"WILD WEST ADVENTURE"

KIDS CAMP 2027

KIDS CAMP 2027 will be held at Camp Timberlake (1721 GA 83 NORTH/Forsyth, GA 31029) for all boys and girls ages 7-12. This year's theme is "Wild West Adventure" and is centered around a western theme. Here are the dates and information for Kids Camp 2027:

Kids Camp 1 (June 6-9) - Michael Lenahan (Kids Pastor/Cross Assembly/Spring Hope, NC)
Kids Camp 2 (June 9-12) - Michael Lenahan (Kids Pastor/Cross Assembly/Spring Hope, NC)
Kids Camp 3 (June 13-16) - Andrew Tedder (Lead Pastor/Tabernacle Church/Covington, GA)
Kids Camp 4 (June 16-19) - Andrew (Lead Pastor/Tabernacle Church/Covington, GA)

On time registration cost for Kids Camp is $179 for Campers and $159 for Leaders and JR Leaders. A **non-refundable, non-transferable** deposit of $100 is due by Monday, May 10 and is required for every camper and leader attending camp. The cost of Kids Camp covers all meals, lodging, services, and activities & games. Kids Camp T-shirts, if purchased in advance, are $15 each ($20 if purchased at camp). Students & leaders will need to bring additional money for the Snack Shack (CASH & CARD) and the Camp Store (CASH, CHECK, OR CARD).

ADULT VERIFICATION FORM: Every adult participant (18 & older) **MUST** complete an Adult Verification form which is included with this packet and can be found on our website by clicking directly on "Upcoming Events" and finding the Adult Verification Form tab. Please print this form for each leader, have it completed by the leader, then get it signed & approved by the Lead Pastor or Board Member ONLY. Forms should be scanned & emailed to or can be faxed to at 478.405.5902. Any adult who does not have this form approved and signed by their Lead Pastor or Board Member will not be allowed to participate in Kids Camp or any other district function for GA KidMin. If you have completed an Adult Verification Form for any event within the same calendar year prior to Kids Camp, your previous AVF will suffice for Kids Camp; however, you must notify the GA KidMin office which department has your AVF on file. All AVFs must be received by Thursday, May 13. ***Any AVFs received after this date will incur a $20 fee***. **PLEASE NOTE**: We have revised our AVF which now requires the date of the most recent background check for each adult leader (18 or older) applicant***. If the leader does not have a current background check (between May 1, 2025-May 1, 2027) on file with the church, a background check will need to be done by the church prior to submitting any AVF.***

REGISTRATION POLICY:

1. Registration for all Campers, Leaders, and JR Leaders will be done online. Go to **www.gakidmin.org/kids-camp.**
2. **REGISTRATION TIMELINE**
    a. **On Time Registration** - The on time registration deadline for all camps is Monday, May 10. Deposits and balance payments should be paid by credit card or with one check from the church. All checks or online payments for deposits should arrive in the GA KidMin Office by Monday, May 10 (**NOT POSTMARKED BY**). If you have any questions, contact our administrative assistant, via email or via phone (478.405.5901).
    b. **Late Registration** – All ***camper and leader*** registrations received between Tuesday, May 11 and Friday, May 21 **will incur a $20 additional fee** ($199 total for campers/$179 total for leaders).
    c. **Last Minute Registration** - All ***camper and leader*** registrations beginning Saturday, May 22 **MUST** receive registration approval from the GA KidMin Office. All campers **will be assessed an additional $50 fee** ($229 total for campers/$209 total for leaders). Cost of camp must be paid in full beginning Saturday, May 22. No deposits will be accepted at this point.

3. To maximize availability and ensure a smooth registration process for the 2027 camp season, our registration policies are as follows:

