



Heartland Presbytery Summer Camp

June 24-28, 2024

Parent's Packet

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Letter to Parents

Dear Parents,

We thank God for your faithful and continual shepherding of his children under your care. We also thank Him that, though this primary responsibility rest upon you, you recognize it isn't something you can do alone and humbly rely upon the whole body of Christ to support you in various way. SummerLink is but one of many opportunities the Church hopes to assist you.

The goal for our camp is worship. We hope that all we do will be done to the glory of God and the good of his people. We will, of course, have a formal time of worship every night. Yet, our prayer is that even the games, free time, times in the cabin, and other activities will serve as opportunities for the students grow their faiths in the context of fellowship with other believers. The hope is that it happens in our week together and even afterwards through ongoing friendships.

Please pray with the leadership of this year's camp as this is a spiritual matter not so much a logistical one. We are by no means perfect in our planning but, even if we were to organize the greatest camp ever, our labor is in vain unless the Lord is with us (Psalm 127:1). Also, pray for us, our volunteers, and all the students and ask that the Lord guide us and protect us in our week together.

In Christ,
SummerLink Leadership Team 2024

General Camp Information

- Who:** Heartland Presbytery Youth Groups and friends
- When:** Monday to Friday, June 24-28, 2024
- Where:** YouthFront Camp LaCygne
22626 East 2400th Road
Lacygne, KS 66040
- How:** Register by June 9 at <https://www.summerlink.info/> (except Redeemer)
Submit fee by June 2 (\$400); late fee (\$450) after June 2.

*Communicate with your respect Youth Ministry leaders for information on travel and other logistics

Contact Information

YouthFront LaCygne

Phone: (913) 262-3900

*Please contact the camp directly only in the event of an emergency and the people below cannot be reached.

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Camp Rules and Policies

Cabin Rules:

All students are under the supervision of the Heartland youth camp volunteers thus they are expected to be respectful to *all* camp volunteers. Students are to be specifically supervised by their

1. Cabin leaders when in their respective cabins and
2. Team leaders before, during, and after team activities.

No male is allowed in the female cabins and no female is allowed in the male cabins.

Students will be designated cabins by the leadership, but students may choose which bunk they wish to sleep. However, cabin leaders reserve the right to move students if there are issues.

No leaving the cabin after lights out (11 pm) for any reason.

Students are not to go through anyone else's belongings.

Camp Grounds Rules:

Students are not permitted to leave the YouthFront grounds at any time during the week.

The most important and relevant YouthFront rules will be shared during orientation. All students and staff are subject to these rules for the safety, protection, and unity of all persons involved at camp.

Be respectful to YouthFront volunteers at all times.

Free Time:

Never go anywhere alone. Students must inform their team leaders what they intend to do during free time. To the best of their ability, leaders must attend or have someone attend the students if the leader finds it most prudent to do so. Middle school students must always have a chaperone present.

Personal Display of Affection (PDA):

No PDA including handholding is permitted.

Cellphone Policy

Below is a statement provided by a Session of one of our churches to their members. The SummerLink leadership are unanimous in applying the below statement and policy to this year's youth camp:

Statement:

"Cell phone use is strongly discouraged on the retreat as the purpose of the weekend is for the young people to focus on their relationship with God and with each other. There will be plenty of fun activities and it should be a great time to 'unplug' from electronic devices. Our preference would be that cell phones and other electronic devices remain at home. However, we know that parents like the assurance that their children can contact them if needed. Therefore, for retreat participants who bring their phones or other internet- accessible devices, we ask that they agree to turn in their devices upon arrival to the camp and can only have them with permission of the supervising adults for brief periods of time to connect with parents. This will only be during daylight hours (or some other specific language) and under no circumstances will cell phones or other electronic devices be allowed in the sleeping areas in the evening/nighttime hours."

Policy:

- Phones/smart watches are not allowed where students are sleeping (cabins).
- Phones/smart watches are turned into student's respective church youth pastor or leader in the evening where they are all charged in one spot.
 - Leaders will do their best to charge students' phones but it cannot be guaranteed. We advise students to turn off their phones before giving them to their pastor/leader to ensure battery life.
- Leaders are responsible for phones/smart watches under their supervision.
- Any leader reserves the right to collect phones/smart watches during the day if they feel that phones are getting in the way of fellowship and community.
- Unsupervised phone use behind closed doors is our greatest concern. It only takes one incident of inappropriate web browsing or photo/video recording that could ruin a young person's life. We would never want our churches to be the venue that made that possible.

YouthFront CampBucks

YouthFront has a snack shop for campers. They take cash but prefer a system called CampBucks, where campers make purchases with a wristband. It's easier for the camp staff but also helpful for parents who can add money remotely and monitor spending. It also limits the potential for loss and theft.

To sign up:

1. Go to <https://youthfront.com/go-to-camp/> and click any button labeled "register" to access your existing account or create a new account.
2. Click Register (New) for the camper who will be attending. To add more campers to your account, click the green Add Camper button.

Please Select An Option To Begin

Add Camper

Make A Payment

Account

Logout

Current Camper: Friend McFriend

Current Camper(s) In Your Account	
Friend McFriend	<div>Register (New)</div> <div>Update Info</div>
Jane User	<div>Register (New)</div> <div>Update Info</div>
Joe User	<div>Register (New)</div> <div>Update Info</div>

3. The next screen will ask if you are attending with a group. Answer yes, and click Save/Next. Enter the Group Hold Code provided by your Group Leader and click Save/Next.

Group Hold Code?

