



Dear Camper,

We can't wait for you to come to camp this summer! We have so many exciting things planned for you. There will be lots of fun activities, good food, new friends, time spent in worship and learning about God, opportunities to stretch yourself on new adventures, and much more.

You'll find your packing list and any special information specific to your program in this packet, so be sure not to lose it. There is also a Camper Questionnaire that you have the option to complete. It gives you a chance to tell your counselors and other staff members about you and the things you enjoy. This will help them make sure you have the best week possible at camp.

This summer our curriculum theme is In the Wilderness. We will spend the week following the Israelites as they journey through the wilderness after God delivers them from Pharaoh in Egypt. We will spend the week being reminded that God is always guiding us and is present with us in every situation we encounter. We will do this through fun, interactive, small group lessons each day, as well as all camp worship times where we sing around the campfire, enjoy s'mores, and listen to meaningful and practical messages from deans, counselors, and staff. We hope that what you learn at camp you will take home with you and live out each day.

We pray that you are having a great school year. Be a light to those around you and keep looking to God each day for help and encouragement. Summer will be here before you know it!

Blessings,
Your Camp Fontanelle Staff





Dear Camper Parent/Guardian,

We are so excited to welcome you to Camp Fontanelle. This packet contains lots of important information about your child's stay at camp, so please read it carefully, and keep it handy as their time at camp gets closer.

Included are:

- Check-in and check-out times
- Packing list
- Information about this summer's curriculum
- Camper Mail Options – Bunk1 Parent Information
- Parent/Guardian Get To Know My Camper form

Our primary goal is to provide a safe, fun, Christ-centered experience for all our campers. We are accredited by the American Camping Association which has high standards for camper safety and program experience. Our counselors complete two weeks of training prior to the start of camp each summer. They learn best practices for working with different age groups of children, first aid and CPR, leading Bible studies, and more. We have a health coordinator on staff to handle camper medications and any bumps and scrapes that can sometimes occur while enjoying the great outdoors. Camp Fontanelle is part of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference and all adults working with children are certified through Safe Gatherings and have undergone a background check.

If you have not already done so during the registration process, please be sure to have all health forms filled out at least a week before your camper is scheduled to attend. These forms can be completed online through CampBrain or you can visit our website campfontanelle.com to download and print a hard copy. It is very helpful if you make note of any medications needed and any allergies and/or dietary restrictions, this helps both our health coordinator and our kitchen staff be prepared to help your child have the best week possible. If your child is attending a program that requires an extra release form, please make sure that is also completed when you arrive at camp. Having all of these completed before arrival will help your check-in process go more quickly. Our Parent Questionnaire form is for you to communicate important information about your camper to their counselors and other necessary staff members. This is optional but is extremely helpful for our staff in making each camper feel comfortable during their week at camp.

Should you have any questions or concerns prior to your arrival at camp you can contact us via phone at 402-478-4296 or email our camp registrar, Amanda Siver, at asiver@greatplainsumc.org. We look forward to welcoming you to camp this summer!

In Christ,

Your Camp Fontanelle Staff



Summer 2026: Wild Ideas

This summer's curriculum is focused on how the call to be followers of Jesus should impact the way we live our lives. Each day campers will spend time learning about how God is present with us in every part of our journey. Our Bible verses will follow the Israelites through their time in the wilderness after they are freed from captivity in Egypt along with some other Old Testament stories that connect to the daily theme. Campers will learn to look for God's guidance, persevere in difficult times, lean on each other, and share what God has done.

We believe strongly that Bible study and learning about God should be interactive, engaging, and fun. Activities are varied in structure, so kids of every learning style have a chance to shine. The categories used in our curriculum are play, pray, create, serve, and learn. Counselors are encouraged to mix up these categories for their daily Bible times throughout the week and to be attuned to what their group of campers respond to the best.

Below is a quick reference of daily themes and scriptures that will be used each week. Programs shorter than the 5-day week will cover just a portion of these based on their program's length.

	Scripture	Theme	Camper's Will
Day 1	Exodus 13 and backstory	Welcome to the Wilderness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome everyone into the sanctuary of camp, a holy and wild place • Ponder what the wilderness is and the ways it intertwines in our daily lives • Proclaim God's presence in the Wilderness • Foster a nurturing and brave community space for exploration
Day 2	Exodus 13:17-22	God is Our Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite each other to listen for the wisdom of the wilderness, allowing these sacred spaces to teach us • Consider our own individual and collective wilderness experiences • Explore signs of God's guidance and provision around us
Day 3	Exodus 14:15-31 and Jeremiah 29:11	The Path Can be Difficult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affirm that we are equipped to face wilderness moments • Remind each other to seek God who is always accessible and present • Commission one another to pursue mountain top experiences awaiting us in our wilderness
Day 4	Exodus 17:8-13 & Esther 4:12-17	We Need Each Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize the different roles necessary to create lasting change • Assure one another that we are not alone • Bravely share hopes, dreams, and fears • Listen for God's voice through the wisdom of those who have been or are in the wilderness • Reflect on how wilderness experiences and choices shape our lives
Day 5	Exodus 18:7-12 Job 12:7-10	Share What God Has Done	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recall the ways God has shown himself present in our journey • See God's handiwork in Creation • Be reminded to share the things God has done with others

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH BUNK1!

