



STUDENTS CAMP

INFO GUIDE

MIDDLE SCHOOL



Ridgecrest Conference Center
1 Ridgecrest Drive
Black Mountain, NC 28711

Student cost: \$425
Leader cost: free
Registration closes: May 31

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

If you know your student director or small group leader's phone number, contacting them is preferred. If you do not have that information, you can use the number listed below.

Ridgecrest Conference Center: (828) 669-8022

Please call this number first in case of an emergency. The front desk will get the message to the Summit staff ASAP. Please make sure to tell them that your student is with The Summit Church's group.

The Summit Church: (919) 383-7100

The Summit Church offices (during regular business hours) can relay messages to the staff while at camp.

Families,

Thanks so much for entrusting us with your son(s) and/or daughter(s) at Summit Student Camp. We can't wait to see what God does in their heart as they temporarily remove themselves from the distractions of the world and focus an entire week on biblical discipleship and community.

Student Camp is an incredible opportunity for the students at every Summit campus to come together in worship, fellowship, and fun. Hosted at Ridgecrest Conference Center, Middle School Camp is led by the Summit Students staff at each campus and other members of our Summit staff.

We hope this guide will give you all the information you need as you prepare your child for summer camp. Please let us know if you have any questions by emailing students@summitchurch.com.

PACKING LIST

Clothing

- Shorts and T-shirts
- Pants and long-sleeve shirts
(The worship area can be cool at night.)
- Undergarments
- Pajamas
- Bathing suit (one piece)
- Tennis shoes (two pairs preferable—most activities require closed-toe shoes)
- Flip-flops (worn in showers)

Linens

- Twin bed sheets or sleeping bag
- Blanket
- Pillow
- Bath towel
- Washcloth
- Pool towel

Miscellaneous

- **WATER BOTTLE**
- Toiletries (Don't forget deodorant.)
- Flashlight
- Plastic bag for dirty/wet clothes
- Feminine products as needed
- Waterproof sunscreen
- Aloe
- Bible
- Notebook/pens
- Camera
- Waterproof watch
- Extra cash for snacks/merchandise from the camp store (suggestion: \$20–\$40)

Please do not bring cell phones, other electronic devices, or bad attitudes. 😊

LOGISTICS

COMMUNICATION

Please ensure that the email address used for registration allows emails from The Summit Church. Often, communication is not received because “No Mass Emails” has been selected on an account.

We plan to communicate information in April, in June once registration closes, and in July as we approach camp. If you have any questions, please contact students@summitchurch.com.

PAYMENT

A deposit of \$50 is required at the time of registration. You are able to make payments by logging into your Summit Dashboard and scrolling down to see your registrations. You can also use the link in the payment reminder that will be sent to your email.

Payment in full is required by June 1. If payment is not received, registration will be forfeited. We often experience a waitlist and will give unpaid registration spots to those on our waitlist. No refunds will be offered after June 1.

MEDICAL CARE

Each session of camp, there will be at least three licensed nurses assisting us with the distribution of medicine and all medical needs. In case of an emergency, there is an urgent care facility less than 15 minutes from camp. Due to the limited amount of medical personnel and housing facilities, sick students (especially those contagious to others) may need to be picked up early by parents at our staff's discretion.

MEALS

Ridgecrest provides breakfast, lunch, and dinner and offers alternate choices (with advance notice) for those with dietary needs.

***If your student has any special dietary restrictions while at camp, please make sure you list that on the registration. If you need to add or update any details after registering, please email students@summitchurch.com.**

CABIN DETAILS

All students will be placed in a group of no more than 12 people, with a ratio of 1:6 leader/students. These groups will also be their rooming assignments for the week. There is a possibility that two groups may share one room, but each group will contain students of the same grade/gender from their particular campus, led by a leader from that same campus.

****We do our best to assign cabins by small groups. Due to some groups being larger, please provide your top three preferred roommates on your registration and we will do our best to accommodate your request. If your student was invited by a friend who attends a Summit Church campus, please indicate the campus of the friend who invited them on the registration.**

All volunteers have been background checked and most serve in Summit Students on the weekend.

In addition to background checks and safety policies already in place, all volunteers are required to watch an Abuse Prevention Training video before serving at summer camp. Please know that during our orientation meeting, we will also talk to our students about the concept of “If you see something, say something.” However, we hope you will have this conversation in more detail with them at home prior to camp. If you have questions about this, please let us know by emailing students@summitchurch.com.

CAMP TERRAIN

Ridgecrest is in the mountains of North Carolina. There are gravel paths, and students/leaders will be walking to and from the bunkhouses multiple times each day.

Please expect hills and know that some of the paths to activities could be considered strenuous, with most paths at least considered moderate. Although not necessary, we strongly encourage campers to do some type of physical activity leading up to camp.

CAMP POLICIES

Cell Phone Policy

We want to give your students the unique opportunity to have a few days away from their phone. For this reason, we are not allowing cell phones at camp. Your student will always be with an adult leader who will have their phone. You will also have direct lines of communication with the camp office. That phone number is listed earlier in this guide. If you have any questions about this, please let us know by emailing students@summitchurch.com prior to camp. Thanks for your support and cooperation.

Dress Code

While it is not our desire to control what your student wears, we want to make sure that our clothes don't become an issue. Because of the diverse backgrounds and cultures represented in our ministry, we have chosen not to be too legalistic in application but instead to emphasize the need to make sure we're modest in a way that honors all people there. This typically means working with both our guys and girls on clothes being long enough, loose enough, and not attracting inappropriate attention. While we know this is sensitive, our staff and leaders will help guide where needed while at camp.

Destruction of Property

Parents are responsible for any damage to camp property caused by their child's actions. We encourage all campers to treat the facilities, equipment, and environment with care and respect. In the event that a camper causes damage, parents will be notified, and any associated repair or replacement costs will be their responsibility. Additionally, certain behaviors may result in the camper being sent home early.

Harassment

We are committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all campers. Harassment of any kind, including bullying, discrimination, or inappropriate behavior, will not be tolerated. Campers are expected to treat one another with respect and kindness at all times. If a camper engages in harassment, parents will be contacted, and depending on the severity of the situation, may be required to pick up their child early from camp. Our goal is to ensure every camper has a positive and enjoyable experience, and we appreciate your partnership in fostering this environment.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

- Students must attend and be on time to all scheduled events.
- They should bring their Bible/journal/pen with them to all worship sessions.
- Stay hydrated.
- No pranks or raids at camp.
- No venturing off of the camp property; camp is on a mountain, and the terrain/wildlife away from camp can be dangerous.
- No guys in girls' rooms; no girls in guys' rooms.
- If a couple is at camp, we ask that they keep their focus on God and not on each other for the week. Couple or not, we ask that there be no PDA. This helps us ensure that nothing inappropriate occurs, as well as prevents questions that could arise involving boundaries/consent.
- It should go without saying, but no tobacco, drugs, alcohol, weapons, etc.
- We do have "lights out" and "lights on," which we refer to as "quiet hours." During "lights out" times, all rooms must have their lights turned off and be quiet.
- We hate listing camp rules, but we know we have to. It's pretty simple, though: Don't do dumb things. Have fun. It's CAMP! Make some memories!

FINAL DETAILS

CHECK-IN

Friday, July 31

Details regarding check-in will be communicated closer to camp.

PICK-UP

We are planning to arrive back at our Brier Creek campus between 1–1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 4. Please have the Summit Church app downloaded, and log in to your account for travel updates!

We understand that this guide covers a lot of information, and you may still have questions about topics not addressed here. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at students@summitchurch.com—we're here to help and partner with you to create the best camp experience for your student!