

CAMP  
PARADISE

**PARENT INFORMATION PACKET**

JULY 20 – 24, 2022



# CAMP PARADISE

Dear Parent(s):

We are so excited that your student is going to Camp Paradise. This year is going to be a great year! Pastor Clint, Blake, and Jacob will be sharing Camp Speaker responsibilities. John Stegemerten, Gerald Malloy, Olivier Hakizimana, & Melissa McCay will lead our Harris Creek Band. The students will be led through Scripture as they focus on the theme of *Witnesses* in the Book of Acts.

This packet contains important information for Camp Paradise. After reviewing, if you still have questions, please feel free to call the HG Students office at 704-531-4023 (Harris) or 704-531-5336 (Mallard Creek).

**Please note that check-in for Camp will be at Hickory Grove Mallard Creek Campus. Student pick-up will take place after Sunday morning worship at the campus selected during registration.**

Please find enclosed the following information that you will need as you prepare your student(s) for Camp:

- Camp Expectations
- Cell Phone Policy
- Emergency Contact Info
- Required Forms
- Camp Activities
- Packing List
- FAQs
- Important Dates
- Camp Schedule

Camp Paradise 2022 Staff is looking forward to serving your student(s) at Camp!

Serving Him Together,



Jacob Prince  
Student Pastor  
Harris Campus



Blake Maxwell  
Student Pastor  
Mallard Creek Campus

# Camp Expectations

## General Guidelines

- Everyone is expected to attend all meetings, activities, and worship services. This means that everyone should be doing what everyone else is doing. In the event of an emergency, a Camp Director may give permission for a student to stay in their room.
- No guys in girl's dorms. No girls in guy's dorms.
- Do not leave the Camp. Do not go hiking.
- "Lights out" means that all students should be in their rooms and the lights should be out.
- No food or drinks in meeting rooms or dorm rooms. Food must be eaten outside.
- Be aware that you are personally responsible for damage to facilities.
- All medications **MUST** be given to medical staff during registration. This includes prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines.

## Behavior

- No PDA (Public Display of Affection).
- You do **NOT** need to begin or end a relationship during Camp.
- Be respectful to all adult leaders and other students. Rough housing or fighting will not be tolerated.
- No **PRANKING**. We forbid pranking at Camp because it makes it a bad experience for the student who gets pranked, and it distracts from the focus of growing in your relationship with Christ at Camp.

## Dress

- Dress appropriately for all worship services.
- Girls – **modest** one piece or tankinis are required for participation in water activities, including outdoor showering. **THERE SHALL BE NO TUMMY SHOWING AND NO T-SHIRTS OVER TWO-PIECE BATHING SUITS** (girls wearing inappropriate bathing suits will be asked by a female leader to change into an acceptable one piece. If one is not available, they will be asked not to participate in water activities).
- Boys bathing suits – **no Jammers or bathing suits hanging off hips revealing underwear or Jammers**
- Bathing suits may be worn at land recreation but must be covered at all times with shorts and shirt for **GIRLS** and **GUYS** must wear a shirt.
- **NO** short shorts. Girls are not allowed to roll shorts up to make them shorter. If an adult decides your clothing is inappropriate you will be asked to change.
- **NO** skirts or dresses.
- **NO** spaghetti/thin strapped tank tops unless a shirt is worn underneath.

## Cell Phone Policy

- **All students are encouraged to leave cell phones and all other electronics at home.**
- If cell phones are brought to Camp, they should only be used to contact parents at appropriate times during the day. **At no time shall a cell phone be used during a worship service or family group time. If a student is found to be abusing the privilege of having a cell phone at Camp, the phone will be confiscated and returned to the student upon departing Camp on Sunday morning.** If a cell phone is confiscated, the student will still be allowed to contact their parents at any time upon request. This will be communicated to the student at the time of confiscation.
- Overnight student cell phones will be charged in one central location within each lodging area under the watch of adult leaders. This will ensure student cell phone usage is not abused late at night.