Are you registering as part of a group and received a Group Hold Code from your group leader?

Yes

No

Register with Group Hold Code

If you are part of a group and have been given a Group Hold Registration ID (GHR ID), enter it here and click NEXT. If you do not have a Group Hold ID, click NEXT.

Enter Group Hold Code: *

4. Proceed to the Make a Payment step. Click the Process Selected Campers button at the top.

Select Campers and click [Process Selected Campers] button :

Deselect All Campers Process Selected Campers

View Options: [List](#) [Tile](#)

Name	Reg Bal	Str Bal	Status	Action
Friend McFriend	\$0.00	\$0.00	No Balance Due	
Jane User	\$330.00	\$0.00	Selected	Deselect
Joe User	\$0.00	\$0.00	Selected	Deselect
Johnny User	\$0.00	\$0.00	Selected	Deselect
Mother User	\$0.00	\$0.00	No Balance Due	
Rex User	\$0.00	\$0.00	No Balance Due	
Tina User	\$0.00	\$0.00	No Balance Due	
Trixie User	\$0.00	\$0.00	No Balance Due	

If you do not have any balance due or do not want to make a payment at this time, click on the [Dashboard] button. This will take you to the application Dashboard.

[Dashboard](#)

5. Click the Store tab at the top. Enter the amount of Camp Bucks you would like to add for your camper(s). Hit Save/Next to go to the next screen.

Your Progress Indicator For Completing Registration Payment

✓ ✓ 3 4 5 6

Select	Registration	Store	Donation	Pmt. Options	Confirmation
Please enter Camp Bucks payment amount for each of Campers Program. Enter 0.00 to skip payment for a Campers Program. Amount(s) entered below this section are for Camp Bucks payment of the Campers Program.					
Total Camp Bucks Balance Payment: \$25.00					
Joe User Evangel Presbyterian Church 2023 (06/19/2023-06/23/2023)			Camp Bucks Balance Bal: \$0.00		
[No Pmt. Amt Due]			<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="10.00"/>		
Johnny User Grace Church 2023 (07/31/2023-08/02/2023)			Camp Bucks Balance Bal: \$0.00		
[No Pmt. Amt Due]			<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="15.00"/>		

6. The next screen will prompt you to enter your debit/credit card information to complete the payment process.

Questions? Contact the Youthfront office at (913) 262-3900 or info@youthfront.com.

Packing List

Students will be away at camp from Monday evening to Friday afternoon (five days, four nights). See below for a general packing list:

Essential Items

- Bible
- Pen, pencil, or other writing utensil
- Sleeping bag or sheets
- Pillow
- Water bottle
- Money for lunch on the drive back (see respectively youth leaders for your church's plans)
- Signed Liability Form (see p. 12)

Clothing

- Daytime clothes appropriate for all activities (shirts, shorts/pants, etc.)
- Shoes appropriate for all activities
- Sandals, slides, or flip flops
- Socks and underwear
- Pajamas
- Appropriate one-piece bathing suit (modest tankini that covers all of your midsection is also permissible)

Toiletries

- Toothpaste/toothbrush
- Shampoo and soap
- Towel

Other Suggested Items

- Bug spray and sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Flashlight
- Personal snacks

Camp Schedule

Monday

3:30 PM	Arrive/Unload
4:30	Orientation
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Evening Worship
8:30	Small Groups
9:15	Evening Game/Activity
10:30	Cabin/Bed

Tuesday-Thursday

8:00 AM	Group Devotions
8:30	Breakfast
9:15	Team Games
10:30	Seminars
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00	Free Time
5:30	Dinner
7:00	Evening Worship
8:30	Small Groups
9:15	Evening Game/Activity
10:30	Cabin/Bed

Friday

8:00 AM	Group Devotions
8:30	Breakfast and Clean up/Pack up
9:30	Awards Ceremony
10:00	Departure

Team Spirit

Students will be divided into teams. They will participate in various activities throughout the week with their teams where they will have opportunity to compete with one another and, most importantly, have opportunity to grow closer with students of similar age and gender.

As students participate in activities they can earn points for their team. In addition to earning points by winning challenges and wearing gear (see below), students can earn points for their team through servant leadership. The team with the most points at the end of the week will be awarded!

There will be a specific theme for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Campers will be awarded points by wearing attire for that day's theme:

1. **Animal Tuesday:** Wear your favorite animal shirt. The weirder the better!
2. **Color-Coordinated Wednesday:**
 - High School Boys – Blue
 - High School Girls – Yellow
 - Middle School Boys – Green
 - Middle School Girls – Red
3. **Throwback Thursday:** wear your favorite shirt from past SummerLink camps

LIABILITY WAIVER AND AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

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Please print all information except signatures.

Student Information:

Name _____ Birth date _____

Full Address _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Mother's Name _____ Phone _____

Father's Name _____ Phone _____

If parents or guardian cannot be reached, other person to notify in case of emergency:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Medical Insurance Information:

Medical Plan/Insurance Company _____

Policy Card Information _____

Other Pertinent Information _____

Special Medical Conditions/Allergies _____

Release Statement:

In the event medical treatment is required, I understand every effort will be made to contact me (us) or the alternate listed above by telephone. I (we) hereby give permission to a physician to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to inject, administer anesthesia or perform surgery for the student listed on this form. This medical treatment authorization is good for SummerLink (June 24-28).

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Please Have the Following completed by a Public Notary.

Notary Public Information

Name _____ State of _____ County of _____

Sworn and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 2024

Notary Signature _____