



**2024 SUMMER YOUTH WEEKS**

## **PREPARATION PACKET**

**INFORMATION, DETAILS AND PREPARATION FOR YOUTH WEEKS 2024**

**“BUT SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR YOU.”**

**MATTHEW 6:33**



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## WELCOME TO 2024 YOUTH WEEKS CAMP

I hope you are getting excited about what God is going to do in the lives of your students this summer. Summer is approaching quickly, and your summer Youth Week will be here soon. Before you head off to camp, you need to know a few things to prepare yourself, your leaders and your students for the week.

This booklet includes:

- Youth Weeks' theme explanation
- Guidelines for students (make a copy for each student before the trip)
- Summer missions offering information
- Schedule
- Registration checklist
- Participant form (bring to registration)
- Church group information sheet and T-shirt order form (bring to registration)
- Responsibility agreement form (bring to registration)
- Background check policy
- Safety and security guidelines

**\*Adult guidelines are available online. Visit [bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks](https://bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks).**

### Pre-Camp Meeting

We suggest you schedule an informational meeting with your students and their parents to explain the camp guidelines so they know what is expected of them regarding behavior, attitude and dress. A sample of the pre-camp meeting is located in the Church Group Guide, which is online at [bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks](https://bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks). You and your leaders will be in charge of your students, and we want to be sure everyone is aware of these guidelines.

### Small Groups

Small groups are led by you and your adults on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. You will lead your students in small groups, expounding on what was taught in the large group gathering in Hatch auditorium each of those mornings. You can hold these meetings in your lodging space or receive a room assignment during registration. Please make sure one or more of your chaperones are comfortable and excited about leading your students during small groups. All materials will be provided online at [bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks](https://bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks). Approach this as a wonderful time for you to engage your students and get to know them. Assign each



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chaperone up to eight students to pray for and to have intentional conversations about their spiritual walk during the week.

## **Afternoon Activities**

Each afternoon's recreation/track times will be offered on the parade ground or classroom building. There will be a variety of options provided by our BeDoTell (BDT) staff. This year, track times will be offered twice on Tuesdays and Thursdays (1:30-2:15, 2:45-3:30). There will also be a time assigned to your group one afternoon to help package food for our partnership with The House of Abraham in Haiti.

## **Leader's Meeting**

On Monday, the first night of camp, we will have a leader meeting at 6:30 p.m. to share additional camp information. Please arrange for at least one chaperone to attend the meeting in Classroom 101. Seating charts, T-shirts, and other materials will be handed out at this time. Student workbooks will be distributed as everyone enters Hatch for the first service on Monday night.

## **Background Check**

All adults attending camp must comply with the Background Check Policy provided at the end of this packet and on our website. The background check verification form located in the policy **MUST** be brought to camp at the time of registration. This policy can be found online at [bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks](http://bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks). For those using FirstPoint for background checks, please note the deadlines listed in the policy.

## **Additional Information**

1. We will provide an online video for small group leaders that covers each lesson and gives teaching tips. This video will be available online by mid-April at [bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks](http://bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks).
2. It would help if every student and adult brings a physical copy of God's Word, not a Bible on their handheld devices.
3. We ask that no cell phones be brought to Hatch Auditorium or small group time, except for leaders' phones. We are a distracted generation, and our phones provide an easy way to avoid engaging in what is right in front of us. Adults, please refrain from using cell phones in Hatch unless for emergencies.



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If you have questions, please call Merrie Johnson at (800) 395-5102, ext. 5568 before May 25. After May 25, please email [mjohnson@ncbaptist.org](mailto:mjohnson@ncbaptist.org). You can also contact Katie Pegram with any questions at (800) 395-5102, ext. 5566, or email [youth.disciplemaking@ncbaptist.org](mailto:youth.disciplemaking@ncbaptist.org).

Go God!

*Merrie A. Johnson*



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## YOUTH WEEK DAILY THEMES: THE GOOD LIFE

Growing up in a pastor's home, the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ was apparent in everything we did as a family and everything we were told to do as fellow believers in Jesus Christ. Amazingly, however, even with all the attention my parents paid to the gospel, sin was still in our lives. Of course, we believed in Jesus and His provision for our eternal life. We believed Jesus was the only way to heaven. We believed following Jesus was the best way to live. But sin was still lurking about.

