

Camp Andrew

Mission Statement

To provide a Christian camp where the Good News of Jesus Christ will be proclaimed and demonstrated by all participants in a loving environment focused on establishing and furthering a personal relationship with our Lord. We strive to provide a confrontation with Christ.

Campers

Youth are eligible to attend Camp Andrew beginning in the summer following their 3rd grade year through the summer following their senior year in high school.

Code of Conduct

Attendance at camp is considered a privilege. Any conduct that is considered to be contrary to that which allows for the health and safety of all campers and staff could result in the camper being removed from camp and returned to their home. Campers are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with Christian principles at all times and to respect the authority of the camp staff.

During the registration meeting campers are required to sign a Camper Contract to indicate, along with the parent/guardian, that the rules are understood and they agree to abide by them. Should an infraction of the rules result in the camper being removed from camp, the camper's parent/guardian will be required to pick up their camper in a timely fashion.

****No alcohol, drugs, fireworks, pornographic materials, or smoking are strictly prohibited****

Mandatory Camp Meetings and Deadlines



A mandatory camp registration meeting, typically scheduled 4-6 weeks prior to camp, is scheduled to allow for campers and staff to submit camp registration forms, collect registration fees and snack bar money (optional) and allow campers to sign up for any elective classes.

Parents and campers and staff members who plan to attend Camp Andrew, **must attend** the annual registration meeting. This meeting allows for the following:

- Communication of any information that parents and campers need to know.
- Answer any questions that parents/guardians may have
- Campers will pick their electives and sign-up for special activities
- Assures for the proper completion of the camp registration packet.
 - Camp forms are available from the following locations:
 - BLFCC website (blfcc.org > Ministries > Camp Andrew)
 - Camp Andrew Facebook page
 - At the church not more than 2 weeks prior to camp
 - Provided on the day of the meeting.
 - Email available upon request
- Collection of a **non-refundable** registration fee
- Collection of snack bar money (optional for registration and can be turned in at camp)
- During this meeting a camp medication form will be provided. This **MUST** be returned with each camper to allow for your camper to receive any prescription or OTC medication.
- Timely and informed decisions can be made in regards to supplies necessary for the week

Camp Tuition



The tuition pays for the use of the camp, lodging and all meals, including dinner on the Sunday evening of arrival and a continental breakfast on the Saturday morning of departure.

Provided that sufficient funds are available, youth meeting the following criteria MAY have their camp tuition paid. These funds are secured through several fund raisers conducted by the Board of Education and any annual funds provided by First Community Church.

1. Youth must be members or regular attendees of the First Community Church
2. Youth or their representatives must work the Camp Andrew fundraising events.

Camp Registration/Activity Fees (due at camp registration meeting)



All campers and staff members are required to pay the annual rate for activity fees.

These fees are non-refundable, as they are used to secure supplies and make any necessary deposits and procure supplies used at camp.

Camp Snack Bar Money



This money is optional and can be turned in on the first day of camp or at the registration meeting. Camp forms are available on the church website or will be provided on the day of the meeting. Parents will be given an annual overview of Camp Andrew. Camp Staff will be available to answer any questions.

Camper/Staff Medical Information



Parents/Legal Guardians must submit the following forms for campers to participate in camp and/or be provided ANY medications during the week.

Due at
Registration

The Camper Medical History form must be completed and **submitted during the Camp Registration Meeting**. This information will be submitted to the Camp Nurse(s).

Due at Camp
Check-in

The Camp Medication List (**to be completed by all campers**)

This should be sent with each camper on **the first day of camp**. This form is used to record all medications dispensed to each camper during camp. The form is to be **completed AND SIGNED** by the parent. The form will be returned home with the camper so parents are aware of the medication provided to the camper during the week.



***** PARENTS **** * If your camper has an allergy that requires the use of an EPI Pen, it is necessary for you to send this with your camper. Failure to do so will require that you bring one to camp.

Camper Medication



Campers are required to turn **all medications** into the Camp Nurse upon arrival at camp. This includes over the counter medications. When sending medications with your camper, please place them in a baggie labeled with your camper's name and the completed Camp Medication List. The Camp Medication List, completed by the parent, should accompany the medications noting the dosage and frequency of the medication. This form will be returned home with the camper at the end of the week with any remaining medications that are left.