## Emergency Contact Information

Jacob Prince, Harris Campus Student Pastor	704-249-0764 (cell)
Blake Maxwell, Mallard Creek Campus Student Pastor	704-401-8127 (cell)
Melissa McCay, Harris Campus Girls' Discipleship Director	806-317-6893 (cell)
Ally Quesinberry, Mallard Creek Campus Girls' Discipleship Director	704-441-3047 (cell)
Sheila Stover, Harris Campus Administrative Assistant	336-862-3576 (cell)
Robyn Jaynes, Camp Director	704-516-7412 (cell)

### Crowders Ridge Camp

130 Camp Rotary Road  
Gastonia, NC 28052  
704-915-1096

## Required Forms

All forms can be found online at [www.HickoryGrove.org/CampParadise](http://www.HickoryGrove.org/CampParadise). These forms are required for your student(s) to attend Camp and must be turned in on or before July 3.

- **2022 ACTIVITY & MEDICAL RELEASE FORM:** Must be signed by the parent and **NOTARIZED**. If you have already turned in a 2022 form (i.e.: CLTWKND, summer activities, etc.), you are good to go. **Please note a new form must be completed every calendar year.**
- **MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION FORM:** This form helps our Medical Team provide the best and most thorough care for your student if they take medication. This form is required for every prescription and over the counter medication your child is bringing to Camp. Please note that a **DOCTOR'S SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED**. It is due **with your student's medication on the day of drop-off, July 20. Original medication packaging is required, or it will NOT be accepted.**
- **CROWDERS RIDGE FORMS:** The link to the forms required by Crowder's Ridge, as well as an instructional video on filling them out, can be found at [HickoryGrove.org/CampParadise](http://HickoryGrove.org/CampParadise)

under *Required Forms*.

## Camp Activities

Camp offers a number of exciting activities that your student can enjoy over the course of the week.

All students will be participating in the following activities, which include but are not limited to:

- Field activities (such as running, throwing, kicking, GaGa ball, etc...).
- Swimming (only after passing a swim test administered by life guards).
- High Ropes Course and Climbing Elements (these are optional in participation and facilitated through trained Crowders Ridge staff).
- Paintball.

If you are concerned about your student participating in any of the activities, please contact the Student Ministry Offices to discuss this further.

## Packing List

- Bible (*write name on inside cover of Bible*)
- Spiritual journal or notepad
- **Water bottle!**
- Casual clothes (enough for 5 days)
- Clothes for recreation and clothes appropriate for worship (If an adult leader decides your clothing is inappropriate you will be asked to change)
  - Closed-toed shoes for land recreation activities (**most of these activities require closed toed shoes**)
  - **NO** short shorts (girls are not allowed to roll shorts up to make them shorter)
  - **NO** thin/spaghetti strap tank tops at any time
  - **NO** skirts or dresses
- Bathing suit (see notes on dress on page 2).
- Sheets for a twin bed and/or sleeping bag, blanket(s), pillow. Dorms are air-conditioned, so it may get cold at night.
- Towels and washcloths (enough for 5 days); separate
- Beach towel
- Personal hygiene items (including, but not limited to shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, feminine products...)
- Medicine (will be dropped-off with medical stay on drop-off day, July 20). **Original medication packaging is required, or it will NOT be accepted.**
- Bug repellent
- Plenty of sunscreen.
- Students: Spending money for Bucks Snack Shack or Crowders Ridge clothing.

### The following items shall not be brought to camp:

- Electronics (i.e. hand-held game consoles (Nintendo Switch etc.)
- Tobacco products, drugs, alcohol, weapons, fireworks, or any illegal item or substance. These items will be confiscated immediately, the parent will be contacted, and possession of these items may result in immediate ejection from Camp. A parent will be required to travel to Camp to pick-up the student. Authorities will be contacted as needed.
- Skateboards or any other item with wheels (i.e. roller blades, wheelie shoes, etc.)
- Pranking items (i.e. shaving cream, silly string, etc.). These items will be taken from you if brought on the bus or to Camp and returned to the PARENT.

## Cancellation Policy

If a student requests to cancel their Camp Paradise registration before **Sunday, July 3**, they will receive a full refund. If the request to cancel occurs on or after Sunday, July 3, the entire Camp fee is forfeited. Our policy applies to all cancellations regardless of original sign-up date. Thank you for your understanding!

