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SUMMER EXCELLENCE *Program*

**For Ages Entering Kindergarten to
Entering High School**

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INFORMATION GUIDE

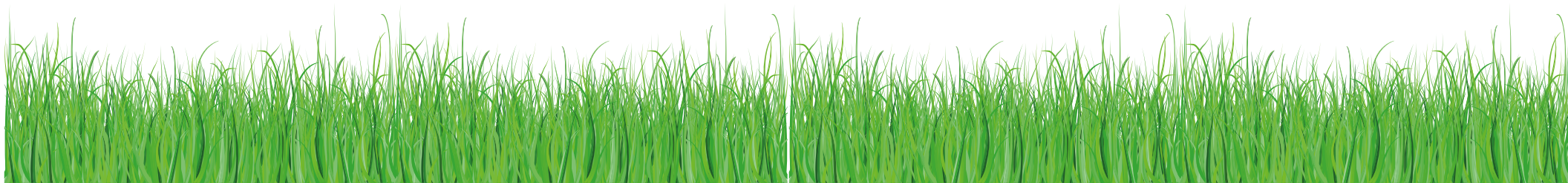


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Mission and Goal

Mission - Excellence for Christ

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only ONE gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever." - 1 Corinthians 9:24, 25 (NIV)

The mission is to provide a Christian environment for the purpose of challenging campers in the areas of spiritual development, adventurous outdoor activities, and academic and cultural enrichment. Caring staff members partner with campers and their parents to minister to the whole child.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide a Christian environment in which all campers have fun.
2. To instruct campers on Biblical teachings and how to apply them to everyday life.
3. To engage campers in the exploration of academic and cultural knowledge through the use of excursions.
4. To provide campers with "hands-on" experience in arts and crafts and other special activities.
5. To provide an opportunity for campers to develop or improve their athletic skills.

OVERALL GOAL

The overall goal is to operate a fun, engaging program while fostering the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of our participants. We promote and establish a spiritual environment that engages our youth to experience God through the empowering Word of God so that they can embrace others with the Love of God through service and sacrifice. In order to accomplish this goal, we will train, quality staff to implement a progressive program with age-appropriate skills and challenges, and provide an appropriate facility adequate to support the program.

Field Trip Information

As a part of the registration process, we have asked each parent to sign a field trip waiver that will be utilized for each field trip. Field trips and every associated cost is now included in the total costs of the camp, except Great America. With this said, any field trip your child does not attend will NOT be credited back to your account, with the exception of the field trip to Great America. If tickets have been purchased already, you will receive them.

FIELD TRIPS: We will leave the church every Wednesday, (some will be field trips and some outings). All children are encouraged to attend field trips. Please note that sometimes we may add or remove field trips due to cancellations beyond our control. Please pay close attention to signs posted and/or emailed messages of any changes.

T-SHIRTS: Each child must wear camp shirt on Wednesdays when we leave the church for trips and outings.

SWIM DAYS: All children must bring a towel and a bathing suit on water days. Campers should also have a complete change of clothes, labeled with their name, every day in his/her backpack.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, and Snacks will be provided every day

BEHAVIOR: We will constantly reinforce our rules and the consequences for all acts that violate the rules. On field trips, the enforcement of rules is an issue of safety, appropriate behavior is important and expected. If a child is unable to follow rules as expected a parent conference will follow along with the ability to attend the upcoming field trip. The following behaviors will result in loss of field trips: fighting, cursing, bullying, seat belt rule violations, inappropriate pranks, misbehavior on the bus and being disrespectful. If your child engages in any of the above behaviors, he/she cannot attend the next scheduled field trip and other arrangements of care will be needed for that day.

FIELD TRIP POLICY: All field trips are scheduled to leave at a specific time. Please take note to all posted signs and/or checkpoint messages regarding any leave times. If your child is not here by the specified time, unfortunately, we will not be able to wait. Also, because of verified numbers and confirmations, no one will be allowed to drop off their child at the field trip location. This policy is for everyone's personal safety.

Billing and Payments

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CAMP PAYMENT OPTIONS

Scheduled Payments

Option 1:

Pay in Full by June 1, 2020. (includes field trip to Great America)
(Does not include registration fee)

One Time Payment -

\$1,650 Member \$1,815 Non Member

Option 2:

Pay Weekly (must sign contract agreeing to pay camp fees in full and be Paid in Full by August 3, 2020.

