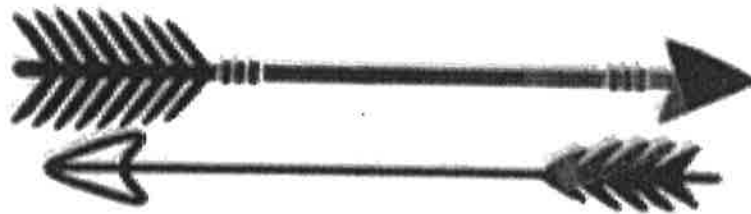


First Christian Church

Mini Camp  
&  
Day Camp

**Handbook**

2018



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

JOHN 13:34





HI THERE MINI CAMPERS AND DAY CAMPERS!

I am happy that you have chosen First Christian Church Mini/Day Camp for the week of **June 18-22nd**. There are a few things that you will need to know prior to the "big week", so...

Enclosed you will find the official **DAY CAMP AND/OR MINI CAMP HANDBOOK**, which will tell you everything you need to know about camp. Be sure to read it carefully with your parents, especially the **TIMES** and **DAILY SCHEDULES**. Most important are the Thursday evening's Family Picnic for Mini and Day Campers alike, and the Overnighter for Day Campers.

One of the reasons the cost of Mini/Day Camp is so low is that we have many of our supplies donated, especially our snacks. Here is a list of some snack items that we will be needing for the week of camp. Ask your mom or dad to call Jeannie King, our "Snack Queen" if you'd like to help, or just drop snacks by the church office. Here's what we need: oranges, grapes, goldfish, chex mix, chips & dips, string cheese, **COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES!** (We eat 30 dozen per day!)

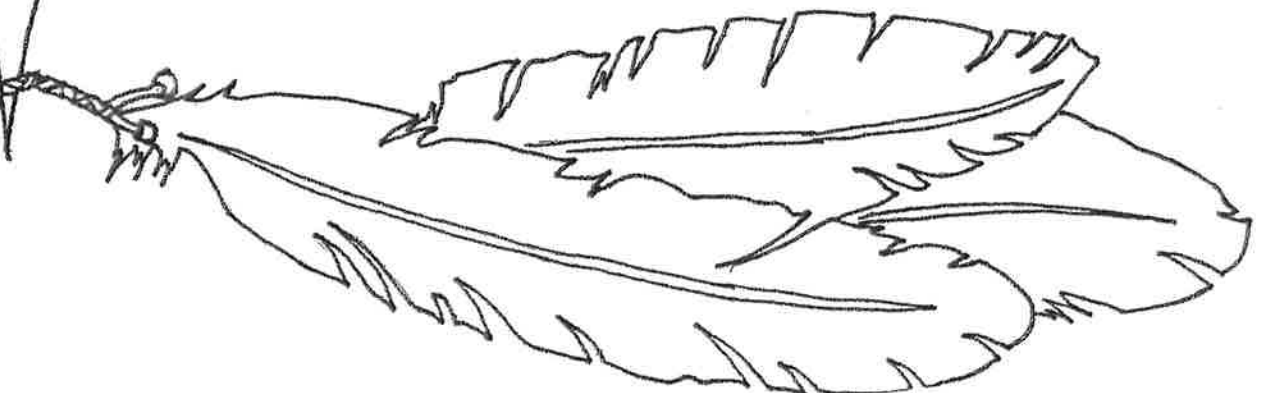
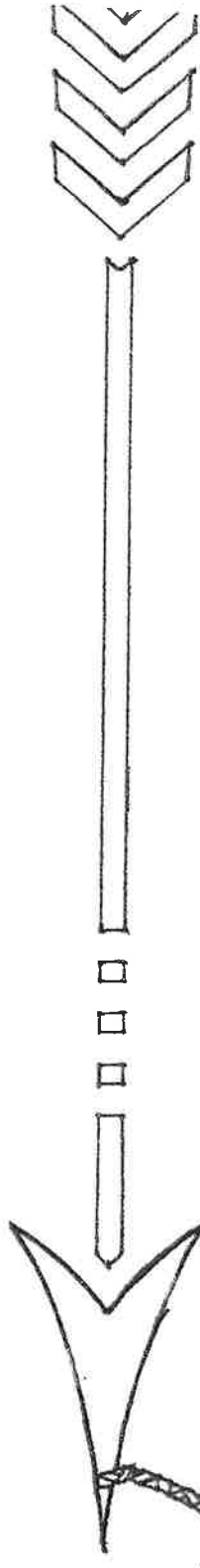
T-shirts should be available for you to pick up on **Friday or Sunday** from 8:30 until 12:00, in the second nursery (Room B). If you have not picked up your shirt prior to Monday morning, you may get it then. **ALL CAMPERS:** Your shirts will be in the Disciple House on Monday morning. **Please go directly to the Disciple House when you arrive on Monday.** There will be a place marked for you to sit with your group. After Monday, you may go directly to your assigned vehicle in the parking lot. **Please do not enter the Children's Building.** Mini Camp will also be starting on Monday and it is too confusing to have all of our campers roaming around in there too! **MINI CAMP** shirts will be in the gym - Disciple House on Monday morning.

