

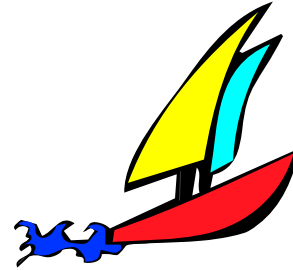
# P.O.M.† F.A.B.

PRESBYTERIAN OUTDOOR MINISTRY OF FELLOWSHIP AND BUC

An Outdoor Ministry Partnership of Foothills and Trinity Presbyteries



CAMP BUC  
Sapphire, NC



CAMP FELLOWSHIP  
Lake Greenwood, SC

## Parent Handbook Summer Camp 2008

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Camp #: 828-966-4715

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## **CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH / RELEASE FORM**

We have made every effort to reduce the amount of paperwork required in the registration process. You will notice that the Health/ Medical History form and the Release Form have been combined. Please note that a doctor's physical is **NOT** required, however, the form **MUST** be completed in its entirety by the parent and/or guardian of the camper.

**Please mail completed forms to the Presbytery office at least three weeks before your camp session.** We will not be able to accept camper without a completed health form signed by a parent or guardian.

**Note: The back page of the form MUST be notarized**

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## The Bible Study for 2007 is "Handle With Care"



*In the beginning, God brought order to the chaos, creating out of nothing.  
During those first days, God made the heavens and earth, and God called it all good.*

*Campers will enjoy the goodness of God's creation  
and explore the meaning of loving relationship with God and all creation.  
They will hear about their role as stewards and what it means to handle creation with care.*

**Our Summer Camp Program Philosophy** is that Camp should be a safe place where campers can explore their faith through fun and fellowship with the supportive guidance of caring staff. Camp staff strive to create this safe place by building relationships. Each camper becomes a part of a family group, usually two cabins form a family -- one girl and one boy cabin for a total of 12 campers with their 2 cabin counselors. In these family groups, campers grow as they work and play, worship and pray, and live together in Christian community.

Throughout the week, each camp family group is provided opportunities to learn, play, share and grow through Christian fellowship and cooperation. Together, they will face challenges and overcome obstacles, learning that together they are strong and that their trust in one another can reflect their faith in Christ. Each camper also becomes a part of the larger camp community by eating meals together in the dining hall, swimming and playing, in Bible study and worship. Supported by the community of faith at camp and by the extended community of faith that includes our partner presbyteries, individual churches, and all those who support and pray for camp, each camper has the opportunity to grow and learn through a unique experience in the outdoors.

## Before Camp - SELECTING CLOTHES

Involve your camper in selecting clothes.

Do the packing together, so that they are aware of what is in the suitcase! Some parents spend a lot of money on new clothes for camp.

**We suggest sending the old stuff, save the money for new clothes before school.**

### CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Please do not send clothes that will be ruined by getting dirty or wet. Laundry facilities are generally not available to campers, so please plan sets/pair of clothing based on length of stay.

***Put Camper Name On Everything (Waterproof marker is sufficient)***

#### BEDDING

- \_\_\_\_\_ pillow with case, sheets and/or sleeping bag

#### RAIN GEAR

- \_\_\_\_\_ poncho or raincoat (Very Important)

#### CLOTHING

- \_\_\_\_\_ shorts (2 or 3 pairs)
- \_\_\_\_\_ jeans (2 pr) & 1 pair sweat pants
- \_\_\_\_\_ shirts: t-shirts and a couple of long sleeve.
- \_\_\_\_\_ underwear
- \_\_\_\_\_ bandana or hat
- \_\_\_\_\_ socks (at least 4 pairs).  
(REQUIRED every day, everywhere for protection from cuts and bruises)
- \_\_\_\_\_ sleep wear

#### FOOTWEAR

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 pr for water activity - Old tennis shoes are great, or water shoes that snap or Velcro securely. These will get wet and muddy during creek exploration and waterfront activities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 pr for hiking. Can be tennis shoes with a thick sole...for Camp Buc prefer "broken in" lightweight hiking boots.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 pr shower shoes (flip-flops, etc.)