Pricing below is based on one child:

Weekly fee paid every Monday morning -

After Monday you will not be able to leave your child without having made your weekly payment

\$150 Member \$165 Non Member

- We accept cash, check, money order, and most credit cards
- Personal Checks – a \$25 fee will be assessed for any check returned for having insufficient funds

Goal for Campers

1. To have fun. Campers will actively participate in challenging, enjoyable activities in a beautiful indoor and outdoor location. *To help campers achieve this goal, will provide an age-appropriate, fun-filled, Christian based environment. We offer a variety of hands on activities to engage and challenge our campers.*

2. To know the rules. Campers will follow clearly stated rules that help to manage the risks involved in learning new skills. *To help campers achieve this goal, will provide well-trained staff and a well-managed camp that meets industry standards. The standards we follow include those of the Village of Matteson.*

3. To feel secure. Campers will both experience and foster a setting that does not permit bullying, intimidation, harassment, or conduct or statements that demean others on the basis of their race, ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, or any other dimension of diversity. *To help campers achieve this goal, will provide adequate supervision and appropriate consequences for misbehavior. The discipline camp plan will be followed. Campers are encouraged to be sensitive to the feelings of others, and to report instances of the above.*

4. To develop strong character. Campers will believe in, and make daily choices based upon, positive values that guide good behavior. *To help campers achieve this goal, will provide encouraging, consistent role models who make appropriate choices themselves. The values we teach are caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility, and all that they imply.*

5. To make new friends. Campers will accept and include others as they learn that differences are strengths to be celebrated. *To help campers achieve this goal, staff will create and maintain an environment where everyone is respected and included.*

6. To give back. Campers will engage in age-appropriate service activities that benefit the camp and the community. *To help campers achieve this goal, will do one service project this summer. When people participate in efforts to support the larger community it makes the world a better place.*

Sign In & Out Procedures

SIGN-IN PROCEDURE

Children can be dropped off as early as 6:30am for breakfast. Children must be signed in by 8:30am in order to participate in breakfast. An adult must sign each child in on the attendance sheet upon arrival.

SIGN-OUT PROCEDURE

Children should be picked up no later than 6:30pm. An adult over the age of 18 must sign each child out on the attendance sheet upon departure. No camper, regardless of circumstances, will be allowed to leave camp with an unauthorized adult. Tables will be set up for sign-out. Sign your camper out at the table and the staff will call your camper.

PICK-UP PROCEDURE

The safety of your child is of the utmost importance to the Summer Camp Staff. Therefore, you must include names of adults who are allowed to pick up your child on the Emergency Contact Form. The list will be used to identify the adults allowed to pick up your child from camp. A change in emergency contact must be made in person, via signature of the parent/guardian only. Your child will not be released to anyone without proper photo identification. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

LATE POLICY

Parents picking up their child/children after the scheduled pick up time and Grace of God Period will be charged a late fee according to the penalties below. This policy **WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED**. The money, in the form of cash, is to be handed directly to the Director on duty at the time of pick-up. If possible, parents should call the staff directly to let them know of their possible/definite lateness; however, calling the program does not exempt parent from the late fees acquired from arriving past the scheduled pick up time. If necessary, parents should make alternate arrangements for their child's pick-up by an authorized individual indicated on the Emergency Contact Form.

Late Policy Fee Schedule:

6:31pm – 6:35pm	Grace of God Period
6:36pm – 6:40pm	\$5.00 per child
6:41pm – 6:45pm	\$10.00 per child
6:46pm – 6:50pm	\$15.00 per child
6:51pm – 7:00pm	\$35.00 per child

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REGISTRATION

Anticipated Camp Dates June 1 - August 14, 2020

Pending any emergency weather days There is no camp July 3, 2020 ***

Registration will take place March 29, 2020 – June 1, 2020. A one-time \$75.00 registration fee for each child enrolling in summer camp is due at the time of registration. The deposit goes towards reserving spot, field trip transportation, and t-shirt (mandatory for field trip days). **Registration fee is \$50 if registered by Sunday April 26th.**

COST Cost includes daily breakfast (if child arrives at scheduled breakfast time), lunch, snacks, fields trips (excluding Great America estimated cost \$65), transportation to activities and field trips, weekly swim lessons and free swim, arts & crafts, daily mini boot camp, camp shirt, weekly bible class, school supplies, and curriculum of Physical Education, English, Math, Black History and S.T.E.M. like options.

Camp Fees Victory Apostolic Church Member Fees**

Single Child Enrollment - \$1,650 Member (\$150 X 11 weeks) per child per household

Multiple Child Enrollment - \$1,540 (\$140 X 11 weeks = \$110 discount) per child per household

Camp Fees Victory Apostolic Church Non-Member Fees

Single Child Enrollment - \$1,815 Non-Member (\$165 X 11 weeks) per child per household

Multiple Child Enrollment - \$1,705 (\$155 X 11 weeks = \$110 discount) per child per household

Each week must be paid in full on the start of the week (Every Monday Morning if paying weekly*)

There will be NO reimbursement for summer camp funds regardless of situation.

****The only time weekly payments are allowed to be missed is if the child is still in school when camp begins or starting school before camp ends. MUST PROVIDE SCHOOL DOCUMENTATION***

***** In order to be considered a member of Victory Apostolic Church, one must have completed new members classes and have a valid member identification number. In order to receive discount, member must be parent or legal guardian of participant.***