

# CHAPERONE GUIDEBOOK 2021



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For Children Who Completed 3rd - 6th Grades

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To The Brave 2021 Kid's Kamp Chaperones!

Welcome to *Kid's Kamp*! As of February 2021, plans are underway for camp this summer. We are so grateful and hopeful to have camp on-site this year.

I believe you are excited about this great opportunity to serve our Lord and His church through *Kid's Kamp*. Please pray for the camp, the campers, camp leadership, and yourself as we make preparations for this special week. Your most important preparation is your spiritual. God has specific reasons to call you as a chaperone. He plans to release His presence in and through you!

This Chaperone Guide has been prepared for your use both before and during camp. Please read it carefully. It will provide answers to questions you might have and helpful information as you prepare for an effective week of ministry.

You and the parents of your campers will be encouraged to know that Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly in partnership with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio take security very seriously. As of 2019, every person 18 years old and older must provide a background check. The contact person for your church will request your background check and your pastor will affirm it is on record at church.

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, there is additional paperwork for you to read and sign. The document is titled, *2021 Camp Covid Policy Agreement*. If you have not received this document, please find it at [www.scbo.org/kidskamp](http://www.scbo.org/kidskamp) or contact me, information below.

Please arrive at Seneca Lake between 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. on Monday for registration. If this is your first time to serve as a chaperone, and especially if this is the first time your church is participating in Kid's Kamp, please let the Camp Director know during the Monday night chaperone meeting.

Thank you for your willingness to be a camp chaperone. You are a key in the success of *Kid's Kamp*. Without you, the personal touch that is so vital to God's work in the life of our children will be missing. Bible Learning Leaders will be working closely with you to connect with the campers. I appreciate your service to our Lord.

In Him,



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## **Expectations for Chaperones:**

To follow Ohio CDC Covid Guidelines, each church is requested to send hand washing soap, paper towels, forehead thermometer with extra batteries, and extra masks with you to provide campers with necessary supplies. Chaperones will be counted on to record each campers and their own temperature each morning and evening during camp.

Chaperones are not expected to be experts in all phases of the camp program. Rather, each chaperone contributes to the program his or her talents and abilities while learning through experience, cabin meetings, and reading. It is far more important for a chaperone to possess a wholesome, Christian personality than it is for him or her to be an expert in all phases of camping or outdoor sports. Bring your love for children, your eagerness to learn, your willingness to teach others, your desire to share, and we'll pool all our talents to get the best experience possible for each (and every) one of us at Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly. This experience will help us see that genuine Christianity must invade and permeate every area of our life and it is not relegated to certain times and places thought of as definitely "religious."

The campers assigned to you are your world for a week. Your first and chief duty is to the campers in your cabin. What takes place in the life of your cabin determines the value of the camping experience to the campers. Try to reach into the life and personality of each camper for God. Help to relate the program activities to the life of each camper. Be a faithful guide, an understanding companion and you will be a wise and successful chaperone.

The camper's weeklong attitude is often determined in the first few hours at camp. This is your time – your responsibility as a chaperone. Politely encourage drivers to leave immediately and assure them that all preparation has been made for the "well-being" of the campers. Put up welcome signs in the cabin, decorate, and help create a positive atmosphere, as you wish. When hanging things be careful to not damage the cabin.

The first night is very important. Campers are usually tired from traveling. Many of the campers will be away from their family for the first time. Watch for symptoms of homesickness. Try to help them see that the experience here will help them to be a little more grown up. The chaperones should see that everyone is familiar with the scheduled activities and plans.

Although there will be Bible studies and messages, your campers will learn more of the spirit of Christ, the truth of God's Word and attitudes of Christian living from the quality of your life than they will in a formal group. Much of what they gain spiritually from camp will be caught rather than taught. You will be the one from whom they catch it.

Mission Ohio, our vision to reach one million believers in two thousand twenty congregations by the year 2020, requires us to plan ahead to be prepared with children's workers. Our desire is that as you work with the Bible Learning Leaders and the camp staff this week, you will seek one or more of these children's workers to be a mentor for you. Prayerfully consider if God is calling you into children's ministry.

