

## **Dear 2024 Summer Camper, Parents or Guardians,**

Sugar Creek is so excited that you are coming to camp this year—whether it's your first summer or your tenth. For generations, Sugar Creek Bible Camp has provided youth with wonderful Christian camping experiences. Youth and families need the benefits of camp now more than ever.

Please read this letter to plan for your week at camp this summer.

A CAMPER PROFILE SHEET and a HEALTH HISTORY/PERMISSION FORM must be completed. If you registered online, forms are included in the online enrollment process. You may print forms from our website, but online forms are preferred. Complete the forms and send them to Sugar Creek as soon as possible.

**Please note:** the balance of your camp fees is due in full no later than May 31, 2024, but we welcome early payments. Churches should send “campership” funds to us by May 31 as well. You may pay all your campers’ fees with one check or pay by credit card. Online registration requires a credit card payment. You may call and cancel your camp week up until May 31, 2024, to receive a full refund. If you cancel after May 31, we will retain your \$100 deposit. Please contact our registrar, Greta Greif, at [office@sgrcreek.org](mailto:office@sgrcreek.org) or 608-734-3113 if you need to reschedule your week of camp or if you have general registration questions.

**Arrival/Departure Times:** All Check-ins and check-outs will occur at the Retreat Center.

**Session A:** Campers attending Sunday to Tuesday will arrive Sunday between 2-4 PM during camper registration and depart at 6 p.m. Tuesday with a closing program lasting about 15 minutes.

**Session B:** Campers attending Wednesday to Friday will arrive Wednesday at 9 AM. The closing program and departure are on Friday at 1 PM.

Families are welcome and encouraged to attend the closing programs. For the Friday closing program, be sure to allow time to park and walk to the program, you may wish to bring a lawn chair.

If you will arrive late to your check-in time, please notify the office ahead of time. If you plan to pick up your child before the closing time for their session, you must complete an early release form at check-in. After the closing program, be sure to check your children’s luggage before you depart, claim the correct sleeping bag and pillow, and check the Lost and Found table. Many valuables are left behind! We do not keep Lost and Found for long after summer, so please call us as soon as you discover something is missing.

**Phone Calls:** Campers are not allowed to have their cell phones or other technology devices at camp. Parents/Guardians, do not promise your campers that they may call or text you from camp, or that you will call them. Sugar Creek finds that phone calls home make it harder for

your camper to adjust to camp life and often make the homesickness worse. The Camp Director, or other designated person, will call you in case of an emergency, severe homesickness, injury, or illness that prevents your child from participating in camp activities.

**First Aid, Medications, Dietary Needs:** Sugar Creek always has a qualified, volunteer health officer to administer First Aid. Medications must come in the original container with directions for use. All medications will be collected and dispensed by the First Aid provider, including non-prescription drugs. Inhalers are an exception. Please refer to our Health History Form for a list of OTC medications available in the infirmary. If your child has special dietary needs (e.g. Gluten-free, severe allergies, etc.) you can pack foods to supplement their meals at camp. Please call or e-mail if you have dietary or medical questions.

**CANTEEN:** Campers may bank money (~\$4 per day) to use at camp for snacks and drinks in the Snack Shop Canteen. You can put money in your camper account on CampWise or in person at check-in. Unspent funds can be donated to our summer mission project, campership fund, or will be returned at the end of the week. Families may purchase Sugar Creek apparel and other items for their campers in our Camp Store during camper arrival and departure times on Sundays and Fridays.

**Packing for Camp:** Bring only the essentials and pack old clothing that can get dirty. Label everything with your camper's name and phone number. Sending a checklist can help campers with end-of-the-week re-packing.

#### **Sugar Creek Packing List:**

- Backpack or Drawstring Bag-Needed to carry essentials around camp.
- Bible - If you do not have a Bible, one can be borrowed.
- Reusable Waterbottle
- Raincoat or Poncho - Activities happen rain or shine.
- Personal Items - Bring travel-size items such as: shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant.
- Towels - Bath, washcloth, and beach
- Flashlight - And extra batteries!
- Shoes – Closed-toe shoes are required for many camp activities. All shoes must have a heel strap. Flip-flops/Slides can only be worn for showers/pool time. Sugar Creek recommends you bring:
  - Sneakers—for everyday use
  - Sandals-for the pool
  - Boots/Sturdy Shoes for Horse Rides (Please note, crocs are not allowed in the barn.)
  - Water shoes or old shoes for Creek Stomping
- Sleeping Bag and Pillow - Bring a warm, outdoor-use-sleeping bag and a pillow.
- Bug Repellent
- Sunscreen

- Warm Clothes - Evenings at camp are often cool, so please pack a sweatshirt or a light jacket, and long pants and socks. \*You must bring a pair of long pants to wear on horseback rides.
- Summer Wear - Pack comfortable clothes for warm, daytime activities.
- Swimsuit

All clothing and bathing suits should be appropriate for Bible camp, including logos or graphic designs. In general, this will be similar to your camper's school dress code policies. If you have specific questions please contact Program Director, Stephanie Engel, at [program@sgrcreek.org](mailto:program@sgrcreek.org).

Optional Items you may wish to bring:

- Camera-Digital or disposable cameras are recommended.
- Card games, friendship bracelet string, book, journal, etc. for cabin time
- Hat, Sunglasses
- Guitar or other musical instruments
- Additional blankets or stuffed animals

**LEAVE PETS AT HOME** when you drop off or pick up your child.

**DO NOT BRING:** Valuable or irreplaceable items, cell phones or other electronics, pets, firearms, fireworks, knives, tobacco products, alcohol, non-prescription drugs, or food. Campers found with alcohol or drugs will be dismissed from camp. Other items will be locked up securely in the camp office and returned at departure.

**MAIL:** Campers love getting mail, but please, NO food or candy! Sugar Creek highly recommends bringing letters with you to check in. Otherwise, plan to put mail in the post a full week before your camper's week at Sugar Creek.

Address letters to: SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP  
Camper's Full Name, Program, Week of Camp  
13141 SCBC Road  
Ferryville, WI 54628

Get ready for a fun, faith-building adventure at Sugar Creek Bible Camp this summer! Here are some faith practice ideas you can do before camp:

- Practice looking up Bible verses as a family, here are a few to get you started!
  - John 3:16
  - Isaiah 40:31
  - Joshua 1:9
  - Mark 1:17
  - Psalm 139:14 (2024 Theme Verse)

- Sing camp songs or meal graces from camp!  
One of Sugar Creek's favorite meal graces, sung to the tune of the *Superman Theme*:  
"Thank You, God, for giving us food.  
Thank You, God, for giving us food.  
For the food that we eat,  
And the friends that we meet  
Thank You, God, for giving us food!  
Amen, amen, amen.
- After your camper is all done packing, gather around your camper and their items and pray for their upcoming week at camp.  
Example: "Dear God, bless (Camper's Name) week at Sugar Creek. May (name) have an amazing week making new friends, exploring nature, and learning about You! Bless their cabinmates and counselors, may everyone have safe travels and be ready to make memories together. Amen"