

Camp McCall

Alpha and Lad Camps

Information Packet



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LAD and ALPHA CAMPS

We are excited that you and/or your camper will be coming to Camp McCall this summer! Staff have been praying for our summer campers for many weeks and know that your camper is going to have a great time. Our highly trained staff, assisted by a Camp Pastor and Camp Missionary, will do everything possible to make sure that your camper remains safe and is challenged physically, emotionally, and spiritually during this awesome experience.

The leadership of Camp McCall consists of four full-time employees and ~40 seasonal Staff. Furthermore, our senior leadership (Director: Matt “Spinner” Allen, Associate Director: Phillip “Snoball” Jewell , Summer Camp Assistant Director: Johnny "Pinto" Cooley and Facilities Director: Ben "K9" Reed) and most of our summer Staff are former campers who spent formative time growing up attending Camp McCall. For more information about camp’s leadership, please visit their bios at <http://www.campmccall.org/staff>

Camp McCall is a member of the Christian Camp & Conference Center Association (CCCA) and was accredited by the American Camp Association 1977-2022.



Here is some important information to remember as you prepare your camper to attend Camp McCall this summer:

CLOTHING

We recommend that you not send /bring new clothing or shoes to camp, as items are often left or misplaced. Additionally, we recommend closed-toed shoes especially for but not limited to hiking days. We also recommend putting name tags in your camper’s clothing, shoes, and miscellaneous belongings. Camp McCall is not responsible for items that are lost or left at camp. The “*What to Bring to Camp*” list serves as a checklist to help your camper keep up with their personal items while at camp and as they pack to return home at the end of the week.

BACKGROUND SCREENING REMINDER

A yearly background screening must be completed on every camper/adult who attends Camp McCall and is 18 years of age or older by camp date.

Should an emergency arise that prevents you from accompanying your camper or group, the substitute camper/adult must complete a background screening prior to arriving at camp. Please go to our website at <http://www.campmccall.org/forms> for instructions and to complete the online form.

HEALTH & HEALTH INSURANCE

All campers (children & adults) must complete and submit a digital Health History. All forms must be signed by a parent/guardian. Complete insurance information including plan name, group number, policy holder's name & DOB. Please fill in the date/year of their most recent Tetanus shot.

If a camper DOES NOT have insurance, Camp McCall WILL NOT assume responsibility for any accident occurred during their stay at camp.

CONTACTING CAMPERS

No personal visits are allowed at camp, and campers are not allowed to make or receive telephone calls. **Please do not allow your camper to bring a cell phone with them to Camp.** Cell phone reception is very limited and mostly non-existent in the mountains at camp. These policies are best for short-term camping experiences like Camp McCall. We do encourage you to write a cheerful note to your camper while they are at camp. (No food packages, please) Written mail should be sent to:

Camper's Name
Camp McCall
108 Ambassador Road
Sunset, SC 29685

We also encourage you to send electronic messages to your camper using "**Bunk1**" technology. Please see the **Bunk1** form later in the packet for specific information.

In case of an emergency, you may call the Camp Office at 864.878.6025 or the Camp Director at 864.878.6909 (overnight hours- 11pm-6am).

Someone from Camp's Health Center will call you if:

- There is concern about your child's health or physical well-being at camp.
- Your child is ill or running a fever of 101° or over and needs to stay in the Health Center for most of the day or overnight.
- There is a question about your child's medications or a response to a medication.
- Your child has an illness or accident that requires repeated attention or transportation out of camp for medical treatment.

CAMPER CANCELLATIONS & SUBSTITUTIONS

Consideration for refunds will **ONLY** be given in cases of illness (doctor's note needed) or a death in the family. If your camper is registered for camp but unable to attend, we strongly encourage a camper substitution. Camper substitutions can be handled prior to or upon arrival at camp. Please contact our camp office (864.878.6025) or Registrar, Amanda Cox at (803.227.6028) or amandacox@scbaptist.org for any substitution or questions regarding such. Substitution campers attending camp must bring a completed Health History Form to camp with them.