One final reminder...the Day Camp Sunday Service will be Sunday, June 24th. This service is an integral part of our week and **YOU** will have a special part. And, a week of pictures on the slide show!!!! Be sure to read the details in your handbook. See you bright and early (8:30 sharp!/8:45 for Mini Campers) on Monday, June 18th!!!

In His Love,

*Lyn Blount*

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FCC Mini Camp 2018 ages 3-K (need to be potty trained)  
M-F beginning June 18

8:45 a.m. meet in the gym (come in the south entrance on Padon St)

We will have worship, games, outside play, music, singing, prayer, art, and snacks!

11:45 a.m. pick up in the gym (please sign your child out at the south entrance thanks)

Thursday is our Family Picnic at 6:00p.m. bring a blanket or chairs, dinner and join us at the day camp site!

We are planning an Awesome Week!!!

P.S. we swim every day at Ingram Pool

Join all of us from 2:00-3 M-Th (camp shirt needed)





## A PARENT'S GUIDE TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH DAY CAMP

*Welcome to **Day Camp 2018 LOVE ONE ANOTHER!!** This year's camp is our **41st!** We are very pleased to be able to provide this program for the children of First Christian Church and their friends in the community; and we are glad that you have chosen this program for your child. This booklet gives **IMPORTANT INFORMATION** about camp. Please read it carefully; discuss it with your child; and keep it handy for future reference.*

### POINTERS TO PARENTS

1. Delivery and Pickup - Vans will leave FCC PROMPTLY at 8:45 am (be here by 8:30) and will return at **3:30 pm**. Please be on time - Day Camp waits for no one!

2. Dress - Campers should dress for comfort and coolness. Camp T-shirts **MUST** be worn each day, with shorts. Tennis shoes (no sandals) should be worn with socks. Higher socks are recommended, because of the possibility of bull nettle, poison ivy, insect bites and the like. (Remember, this is the woods.) Swimsuits should be worn under clothing, as there will be no place to change. **Boys**, your swimsuit **must have a liner!** City pool rules!! Campers should bring a swim towel each day and perhaps a cap or hat.

3. Jewelry - Wear at your own risk!

4. Insect Spray - We will spray your child each morning with "Off" or a similar insect repellent. There are ticks, mosquitoes and so on.

5. Insect bites - If a child has a reaction to an insect bite or sting, Benedryl will be administered. Please inform us if your child is allergic to this or any other type of medication.

6. Snacks - A water break will be provided each morning; and healthy snacks, such as celery and carrots, fruit, cheese and cookies will be provided each afternoon. Gatorade is also provided each afternoon. All of our snacks are donated, so please let the church office (753-7611) know if you can help provide snacks.

7. Lunch - Send a sack lunch and label it clearly with your child's name. Please include a chilled, canned or carton drink. Remember to pack enough; campers get **VERY HUNGRY**.

8. Rainy Day - In case of a heavy rain, camp activities will be moved to FCC. If it rains in the morning, parents will pick up campers at 11:45, when Mini Camp dismisses. If it rains in the afternoon, parents pick up campers at regular time. If in doubt, please call the church office.

9. Photographs - Each camper will have a group picture taken during the week, usually on Tuesday. The cost of this picture is included in your camp fee. Camp pictures will be handed out at the Day Camp Sunday service.

10. Flashlights - Each camper should bring a flashlight for the overnigher on Thursday. We will be using them for the "evening glow" (more details in the section entitled "Thursday Activities").

11. Parent Involvement - A tremendous amount of time, money, thought and enthusiasm has gone into making this week a time of fun and excitement--one that will be a highlight of your child's life. Be sure to ask questions of your child and to express an interest in the day's activities.

12. Questions? -Please do not hesitate to call the church office, 753-7611, if you have any questions about the Day Camp program.

### SWIMMING

Campers will swim each day in the City of Longview Pool. Qualified lifeguards will be on duty at all times that campers are in the water.



## THE THURSDAY FAMILY PICNIC

All family members are invited to join campers and staff at 6:00 pm for a picnic supper, camp chants and a brief tour of the campsite. Parents should provide a complete picnic supper, including drinks, for each family member included--campers too! Other guidelines to remember...

**Parking** -Parking areas at Day Camp are EXTREMELY LIMITED. It is strongly recommended that parents and families meet at the church and carpool to the campsite, if possible. The map given below designates appropriate parking areas. Please do not park in the driveway. You may park in the circle east of the house...

**The Swim Pier** - The swim pier is OFF-LIMITS during the picnic. Parents, please do not allow your younger children to wander off by the lake alone.