Many of my friends thought perfection came with faith in Jesus. That was so far from the truth of the gospel. Assurance of my salvation came when I placed my faith in who Jesus is and His payment for my sins on the cross. But as I tried to live out my faith, I was still filled with doubts and uncertainty as I began to think more abstractly as a teenager. The concrete thinking of my childhood expanded with more questions.

Questions led me to search the Bible more for answers. Today, however, questions for some lead them away from seeking the biblical answer, instead causing them to believe that what others say makes up reality.

This summer we want to study what Jesus said in His most famous sermon, referred to as the "Sermon on the Mount" found in Matthew 5-7. This sermon is Jesus' own words of what He wanted His followers to be and do. (That's where we get our name – BeDoTell.)

These verses show us what our lives should look like when we allow Jesus Christ to be the ruler of our lives – how we should think, believe and act under God's rule.

The Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' first sermon, and in it, He teaches us about what it looks like to have spiritually healthy internal and external lives. Our external lives are how we live in relationship with others, and our internal lives are how we love and obey God.

The Sermon on the Mount teaches us that as followers of Jesus, we are blessed when we live according to what matters to Jesus. It also teaches us how to pray by giving us an example of what Jesus prayed in the "Lord's Prayer."



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Each day at camp we will focus on three main parts of the Beatitudes:

## **Tuesday**

**Session Title:** Heart of Sin

**Scripture Focus:** Genesis 6:5-6, Deuteronomy 6:4-7, Mark 12:30-31, Psalm 51:10

## **Wednesday**

**Session Title:** Heart of Trust

**Scripture Focus:** Matthew 6:25-34

## **Thursday**

**Session Title:** Heart of Mission

**Scripture Focus:** Matthew 5:13-16, Numbers 18:19, Joshua 1:9

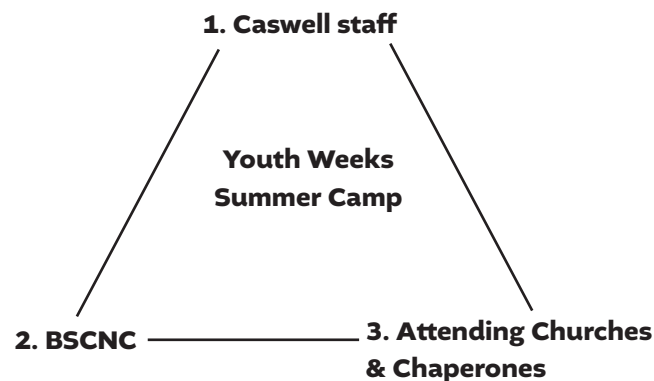


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## RESPONSIBILITY THREEFOLD

1. **Caswell staff** provides pleasant accommodations, meals and other great facilities.
2. **The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) provides the BeDoTell team** (program director, band, drama and production teams) to lead the large group worship services and large group study held in Hatch Auditorium. This includes worship, small group study and materials for church group devotions and daily quiet times. We also provide the mission experience of packaging food for Haiti.
3. **Each church** should provide one adult chaperone for every eight students of the same gender. **Students attending camp must have completed sixth grade.**



\* Leader and chaperone responsibilities are online at [bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks](https://bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks) along with videos to assist you in your camp prep.





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## STUDENT GUIDELINES

*\*Print and read the guidelines below with your church group before you go to Caswell.*

### Dress Code

Please dress appropriately for a Christian assembly at all times. We like the fact that the 1,000 people who will be with you at Caswell are a very diverse group of people. However, this means things that might not bother you may offend other people. **The chaperones from your church are to help monitor the dress code, so if they ask you to change, please do so.**

1. When not at the beach or pool, wear cover-ups over one-piece bathing suits or tankinis. **Please, no two-piece bikini bathing suits.**
2. Do not wear T-shirts or other clothing with offensive language, advertisements or pictures.
3. In Hatch Auditorium and in the Classroom Building, please dress appropriately. This means **no short shorts, tank tops or one-shoulder/halter/strapless tops, including the tops of dresses.** Spaghetti straps are to be 2 inches wide.
  - a. **Shorts must be fingertip length.** Measure this by putting your hands down by .. your sides and making sure that your fingertips touch the fabric.
4. No bare feet in the cafeteria, Hatch Auditorium or the Classroom Building.
5. Please remember to monitor your group so others will not complain to camp staff.
6. **Tuesday night is T-shirt Night. Plan to wear your 2024 Caswell T-shirt to worship Tuesday night.**