## **Camp Rules:**

- A. Locate the placement of fire extinguishers in your cabin.
- B. All trash is to be placed in trash containers.
- C. Wet swimsuits are to be placed on the clothesline.
- D. Smoking is not permitted on the campgrounds or in camp buildings at any time.
- E. Only the nurse may administer any camper medications, including over-the counter medications.
- F. Mail is to be in the box in the dining hall, by 10:00 a.m. each day. Mail will be delivered daily to the dining hall.
- G. Light bulbs, toilet tissue, mops, brooms, etc., are to be secured from the SCBO representative.
- H. Masks wearing, handwashing, social distancing, and temperature checks are mandatory except while sleeping, eating, or swimming.
- I. There is a NO DRIVING POLICY at the camp. This is for the safety and well-being of the campers. Only the camp director will grant exception to this rule for health reasons.

## **Personal Packing List:**

- Minimum of three cloth masks and personal hand sanitizer
- Bible, notebook, pen/pencil
- Water bottle
- Sleeping bag/bedroll, pillow, sheets
- Towels and wash cloths
- Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, and other personal items
- Shorts, sport clothes, jeans, t-shirts (***sleeveless and spaghetti strap shirts are not permitted***)
- Walking shoes
- Swimwear and towel
  - girls: one-piece swimsuit and cover-up
  - boys: boxer-type swimsuit and t-shirt
- Night clothes
- Sweater or light-weight jacket
- Grungy outfit (including socks) for special outdoor events
- Extra spending money for snack shack (suggested \$10.00)

**Junior Chaperone:**

Junior chaperones are 14-17 year old members of Southern Baptist Churches, who volunteer at Kid's Kamp to serve as helpers for Camp Directors and chaperones.

Junior Chaperones may not take the place of an adult chaperone, campers are not to be left under Junior Chaperones authority. Rather, Junior Chaperones assist chaperones in helping campers to organize their things and time, running errands for the chaperone, and other ways a chaperone requests. Junior chaperones are encouragers for campers who need encouragement. Junior chaperones help set a positive tone and attitude.

**Severe Weather Protocol:**

All activities will shift inside to the activities building when it rains during recreation time.

In the event of a bad storm, chaperones should stay with your campers in the cabin or sit with them if we are at the chapel or dining hall. In the evening heavy thunderstorms accompanied by lightening may occur. At those times, the campers have a tendency to become excitable and your presence is needed for calm assurance.

**Suggestions for Homesickness:**

Be watching for campers who don't seem to be accepted by the group or are guests of your church and may be strangers to most of the campers. Be friend them and help them build friendships with other campers.

Have a welcoming sign such as "Hi, Campers." The first day at camp is as important as the last. If you are desire, you might bring various things to promote unity. One idea is bring bandanas or some other items to show unity in the group. Also, the campers may name their group and write poems or songs to sing as they walk from activity to activity.

See that your attitude is one of care for and complete fairness to each camper. Try to avoid snap judgments.

See that adjustment to the small cabin group is reasonably complete before adjustment to camp as a whole is attempted.

Secure active participation by all campers in the cabin responsibilities and activities.

Do all in your power to help each camper acquire a sense of belonging and of being wanted. As in the case of the timid child, more forceful methods – such as ridicule or the "slap-on-the-back" kind of welcome may merely increase the camper's fear.

Calling home is discouraged, but helping a camper write a note to their family may speed up the adjustment.