PICK-UP

Alpha and Lad Camps end after breakfast (9 a.m.) on the third day of camp. **Alpha XL** ends after breakfast (9 a.m.) on the fourth (4th) day of camp.

Transportation to and from all camps is the responsibility of the church/group leaders for campers attending with a church or group or the responsibility of parents for individual campers.



KEEP IN TOUCH WITH BUNK1!

Stay in touch with your camper at **Camp McCall** this summer using Bunk Notes and Bunk Replies. No need to wait for snail mail; Bunk1 makes it easy to communicate with your child and receive handwritten responses direct to your Bunk1 account. Your Bunk Notes will be delivered to your camper with regular mail within 24 hours of your writing.

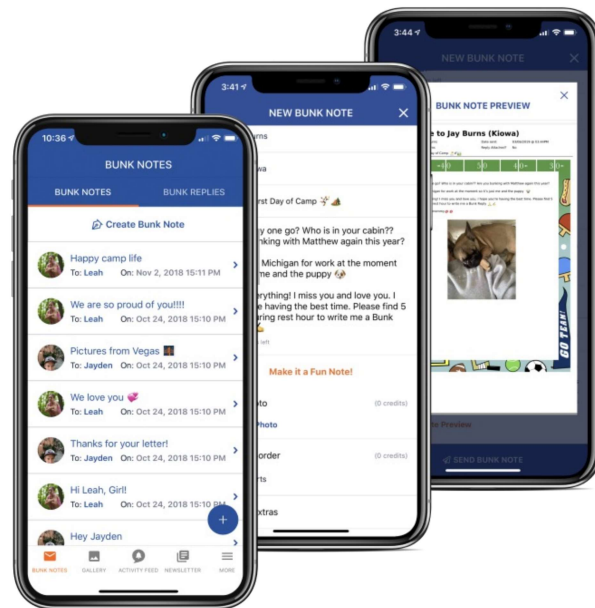
GET STARTED TODAY!

- Go to www.Bunk1.com
 - **RETURNING PARENTS** will login using their email address and password from the previous year.
 - **NEW PARENTS** will click "New here? Get Started" button and complete the basic form.
 - The Invitation Code for **Camp McCall** is: **MCCALL2026**
- You will be prompted to select a bundle for access to your Parent Portal. Bundles include credits for you to send Bunk Notes and enhance your notes with borders, photos, sports scores, and puzzles.

SENDING BUNK NOTES

Send Bunk Notes day or night. Your camp receives a pdf at **3:00 am EST** each day containing all Bunk Notes received in the last 24 hours. Camp prints each Bunk Note and delivers them to your camper with the regular mail. You can purchase more credits anytime in the Bunk Notes menu. Successfully sent Bunk Notes will appear under Bunk Notes > View Sent.

Bunk Notes for Families: Purchase **Bunk Notes Express** and receive a unique email address for your camper. Edit this email address under the Bunk Notes tab. Anyone in your family can directly email your camper at this address, and the note will be delivered as a regular Bunk Note. A credit is deducted from your account for each note. These notes can also be confirmed as sent under Bunk Notes > View Sent.



RECEIVE BUNK REPLIES

Receive a handwritten note from your camper in your Bunk1 account on our unique stationery.

1. Unlimited Stationery can be purchased in a bundle OR under the Bunk Replies tab.
2. Print the stationery (Bunk Replies tab) and send your preferred amount with your camper to camp OR attach an individual piece to be delivered with your Bunk Note (0 credits if Unlimited).
3. Make sure your camper knows to write on the barcoded stationery and hand it in to a camp staff member.
4. Camp staff will collect Bunk Replies and send them to Bunk1. Bunk1 will then scan the barcode & send the reply to your account under the Bunk Replies tab.

The Bunk1 team is available to support you 7 days a week during peak season. They guarantee a response within 24 hours and it's usually much quicker than that. Please call Bunk1 at **212-974-9112** or email support@bunk1.com. For FAQ's related to the services above, visit www.bunk1family.com/faqs.