### Other Guidelines

1. Caswell has a designated beach area and a swimming pool with qualified lifeguards on duty in the afternoons. Swimming in other areas is extremely unsafe because of the strong undertow.
2. For safety reasons, no one is to go into or on top of the forts after dark.
3. The beach is off limits after dark.
4. If you get hurt and cannot find your counselor, go to the First Aid Station at the Reception Center, or send a friend there for help. The Reception Center is located on the corner across from the pool.
5. If you lose your meal ticket, you may get a new one for \$1 at the Reception Center (the small building where your group registered the first day).



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6. Please bring a Bible. You will need to have your own Bible during morning quiet times, daily group studies and other times during the week. Write your name, church and town in your Bible. Don't forget to bring a pen.
7. Please do not bring expensive jewelry or large sums of money. Please place your name, the church you are with and the town where your church is located in your wallet to help return lost items.
8. No smoking or vaping. Please be aware that underage smoking is illegal. The legal age to either smoke or vape is 21.
9. Drugs, alcohol, firearms or fireworks are also illegal and are not allowed.



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## SUMMER YOUTH WEEKS SCHEDULE

### MONDAY

- 1:00 p.m.** Registration
- 4:00 p.m.** Small group overview for teachers in Classroom Building room 101, located behind Hatch Auditorium
- 5:00 p.m.** Supper
- 6:30 p.m.** Main leader meeting in Classroom Building room 101
- 7:10 p.m.** Line up by church group in the Parade Ground
- 7:30 p.m.** Worship in Hatch Auditorium
- 10:00 p.m.** Church group devotions (locations assigned by Caswell and given at registration)
- 11:00 p.m.** Clear campus — those having devotions in the Classroom Building should be back in their residence building by 11:00 p.m.
- 11:45 p.m.** Lights out

### TUESDAY - THURSDAY DAILY SCHEDULE

- 7:15 a.m.** Breakfast
- 8:15 a.m.** Quiet time — printed in the Student Workbook
- 8:40 a.m.** Line up by church group in the Parade Ground
- 9:00 a.m.** Morning worship in Hatch Auditorium
- 10:50 a.m.** Dismiss to small groups in your assigned spaces
- Noon** Lunch
- 1:30 p.m.** Track times — packing meals for Haiti
- 3:30 p.m.** Free time
- 5:00 p.m.** Supper
- 6:40 p.m.** Line up by church group in the Parade Ground
- 7:00 p.m.** Worship in Hatch Auditorium
- 10:00 p.m.** Church group devotions in your assigned spaces.
- 11:00 p.m.** Clear campus — those having devotions in the Classroom Building should be back in their residence building by 11:00 p.m.
- 11:45 p.m.** Lights out

### FRIDAY MORNING

- 7:15 a.m.** Breakfast
- 8:15 a.m.** Quiet time — printed in the Student Workbook
- 8:40 a.m.** Line up by church group in the Parade Ground
- 9:00 a.m.** Morning worship in Hatch Auditorium
- 10:50 a.m.** Dismiss to houses to pack up

### \* SPECIAL FEATURES

Tuesday and Thursday: Additional Track Times from 2:45 - 3:30 p.m.  
Splash and Dive Contest at the swimming pool: Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.



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## YOUTH WEEKS MISSIONS OFFERING

Over two million meals and counting!

This is our thirteenth summer packing meals for Haiti!

Our goal this year is to pack 200,000 meals. This requires \$49,000 in offering to pay for the food that will be packed. We are not only packing food to feed the hungry, but we are also providing a way for the gospel of Jesus Christ to be shared with those receiving the meals. Go God!

We are asking youth groups to start before camp to help us reach our goal for 2024. There are so many ways your church can play a large part in our offering to Christian ministries in Haiti. Share with your church that we are now supporting three villages, one hospital, two schools and the House of Abraham Orphanage with these meals. Hold a fundraiser. Use your imagination. One group simply put the container in their church and asked for spare change. They were so excited to bring so much more to camp than they had the previous summer! Let the students be creative with their ideas. We are so thankful for the many churches last summer that collected special offerings during Vacation Bible School, which ultimately played a role in helping us reach our offering goals.