**Schedule** - Families will picnic from about 6-6:30. At 6:30, the Mini and Day Campers will present their WORLD-FAMOUS CHANTS.. From 7:00-8:00 parents and other family members are invited to tour the campsite area, with their camper. At 8:00 pm, all campers should be returned to their camp counselors. Please assist us in ensuring that all campers are safely returned to their campsites.

## THE THURSDAY "OVERNIGHTER"



An overnight campout will be held on Thursday, following the family picnic. Here are some guidelines for the night's activities:

**Clothes** -Campers should wear swimsuits under their clothing as usual. Tents will be available for changing clothes at night; but most campers choose to sleep in their camp clothes.

**Bedrolls** -Campers should bring their own sleeping bags. A cot or lawn chair is also needed. Please try to keep other items to a minimum, as we have to load all of this stuff up on Friday morning! It is very helpful if you could put all of the overnight gear in a large trash bag (just in case we have a rain shower). **PLEASE DO NOT SEND:** Jam Boxes, water guns, silly string, shaving cream, water balloons, etc. Day Camp is all about nature (and sleeping in a wet bedroll full of shaving cream is the pits!).

**Food** - Thursday's lunch should be brought as usual. Many grade level campsites try to coordinate a late night snack also. PLEASE limit the number of sweets that you send.

**Evening Glow** - At 8:30, campers will re-assemble on the picnic grounds for an assembly and worship service, Afterwards, they will process, with their flashlights, back to the campsite areas for the evening.

**Late Night** - **Anyone** found outside their campsite area after 10:30 will be sent home. Parents will be called!

## THE FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Please note that Friday's schedule is different from the other camp days, because of the overnighiter. **DAY CAMP ENDS AT 11:30!**

7:45	Rise and Shine!
8:30	Breakfast Yum!
9:00	Chapel out at camp
10:00	Load up for church
10:30	Snacks at the church
11:00	Practice for Sunday Worship
11:30	Parents pick up in the gym



\*All belongings will be unloaded in the parking area.

## THE SUNDAY SERVICE

The Day Camp Sunday Service will be held in our Disciple House. This service, which is led entirely by the campers and counselors of Day Camp and Mini Camp, provides a setting in which campers may share their experiences with the congregation and community. All family and friends of campers are invited to attend this service. The service begins at 11:15 Sunday morning. All campers should wear camp attire--camp shirts, shorts or jeans.



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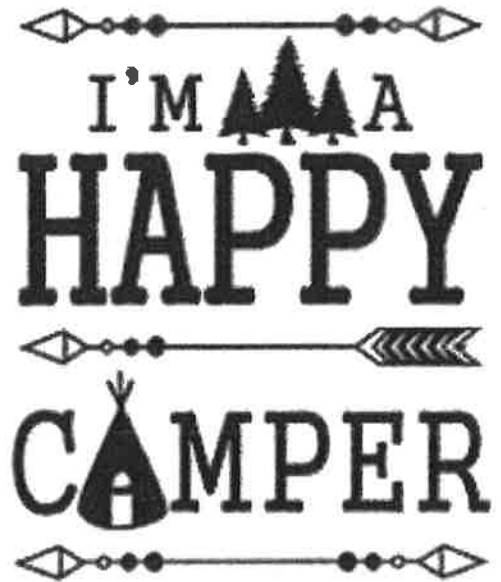


## DAILY SCHEDULE FOR DAY CAMP

- 8:30 Meet at church (Please do not **park** in Disciple House parking lot/loading area)
- 8:45 Leave the church
- 9:00 Morning campsite activities
- 9:30 Morning assembly and chapel
- 10:00 First group activity period
- 10:50 Morning snack time
- 11:00 Second group activity period
- 12:00 LUNCH!
- 12:45 Pack up and head to the church for different afternoon activities!
- 1:00 Check P.M. schedule for each grade (crafts, water games, gym time...)
- 1:50 Load up for the cool pool
- 2:00 All swim together
- 3:00 Out of the pool and return to the church, Gatorade and cookies!
- 3:30 ***Go Home and Rest!!!***

## ACTIVITY PERIOD SCHEDULE

	GRADE	10:00	11:00
MON	1	Music	Team Bldg
	2	Slingshot	Music
	3	Fishing	Canoeing
	4	Canoeing	Campfire
	5	Team Bldg	Fishing
TUE	1	Canoeing	Slingshot
	2	Team Bldg	Fishing
	3	Nature	Team Bldg
	4	Fishing	Music
	5	Music	Campfire
WED	1	Fishing	Nature
	2	Nature	Canoeing
	3	"Rifle" Range	Campfire
	4	Archery	Team Bldg
	5	Canoeing	Archery
THU	1	Campfire	Fishing
	2	Fishing	Campfire
	3	Slingshot	Music
	4	Nature	"Rifle" Range
	5	"Rifle" Range	Nature



# PICNIC

Big white fence! 455 Country Club Rd. 6:00 pm PICNIC