1. **Change Fee -** A $10 fee will be charged for each requested registration change involving cancellations, removal of duplicate registrations, or transfer requests. This fee helps offset expenses incurred by GA KidMin. It will not apply to changes that only involve adding a participant to a group. This fee will be added on to your church's invoice.
2. **Duplicate Registrations** - To avoid duplicate registrations, we highly recommend that each individual parent or leader complete their own registrations. We recommend you as the group leader advise families to gather all necessary information (such as medical insurance, emergency contact info, medications, etc.) before registering. This will ensure the form is accurate and complete and reduce the need for later corrections which may result in a charge.
3. **After "On-Time" Registration Deadline*:*** Cancellations made after the registration deadline will result in the forfeiture of the $100 deposit and cannot be transferred. However, any payments in excess of the $100 deposit (if applicable) will be transferred to the church's balance. The forfeited deposit does not include the $10 change fee, which will be charged accordingly.
4. **No-Shows or Same-Day Cancellations*:*** If a participant or leader does not show up for camp or cancels on the day of camp, they will be responsible for the full registration amount. No refunds will be made available.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Registration for all Kids Camps opens Monday, January 4. Because our Kids Camp attendance is growing, we suggest paying deposits/securing spots as early as possible. Follow procedures listed above in order to do this.
2. If you are registering early to secure your spots at Kids Camp, any paid spots that do not have registered campers by the May 10 on time registration deadline will be released. You cannot hold spots at the on time registration price after May 10, hoping to fill them before camp. Registration pricing will be strictly followed as prescribed above.
3. Each registration is subject to a small (approximately $3) fee charged by our registration platform. This fee is mandatory and will be added to your church's invoice.
4. All Adult Verification Forms for leaders must be submitted to the GA KidMin office no later than Thursday, May 13. Any AVFs submitted after this date will incur a $20 late fee.
5. Churches should adhere to a ratio of 1 leader for every 5 campers. You will be allowed at least one female and one male leader per church regardless of number of boys and girls you have. For example, your church brings 3 girls and 2 boys to camp. By ratio (1-5), this only allows for one leader; however, since you have both boys and girls, you can bring a leader for each.
6. All main leaders from each church should be a responsible adult at least 18 years old. Junior leaders (ages 16 & 17) should be utilized as helpers only and not the responsible, main leader for a group of children while at Camp Timberlake.
7. Please pay attention to check in/registration times for all camps. All churches/groups should neither arrive earlier nor later than the scheduled check in/registration time. Please plan your trip accordingly.
8. No students ages 13-15 will be allowed to attend Kids Camps as campers or as Junior Leaders.
9. The main snack shack (next to Valimont Lodge) will be open each afternoon from 2:00PM-4:00PM. Snack shack accepts cash and card payment.

NEW THIS YEAR

1. Deposit amounts have been changed from $50 to $100.
2. Campers cannot be 13 at the time of camp.
3. LATE FEE FOR AVFs - All AVFs must be completed and received by Thursday, May 13. This year, any AVFs received after this date will incur a $20 late fee.

HEAD CHECKS – There will be a head check for lice upon arrival at Kids Camp during registration for all students and leaders. Every church/group should do their own head checks before coming to Kids Camp. We have enclosed a Lice Check information sheet. Please read so no child will be sent home! No refunds will be given if a child is sent home due to active lice or nits!

DIETARY NEEDS – We understand campers and leaders may have special dietary needs; however, we are not able to accommodate these needs through our food service. Those with specific, special dietary needs are allowed to bring their own food. Preparation of this food is the responsibility of the group leaders and not our

kitchen staff. Refrigerator/freezers and microwaves are provided in all lodging areas. Food must be prepared there first then brought to the cafeteria. NOTE: The cost of camp is the same for all campers and leaders even if they have special dietary needs and bring their own food.

SICKNESS POLICY – Any campers or leaders running a fever of 99 or higher, showing any symptoms such as coughing, sore throat, etc, or having been diagnosed with any sickness before coming to camp should not attend camp. The wellness of our campers, leaders, and staff is a high priority, so we appreciate your help with this.

MEDICATIONS – All medications (prescribed and over the counter) taken by any camper or JR Leader under the age of 18 **MUST** be turned in to our First Aid during check in/registration. Please use the provided Medication Information Sheet and follow its instructions. All medications must be administered by our certified First Aid staff not leaders or siblings.

BGMC PROJECT & SPECIAL BGMC OPPORTUNITIES: BGMC is always an important part of Kids Camp. This year we are raising BGMC Funds to help our very own GA Missionaries Bob and Lynn Aston with their new ministry – Harvey Stables. Harvey Stables provides equine-assisted therapy in a safe, nurturing environment to help children with disabilities build confidence, strength, and joy through horse-based therapy. Our goal is to raise $25,000 through GA Kids Camps for equipment, supplies, and resources for this type of therapy. All campers and leaders will attend a BGMC Late Night Round Up the last night of Kids Camp. Every camper and leader who gives at least $20 to BGMC for Kids Camp will get to attend our BGMC Silent Disco (yes, we're bringing it back!). A form will be included with our Kids Camp packet to list all your students and leaders who will be participating in BGMC giving and should be turned in at registration as well. Please include the name of your church on the form to ensure proper BGMC giving credit for your church.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can help you or your church in any way.

Sincerely,

Russell Smith
GA District KidMin Director