These past 12 years, each group has taken one hour out of one camp day to pack meals that are shipped to Haiti. We pray that the offering will go above what we need to cover the meals and help with other projects the House of Abraham will do to reach their community for Christ. God has been doing immeasurably more each summer than we could have imagined with these efforts! We should be amazed that we get to take part in mission work at Caswell that impacts another country.

For more information about the House of Abraham and to meet our young friends, visit [facebook.com/HOAKids](https://facebook.com/HOAKids).

Join us in praying for our continued mission efforts in Jacmel, Haiti.

Go God!

*Merrill Johnson*



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## ONLINE STORE AND SERVICE STREAMING INFORMATION

### **Online merchandise ordering available: Pre-camp, at-camp, post-camp**

Each summer we are asked if BeDoTell merchandise can be purchased either before or after camp. The answer is yes. Please visit our online store at [bedotell.com/shop](https://bedotell.com/shop).

Parents can order and pay for merchandise for their students and the merchandise can be picked up the week of camp. Please make sure to put the student's name, the name and city of the church, and the week of camp the student will be in attendance on the order. The items will be available for pickup at the BeDoTell merchandise trailer.

### **Online streaming of evening services available:**

Tuesday through Thursday evening services are available for online streaming each week during the summer at [facebook.com/bedotell/videos](https://facebook.com/bedotell/videos).

During the last week of camp, we will livestream the services during the night worship — Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, July 29-Aug. 2.



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## CHURCH GROUP DEVOTIONS

Each day at camp concludes with your church group spending time together reflecting on the theme of the day and what the students may have learned. You will gather your students in your house or, if you are staying in the barracks, a classroom building room will be assigned to you at registration.

We have written a devotion for each day to be used during your time together. The **Church Group Devotion Booklet** is available for download at [BeDoTell.com/summer-youth-weeks](https://BeDoTell.com/summer-youth-weeks). You can also find the booklet attached in this packet or upon request from our office. Please make copies to share with the adults who will be leading this time for your own youth group. Some churches ask the older students to help lead this time as well. Some supplies are needed, so be sure to read the devotions before you arrive at camp. Also, host a meeting before you leave for camp for parents and teens together by using the Pre-Camp Devotion to guide you. A good idea is to invite a notary to this meeting and have all your forms notarized at once.

## PARENT CONNECTION

In order to help parents know what is being taught at camp, as well as some questions they can ask their students upon their return, we have created a Parent Connection piece that is an important tool for parents. This resource is found on our website at [bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks](https://bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks).



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## PRAYER GUIDE

We believe prayer is essential to focusing us on what God is doing and what He will be doing while your group is at camp. We have provided a guide to help you be intentional about not only getting everything packed for camp but also to provide some prayer prompts for you to pray and ask God to move among your group in a mighty way.

This week of camp, please pray over these points:

- Pray for all to realize their need for a Savior because of our sinful nature that separates us from God.
- Pray for many to place their faith and trust in Jesus Christ, the only way to the Father, for the forgiveness of sin and for abundant life here on earth, as well as eternal life with God.
- Pray for all who attend to be ready to hear from God.
- Pray for unity in the youth groups and among other youth groups as they mix and hang around others all week.
- Pray for those who are believing the lies of culture that make them feel less than or worthless.
- Pray that all the churches gathered at each week of camp will not say anything or judge anyone in a way that would negatively impact someone else's opportunity to believe that Jesus is who He says He is.
- Pray for safety for all.
- Pray for a renewed love for Jesus and His church.
- Pray for many to surrender to full-time vocational service as well as for all to answer the call of living their lives serving the Lord right where they are now.
- Pray for spiritual growth for all.
- Pray for new visions for each church to see their schools and towns as a mission field that is waiting for someone to come share the good news of Christ and His redemption plan.
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This prayer guide can also be found on our website at [bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks](https://bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks).



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## VIDEOS

Videos are on [bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks](https://bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks). These videos can help you and your small group leaders prepare for camp and inform students on what to bring to camp.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

### CRISIS RESPONSE INFORMATION

Youth want people in their lives that they can place their personal confidence in. Many youth workers want to be that kind of confidant for youth. Youth leaders can be placed in difficult positions because of the kind of information you might hear from a student.