#### SWIMMING

- \_\_\_\_\_ modest swim suits  
(please don't bring mini bikinis)  
We recommend one piece suits for girls and "baggie" shorts for boys.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 beach towel

#### TOILETRIES - in a bag or small duffel

- \_\_\_\_\_ shampoo, brush, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste
- \_\_\_\_\_ soap in a soap box or baggie
- \_\_\_\_\_ female sanitary products, as applicable.
- \_\_\_\_\_ deodorant
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 or 2 wash cloths
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 or 2 towels (bath)

#### MISC NEEDS

- \_\_\_\_\_ flashlight & extra batteries
- \_\_\_\_\_ non-aerosol insect repellent
- \_\_\_\_\_ laundry bag (an old pillowcase or CLEAR can liner)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bible
- \_\_\_\_\_ notebook, pencils
- \_\_\_\_\_ stationary & stamps OR self-addressed & stamped postcards for campers to send mail home
- \_\_\_\_\_ FOR CAMP FELLOWSHIP:  
Small electric fan – clip on types are great for bunk-beds.

***THE CAMPS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSS OR FOR DAMAGE OF PERSONAL ITEMS***

#### OPTIONAL

- \_\_\_\_\_ camera & film
- \_\_\_\_\_ book to read
- \_\_\_\_\_ backpack

## PLEASE LEAVE AT HOME...

- Alcohol products
- Candy
- Drugs
- Electronic equipment (including Gameboys)
- Expensive jewelry
- Fireworks
- Food
- Large amounts of money
- Over The Counter Medications such as Tylenol.  
If needed, the Health Provider will dispense these.
- Pets
- Pocket knives or weapons of any kind
- Radios (including Walkmans, I-pods)
- Tobacco
- Cell Phones

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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## General Information

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Birthdays are special occasions at camp! To assure a celebration, please alert the Camp Program Director and Counselor if your camper will celebrate their birthday during the camp session.

### **CAMP BEHAVIOR**

Campers are expected to behave in a socially acceptable manner. Disruptive behavior that continues to occur and impairs the ability of other campers to enjoy camp will not be tolerated.

The Camp Program Director may send disruptive campers home. Please review this information with your camper so camp is an enjoyable experience for everyone present.

### **CAMP LIFE – Modified Small Group De-Centralized Camping**

Small Group camping provides training through the give and take of community living. With adult guidance, each camper has a part in deciding on and carrying out the particulars of the camp program. Each family group is made up of two small groups (one male group and one female group as a general rule). The group as a whole chooses activities based upon interest and counselor guidance. Activities may include canoeing, swimming, arts & crafts, hiking, nature walks, Bible study, fire circle songs, etc. These activities plus meals & rest time provide the framework for each group's daily routine. Each day all groups gather and share in some activities. High Adventure and some specialty camps will involve offsite location activities.

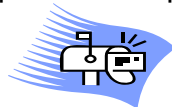
### **CAMP PHONE CALLS**

Generally, campers will NOT be able to make or receive phone calls. If there is a problem at camp, the Program Director will contact you. In the event of an emergency at home, be prepared to leave a message for the staff and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Camp Buc (828) 966-4715 or Camp Fellowship (864) 998-3400.

### **CAMPER ADDRESS / MAIL**

Mail is the highlight of every camper's day. Please make your letters cheerful ones, expressing your interest in what is happening at camp. Hopefully "mail" doesn't say things like "your goldfish died & we're leaving for Brazil." To insure that mail is received on time, please send mail two weeks prior to camp. Please address mail as follows:



Camper Name & Session  
**Camp Buc**  
4730 Upper Whitewater Rd  
Sapphire, NC 28774

Camper Name & Session  
**Camp Fellowship**  
457 Camp Fellowship Rd  
Waterloo, SC 29384

*OR EVEN BETTER:* Write letters before camp and leave them at the Registration table to be delivered daily. Be sure CAMP SESSION is noted! We will attempt to forward mail received after the camper has left camp. Faxes and packages (please leave the sweets at home!) are welcome at any time.

## **CANCELLATIONS / REFUND POLICY**

- A full refund (less \$50 deposit) if canceled 30 business days or more prior to your camp week.
- A 75% refund (less \$50 deposit) if canceled 20 business days prior to your camp week.
- A 50% refund (less \$50 deposit) if canceled 10 business days prior to your camp week.
- No refunds if canceled within 10 business days prior to your camp week.

Exceptions: If we are able to fill your child's spot in that camp session, we will offer a full refund (less \$50 deposit). If we cancel a camp for any reason, we will refund fully. Special consideration will be given to extenuating circumstances such as deaths in immediate family or hospitalization of camper.