Be the first to know what's happening this summer at **Camp Fontanelle**. We offer private photo gallery, you can also send messages using Bunk Notes. No need to wait for snail mail; Bunk1 makes it easy to communicate with your child. Follow Bunk1 on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for the latest updates and deals!

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 Fontanelle** is: **26FONT**
- 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.

PHOTO GALLERY WITH PHOTO TAGGING

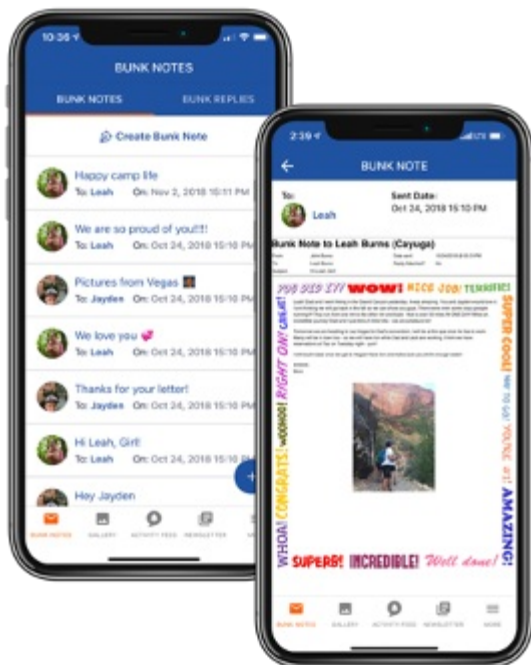
Save Favorite Photos for easy access to pictures of your camper all year-round. Select the heart icon to favorite.

Upload a profile photo of your camper to enable Photo Tagging. Our photo tagging software will scan all the uploaded photos and notify you when we detect photos of your camper.

Share Photos to social media or email a photo to family.

Customize Unique Photo Gifts such as photo books, mugs, calendars, phone cases and more.

Order high resolution digital downloads or prints.



SENDING BUNK NOTES

Send Bunk Notes day or night. Your camp receives a pdf at **11:00 am, 5:00 pm 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.

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](tel:212-974-9112) or email support@bunk1.com. For FAQ's related to the services above, visit www.bunk1family.com/faqs.

Packing List for 3, 4, and 5 Day Programs

- Small backpack or drawstring bag (*for carrying items around camp between activities*)
- Bible, notebook, and pen (*If a camper does not have a Bible we have one for them*)
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Water bottle
- A flashlight with new batteries
- Pillow (camp has fitted sheets and quilts for each bed but you are welcome to bring your own if you would like to. If you are staying in the Caves you will need a sleeping bag or bedding)
- Rain poncho or light waterproof jacket
- Comfortable clothes (*suitable for hiking and being outdoors*)
- Shorts AND Pants (*some nights and mornings are cool*)
- T-Shirts
- Long-sleeved shirt, sweatshirt, and/or a light jacket (*again, it can get cool*)
- Underwear and socks
- Pajamas
- Sturdy tennis shoes (*bring an extra pair in case one gets wet or muddy*)
- Sandals or flip flops (*only for pool, water games, and shower times*)
- Toiletries (*packing in a gallon size Ziploc is ideal if you do not have a separate toiletries bag*)
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Soap and Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Shower towel and washcloth
- Feminine hygiene products
- Modest swimsuit/trunks
- Swim shirt or cover up to help prevent sunburn
- Beach towel
- Bag for dirty clothes
- Optional items: camera, book (*for horizontal hour*), paper, envelopes (*pre-addressed*), and stamps, favorite stuffed animal

What Campers Should Not Bring to Camp Fontanelle:

- Anything you are not willing to lose (Camp Fontanelle cannot be held responsible for missing items, we do have a lost and found at the end of each week so please check it before leaving)
- Soda pop, snacks, gum or candy of any kind
- Money (unless otherwise directed for your specific program)
- ANY personal electronics (if they are brought to camp they will be held in a baggy for you until you are picked up, **including cell phones**)
- We do not have accommodations to care for pets. Please do not bring pets to stay with you at camp.
- *Illegal drugs, alcohol, fireworks, weapons—anything illegal or dangerous are grounds for dismissal from camp!*