

HSM CAMP 2019 @ Silver Birch Ranch

Schedule, Packing List, Guidelines

HS Camp at Silver Birch Ranch is an incredible week! Incredible worship, challenging messages, and amazing activities make up HS Camp. Designed with the church and camper in mind, the week allows campers, who have completed 8th - 12th grades, to step out of their comfort zones. Everything we do has a goal of helping your student meet and know Jesus in a much deeper way than ever before.

Some of the special activities for students include: *Kayaking, Specialty Breakfasts, Horseback Riding, Sport Competitions, Paintballing, Boat Tubing, Zip-lining, Rafting, and much more.*

Daily Camp Schedule

9:00 am	Breakfast
9:30 am	Morning Chapel Jam
10:00 am	Cabin Discussion Time
11:00 am	Morning Game
12:15 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Free Time/Activities
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Evening Games
8:00 pm	Chapel
9:00 pm	Canteen
11:00 pm	Back to Cabins
11:30 pm	Lights Out

What to Bring to Camp!

- Bible, paper, pens
- Sleeping bag or blankets and linens (twin beds); pillow
- Modest casual clothing: shorts, t-shirts, jeans, sweats, socks, underwear; pajamas
- Old clothes for “messy” games; Extra pair of socks for games
- Jeans and closed-toe shoes are required for horseback riding and paintball
- Jeans/Sweatshirts/jacket for cool weather (It gets chilly at night time.)
- Modest swimsuit (Girls: one piece or tankinis are acceptable)
- Gym shoes (and an extra pair that can get wet!!)
- Towels for showering and swimming
- Rain gear
- Toiletry articles: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, wash cloth, cup, brush
- Laundry bag (Do NOT use a plastic garbage bag, please. They rip AND get mixed-up.)
- Flashlight; Sunscreen; Bug spray;
- All prescription or over the counter medications: pack them in a **labeled** zip-lock bag to turn in at check-in when you arrive at CCG.
- Optional—fishing gear
- Optional - Camera; disposable ones are highly recommended. Water proof ones cost more, but can go to the beach and white water rafting with your student. A digital camera is fine, but remember that its camp, and they might not survive the week.

- Please **do NOT bring**, knives, fireworks, tobacco, firearms, or alcohol.
- Students may bring cell phones. **However, they will be limited to specific times only.** We encourage students to disconnect from distractions as much as possible. This includes calling/texting friends or family, social media, browsing, etc. **If a student is abusing this, their phone will be taken away and not given back until arrival to CCG at the end of camp.**
- Parents, TJ will have his cell phone, and you can contact your child by calling him. We invest great time and expense to go to camp and spend time with God and each other, and phones can undermine this faster than anything. Please make sure you have a conversation with your student before camp about this.
- Please mark all clothing and equipment clearly with your student's first & last name. Missing items which we are able to find can be returned, **upon request**, for a postage and handling fee at your cost. We recommend that new or expensive clothing not be brought to camp.
- Due to space for luggage, please only send one suitcase, one backpack, and then the sleeping bag/pillow with your student.

Money

While Traveling – Students will need to bring money for **3** meals while traveling. This is not included in the cost of the trip and is the responsibility of the student. **If time permits, we will be making a special stop at a landmark of Mars Cheese Castle.** Students will have the opportunity to buy cheese or snacks here. *IMPORTANT: Do not put food money in the Canteen account, as students will spend it and not have money to eat food on the way home.*

At Camp – You had the chance to put money into a “Canteen Account” for your student during the online registration with Silver Birch. At the Canteen, students can buy sodas, candy, t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. The camp holds the cash and deducts their purchases from their account. Any amount left at the end of camp will be refunded to them in cash.

Travel Schedule

Saturday, June 15th

6:00 am – Meet at Community Church of Greenwood (eat breakfast BEFORE you come)

6:30 am – Leave for camp

12:00 pm – Lunch stop*

5:00 pm – Arrive at camp

6:00 pm – Dinner (@camp, included in camp cost)

7:00 pm – Camp begins

Friday, June 21st

10:30 am – Leave Silver Birch Ranch for home

1:00 pm – Lunch stop

6:00 pm – Dinner stop*

10:00 pm – Arrive at Community Church of Greenwood

*SBR is on Central Standard Time

Forms Needed

Every student must have a completed registration with Silver Birch Ranch asap. The link and tutorial video can be found at www.ccgonline.org/students.

Communication

If parents have a cell phone that will receive text messages, create a text message to the number 81010. In the message field type @ccghsmtrip, then press send. Also, follow up on Facebook (CCG Student Ministry) and Instagram (@ccgstudents) for pictures.

Plan on being at the church on time Saturday morning. If you are late, it will make us late for check in which complicates things greatly. **When you arrive, please take your luggage to be loaded first. DO NOT JUST DROP IT AND LEAVE.** After your items have been loaded, get in line to be checked in on the bus. **Parents, please stay with your student during check-in to ensure everything is covered.**

PLEASE be here at 10:00 pm to pick up your student on **Friday the 21st.** **DO NOT HAVE THEM CALL WHEN WE GET BACK.** It is a long week, and if we have to wait for parents to come pick up their students, it makes the day much, much longer. We will text through the group list if we are going to be late. We should be on time, or early. Please, please be here by 10:00 pm unless you hear otherwise.

Payment Schedule

The final balance for your student is due on May 26th. If you have not paid your balance, please do so asap. Go to www.ccgonline.org/students to make payments.

Cancellations

If a student cancels, we will try everything we can do to fill this spot. However, if we cannot, the family is still responsible for the **FULL** registration. If we are able to refill the spot, you will receive all money back.

Discipline Policy

Anytime we are in a different environment and away from home there is the chance that a student will react to situations differently. In the event that disciplinary actions are needed here is the procedure:

- Step 1: Verbal warning to the Student (from Adult Leader) and Conversation with the Student Pastor
- Step 2: Loss of activity
- Step 3: Phone Call to Parents from Student Pastor
 - If you receive a phone call, be certain that all the previous steps have been taken, and this is the last effort to keep the student at camp.
- Step 4: Student is sent home either by Greyhound bus or Parent **MUST** leave immediately to come get student from camp.
 - This is entirely at the cost of the parent.

Contact Info

Silver Birch Ranch —office phone (715) 484-2742

TJ Knowland (Student Pastor)– cell phone (765) 210-5517

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