Camp Visitations



Visitors to Camp Andrew, including parents and guardians, are also expected to recognize the authority of the camp staff and in no way undermine the objectives of the camp program. Campers should not be routinely taken away from camp activities during visits. There is ample free time to visit with campers and the staff asks that you honor that time.

Personal items/electronics, cell phones etc.



Campers items should be labeled and properly stored while at camp. Campers are responsible for their own items. **Parents/Guardians** - Please review your campers packed items to make sure they are reasonable. **We are not responsible for lost or damaged items.**

To state it plainly, Camp is an outdoor adventure and our main objective is teaching your campers. We don't encourage your camper to bring their cell phone, or electronic devices to camp. In fact, we discourage it. Cell phone coverage is sporadic at best and we do not allow for the usage of these devices during any of our classes. If these are found in use during these classes, we will take them away and returned at the end of the week.

**** Note: Although fishing and archery equipment are provided for these electives, some campers prefer to bring and use their own. This is permissible, but these items are to be turned in to the camp leaders at the check-in for these items to be secured and brought out for classes.**

**** Knives for fishing are NOT ALLOWED. Staff will have them available during class time.**

Qualifications and expectations of Camp Andrew Staff

Statement of Commitment

Those who are called to serve in the Camp Andrew program in any capacity are to lead a life of obedience to scripture and in conformity to the standards of Church. They are to recognize, accept and promote through their teaching, counseling, and activity leadership that scripture is the written Word of God and is infallible. Persons who refuse to recognize and accept the intent and content of this statement shall not serve in any staff position.

About Camp

Rule of Silence	A period of time in which talking is prohibited. The Rule of Silence is observed during times in which a worshipful or respectful atmosphere is appropriate.
Christianity Classes	These classes are taught by Christians who have been considered and endorsed by the Board of Education. In order to be considered for any position on the staff, an individual must also accept the 'Statement of Commitment', complete the camp staff application, and submit to a background check. The Holy Bible is our final authority on that which will be taught. Materials we have used in previous include those published by <i>Group Magazine</i> , <i>Campus Crusade for Christ</i> , and <i>Answers In Genesis</i> .
Electives / Activities	Activities are in keeping with Christian values. Each camper has the opportunity to select one elective for each elective period. Staff supervision is provided for all activities.
Swim Time / Water sports	Life guards are provided by the camp facility. Swim tests are provided during the first swim period as scheduled during the week. Life guards are to be the final authority on swim test results and their decision is to be adhered to. Access to the lake is only allowed while accompanied by Camp Andrew staff.
Chapel / Vespers	These are combined devotions/teaching led by a staff member each day. The staff member may choose to include willing campers in the presentation of the devotions. Chapel is held near the midpoint of the day. Vespers are held in the evening.
Free Time	Periods in which there are no scheduled activities are intentionally kept to a minimum. Campers may use this time as they choose, so long as Christian principles are observed.
Cabin Clean-Up & Camp Property	Each camper is expected to maintain the area in and around their bunk in a clean and sanitary state. This includes making their bed on a daily basis and keeping all snacks tightly sealed. Campers are expected to be good stewards of camp property. All trash should be disposed of properly. Destruction or damage to camp property will result in consequences. Campers may be asked to pay for damages and/or sent home.
Curfew	Campers are to observe "lights outs." Campers are to remain in their assigned cabins or other designated areas from lights out until being released the following morning. Camp Quiet time is 11:00 pm to 6:30 am
Medications	All medications (prescription or non-prescription) are to be turned into the camp nurse. Nursing staff are the only personnel allowed to distribute medications
KP	Dependent on the camp facilities procedures, there may be a requirement for campers to sweep floors or set tables. In any event, the campers are to follow the proper meal time procedures.
Snack bar	Camp store will be open each day. Snacks are available for a reasonable charge include; candy bars, ice cream, snacks, pop, chips, etc. All money will be collected during the check-in process and remaining balances returned to the camper before they depart on Saturday morning.