

Parents and Guardians,

Welcome! We are SO thankful that you have signed your student up for High School Week of Camp at Butler Springs. I am Hannah Jane Swelbar, ONE21 Camp Director with Back2Back Ministries in Cincinnati! My passion is creating experiences that empower students socially, emotionally, physically, educationally, and most importantly spiritually!

## **INTRODUCTION**

ONE21 stands for Philippians 1:21

“20. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. **21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.** 22. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me.”

We pray that as a community we all learn better to live like Jesus with hearts set on forever.

This week will be full of games, activities, lessons, worship, music, parties, laughter and memory making moments. Plus a safe place to make friends and belong within a community. We are so looking forward to these things.

I want to walk through this week of camp with you. This email will be a little lengthy, I ask you to please read through it so you and your student feel ready and prepared to have the best week EVER!

## **THEME**

The theme of the week is **"From the Garden"**, we will be digging deep into garden imagery in the Bible and how it applies to our lives now!

## **PASSION PROJECTS**

For the last 2 years we have spent some of our mornings in **Passion Projects**. This year we have an hour and a half designated for this time. This has been a really awesome experience where students pick one group and get to connect with new friends that care about the same things as each other. Each of these Passion Projects are led by leaders on our team that specialize in all of these areas and have created an awesome curriculum to help students hone their skills and build more knowledge

about these topics. While also building friendships with a community with the same interests.

At the end of this section I will add a link to a google survey. I ask that your student fills this out so we can have a better idea of numbers for each group and have enough resources for all students.

Our options for passion projects are as follows:

### **Artists**

- This option will be exploring different art mediums like paint, clay, photography, and more.

### **Athletes**

- This option will be focused on practicing, honing skills, teamwork, games and tournaments. Sports that will be focused on are soccer, basketball, and other Team sports that the group is interested in. If your student wants to jump into this Passion Project we encourage them to bring cleats, gear, and other things they may need/want.

### **Musicians**

- This option will spend time creating music. All the way from building bands, practicing skills, writing original songs, and collaborating with other musicians. If your student wants to jump into this Passion Project we encourage them to bring their instruments as some will be provided but will have to be shared if they don't bring their own. Students don't have to play instruments to join this group, IF they are interested in singing and or writing their own music.

### **Adventurers**

- This option is focused on the great outdoors! Exploring, hiking, learning survival skills and spending time in the beauty of nature as a group!

### **Storytellers**

- This option creates a space for students to discover different ways to tell stories. Students will be able to write stories, poems, spoken words, speeches and practice other mediums. These stories can be fiction and nonfiction, whatever students are interested in.
- \*This year we have an AMAZING storyteller whose whole job is sharing stories for Back2Back Ministries. This will be an awesome opportunity to learn from her!

### **Gamers**

- This option is focused on board games, card games, and role play games. Building community for the shared love of games!

We acknowledge that this may not cover all passions and specialized interests of each student, Therefore we encourage that student to choose one that interests them and it may even become a new hobby!

Here is the link to the google survey for your students to fill out. Please share this information with them so that they are informed.

### **GOOGLE SURVEY FOR PASSION PROJECTS:**

<https://forms.gle/7m18SRDokV5rWSBK7>

If your student choosed a Passion Project that they end up not wanting to take part in for the whole week there is freedom to change it Sunday or Monday and jump into a different group for the rest of the week!

### **THEME NIGHTS**

Each night of camp monday-friday we will have a theme night. We encourage campers and adults to dress up for the theme for dinner and the game after will relate to the theme! So have your students pull things from their closet, barrow from a friend or family member, or hit up a thrift store! This will be awesome.

#### **MONDAY - NEON NIGHT**

(these outfits will get wet and maybe a little dirty)

#### **TUESDAY - 70's NIGHT**

#### **WEDNESDAY - WESTERN NIGHT**

#### **THURSDAY - DRESS UP NIGHT**

### **PACKING LIST**

(This is a list we encourage students to bring, If they don't have everything it is not mandatory. My hope is that this is helpful for your students as they pack! I know I always forget something)

Bedding

- PRO TIP: If you bring a fitted sheet, a night of sleep is more comfy and you won't slide around in your sleeping bag!

At least 5 changes of clothes.

Theme night outfits.

Swimsuit.

Socks

Undergarments.

Tennis shoes.

Pool/Shower Shoes.

Sweatshirt, for the colder nights.

Pajamas/Sleeping clothes.

Toiletries.

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Anything else that will help you feel clean and comfy.

Towel for shower and pool.

Items for Passion Projects .

(instruments, sports gear, hiking boots, unfinished art projects or supplies, camera, unfinished stories, ECT.)

Bible.

(if you don't have one but would like one we will get you one!)

Bug spray.

Sunscreen.

Bag to carry your things from one activity to the next.

Anything else you may want to bring.

Our team and myself are so excited for this week and cannot wait to have a week full of memories that will last a lifetime. I pray that this week we continue to learn to be dependent on Jesus and interdependent within a community of believers. We believe these two things are very important.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me. I would love to answer them and make sure that you and your student/students are ready for the week!

Thank you,

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