

Welcome to Family Campout!

I am so excited for this camp session to kickoff our 2024 summer camp schedule and I am even more excited that you and your family have made a priority on this Memorial Day weekend to visit Butler Springs Christian Camp!

First of all, our intention for this weekend is for you and your family to relax, bond, and enjoy our campus...AS A FAMILY. If you have been to Butler Springs before, you will notice that this weekend is significantly less structured than other camp sessions. The reason? Because we want you guys to enjoy your weekend with each other and just relax in the goodness of God. With a heavily programmed schedule, that proves a little difficult at times so we want to remove those distractions from your weekend together.

As you browse the weekend's loosely structured schedule, there are things listed that we will do together, if you choose to do so, and there are other things listed that are merely suggestions for you, your family, and possibly other families to do together. Whether it's fixing a meal over the campfire (or communal grill), playing family games, going for a hike, etc., we want you to soak up as much of this campus as you possibly can while surrounded by your family.

POOL UPDATE: Our pool has experienced some issues (more-than-minor leak and a broken filtration piece) that have temporarily paused operations. I know, I know...it's not what you expected...and it's even more disheartening to our staff that we can't have our pool open for our guests. Please accept our deepest apologies for this inconvenience.

Helpful Information:

Connectivity—Wifi password: butlersprings (Make sure you check the "checkbox" to proceed)

Ice—if you need ice for coolers, food, drinks, etc. please feel free to go to the kitchen and use our ice machine. Please wash hands before using the scoop and be sure to hang the scoop back on the side of the ice machine.

Firewood—we have plenty of firewood and we have given you a 'starter pack' so if you run out of firewood, please feel free to drive your vehicle back to our woodsheds and grab what you need. If you see some of our summer staff scooting around on a golf cart, politely ask them to help you out and they would love to deliver wood to your site.

Trash—we have a dumpster (fenced in) located behind the kitchen and in front of Hannah 4. If you have trash, please drive your trash (or ask a summer staff to help transport) to the dumpster area.

Electric—for you tent campers, we have placed you close to an electric source so please feel free to use that commodity if you need. Some connections may require you going in a cabin and putting an extension cord through a window opening.

Pedal Carts—please keep all pedal carts on the paved road between the tree where we keep them parked and by the 9-square area. Please do not take carts across the creek.

Bathroom / Showers—we have two locations that you can use showers: **Ranch House** and behind the **Snack Shack**. Bathrooms are in the same locations but you can also use the restrooms in the two story green building where the cafeteria is located. If you encounter any issues (cleanliness, leaks, etc.) please notify one of our staff members and we will correct any issues.

Snacks—camp will provide some simple snacks after campfires on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.

Quiet Hours—although we don't have a large crowd, let's please observe the quiet hours of **10:30 PM through 7:00 AM each day**.

Open Facilities—the green building (the one with the cafeteria) is open for this weekend. This building hosts a game room, comfy couch room, and some quiet space. Feel free to use it at your leisure along with other families.

No-Go Areas—this weekend is very intentional to not use cabin spaces so please refrain from going in Joshua 1, David 2, Esther 3, Hannah 4, The Lodge, the Paintball Shed, Maintenance Garage, and the three full time residences.

Possible Activities—there are several activities that you can do as a family, individual or with other families. This list includes, but is not limited to: hiking to Fort Hill (follow blue blazes), exploring our 180 acres, 9 square, Ga Ga Ball, Putt Putt, basketball court (inside and outside), disc golf, blue slide, rope swing, pedal carts, human foosball, pipe swing, soccer, driving to the Amish bakery (turn left out of the driveway and go about 8 miles, Country Crust is on the right....mmmmm), any kind of yard games (corn toss, kan jam, croquet, etc.), board games, card games, riding bicycles/scooters, etc.

Forgot Something?—no worries, we will help out as much as we can with forgotten items, all you have to do is ask. However, we also have a Family Dollar and convenience store about 3.5 miles south (right out of driveway) in Sinking Spring.

Water Hose—We have a couple of water hoses hooked up if you need them. One is located on the front of the Snack Shack and the other is located on the wall outside the kitchen door.

Meals—we will be providing Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Dinner, and Sunday Lunch. You're more than welcome to join but if you'd rather do your own thing, that is acceptable as well.

Canteen—there will be a couple times where we will staff the Snack Shack where you can purchase drinks, snacks, or any of our camp merchandise. Cash works best, but we also take checks and credit cards.

Donation—we are a nonprofit organization that heavily relies on individual and church donations to supplement our \$850,000 annual operating budget. Obviously, we intentionally charge way less than what it actually costs to have a guest on our property so **IF you feel inclined**, you are more than welcome to make a donation that will go towards this ministry's operations. We are a tax-exempt organization that provides tax receipts for monetary donations.