Health Center Information

If your child is attending Crusader or Adventure Camp & has a chronic medical condition (such as diabetes or allergies), or if you have any concerns about your child's medication, or if your child is ill within 24 hours of arrival, please call and speak with the director of the Health Center prior to the start of camp. (864.878.6025)

ALL policies MUST be followed:

Crusader and Adventure-Trip Camp: Campers will give all prescription medications to the Camp Nurses during Check-in. The Health Center has a supply of over the counter medications to administer during camp. Please send only medications that are prescription or are given daily. Camp Nurses will administer all meds while on camp property. Trip Camp and High School Cabin Staffers will give all meds while OFF camp property.

- ALL medications must be in their **ORIGINAL** containers.
- **Medications in Ziploc bags, daily pill containers, or unmarked packages will NOT be dispensed to campers. No exceptions.**
- **NO** medications will be kept with campers for safety reasons. Epi pen and Inhalers – see below.

Lad/Alpha Camp: ALL medications are given to the group leader or parent who will secure and dispense these medications. A camp medical professional s available on site for all urgent/emergent medical issues.

Someone from Camp's Health Center will call you if:

- There is concern about your child's health or physical well-being at camp.
- Your child is ill or running a fever of 100.4° or higher and needs to stay in the Health Center for most of the day or overnight.
- There is a question about your child's medications or a response to a medication.
- Your child has an illness or accident that requires repeated attention or transportation out of camp for medical treatment.

ALLERGIES: If your camper has known allergies to any medications, foods, or stinging insects, please be sure to list this information on their Health History Form. **This is very important.**

EPINEPHRINE PENS AND ASTHMATIC INHALERS: If your camper needs an asthmatic inhaler or an Epinephrine Pen that needs to be kept with him at all times, please make a note of this on the Health History Form. Please provide a fanny pack or cinch sack for him to carry.

INSURANCE INFORMATION: ALL campers (**children and adults**) must complete insurance information including plan name, group number, policy holder's name & DOB on the Health History Form.

IMMUNIZATIONS: For campers who are 18 years of age or younger, please complete the verification of updated immunization section of the Health Form. Adult campers must provide information of a Tetanus vaccine within the last 10 years. **Because of the nature of our camp environment, having a current Tetanus vaccine is vitally important for everyone attending camp. Tetanus lives in soil for up to 10 years & can cause serious neurological damage. Please ensure your camper is adequately protected.**

FOOTWEAR: Please send **CLOSED-TOED SHOES** appropriate for **HIKING** for your child. Crocs, sandals or similar shoes can cause blisters & are not appropriate for hiking.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

CLOTHES

- Socks
- Shirts (T-shirts can also be purchased at the Camp Store.)
- Shorts
- Jeans or long pants
- Underwear (plenty)
- Shoes (At least 2 pairs, including 1 pair tennis or hiking shoes and closed-toed water shoes recommended. Flip flops are not appropriate or safe footwear for camp setting.)
- Swimsuit
- Rain Wear or Poncho
- Hat/Bandana (Hats/bandanas can also be purchased at the Camp Store.)
- Other Clothing Items (Used clothing is best, because campers tend to get dirty during the day, and some campers accidentally leave things behind.)



NOTE: We do not recommend sending new clothes.

We do recommend labeling your camper's clothes and miscellaneous items.

MISCELLANEOUS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible (not a family keepsake) | <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable Camera |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag (or blanket/sheets) | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight (small) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towels & Washcloth | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & Toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Miscellaneous Items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap & Shampoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Spending money (desired amount) |

Each camper will need some spending money (as desired) for canteen snacks, camp store items such as camp t-shirts and hats, and craft hut items such as wood kits and leather crafts. Please send cash for spending money (no personal checks or credit cards***). We recommend that group leaders, parents, and/or chaperones for your group or child keep their camper's spending money for canteen, camp store and craft hut. Please bring low denominations of bills. The closest bank is 30 minutes away and not open on weekends. Our venues are unable break anything higher than a \$20 bill.

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

Do NOT bring any of the following:



- Food or drink
- Cell phones, iPods, video games, etc.
- Personal valuables (including valuable clothes/shoes)
- Weapons of any kind
- Tobacco products, alcohol

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