#### General Guidelines

- Do not refer to yourself as a counselor unless you are a certified professional counselor.
- Remember that sometimes students exaggerate or stretch the truth.
- Never promise total confidentiality. Instead, let them know you are available to listen, but are willing to take action to protect them. Love: Act in the best interest of the individual.

#### Crisis Response Techniques

- Pray immediately with the student asking God to give them hope.
- Pray through Scriptures that reveal a value for life and the future.
- Don't show open shock regardless of what a student shares.
- Get the issue into the hands of a person higher in the authority chain (teacher, counselor, youth pastor, pastor or parent).

### CRITICAL ISSUES

If details come to us on these issues, we are required to take action and involve those who can help students and assess the validity of their claims.

#### Physical or Sexual Abuse

The youth might be the abuser or the abused. Action is always required. The quickest action is to get the information to the next person up in the authority chain (parent, youth pastor or pastor, legal authorities). If you decide to come to us, we will ask the student for details, and then we will contact the necessary authorities.

#### Suicidal Comments

Love: Act in the best interest of the individual. A response is demanded. We have an ethical and moral obligation to the person who intimates suicide. We also have a legal statute that requires us to attempt to prevent people from willfully harming themselves or others.





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## SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION

### The Risk of Sexual Abuse is Real

We have partnered with MinistrySafe to provide information to help prevent child abuse. Here are some statistics to be aware of:

- The average convicted male abuser who molests girls averaged 52 victims, while those targeting boys averaged 150 victims.
- Only about 38% of child victims disclose the fact that they have been sexually abused.
- Less than 10% of sexual offenders are ever criminally prosecuted. This means over 90% of offenders have no criminal record to check.

Background checks on all volunteers and chaperones coming to camp help us be proactive in knowing more about who is on campus. For you as a church, background checks are a terrific starting point, but as the statistics say above, the majority of abusers are never caught. So make sure to hold interviews and have your volunteers provide character recommendations, or know your volunteers and teens well before asking them to jump on the bus and come to camp.

Make sure your church has policies and procedures for being with children and students after they have submitted their background check form. Inform them of your policies for reporting and handling a crisis situation. Make sure all chaperones know what is expected of them while at camp, as well as serving in your church.

We provide the background check information as well as chaperone responsibilities in our prep packet. Make sure you meet with chaperones to go over this information before coming to camp.

Reminders: It is necessary for all staff and volunteers to act in the best interest of the campers. Never tell a student that what they share with you will be kept secret. North Carolina is a mandatory reporting state for any type of abuse. **Any inappropriate behaviors or suspicions of abuse must be taken seriously and reported to the BeDoTell camp director or Caswell full-time staff member and your pastor. The local authorities and your county's child protective services must be contacted.** Many times we worry if the teenager is telling the truth — that's not for us to decide but to let the authorities handle it. If an adult fails to report, they may face criminal actions.

We intend to provide a safe environment and an open line of communication where concerns can be reported. Sexual abusers 'groom' children for abuse, so it is possible that another person may witness behaviors that are concerning. That's why we ask that our staff, as well as all adults on campus, are never alone with a student. Groomers try to pull students away from the crowd to talk to or manipulate them. Make sure your church policies for volunteers include appropriate touch — side hugs and fist pumps — as well as never having just one adult with a student in a vehicle. Any discussions and conversations should be around other



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people, not one-on-one. Any conversation with a student should take place in an area that can be observed by other people – volunteers and staff members should never be talking with a student privately without anyone being aware.

Bathroom policies need to be in place where verbal communication can be had with anyone in the bathroom. Only the same gender and the same ages should be in the restroom together. Age range of over three years may provide a bullying or grooming atmosphere.

Chaperones are asked to be responsible for a maximum of eight students from their church. That requires knowing where students are during their free times, program times and meal times. Chaperones cannot just assume that students are fine and are where they need to be. Caswell has a policy stating that no one is to go in the forts at night. You should have a chaperone present even in daytime hours so that students do not go alone to the forts. This safeguard allows students to be accountable for their actions and to help prevent any wrongdoing from taking place.

Peer-to-peer abuse has increased over 300% over the last few years. Having adults present helps keep that from happening among students. Providing check-in times may be a hassle but is very important. Our policies state no girls in guys rooms and no guys in girls rooms, but this means someone has to enforce that in your group. Students need to be in groups and not alone with another individual. Remember when we were younger we had to have a buddy. Today, encourage your students to have a buddy group of three to help prevent something harmful from happening.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has a website to increase awareness around sexual abuse and the need for policies and procedures. You can visit it at [ncbaptist.org/security](http://ncbaptist.org/security). [Ministrysafe.com](http://Ministrysafe.com) and [churchmutual.com](http://churchmutual.com) also have resources that can help your church further.



