



CAMP VINSON VALLEY

(4158 Hwy 41 North - Byron)

An Outreach Ministry of the
Byron United Methodist Church
P. O. Box 6 - Byron, GA 31008
www.byronumc.org

Camp - (478) 788-2272 (not connected until end of May)
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Information to Parents

Camp Vinson Valley is a Christian-based, non-denominational day camp open to all children first grade through seventh grade and/or 7 to 12 years of age. If your child turns 13 years old *after* camp begins, they are still eligible to attend this year. Camp will run from June 1st through July 30, 2010. The camp day is scheduled from 9 am to 4 pm with Pre-camp and Post-camp childcare available between 7-9 am and 4-6 pm.

Camper's have the opportunity to participate in the following activities:

- * Devotions
- * Swimming
- * Canoeing/kayaking
- * Water games
- * Arts and crafts
- * Singing
- * Team building events
- * Outdoor recreation

A Parents' Pack is provided to interested parents in the central Georgia area surrounding the Byron community with information regarding the activities of the day camp, medical information required for attendance, camp fees, and payment policy, what the camper needs to bring each day, sign in/sign out policy, discipline policy, and other vital information. An application form is enclosed with the Parents' Pack. If more than one child is enrolled from a family, each child is required to complete a separate application form.



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DAILY SCHEDULE

CAMP VINSON VALLEY's general daily routine for the summer day camp is as follows:

- 7:00 – 9:00 am **Pre-camp** – A time when campers may be brought to the airnasium by their working parents. This time is spent in the airnasium playing, doing arts & crafts, playing in the game room, or watching a movie in the theater.
- 9:00 – 9:30 am **Council ring** – A morning gathering of the entire camp in order to have a beginning boost for the day with a short sing time and devotional time. In addition, any announcements for the day are made.
- 9:30 – 10:30 am **First session** – The groups divided by age and gender go with their group to a specifically designated activity as part of the camp.
- 10:30 – 11:30 am **Second session**– The groups divided by age and gender go with their group to a specifically designated activity as part of the camp.
- 11:30am – 12:00pm **Noon Session**– The groups come with their group to the airnasium for the blessing, any announcements, and released to eat lunch. (Boys eat in pavilion; girls eat in covered picnic area.)
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lunch and Group Circles** – Boy campers go to the pavilion nearest the bowling alley where they have lunch. Girl campers go to the covered picnic area for lunch. Immediately following lunch (approx. 12:30), the campers go with their own groups to a specified location to slow down/rest and have their daily group devotions.
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm **Third session** – Each group will participate in a specifically designated activity as part of the camp.
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm **Fourth session** -- Each group will participate in a specifically designated activity as part of the camp.
- 3:00 – 3:30 pm **Snack Time** – Each group will go to the open window in the office building for the afternoon snack and beverage.
- 3:30 – 4:00 pm **Council ring** – Each group will return to the airnasium for the last circle meet for all campers at the end of the day.
- 4:00 – 6:00 pm **Post-camp** – Campers will remain in the area of the airnasium after closing of day camp to play and get involved in various activities while waiting to be picked up by their parents.

Camp Fees and Payment Policies

- The weekly fee for **Camp Vinson Valley** is \$100 per child.
- For additional child in the family, \$10 per week will be deducted. Thus, the first child will pay \$100 and all other children in the family will pay \$90 each.
- There is a \$10 per week, per child non-refundable, non-transferable administrative fee due upon initial registration for all campers.
- A \$30 fee will be assessed for any returned checks.

Camp Vinson Valley does not refund camp fees because of the dismissal of a child from the program for disciplinary action. For this reason, we recommend parents discuss the discipline policy with their child(ren). Any other questions can be answered with a call to the Camp Office (478) 788-2272.

The non-refundable administrative fee should accompany the application form. All applications received without a non-refundable administrative fee will be held until the fee is received. A child will not be registered for camp until both items are in.

- Space in **Camp Vinson Valley** is limited. For this reason we urge parents to finalize their plans before registering their child.
- If after registering a child it becomes necessary to change sessions, a parent is urged to call the Camp Office ((478) 788-2272) as soon as possible. Session fees are transferable; however, session changes are limited to space availability.
- If a registered camper fails to show up without prior notification, a full week's fee still applies. The Camp Office must be notified in advance of the start of the new camp week to make any changes! It is the parent's responsibility to notify the Camp Office at least by the Thursday PRIOR to the child not attending, so that someone on the waiting list can be contacted to attend.

Sign in and Sign out Policy

- Campers are not allowed to sign themselves in or out.
- **Camp Vinson Valley** requires parents to personally sign their children in and out. There will be a counselor with a sign in and sign out sheet at the welcome table daily.
- Parents or guardians must provide prior authorization for their children to be picked up by anyone other than a parent or legal guardian.
- If an unauthorized individual attempts to pick up a child, the child will not be granted permission to leave until the parent or guardian has been contacted and authorization received.