Lastly, RELAX! Remember to "Let Go and Let God." I pray that you and your family have an absolutely fantastic time making memories with one another, mingling with other families, and enjoying this Holy campus. If there is anything that Butler Springs can do to make your stay more enjoyable, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Have a Blessed day!

Chris Osborne
Executive Director

Arrival Date / Time: Friday, May 24th, 2024 from 4:00 PM—8:00 PM

Departure Date / Time: Monday, May 27th, 2024 before 1:00 PM

Location: 3701 State Route 41, Hillsboro, OH 45133

Cost: \$10 per person

Register: butlersprings.com

Food Snacks: Butler Springs will provide THREE meals (see schedule)

Sleeping Arrangements: Bring your own tent or pull behind camper (limited hookups)

*Cabins will be closed for lodging

*Ranch House & Snack Shack will be bathhouse / restrooms for tents / campers

Limited number of camper hook up spots, so please call ahead to reserve your spot (free of charge). Water hookup, sewer hook up, and up to 50 amp service at each of our spots.

Come try this session over Memorial Day Weekend and experience Butler Springs Christian Camp at a slower pace with your family and loved ones. Family is one the GREATEST gifts that God has given us and Butler Springs wants to be a resource for families so that they can enjoy our Spirit-filled campus together! After the hustle and bustle of school schedules, work schedules, extracurricular activities, this camp session is a perfect opportunity to relax and unwind.

Bring your bicycles, scooters, hiking shoes, camp chairs, family games, hammocks, etc. **everything you'd typically bring on a campout in a state park** and we will take care of the rest.

Pets are welcome for this weekend session but please keep all pets outside of BSCC buildings/facilities. All pets must be on a leash and you will need to clean up after your pet as we want to keep our campus lawns clean for the next groups.

We will have several established fire rings ready to use for cooking over a fire, if you choose to do so. We will have plenty of firewood available for each family to use as well.

You are more than welcome to join forces with other families (if desired) and utilize the shelter spaces for the meals on your own.

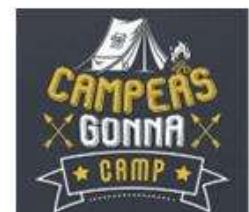
Over the weekend, we will have some activities scheduled facilitated by trained Butler Springs Summer Staff. Lifeguards will be provided during certain times. If a Lifeguard is not present, families are responsible for the supervision of their children and access to the diving board is prohibited without the presence of a Lifeguard.



Questions?

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SCHEDULE

5/24/2023 Friday

- 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Arrive anytime ***Dinner on your own***
8:00 PM to 8:45 PM Welcome & Campfire @ Octoswing 1 (Camp Provided Snack Afterwards)
10:30 PM Quiet Hours Begin

5/25/2023 Saturday

- 7:00 AM Quiet Hours End
8:00 AM to 8:45 AM Breakfast in Café (Camp Provided)
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM Climbing Tower & Zip Line / Family Time (on your own) / Enjoy Nature
Lunch on your own ***Zip Line weight minimum is 50 lbs; maximum is 250 lbs***
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Games Organized and Led by Families (if desired)
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Purchase Only Canteen (@ Snack Shack)
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Enjoy your family; enjoy time with other families; enjoy camp!
5:30 PM to 6:15 PM Dinner in Café (Provided by Camp)
8:30 PM to 9:15 PM Campfire @ 9-Square Shelter (Camp Provided Snack Afterwards)
10:30 PM Quiet Hours Begin

5/28/2023 Sunday

- 7:00 AM Quiet Hours End ***Breakfast on your own***
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Church in the Fireside Room located above Cafeteria (No need to get 'fancied' up)
12:00 PM to 12:45 PM Lunch in Café (Camp Provided)
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Enjoy your family; enjoy time with other families; enjoy camp!
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Purchase Only Canteen (@ Snack Shack)
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Games Organized and Led by Families (if desired)
Dinner on your own
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Enjoy your family; enjoy time with other families; enjoy camp!
8:30 PM to 9:15 PM Campfire @ Vespers (Camp Provided Snack Afterwards)
10:30 PM Quiet Hours Begin

5/29/2023 Monday

- 7:00 AM Quiet Hours End ***Breakfast on your own***
9:30 AM to 10:00 AM Final Words / Campout Ends
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Bazooka Ball in Gym ***Lunch on your own***
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Enjoy your family; enjoy time with other families; enjoy camp!
1:00 PM Campout ends!

Schedule is subject to change depending upon weather



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- 1—Combs Family
- 2—Hopper / Simmons / Ewing Families
- 3—Land Family
- 4—Ford Family
- 5—Tutt Family (Camper Spot #1)
- 6—Brilla Family (Camper Spot #2)
- 7—Marcum Family (Camper Spot #3)
- 8—Wilkins Family
- 9—Osborne Family

Each spot should have a fire ring, picnic table and access to electric. Please keep fires contained and a safe distance away from any structures, tents, etc. You are more than welcome to stretch hammocks from trees (please do not attach to buildings).