

SUMMER BIBLE MEMORY CAMP GUIDELINES

In an effort to see that students are truly able to "get away" from their everyday surroundings we ask that students leave the following electronic items at home: Cell Phone, iPod, iPad, Kindle, Computer, any portable gaming devices, and basically all electronics.

The following guidelines which we feel keeps a reasonable but modest approach at BMC.

1. Guys, No Speedos, sleeveless shirts should not be low-cut (baring the chest from a side view). Guys wear shirts when traveling to and from swimming areas.
2. Girls wear modest 1-piece swimsuit or tankini 2-piece. No spaghetti strap or thin-strapped tank tops. Shirts need to cover the stomach. Need finger-tip length shorts.
3. For your own protection, shoes are a requirement. NO BARE FEET. Everyone one must wear T-shirts and shoes when going to and from swimming areas.
4. Guys & gals, please make sure inappropriate clothing is not acceptable: the follow is not exhaustive, but gives you an idea: exposed midriff or undergarments, promotes alcohol, tobacco, profanity or displays obscenities, vulgarity or gory pictures.
5. Respect staff and fellow campers. The Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." Manners are a **huge** way of showing respect to both staff and fellow campers.
6. Please respect others stuff by staying out of it. **LABEL ALL CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS.**
7. Parents/Guardians please be prompt at pick-up times, Thank You.

THINGS TO BRING WITH YOU TO CAMP

BIBLE	SUNSCREEN	FLASH LIGHT	CASUAL CLOTHES
<i>NOTEBOOK</i>	<i>PERSONAL CARE ITEMS</i>	<i>SLEEPING BAG / BLANKET</i>	<i>CAMERA</i>
PEN OR PENCIL	MOSQUITO SPRAY	SHEET & PILLOW	FAN (OPTIONAL)
SOAP, SHAMPO	MODEST SWIM SUIT	JACKET/WARM CLOTHES	MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
TOOTHBRUSH & PASTE	BATH / BEACH TOWEL	EXTRA SHOES	GOOD ATTITUDE

The cost of snacks, crafts, and a camp picture are included in the camp fee.

*Optional purchases- Camp themed t-shirts (if not eligible for a free one), caps, sunglasses, & sweatshirts.
For price, extra forms & more camp information check out our website at www.bmm.life*



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Dear Friends,

I hope your plans for coming to Bible Memory Camp in your area is coming together well. We look forward to worshipping, fellowshiping and building friendships with each of you.

Two important issues have come up for Camp and Conference facilities across the country that we need to address directly. Bible Memory Ministries is a member of the Christian Camp and Conference Association (CCCA), which is an organization that provides support and leadership to hundreds of Christian camp facilities across the nation. One of the benefits of belonging to the CCCA is learning of issues facing other camps around the country. We have weekly message boards and information that is sent to supporting members to let everyone know of issues that might be of importance to Camp and Conference facilities.

Most recently, camps have been dealing with the issue of bed bugs and head lice. On many occasions the issue is not detected for several days, or even weeks after there has been a problem. The natural response is "Well, it was probably someone else's fault, not ours." But, sadly this issue can affect anyone from any home. Kids and adults can pick up the little critters from staying the night with a friend, staying at another camp, and even hotels and motels. A few years ago we took a proactive step by starting head lice checks as un-intrusive as possible.

With that in mind, we want to find a way to prevent any issues for our campers in the least invasive and private way as possible. It is becoming routine for most Camp and Conference facilities to have some pre-camp arrival procedures that will help all of us, not just at camp, but for guests returning home.

- 1) Prior to camp, ask your parents to be sure all bedding, and pillows are washed and dried for 20 minutes on high and checked. Though you may not be able to wash some pillows, they can be put in the dryer to kill any bugs, eggs or larvae.

- 2) Sleeping bags will **only be allowed** to be used if they A.) Brand New or B.) Professional dry cleaned. Many people rarely have sleeping bags cleaned after use, which is why we are working with the policies *of the camps* we use. **The easiest solution is to put all clothes and sleeping gear in the dryer right before coming to camp. Or go to Walmart and purchase a new “summer” sleeping bag for about \$9.**
- 3) Prior to anyone moving into a cabin, we will continue to inspect everyone’s hair and scalp for head lice. Only after they have been checked will they, and their clothing and bedding, be allowed to move into a cabin or dorm. We will set up a private room or location to do this during your arrival or registration time. If you gather at one location before you leave for camp, or take a bus, you may want to do your own check prior to arrival to camp as well.
- 4) We will have staff available to instruct participants to have their hair and scalp checked before they take anything into a cabin. Many of our “regular” campers already know where they are staying and move in before they do anything else. **We can’t do that anymore.**
- 5) In the event that issues are found on a camper, bedding or clothing, we will have to find a very private way of laundering all clothing and bedding, and showering with medication prior to participation.
- 6) We encourage everyone to bring a trash bag with them to store all of their clothing (dirty or not), and bedding for their trip back home. When at home wash clothes immediately. If you are unable to do that you can leave the bag, shoes, and luggage in the hot sun for a few hours, or put everything in a hot dryer until you are able to launder them. This is not only a good practice for camp, but may be the “new normal” for all of us as we travel or stay in other homes or facilities.

We are trying to be as proactive as possible to protect the facilities we use and the campers from any bug issues. Unfortunately, this is going to be the “new normal” for Camps and Conferences, and it wouldn’t surprise me if at some point Hotels and Motels begin to have stricter policies for guests.

The camps we use will be monitoring more closely their facilities and we hope all will have monthly pest control and inspections on their facilities to ensure the safety of our campers.

Thank you for your cooperation and let’s find a way to make this easy and the least intrusive as possible. If you have any questions please call me and we can work out a plan of action for your arrival.

In Christ’s Love



Chris Howell

Executive Director