



Preteen Camp General Information

Who can go: Students entering the 5th and 6th grades.

When: Monday, July 17 through Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Where: Camp John Hope FFA/FCCLA Center in Fort Valley, GA

Cost:

- Early Bird is May 7 - June 4th cost is \$155.00
- After June 4th the cost is \$199.00.

*A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is collected when registering your child. All balances are due by July 9th and are non-refundable.

Transportation: Please select one option when prompted.

- **Option 1- Take bus from the Church:**
 - Check-In at 8am 7/17, child will ride bus from church to Camp John Hope
 - Pick Up at 5pm 7/19, child will ride bus from camp back to church
- **Option 2- Drive to Camp**
 - Drop off child 7/17 at 9am @ Camp John Hope
 - Pick Up child 7/19 at 4pm @ Camp John Hope

The last day to register for camp will be **July 2nd**.

Mandatory: All students will need to turn in a completed 2023 Participation Form. Please turn in at the registration table on July 9th at the parent information meeting. This meeting will immediately follow service and will be held in the choir rehearsal room in the Main Worship Center.

Unstoppable

We are blessed this year to have our very own Pastor Jim Perdue as our camp speaker. He loves teaching the Preteens and is a gifted communicator of God's Word. We look forward to Pastor Jim as he encourages Preteens to have Unstoppable Faith in Jesus Christ!

Preteen Camp Cost Includes:

- Powerful worship and small groups
- High energy recreational games and music
- Kayaks, Canoes, Archery, Rock Climbing Wall
- All meals, lodging, study materials, and a Preteen Camp T-Shirt

Packing List:

- Bathing suit (for slip n slide)
 - Modest one-piece or full coverage tankini for the girls
- Beach Towel
- Clothing- all clothing must be modest for both guys and girls
 - Bring extra clothing- some games may get messy!
- Sunscreen
- Toiletry items
- Bath Towel
- Physical Bible
- Pillow (If desired, otherwise one will be provided)
- Water Bottle
- Do NOT bring money! All snacks, meals, etc. are included in the price of the camp.

FAQs

1. Where are the students staying while at Camp John Hope Center?

We will be staying in bunk lodging, with two sections that are separated. Girls will stay in one section with female leaders, and boys will be staying in a different section with male leaders. Camp John Hope FFA-FCCLA Center has approximately 200 beds in bunk cabins. All of the cabins have heat and air conditioning. Some cabins are handicap accessible.

- Some have individual rooms with 2 or 3 sets of bunk beds. Each room has a private bathroom.
- Some have one large bunk room plus a counselor room. There are partial walls that create "pods" of four beds for more comfortable lodging.
- The exact bed count varies between 26 to 30 beds.
- They have a common area with table, chairs, and couch.
- All of the bunk cabins are air-conditioned and heated.

If you would like to see photos of the bunk rooms, you can visit <http://www.campjohnhope.com/lodging>

2. What is the dress code and how is it enforced?

The general rule for ALL students is that they dress modestly. This looks different for boys and girls but we value modesty for all our students. If a student does not meet these standards, the female student will be kindly approached by a female leader, and likewise for boys and a male leader. If you would not wear it to CrossTraining or Wednesday night activities, do not bring it to Preteen Camp.

i.Boys: Boys are to always wear a shirt unless they are specifically in water areas; No short shorts, cut-off shirts, tank tops with straps less than 3 fingers width, clothing with explicit images or words, or speedos.

ii.Girls: Girls are required to wear either a modest tankini or a modest one-piece bathing suit (modesty means full-coverage for both the chest and your behind).

We ask that girls do not wear cut-off shirts (crop tops or shirts exposing the side), short shorts, clothing with explicit images or words, or tank tops with straps less than 3 fingers width.

3. What is your phone policy?

In order to minimize distractions and to create opportunities for better social interaction, we encourage students to leave their phones & electronic devices at

home. However, for those who feel the necessity to bring a phone or electronic device, there will be device-free times during camp when the students' phones will be collected. Our goal for collecting their devices is to eliminate distractions during worship, lower screen time, and protect innocent eyes and ears. If you are not able to contact your student, we will give you multiple leaders' phone numbers for emergencies.

4. Who runs and coordinates Preteen Camp?

Preteen Camp is 100% organized, run, and coordinated by Second Baptist Church. The Camp John Hope staff will be providing meals and supervision over certain activities such as the ropes course & rock climbing wall. You can rest assured that every song, activity, service, and leader is chosen with integrity and excellence.

5. How are the groups chosen and divided?

Students are mostly divided by grade and gender. Pastor Jimmy and the Preteen ministry leaders will base most of the decisions on relationships (either with other students or leaders). We always do what we think is best for your student both socially and spiritually.

6. Will my student ever be alone?

No. We instruct students to hang out in groups of threes or more. Students are also not allowed to be in their rooms alone (even during free-time). Regardless of what activity they are participating in, there will always be adult supervision.

7. What water safety precautions are in place?

Students are not allowed to be near the lake without adult supervision. For the canoeing & kayaking activities, all students will be required to wear a life preserver. The Camp John Hope pool is under construction and we will not be utilizing it this season.

8. How can I find out more detailed information about my child's camp experience?

Please join us at the mandatory parent meeting on July 9th at noon following the service. We will meet in the choir room in the Main Worship Center.