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: What should I do if my student calls me and wants to come home?**

**A:** There have been occasions where students will call home and request for a parent to come and pick them up without telling their Family Group Leader or a Director. If your student calls you and wants to be picked up from camp, please contact one of the Pastors listed BEFORE coming to camp. We would like to speak with your student and encourage them to stay. We will talk with you personally, and if the only option is for the student to go home, we can work through that at the time. **Please do not come to pick up your student without notifying one of the staff members above.**

### **Q: What are the sleeping arrangements?**

**A:** Crowders Ridge has several "bunk houses" with rooms that sleep 10-12 people per room. Bed linens **are not** provided, please bring your own. Adults will be present with students in the lodging areas.

### **Q: What is the adult to student ratio?**

**A:** Generally, there is at least one adult to every five students at Camp. All family groups, which consist of 10-12 students, will have at least two adult leaders (male and female).

### **Q: Will there be a medical professional on site?**

**A:** Yes, we will be bringing medical staff along with us. If your student has any special medical needs (i.e. A.D.D., frequent seizures, asthma, diabetic medications, severe allergies) our medical staff need to know. All medications are administered by the medical staff. There will be three medical professionals from Hickory Grove volunteering their time at Camp.

### **Q: What kind of food will be served?**

**A:** Camp food is definitely not gourmet, but Crowders Ridge will exceed expectations in the quality of food. Students will be fed 3 “buffet style” meals a day. If your student has special dietary needs please do not let that keep him/her from Camp, call us and we can work something out. Crowders Ridge has the ability to provide completely Gluten Free meals; when you register your student through Crowders Ridge portal, please make note of this during registration. It is critical for your student to eat balanced meals and stay hydrated at Camp. **Camp can be physically exhausting and students who do not eat or drink appropriately will pay for it by spending quality time with the Camp medical staff and not participating in Camp activities.**

## Forms & Payment Deadline

### Sunday, July 3

- **All payment balances for students must be paid in full, and Medical Releases, Medication Administration Forms, and Crowders Ridge waiver forms must be submitted.**
- If you miss this deadline, please note that no forms or payments will be accepted the morning of drop-off on July 20, unless prior arrangements are made with the Student Ministry Offices.
- **Notaries will be made available for you at the below listed times on Sunday, June 26.**
  - Harris Campus: HG Students Basement area / 9 AM – 11:15 AM
  - Mallard Creek Campus: The Loft / 8:45 AM - 10 AM

## Departure Day

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

**ALL STUDENTS** meet at Hickory Grove **MALLARD CREEK Campus** (13200 Mallard Creek Rd, Charlotte, NC 28262) at **11:15 AM** for check-in

- Required forms and final payment balances **will not be accepted** on this day unless prior arrangements have been made with the Student Ministry Offices. Students without the required forms and payments will not be allowed on the buses to Camp.
- **MEDICATION: (PRESCRIPTION AND OVER THE COUNTER)**
  - Do **NOT** place medication in your student's luggage.
  - Ensure that you provide the medicine in its **original packing**.
  - Prior to arriving for registration, place all medicines in a Ziploc baggie. On an index card, write the student's name, list of medicines, and dosing instructions. Enclose index card in baggie with medication.
  - Ensure that you have also completed a Medication Administration Form.
- When you arrive at Mallard Creek for registration, follow signs for parking.
- Once parked, go directly to the appropriate student registration table where you will be directed to place a luggage tag on your suitcase and place the luggage by an assigned box truck. **Take all items you want on the bus with you at this time. You will not have access to your luggage again until after arriving at Camp.**



- Students will proceed into the Worship Center to be seated with their Family Group for lunch and orientation.
- **Scheduled to leave Mallard Creek Campus for Camp 1:00pm**
- **Scheduled to arrive at Camp at 2:00pm.**

## Return to Hickory Grove

### SUNDAY, July 24

- **Leave Camp at 8 AM.**
- Students will return to their registered HG Campus for Sunday School and Sunday Worship Service. Luggage will be kept in assigned areas on church property and students will be picked up after the appropriate church service.
  - Mallard Creek Campus, 10 AM Service, 13200 Mallard Creek Rd Charlotte, NC 28262
  - Harris Campus, 11 AM Service, 7200 E W.T. Harris Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28262
- **NOTE FOR SELF-DRIVING HARRIS CAMPUS STUDENTS:** If a student drives themselves to Mallard Creek Campus for check-in on Wednesday, you need to arrange on your own schedule to pick up the vehicle. We will not offer a shuffle for Harris Campus students to pick up their cars on Sunday afternoon.