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## FORMS

**The following pages are the various forms we ask that you complete and bring to camp.**

We have provided a checklist for you to ensure you have each of the forms for registration at camp.

These forms will also be available for download on our website at [bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks](https://bedotell.com/summer-youth-weeks).

## REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

Below is a checklist of the items you will need when you arrive at camp for Summer Youth Weeks registration. All forms can be downloaded at [BeDoTell.com/summer-youth-weeks](https://BeDoTell.com/summer-youth-weeks).

- Guest/Counselor Registration Form — *Sent to you by Caswell staff*
- Participant form — **two notarized copies for students and counselors**, separated into two sets, are required. One copy should be kept with a church leader in case of an emergency, and one set is kept in the Caswell Reception Center in case you cannot reach the church leader.
- T-shirt Order Form
- Responsibility Agreement
- Background Check Form
- Chaperone Code of Conduct Form

**For questions concerning reservations, lodging and meals**, please contact the Reservations office at Fort Caswell at (910) 278-9501.

**For all other questions**, visit us online at [BeDoTell.com](https://BeDoTell.com) or contact the Student Ministry Office at (800) 395-5102 ext. 5566 or [youth.disciplemaking@ncbaptist.org](mailto:youth.disciplemaking@ncbaptist.org).

Thank you for your help in having the materials ready when your group registers. This ensures a great registration experience for everyone. Blessings!



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## PARTICIPANT FORM

**\*\*Bring TWO notarized originals of this form to registration. One copy will be kept in the Caswell Reception Center, and one copy will be kept by the church. Attach a photocopy of insurance forms or cards.\*\***

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in the fall: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, notify: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Profile

Generally, the participant's health is: \_\_\_ Excellent \_\_\_ Good \_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_ Poor (check one)

If fair or poor, please explain the participant's condition: \_\_\_\_\_

List any medical difficulties for which the participant is being treated: \_\_\_\_\_

Check any of the following that cause the participant problems and explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- Asthma       Sinusitis       Bronchitis       Kidney trouble       Hay fever
- Heart trouble       Diabetes       Dizziness       Upset stomach

List any medicines or substances to which the participant is allergic: \_\_\_\_\_

List any previous operations or serious illnesses: \_\_\_\_\_

List any medications the participant takes: \_\_\_\_\_

List any special diets or needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Check any of the following childhood diseases the participant has had:

- Chickenpox       Measles       Whooping cough       Mumps

Date of last tetanus immunization: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



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Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscriber Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Subscriber Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscriber Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Permission for Medical Treatment, Photography/Video Notice and Release and Indemnity**

My permission is granted for the camp or event director, church official, any camp or event staffer, or adult present or in charge of First Aid to obtain necessary medical attention in case of sickness or injury to my child. Also, I understand that as a participant, my child may be photographed or videotaped during normal camp or event activities and these photos/videos may be used in promotional materials.

I, the undersigned, do hereby verify that the above information is correct and I do hereby release and forever discharge the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC), camp or event sponsor, or state conventions and their employees from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action, past, present or future, arising out of any damage or injury while employed by or participating in this camp or event. I agree to indemnify the BSCNC of any and all claims, demands, damages, injuries, costs, suits or causes of action, past, present, or future, arising out of or caused by my child while participating in this camp or event or while on property leased or owned by the BSCNC.

**Complete and sign below (youth under 18 years of age require parent/legal guardian signature)**

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Notary Acknowledgment** (Notary, please affix seal to both sheets)

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the following person(s) personally appeared before me this day, each acknowledging to me that he or she signed the foregoing document: \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_



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## CHURCH GROUP INFORMATION

*(Please bring this completed form with you to registration.)*

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

	Male	Female
Grade 7 (rising)	_____	_____
Grade 8 (rising)	_____	_____
Grade 9 (rising)	_____	_____
Grade 10 (rising)	_____	_____
Grade 11 (rising)	_____	_____
Grade 12 (rising)	_____	_____
College (recent high school graduates and up)	_____	_____
Adults (beyond college)	_____	_____
Total:	_____	_____

## T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

*(Please bring this completed form with you to registration.)*

On the blanks below, indicate how many of each size T-shirt your group needs:

_____	Adult Small	_____	Adult XL	_____	Adult 4XL
_____	Adult Medium	_____	Adult 2XL	_____	Adult 5XL
_____	Adult Large	_____	Adult 3XL		

\*We will have a few 4XL and 5XL T-shirts available, but you must have a real need for this size. T-shirts will be given out on Monday night at the mandatory group leader meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Classroom Building room 101. Camp-themed T-shirts should be worn Tuesday night.