## General Guidelines:

1. **Chaperones follow the same regulations (including dress code) and schedule as the campers.** Kid's Kamp is a challenging, but enjoyable week.
2. There are to be no visitors at camp, no one is to leave the grounds without permission.
3. Registration is from **2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Monday at the Gym.** Upon arrival chaperones will need to help campers locate their cabins, select a bunk, and get unpacked. Introduce them to their cabin mates.
4. Chaperones will be responsible for a group of up to 7 campers, and will see to their participation in all camp activities.
5. Familiarize the campers in your cabin with the rules in connection with swimming, necessary health precautions, procedures in the dining hall, the operation of the snack bar and the care of property belonging to himself/herself, to others, and to the camp.
6. Attend staff meetings at designated times and contribute to the planning and discussion of camp problems, programs, procedures, etc. Chaperones work with the Bible Learning Leader assigned to their group during Bible Learning time as well as encourage and assist campers with memory work, or assignments.
7. Conduct a daily cabin meeting with your campers. Know where the campers in your cabin are and what they are doing at all times. See that campers know what is expected of them.
8. Know the camp schedule for the day—keep your cabin in tune with what is going on. Chaperones interpret the program to the campers.
9. Cell phone use during camp is strongly discouraged.
10. Report all accidents to the Camp Director as they happen, no matter how minor.
11. Plan with the campers for a clean and neat cabin. As a chaperone, you are not to do the work, but to encourage and lead the campers to do it.
12. Do not bring valuable jewelry to camp.
13. Lead a “cabin devotion time” in the cabin at bedtime. You may use the provided information that uses the camp theme, or let the Holy Spirit lead your preparation. Let the group participate as much as possible. Prior to prayer time (which should be the final thing at night) every camper should be ready to go to sleep. See that all drinks, going to the bathroom, and such is done ahead of this time.
14. Observe lights out.

15. When you need personal supplies from town, give a list of needs and the money in an envelope to the Camp Director or other designated person. When he/she makes a trip to town, supplies will be purchased if available. Daily trips to town are not practical, unless there is an emergency.
16. Avoid cliques and gossip. Be willing to state problems you see, but discuss such problems only with the Camp Director and those involved, not everyone else.
17. Chaperones are expected to be with your campers at all times throughout the day and night.
18. When campers are in the cabin, you should be there also. **NO ONE is to be in the cabins during recreation period or when there is a scheduled activity.**
19. Be friendly, tactful, patient and loyal to other chaperones, and the camp staff. Create a genuine attitude of appreciation for abilities and accomplishments of others.
20. Share responsibilities—avoid drawing the line where one chaperone's responsibility ends and another begins. Work together and share the sense of a job well done.
21. Always be on the lookout for all factors having a bearing on the health and safety of the campers. Instill in the campers that they should wear clean masks and clean clothes, bathe, get adequate rest, and maintain a quiet, relaxed atmosphere during meals.
22. Observe the dining hall procedures for serving and social distancing. Volunteers must complete a deeper level of cleaning between meals, please take your campers outside after meals.
23. Set a good example for campers. Young people have a tendency to mimic or copy those they admire. Perform other duties as requested.
24. Endeavor to win your campers to Christ but do not pressure or force a decision. You should talk to campers privately or make arrangements for the Camp Director or Camp Pastor to talk with them.
25. Be positive. When the Camp Manager or the Camp Director must make a decision, there is a reason. If you or some of the campers don't particularly like the decision, accept it and help the campers know there are times when people have to follow their leader's decisions without complaining.
26. Help campers to avoid "homesickness" by showing a real interest in and concern for each camper. Find out the interests and abilities of each. Involve them in the planning and carrying out of the plans.

## **Dining Hall:**

1. Food is served cafeteria style.
2. Meal times are scheduled.
3. Campers will form lines, respecting social distancing, outside the dining hall where a blessing is said before the meal. Weather permitting, outside seating is valued.
4. Chaperones may help by explaining the procedure to the campers before coming to the dining hall. Chaperones may be asked to help in seating the campers in an efficient and quick manner.
5. Chaperones are requested to help the campers with table manners.
6. Let the Camp Director know about birthdays. We will sing to those who celebrate the event during camp.
7. No one is allowed in the camp kitchen. All food is prepared and served by employed staff.
8. If chaperones or campers have food issues, requiring them to bring their own food, contact the SCBO representative before camp to make special arrangements.

## **Injury Guidelines for First Aid:**

1. Administer aid to the injured person to the degree you are qualified and assist the injured in getting to the nurse for additional treatment. Report to the nurse any treatment administered prior to transporting the injured individual.
2. In the event there is potential head, neck, or spine injury, do not move the injured person but notify the nurse immediately. Do not leave the injured unattended at any time.
3. If the injury appears critical the nurse will see that the Camp Manager and Camp Director are notified immediately.
4. A First Aid Kit is available at the boat dock and with Camp Director.
5. If the injured is unable to move due to a broken bone, possible neck or back injury, unconsciousness, etc. send someone for the nurse. Administer first aid and keep the injured warm and quiet and follow directions of the nurse once she has arrived. As soon as possible the nurse will complete an accident report.