## **FOOD - PLEASE DO NOT SEND FOOD, CANDY, OR GUM TO CAMP**

Meals at camp are nutritionally balanced and prepared by qualified, experienced staff. Dessert is served daily, and snacks are provided. Food in cabins attracts mice. Any dietary restrictions (allergies or religious practice) should be noted on the Health Form and discussed with the Director on opening day.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The health, safety and well being of our campers is the highest priority of the Outdoor Ministries staff. CPR & First Aid trained staff members supervise all activities. Medical facilities are located near each camp. Staff are provided information on nearby medical facilities when on off-site trips. Certified lifeguards (one lifeguard per 20 swimmers, with one lookout per 10 swimmers) supervise all swimming and boating activities (while on and off-site). Campers are required to wear life jackets while boating, tubing and rafting (both on and off-site) or in the dock area. Following swim tests, life jackets are required in the swimming areas for those who need them in order to have a safe swimming experience. With careful attention to safety procedures, we aim to minimize risk while still offering a fun and challenging program.

## **HOMESICKNESS**

Homesickness is a natural feeling that many campers experience. Usually the feeling passes in a couple of days and the camper enjoys the rest of the session. If a camper becomes homesick, the staff and other campers are supportive and helpful in overcoming these feelings. Parents and friends can write cheerful letters of support and encouragement to help them enjoy their stay at camp. Avoid writing about stressful events at home; concentrate instead on questions about camp activities, buddies, food and weather. We encourage you to send mail before camper arrives (or bring a letter to check-in) and leave at registration table with Program Director so they will get letters at the beginning of the session. Since talking with parents directly on the phone increases a camper's homesickness, the camp procedure for handling homesickness does not usually include a phone call between parent and camper. If you receive homesick letters, please realize the feelings your camper had when the letter was written have probably passed. If homesickness continues for an extended period, the Camp Program Director will notify you by phone. If you are concerned about communication you receive from your camper, please contact the director.

## INSURANCE

Foothills and Trinity Presbyteries provide secondary insurance for all campers while they are at camp. This secondary insurance is intended to cover deductible amounts up to \$2,500 when used with primary insurance provided by family, church or other sources.

## LOST & FOUND

Please label or mark your camper's medicines and articles of clothing, etc. and notify us immediately of lost items. We will attempt to locate items left behind, but cannot guarantee retrieval or replacement of lost personal belongings.

**The best prevention is to label ALL items with camper name, including your laundry bag! Lost and found items will be kept at each camp site until the end of the summer camping season.**

## LAUNDRY FACILITIES

Generally, laundry facilities are not available for camper use. In the event of emergency situations, camp staff will make every effort to provide limited service.

## OUR STAFF

Summer camp staff is comprised of young adults generally from 17-21 years of age. These young adults are committed Christians with a love of the outdoors, organized camping, and ministry with children. All staff undergo thorough screening, including an application and interview process, a criminal background check, and reference checks. Staff are oriented to their work through a rigorous training period that includes child developmental theory, Christian education theory and practice, First Aid/CPR certification, safety management, basic counseling skills, and worship leadership, among many others.

Staff employed by each presbytery on a year-round basis are also present at each site during the summer.

## ROOMMATES

It is recognized that campers may wish to room with a specific friend while at camp. Part of the camp experience is making new friends and developing a community within the group. ***One cabin mate may be requested for each week at camp (both campers must make this request).*** We do not guarantee placement when multiple roommates have been requested. Siblings are generally placed in separate cabins so both can grow and share on their own.



## SPENDING MONEY/ CAMP STORE

In 2008, T-shirts are included with registration. Staff will give out the t-shirts at the end of the week at the campsite. Generally, no extra money is needed during the camp week. Vending machines are not available to summer campers. High Adventure campers may have the opportunity to buy snacks offsite. We will operate a camp store to sell souvenirs from camp (such as other shirts, water bottles, etc.). The Camp Store will be open during the opening and closing days of camp.

## GENERAL CHECK IN/CHECK OUT PROCEDURES FOR FELLOWSHIP AND BUC

### Camp Buc Check In/Out Procedures

Arrival Time: 2:30-4:30pm on the opening day of your camp.

Check in Area: Lodge and Picnic shelter area of camp

Upon Arrival: Check in at registration table with medications, and get cabin assignment, etc. Staff will be present to assist with luggage. (You may also leave camper mail, purchase store items, discuss special needs for your camper with staff, etc.)

**On opening day, please inform staff of early departures, changes in pick up info, etc.!**

Departure Time: 4:30pm Closing Supper and Worship Service on the closing day of your camp.