Dress Policy

- Appropriate summer play clothes (short pants & T-shirts – no midriff shirts, short shorts or spaghetti strap shirts), socks, and tennis shoes. Boy's pants must fit - No baggy pants with underwear showing.
- Flip Flops and Crocs are not permitted!! For the safety of the camper, ensure children have their feet protected during the very active day camp experience.
- Children are strongly discouraged from wearing jewelry to camp. Jewelry can be dangerous when children are playing, and it is often easily lost, stolen, or damaged.
- Use fragrance-free deodorants, cosmetics, and hair care products, as other campers may have allergies. Also, in a camp environment, insects can be attracted to scented products.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to clearly mark each of their child's items with their name, INCLUDING CLOTHING. A "lost and found" box is in the camp office for parents to check daily. Children have a tendency to not claim misplaced items in front of their friends, so we urge parents to look at the box weekly. Unclaimed/unidentifiable items will be donated to a local charity.

Discipline Policy

One of **Camp Vinson Valley's** goals is for each child to have a memorable and enjoyable experience. The inappropriate, disruptive, abusive, or dangerous behavior of even a single child can mar that experience for an entire group. For this reason, we have found it necessary to institute a discipline policy. On the first day of each session, the discipline policy will be discussed with the children regarding those behaviors that are and are not acceptable. We encourage parents to review with their children the outline below before the first week of their registered camp session.

1. Consistent with the frequency and severity of unacceptable behavior, a camper must:
 - Lose the privilege of participating in a specific event or activity;
 - Be denied special event or activity privileges; or
 - Be placed on probation from the program.

2. In addition, we reserve the right to dismiss a camper from the program for:
 - Refusing to remain with the assigned group during activities;
 - Repeated use of foul or abusive language;
 - Continuing rude and discourteous behavior toward staff members and peers;
 - Frequent fights;
 - Frequent refusal to follow basic safety or **Camp Vinson Valley** rules; or
 - Repeated intentional excursion into unauthorized areas.

Camp Vinson Valley T-Shirts

Camp Vinson Valley provides camp T-shirts for purchase by the campers. These will be available for sale daily at the welcome table or Camp Office! (Cost is the same for adult and child sizes)

Field Trips

A limited number of field trips are scheduled during the summer. Dates and details on these trips are sent home to parents in a flyer at least one week prior to the event.

Camp Closings

- Monday, May 31st - In observance of Memorial Day
- Monday, July 5th – In observance of Independence Day
- **Camp operates on rainy days.** The campsite offers more than sufficient facilities for indoor activities on stormy days.

Medications and Medicine Policy

State law governs the limitations of medication administration to children while in custodial care. Therefore, if a child requires any medication, the following policy is adhered to:

- The senior counselor must administer all medication(s) for their group unless other arrangements are made with the Camp office staff.
- Provide **Camp Vinson Valley** a written authorization when medication is required. The authorization should detail the medication(s), dosage, and frequency. A form is provided in the Parent's Pack.
- All medications to be given to a child during the camp session must be delivered to a camp staff person with written instructions when a child is signed in at the beginning of the day. Parents are strongly discouraged from sending medications with their children.



What Campers Should Bring

- A tote bag/book bag. This bag should have a drawstring or other means of closing securely and be large enough to hold personal belongings such as a swimsuit, towel, lunch, etc. A waterproof bag is recommended.
- Bathing suit and towel each day! Campers swim daily. We do not furnish towels.
- Sack lunch and drinks(s). There are no refrigeration or microwave accommodations at **Camp Vinson Valley!** A small cooler is recommended for sending lunch and drinks in.
- Daily drinks. Parents are encouraged to pack two drinks or more each day – one for lunch and one for snack. Additional drinks should be based on your child's individual needs (fruit drinks are recommended over sodas). **Camp Vinson Valley** provides water coolers at both pavilions to keep campers hydrated during the day. Please **no heat-up meals**.
- **Camp Vinson Valley** has a scheduled "Snack Time" each afternoon, but parents may want to pack another small snack along with the lunch for later in the day.
- Sun Screen. SPF of 36 is recommended. Waterproof sunscreen is preferred.
- For any item brought to camp, parents are strongly encouraged to write their child's name on all items.

Pre-camp and Post-camp Information

Pre-camp (7:00-9:00 am) and post-camp (4:00-6:00 pm) hours provide supervised recreation at **NO ADDITIONAL COST** for parents.

Pre-camp does not open until 7:00 am, and no camper may be dropped off prior to this hour.

Post-camp closes promptly at 6:00 pm. All campers must be picked up by this time.

Campers are dropped off at the designated "drop off site" in front of the **Camp Vinson Valley - 4158 Hwy 41 North, Byron** - airnasium between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 am. Children can be picked up at the same location between the hours of 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Children picked up prior to 4:00 PM, sign-out sheets will be in the camp office.