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## RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT FORM

*(Please bring this completed form with you to registration.)*

I have read and distributed the material appropriately to our leaders. We understand that as leaders we are responsible for working with our students to ensure that the camp rules are upheld, so that our focus may remain on Christ. Our students have received the camp rules, and we will uphold them accordingly in their daily routine.

\_\_\_\_\_

Church

\_\_\_\_\_

City

\_\_\_\_\_

Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Youth Minister/Youth Leader

\_\_\_\_\_

Date



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## BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY

***Please read the following background check policy information below, issued by John M. Butler, Executive Leader of Business Services for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The forms mentioned can be found in this document.***

To: Churches providing volunteers for events for children, youth or developmentally challenged adults

From: Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC)

Date: All 2024 camps and conferences

Background checks on all adults — anyone under age 18 cannot be a volunteer from a church or chaperoning a group — who will be chaperoning, participating in group activities or accompanying children, youth or developmentally challenged adults from your church to BSCNC events are a necessary part of protecting them and your church. The Baptist State Convention believes that you, as a church, need to know that you are doing everything you can to protect the children, youth and developmentally challenged adults of your church and also the assets of your church. We hope that you have already put in place a policy that requires background checks for anyone working with children from infants up to those who have reached age 18, and developmentally challenged adults

**The Baptist State Convention must have a form from your church on adults who are attending or working at such events.** We have formatted a sheet on which you can list people who have had background checks and are cleared to work or chaperone. It will be the responsibility of your church to get the background checks completed on all adults going with your group at least one week before departure. Any adult from your church working or chaperoning children, youth or developmentally challenged adults whose name is missing from this sheet will not be allowed to stay on the premises where the event is held or to work with the event in any capacity. This must be done for the protection of all attendees, your church and the BSCNC.

Your church can choose any background company that you like. The BSCNC realizes that if you have not done background checks in the past, you may need to get in touch with a reputable company. At the BSCNC, we have used FirstPoint Resources in Greensboro, N.C. **Here is a list of other background check companies: GuideOne, Shelby Systems, ProtectMyMinistry, BackgroundChecks.com, SecureSearch and MinistrySafe.**

Scott Hall, manager of FirstPoint Resources, is a Baptist and attended Caswell as a youth. Scott has told the BSCNC that he will give churches a special rate of **\$10 per person** for a





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criminal background check and a sexual misconduct check. FirstPoint does charge a **one-time \$25 set-up fee** and FirstPoint requires an **on-site inspection** to be sure that the information you receive is safe-guarded both for the potential volunteers and for your church's security. FirstPoint will arrange with your church for the on-site inspection. **Questions should be directed to Diane Smith at FirstPoint** – not the Baptist State Convention.

Scott and Diane have asked the Baptist State Convention to emphasize that FirstPoint needs time to set up your account and complete the background screening reports. You cannot call them on Wednesday or Thursday to set up a new account before volunteers are leaving on Sunday or Monday to go to camp or a Deep Impact event and expect to have the reports back. **Please contact them to set up your new account at a minimum of 30 days before your volunteers leave for camp. Then, FirstPoint should be able to process the background checks within a 6-to 10-day time frame.**

For those who routinely drive to such events, you may want to also include a driving record — that would be an additional expense. If you would like to use FirstPoint, you must call Diane Smith directly at (800) 288-7408 ext. 3017 or email at [DGSmith@firstpointresources.com](mailto:DGSmith@firstpointresources.com) to set up an account for your church. Please identify yourself as a church that received the letter from the BSCNC regarding adults helping at events for children, youth or developmentally challenged adults.