Procedure: Please check out your camper at check out table at Dining Hall or Lodge area.

**Parents: you are invited to supper at 5:00 on the closing day of camp. Please indicate the number of extra family members eating on opening day and pay \$5.00/person. All meals must be paid for on opening day.**

**\*\*Medications: Please bring prescription medications in their original containers. Leave over-the-counter medications at home.**

**\*\*Camp Buc Campers: All week-long residential camps start on Sunday, end on Friday\*\***

**\*\*Fellowship Campers: All week-long residential camps start Monday, end Saturday\*\***

**PARENTS OF ALL OTHER CAMPERS (Half Week campers, Special Needs, Adventure, Leader Development): PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR START & END DATES!**

### Fellowship Check In/Out Procedures

Arrival Time: 2:30-4:30pm on the opening day of your camp.

Check-in Area: Fraser Hall

Upon Arrival: Check in at registration tables. Turn in medications and get cabin assignments. Staff will be present to assist with luggage. (You may also leave camper mail, buy camp store items, discuss special needs of your camper with staff, etc.)

**On opening day, please inform staff of early departures, changes in pick up info, etc.!**

Departure Time: 9:00am Closing Breakfast and Worship Service on the closing day of your camp

Procedure: Please check out your camper at check out table at Fraser Hall

**Parents: you are invited to breakfast at 9:00 on the closing day of camp when you pick up your child. Please indicate the number of extra family members eating, when you register your child on opening day and pay \$5.00/person.**

**\*\*Medications: Please bring prescription medications in their original containers. Leave over-the-counter medications at home.**

# IMPORTANT

**IF YOU MUST PICK UP YOUR CAMPER EARLY, ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE WITH THE DIRECTOR IN ADVANCE.**

**OR**

**IF YOUR CAMPER WILL BE PICKED UP BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE PERSON INDICATED ON THE REGISTRATION FORM**

**...COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND LEAVE AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE DURING CHECK-IN:**

(Individuals picking up campers may be asked for driver's license or other forms of photo ID)

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## **Early Departure Or Being Picked Up By Someone Else**

Camper Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Campsite: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date (day) leaving early: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Pick-Up: \_\_\_\_\_

Picked up by Whom: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Camper: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving early: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Camp Program Director's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**LEAVE THIS FORM AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE AT TIME OF CHECK-IN**

## Directions To Camp Buc



Camp Buc is located in the mountains of Southwestern North Carolina off NC Highway 281 between the SC State line and US Highway 64, south of Sapphire, NC.

### **From Columbia area: (Going through Spartanburg)**

Take I-26 to Spartanburg and follow “From Spartanburg” directions below

### **From Greenville, Simpsonville, and Fountain Inn areas:**

Take I-85 South to the exit for Hwy 153 Easley. In the Easley area merge into Hwy 123 and go into Easley. Pick up Hwy 93 and go through downtown. In town, pick up SC 8 by bearing RIGHT at a stoplight. Take Hwy 8 to Pickens. In Pickens, you will have a stoplight where you turn left or right (there is a McDonald’s right in front of you) – turn LEFT - then turn RIGHT onto Hwy 178. Follow 178 until it intersects with Hwy 11 at a 4-way stop sign. Turn LEFT onto Hwy 11 and go until you can turn RIGHT onto SC 130. (Look for the Camp Buc sign). Go up the mountain. (NC 130 becomes SC 281).

**In NC, pass Whitewater Falls and go approximately 4 miles. Look closely for white Camp Buc signs (there is an antique shop opposite 281 of the turn.) Turn LEFT at 2<sup>nd</sup> sign onto Upper Whitewater Road. Follow road and camp directional signs (*approximately 2 miles*) until you see Camp Buc entrance and sign.**

### **From Anderson area:**

Take Hwy 76 through Clemson to Seneca and take Hwy 130 toward Hwy 11. At Hwy 11 crossover and go up the Mountain. SC 130 becomes NC 281. [Follow directions “In NC pass Whitewater Falls...”]

### **From Spartanburg area:**

Take I-26 toward Asheville. Take Hwy 11 (Exit 5) and head West (toward Campobello) Follow Hwy 11 (*approximately 55 miles*) until it intersects with SC 130. Look for Camp Buc sign. Go RIGHT and go up the mountain. (SC 130 becomes NC 281)

[Now follow directions—“In NC pass Whitewater Falls....”].