### **Boating Safety:**

1. Life jackets MUST be properly worn at all times on the dock and in the paddleboats with NO EXCEPTIONS. Face masks are required at the boat docks.
2. During boating times the Recreation Director will decide the number of chaperones needed to assist the boat dock attendant.
3. Campers are not to be on the dock until the scheduled time set by the Recreation Director.
4. Horseplay on the dock and fishing from the boat dock are not allowed.
5. Posted rules and regulations must be read and adhered to at all times, failure to do so will result in the loss of boating privileges.
6. The boat dock attendant will determine the number of persons per boat.
7. No ramming of boats. Boaters will be held liable for damages.
8. Do not stand up in the boat except in the docking area. No water splashing or water fighting at any time.
9. Boating groups are scheduled in intervals to allow time to assign life jackets and give instructions.

### **Swimming Pool Regulations:**

1. Always respect the lifeguard. He or she is trained for safety. Obey their instructions.
2. Face masks are required at the pool, but not in the water.
3. During swimming periods adult chaperones oversee the conduct and attire of the swimmers. Ratio: 1 chaperone to 10 swimmers
4. No running or horseplay on the deck of the swimming pool.
5. One must "try out" to be permitted in the deep section of the pool. The test shall consist of swimming across the pool and back. The lifeguard giving the test shall judge the buoyancy and form of the swimmer before passing him/her.
6. Clothing must be worn over the swimsuits going to and from the swimming pool.
7. Diving will be permitted only in a specified area of the pool.

## **Worship:**

1. A regularly scheduled worship service is planned for each day.
2. During the worship, church groups or cabins will sit together, socially distanced from other groups.
3. CABIN DEVOTIONS are held each evening just before bedtime with a chaperone directing a devotion. The devotion time is ended with prayer.
4. There are outdoor opportunities for worship. These can be moments alone with God or someone leading a devotion. Chaperones may coordinate groups to be on Vesper Hill at sunrise to worship Jesus.
5. Daily schedules begin with a time of worship at the flagpole or outside the dining hall.

## **Decision Time:**

It is assumed that every person serving as a camp chaperone has adequate experience in leading a person to faith in Christ. Yet this is not always the case. Even though you share a deep love for children and a strong desire to communicate your faith, it is essential to know exactly how to help someone who wants to accept Christ.

A few basics to personal evangelism that may be helpful as you serve as a chaperone:

Questions to ask the camper when he/she comes forward.

- A. What did you have in mind as you came forward?
- B. What decision have you made, or are you making?
- C. Have you ever made a decision for Christ before?
- D. How in your mind does one become a Christian?

You may give a **brief** testimony of your conversion, then gently lead the inquirer to share his or her own experience. (NOTE: The chaperone needs to find out about the spiritual background of the inquirer.)

Common needs reflected in decisions made:

- A. Need for salvation.
- B. Need for assurance.
- C. Restoration to fellowship.
- D. Commitment to some area of Christian service.

Decision Cards will be provided, please fill them out as completely as possible. SCBO representative will communicate decisions with campers pastor. Follow-up efforts by the local church are very important for campers continued spiritual growth.

Quote scripture or point it out in your Bible.

- A. God loves you (John 3:16, 10:10)
- B. Man is sinful (Romans 2:23, 6:23)
- C. Jesus is the provision (John 14:6, Ephesians 2:8-9)
- D. We must trust Jesus (John 1:12, Revelation 3:20)
- E. What you must do:
  - 1. Admit your need (I am a sinner.)
  - 2. Be willing to turn from your sins (repent)
  - 3. Believe that Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.
  - 4. Through prayer, invite Christ to be the Lord of your life. (Trust him to be Savior and Lord)

### Prayer of Commitment

Have the camper pray on their own, or with you out loud, phrase by phrase. (See above)

Assurance: John 6:47 (Have the camper making the decision read this out loud.)

- A. Refer to his/her prayer and remind the camper of inviting Christ into his/her life.
- B. Ask: In who are you now trusting for eternal life?
- C. Ask: If you were to die tonight, where would you go? (NOTE: eternal life = heaven)