Thank you for your cooperation. Again, I remind you that you can choose any company you wish to do the background checks. However, the names of all adults attending these events must appear on the form to be presented to registration when your group arrives at the site of the event. **Otherwise, the adults who accompany your church group will not be allowed to remain on campus!**



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**Form to be taken to Caswell for Summer Youth Weeks and given at Check-In.**

The following people from

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Church)

located at

\_\_\_\_\_ (Street Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (City, State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip)

have been cleared by background check — performed by a professional company — to accompany, chaperone and/or work with children, youth or developmentally challenged adults at North Carolina Baptist Assembly during the week of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Any person who is found to have criminal convictions related to sexual offenses shall in no case be permitted to serve in any capacity at BSCNC events.**

Name of Adult	Indicate what each person is doing, such as chaperoning, driving, leading Bible study, overseeing activities, etc.

Use more than one sheet if necessary.

Certified by signature of church pastor, chairman of deacons, head of personnel committee or other church staff or member.

Position in Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## CHAPERONE CODE OF CONDUCT

All chaperones will uphold the highest standards of ethical, professional behavior, above reproach in the sight of God and man. To that end, all chaperones will dedicate themselves to carrying out the mission of Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (“BSCNC”) (and the churches and ministries it serves) with honesty, loyalty, trustworthiness, integrity, impartiality, love, and respect for others.

Therefore, each chaperone agrees to comply with the following, including but not limited to:

1. I will conduct myself in such a way that does not dishonor Jesus Christ, the Scriptures or His mission of the Great Commission. Philemon 2:1-8; Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 1:9-14; 1 John 2:6; Ephesians 5:1-2
2. I will obey the laws of both the United States and, when BSCNC has international involvement, the laws of the respective countries, in a manner consistent with Romans 13. Romans 13:1-5; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:13-14
3. I will respect the structure and responsibilities of BSCNC’s governing Board and uphold and implement policies adopted by the governing Board and Management. Romans 13:1-5; Titus 3:1-2; Hebrews 13:17
4. I will demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity, truthfulness and honesty in all activities in order to inspire confidence and trust in such activities. Proverbs 12:17; 11:1; 12:22; 19:1; Colossians 3:9; Matthew 5:37
5. I will respect and protect any privileged and confidential information to which I have access in the course of their chaperone duties, with the exception of any mandatory reporting I must make pursuant to Paragraph 10 below. Proverbs 11:13; 12:23
6. I will not commit any acts that adversely affect the safety of one’s self or other persons, including violating an established safety rule or generally accepted safe practice. Philemon 2:3; 1 Corinthians 12:25; Ephesians 4:32
7. I will not practice or participate in gossip, talking maliciously about (whether rumor or fact) another BSCNC participant. Proverbs 20:19; 25:9; Romans 14:13; 1 Timothy 5:13; James 4:11
8. I will not practice sabotage, i.e. undermining the efforts of BSCNC or jeopardizing the health and safety of any BSCNC participant. 1 Peter 2:1
9. I will not practice any form of discrimination or harassment. Romans 12:17-21; 1 Peter 3:8-9; Ephesians 4:29; James 1:26. Harassment includes any act or omission that directly or indirectly creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.



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10. I will not practice or participate in sexual harassment. Proverbs 11:9; Romans 12:10; Ephesians 4:29; 5:3-4. Sexual harassment includes any unwanted or unwelcome physical or verbal conduct that directly or indirectly creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment. All chaperones are subject to mandatory reporting laws in North Carolina. Any chaperone who witnesses any form of discrimination or harassment must report it immediately to their church group leader. Chaperones will avoid any type of inappropriate conduct, which can include inappropriate or suggestive comments, gestures, physical contact, and written or social media communication.
11. I will treat all persons with respect and compassion, regardless of race, religion, gender, maternity, marital or family status, disability, sex, age or national origin. John 13:34; Galatians 3:28; 5:14; Ephesians 2:14; 4:32. I will not allow any type of bullying, and if I observe harassment or bullying of any kind, I will intervene in an appropriate way and immediately notify my church group leader.

If any chaperone is found to be in violation of the Chaperone Code of Conduct, BSCNC reserves the right to take whatever personnel and disciplinary actions it deems appropriate up to and including removal, and BSCNC reserves the right to do so in its sole and absolute discretion. BSCNC also reserves the right to reject volunteer chaperone status based upon sexual misconduct.

**I have read and understand the Chaperone Code of Conduct:**

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_