If an emergency prevents parents from picking up their child before 6:00 pm, they must call the camp office at (478) 788-2272.



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Mail back to: BUMC Day Camp – P. O. Box 6 – Byron, GA 31008
or drop off registration at BUMC, 105 W. Heritage Blvd, Byron

2010 Application Form

Camper Information (Please use separate form for <u>each</u> camper) PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY
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Child's Name _____ Gender: M F
 Address _____
 City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Home Phone () _____
 Age _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Grade Entering _____
 E-Mail Address _____ School attending: _____
 Church Affiliation _____ Pastor's Name: _____
 T-Shirt Size (Circle) Youth Sm Youth Med Youth Lg Adult Sm Adult Med Adult Lg Adult XL

Parent/Guardian Information

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____
 Mother's Work #: _____ Father's Work #: _____
 Mother's Cell #: _____ Father's Cell #: _____
 Emergency Contact: _____
 Emergency Contact Phone: _____
 Relationship to Child: _____
 List other authorized person(s) than parents who will pick up child from camp:

Doctor's Name: _____
 Doctor's Address: _____
 Doctor's Phone: _____
 Hospital Preference: _____

Medical History

Are there any health reasons which would prevent your camper from participating in any camp activities? Y N If yes, please describe:

Does the camper have allergies or any type of dietary restrictions? Y N If yes, please describe:

Does the camper have any current physical conditions or psychological concerns requiring medication, treatment, or special restrictions or considerations while at camp? Y N
(for example: asthma, heart trouble, diabetes, ADD, ADHD, etc.) If yes, please describe:

Camp Themes

Please review and check all camp sessions your child will be attending:

- Week 1 June 1-4 – Getting to Know You (4 days)
- Week 2 June 7-11 – Nature Adventure
- Week 3 June 14-18 – Wet-n-Wild I
- Week 4 June 21-25 – World-wide Wonders
- Week 5 June 28-July 2 – Training Champions
- Week 6 July 6-9 – Olympics (4 days)
- Week 7 July 12-16 – Wet-n-Wild II
- Week 8 July 19-23 – Heroes
- Week 9 July 26-30 – Wet-n-Wild III

Don't Forget: A \$10 per week non-refundable, non-transferable administrative fee must be calculated to determine your initial registration. (see below for more details on Camp Fees)

- Camp will be closed Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day
- Camp will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day

Permission to use camper photos for advertising

Camp Vinson Valley may use pictures of my child in their promotional materials, including both printed and electronic media. Circle one: Yes No

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Camp Fees

- The fee for Camp Vinson Valley is \$100 per week per child. A \$10 reduction will be given for additional children so that the first child will pay \$100 and all other children in the same family will pay \$90 each.
- There is a \$10 per week; per child non-refundable, non-transferable administrative fee is due upon **initial registration** for each week your camper is enrolled. *Example: If you enroll your camper for 3 weeks of camp, a \$30 administrative fee is required.*
- The \$10 non-refundable fee will then be applied and deducted from the \$100 weekly fee. Weekly balances for each camp session are due **Monday morning** when you bring your child to camp.
- The \$100 session fee is based on a **weekly rate!** There will not be any adjustments or refunds given if your child misses a day during the week due to illness, family events, etc.

PARENT'S AUTHORIZATION – Please read carefully

- My child, _____ has permission to engage in all camp activities. Any exceptions are noted on the Medical History form.
- As a parent /guardian of the child, I authorize him / her to attend and take part in ALL Camp Vinson Valley activities.
- I understand that with any Camp environment, accidents may happen. I will not hold Byron UMC, the summer camp staff or volunteer staff liable for such accidental occurrences during the course of activities at **Camp Vinson Valley**.
- In case of emergency, the camp staff and volunteer staff have my permission to give first aid or take the child to a physician for treatment.
- I give my permission to the Camp Director or Manager or to other staff members to call a doctor for medical or surgical care of my child. Should an emergency arise, I understand that a conscientious effort will be made to locate me or my spouse before any action is taken, but if it is not possible to locate us, I understand that any expense will be my responsibility and not **Camp Vinson Valley's**.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Hold Harmless Agreement – Camper

As a parent/guardian of camper _____, I authorize him/her to participate in all **Camp Vinson Valley 2010** activities as sponsored by Byron UMC.

In case of an emergency, the Summer Day Camp Staff and Volunteer Staff have my permission to give first aid, or take my child to a physician for treatment. I give my permission to the Camp Director, Camp Manager or other Staff members to call a doctor for medical or surgical care of my child.

Should an emergency arise, I understand that a conscientious effort will be made to locate my spouse or me before any action will be taken. However, if it is not possible to locate us, I understand and agree that we will accept this expense.

I understand that I will hold **Camp Vinson Valley**, the Summer Day Camp Staff, and Volunteer Staff harmless from any and all liability for occurrences during the course of my child's activities at **Camp Vinson Valley 2010**.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date