

Dear parents of Safari 1 campers,

The countdown begins! We could not be more excited! Before I get into more specific details, let me introduce myself. My name is Madison Smith, and I am the Assistant Dean to Austin Fouts for Safari 1. This will be my second summer serving on summer staff here at Butler Springs. In the fall I will be attending Cedarville University and majoring in Early Childhood Education. This will also be Austin's second summer working at Butler Springs, but he is now serving as the full-time Facilities Director. Austin is honored to have a full-time position at Butler Springs and is also taking college classes through Liberty University with a major in Business Administration. We are so grateful that we get the opportunity to lead your incredible kids throughout this week of camp!

Austin and I have many activities lined up for your campers to experience the fullness of Safari camp. We will have daily "survival skills", cook our meals over the fire, tell campfire stories, go on hikes, and more. We have planned two major activities which include a hike up to Fort Hill where we will play water games and a rafting day. In addition to those, your camper will still experience all of the base camp activities which include swimming, ziplining, rock climbing, gaga ball, bazooka ball, and the giant swing.

We want to greatly stress that your camper will need to bring a water bottle that they can bring with them throughout the day as we are mostly outside all day. Safari campers also need to bring a backpack that they can potentially get dirty. Each day we will hike down from Safari Hill and they will need to bring their swimsuit, toiletries, rain jackets, etc. in this backpack. We also recommend packing sunscreen and bug spray with your camper because of how much we are outside during this camp. Also, we are taking hikes during this camp so we recommend packing at least a pair of hiking boots or gym shoes for your camper.

We have been diligently planning Bible lessons, worship songs, Bible verses, and more for Safari 1 camp. During this week, we will talk about what it means to be a warrior for Christ. We will cover different warriors in the Bible, what it takes to be a warrior for Christ, and the importance of relying on God as our commander. We want your children to have an incredible time at camp, but we also want them to learn the importance of the gospel and what it means to follow Christ with all their hearts.

We are praying for your campers daily in hopes that their time here at Butler Springs can be full of fun experiences, friendships, and memories that last a lifetime.

We cannot wait to see you all soon! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Dear parents of Safari 1 campers,

Sincerely,
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