for any body piercings other than earrings – you will be asked to remove piercings outside of bedtime, if visible.
- Tattoos – We do not promote for or against tattoos but expect tattoos to be covered with clothing or a wrap/bandage.



If there is a question about an article of clothing, your counselor or a staff member will speak to you about it privately asking you to change. In all cases, the word of the Camp Director will be final.

Thank you for following the Dress Code. It makes it a lot easier and way more fun for everyone!





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Camper Code of Conduct

I will honor God with all my actions and attitudes at camp,

and follow the rules and guidelines for all activities.

I will respect others and value them.

I will show respect to my counselors and others in authority.

I will, in good faith, enter into the spirit of camp, not just following the rules, but praying that God will use every experience to shape and mold my life.

I will set a good example for those around me.

I will commit to reading my Bible and completing daily devotions while at camp.

I will respect the camp property and obey the rules of

Old Faithful Christian Ranch.

I will not gossip or use my tongue to cut down others.

I will complete my daily Bible verses and give my best effort to complete my verse card review (all verses/references recited in one sitting).

I understand that attendance at the camp is a privilege and that I may be sent home at any time for failing to meet the terms of this agreement.



Additional Points to Ponder

Romantic activities are out of place at camp. Do not spend your time exclusively with one particular member of the opposite sex.

Chapel is a focused time of worship – I will use the restroom prior to or after chapel. Unless truly necessary, I will remain in chapel for the entire service.

NO electronics, including smart watches, cell phones, and other electronic devices are permitted at camp. If I do bring them, I understand they will be put in the Camp Bank until the end of camp week. *Just don't bring them...*

The only phone calls to home are conducted through the Nurse's or BSSC Director's supervision, and only when deemed necessary (rare occurrence, i.e. emergencies).

"I have read and will follow all rules (including dress code and code of conduct) and enter into the purpose of Camp."

Camper Signature (required for acceptance)

Date