

Traveling Day Camp:

Welcome to an exciting & faith-based opportunity for children who have completed K-5th grades offered by:



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Camp Location:

Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church

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Staff

Cedarkirk believes that a quality, well-trained staff is crucial to a successful and safe camping experience. All of our staff members are enthusiastic, dedicated Christians who have been interviewed, carefully selected, and trained extensively to ensure an exciting and meaningful camp experience for every camper. All summer staff members are at least 18 years of age, certified in CPR and first aid, and undergo a variety of background checks (including a fingerprint analysis through the Department of Children and Families and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement). The entire staff receives twelve days of intensive training at the beginning of the summer. Training covers a diverse and exhaustive range of topics, including outdoor living skills, effective management of a small group and how to relate to the needs of individuals within that group, facilitation of all of our activities, positive discipline techniques, recognizing and responding to homesickness, and bullying prevention. Our training equips our staff with skills that enable them to create a physically and emotionally safe environment for all campers.

Bible Study at a Glance

Every day we will be exploring the bible in a large group setting. Campers will then explore the passages in their small groups. These small groups give the campers an opportunity to ask questions, share stories and feel connected to the group and Bible.

Daily Theme	Key Scripture	Campers Will...
Connecting in this place	Joshua 4: 1-9 John 15	+ Connect with the church and explore the value of sacred space + Discover the importance of asking questions as they learn about God
Choosing Connections	Luke 15: 11-32	+ Learn the impact of choice in their connection with God and others + Hear of God's forgiveness and grace + Identify trustworthy individuals in their lives that will show them God's grace and forgiveness
Connecting through Prayer	1 Kings 19: 11-13	+ Experience many ways to connect to God through the mystery of prayer + Practice listening for God's voice + Become aware of how God provides for them in many different ways
Reconnecting and Sustaining	Luke 24: 13-35	+ Discover how they might deepen their connection with God + Learn to sustain this relationship after they leave the camp community + Serve one another by being Christ-like to each other
It's all connected	Romans 8: 35, 37-39	+ Understand how the magnitude of interconnectedness influences their encounters in the world + Reflect on what things from camp will help them keep their connection to God

Positive Behavior Management at Day Camp

As with all Cedarkirk programs, we promote using positive reinforcement and a caring environment to foster positive behavior. We want to empower our campers to make good decisions for themselves! All Cedarkirk staff receive behavior management training.

Encouraged Behavior	Unacceptable Behavior
Cooperation Sharing Listening Using kind words Respect of self, others and the environment	Being physical with each other Inappropriate language Running from staff Disrespect of self, others and the environment

When positive reinforcement fails and further behavior management is needed, the Day Camp Staff will be directed by the following guidelines.

1. If a camper misbehaves, they will be given a warning and reminded of the expectation and reason why the expectation keeps us safe and healthy. The staff will also assist them in discovering alternative acceptable behaviors and reinforce positive behavior of the child. (In instances such as physical altercations, immediate discipline may be used.)
2. Next time, they will be reminded of the issue and will speak with the Day Camp Director.
3. On the third time, the Day Camp Director, camper, and counselor will meet. They will be provided with an alternate behavior plan and the parent will be contacted by phone or letter.
4. After an alternative behavior plan is established, any other infractions may involve the camper being removed from day camp.

Weekly Expectations

While at day camp, your child will be part of a “family group”, typically comprised of a group of campers of the same age, and a counselor. It is with this family unit that the camper will experience day camp activities. All the campers will be together during morning meditation, snacks, lunch, and chill time. We believe this small group camping model provides a nurturing and safe environment and fosters meaningful relationships among campers and between campers and counselors. Camp days are filled with a variety of activities including Bible study, nature activities, adventure activities, water days, arts and crafts, quest blocks, singing, a variety of games, and other activities. We will be bringing summer camp to your church! You will receive a schedule for the week on Monday morning!

Drop-off/ Pick-Up

Sign your child in with the Day Camp Director each morning when you bring them to camp. Cedarkirk does not and will not assume responsibility for children that arrive before the start time. There will be an opportunity on the first day of camp for you to meet your child's counselor. We ask that you depart after drop off for the benefit of the group building process. You must sign your child out when you pick them up from camp and present a photo ID during the sign out process. If someone other than yourself or the persons authorized on the registration form will be picking up your child, a written note must be submitted to the camp staff ahead of time. This person must also bring a photo ID with them when they pick up the camper.

Early Pick-Up/ Late Pick-Up

If your child will be leaving early, please notify the director, in writing, on the morning of the designated day. The staff will have your child prepared to depart at your requested time. Remember that you will still need to sign your child out. If there is an emergency and you will be late picking up your camper, please notify the Day Camp Director.

Communication

On the first Monday of each session you will receive important information regarding the weekly schedule. Please read all information carefully and save it for future reference. The contact number for the Day Camp Director will be on the form. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk with the Director.

Personal Belongings

Please do not allow your children to bring personal belongings to camp. Cedarkirk cannot be responsible for the loss or damage of toys, games, clothes or other personal belongings.

Please do not bring the following to camp:

- Any electronic games / devices (including, but not limited to: Gameboys, PSPs, iPods, etc.)
- Money
- Cell phones (If your child needs to contact you, they will be allowed to use the church telephone.)
- Trading cards
- Guns, knives or weapons of any sort - fake or real
- Valuable items
- Alcohol, drugs, etc.

What to Bring

Daily

- Water bottle
- Sack lunch
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Backpack or bag to store their belongings
- Change of clothes

Water Days (Tuesday/Thursday)

- Change of clothes
- Bathing suit
- Water shoes (please make sure water shoes have a back to them so they don't come off during the fun!)
- Towel
- Sunscreen

Lost and Found

It is highly recommended that you label all items (clothing, towels, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc.) with your child's name. While we make every effort to keep all campers' belongings in their backpack or on their person, Cedarkirk will not be held responsible for lost or stolen items.

Please make a quick check of your child's backpack at the end of the camp day before leaving.

Lost items are much easier to recover on the same day they are lost.

Medications

It is recognized that medications may be essential for some campers while at day camp. When possible, all medications should be administered at home. If medication must be given during day camp hours, please follow the below guidelines.

Our medication policy is primarily established to accommodate the administration of medications commonly prescribed by physicians. Campers are not allowed to keep medications on their person, in their backpacks or lunch bags. All medications will be locked up and given to your child at the prescribed time.

- Complete the medication authorization form from the day camp director during check-in.
- Keep all medication in the original container with the prescription label / direction label attached.
- Medication must be labeled with the child's name, the name of medication, the dosage amount, and the time or times to be given.
- Hand all rescue medication (including inhalers, epi-pens, etc.) to the day camp director.