Time

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

<b>5:30am</b>					Wake Up and Clean Up!
<b>6:30am</b>					Grab N Go Breakfast
<b>7:00am</b>					Depart for HG
<b>7:30am</b>		HS Quiet Time	HS Quiet Time	HS Quiet Time	
<b>8:00am</b>		HS Breakfast	HS Breakfast	HS Breakfast	
<b>8:30am</b>					
<b>8:45am</b>		Leader Meeting	Leader Meeting	Leader Meeting	
<b>9:30am</b>		Morning Rally	Morning Rally	Morning Rally	
<b>10:00am</b>					MCC Worship Service
<b>10:30am</b>		HS Land Rec	HS Land Rec	HS Land Rec	
<b>11:00am</b>	Early Team Departs				HC Worship / MCC Pick-Up
<b>11:15am</b>	Check-In (MCC)				
<b>11:30am</b>	Lunch				
<b>12:00pm</b>	Orientation	HS Lunch	HS Lunch	HS Lunch	
<b>12:30pm</b>					HC Pick-Up
<b>1:00pm</b>	Depart for CR	HS Water Rec	HS Water Rec	HS Water Rec	
<b>2:00pm</b>	Arrive / Unpack				
<b>2:15pm</b>	HS Swim Test				
<b>2:30pm</b>		HS Clean Up	HS Clean Up	HS Clean Up	
<b>3:30pm</b>	HS Downtime				
<b>4:00pm</b>		HS Family Group	HS Family Group	HS Family Group	
<b>5:00pm</b>	HS Dinner	HS Dinner	HS Dinner	HS Dinner	
<b>5:15pm</b>					
<b>5:30pm</b>					
<b>6:00pm</b>	Family Group	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	
<b>6:30pm</b>					
<b>7:00pm</b>	Worship Rally	Worship Rally	Worship Rally	Worship Rally	
<b>8:00pm</b>	Debrief	Debrief	Debrief	Debrief	
<b>9:00pm</b>	Late Night	Late Night	Late Night	Late Night	
<b>10:45pm</b>	To Rooms	To Rooms	To Rooms	To Rooms	

## HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Time	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5:30am					Wake Up and Clean Up!
6:30am					Grab N Go Breakfast
7:00am					Depart for HG
8:00am		MS Quiet Time	MS Quiet Time	MS Quiet Time	
8:30am		MS Breakfast	MS Breakfast	MS Breakfast	
9:30am		Morning Rally	Morning Rally	Morning Rally	
10:00am					MCC Worship Service
10:30am		Family Group	Family Group	Family Group	
11:00am	Early Team Departs				HC Worship / MCC Pick-Up
11:15am	Check-In (MCC)				
11:30am	Lunch	Team Activity	Team Activity	Team Activity	
12:00pm	Orientation				
12:30pm		MS Lunch	MS Lunch	MS Lunch	HC Pick-Up
1:00pm	Depart for CR				
1:30pm		Land Rec	Land Rec	Land Rec	
2:00pm	Arrive / Unpack				
2:30pm	MS Downtime	Water Rec	Water Rec	Water Rec	
3:00pm	MS Swim Test				
3:45pm	Clean Up	Rest & Tracks	Rest & Tracks	Rest & Tracks	
5:00pm	Family Group	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	
5:15pm					
6:00pm	MS Dinner	MS Dinner	MS Dinner	MS Dinner	
6:30pm					
7:00pm	Worship Rally	Worship Rally	Worship Rally	Worship Rally	
8:00pm	Debrief	Debrief	Debrief	Debrief	
9:00pm	Late Night	Late Night	Late Night	Late Night	
10:45pm	To Rooms	To Rooms	To Rooms	To Rooms	