

# 2012 PARENT INFORMATION

and contractual terms of enrollment

**Please keep this portion for your personal records.  
Read carefully before signing your child's application.**

Vesper Point has a rich tradition of camping since 1954. This past summer over 800 campers from all around the United States experienced camp. We are a Christian camp and conference center located on Lake Chickamauga in Soddy Daisy, TN.

CVP offers a week packed with fun, excitement and the opportunity to experience life changes. Kids refer to their camp experience as "the best summer of my life," "home away from home" and "my favorite place to be." We are fortunate each year to have a high rate of returning campers. Many attend four to six consecutive summers and literally "grow up" in camp.

Our staff is made up of primarily young college men and women from all across the United States who come to invest their summers in the lives of our campers.

**Please visit our website at [www.vesperpoint.org](http://www.vesperpoint.org) for more information.**

**Call us if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming you to our family!**

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Applications may be picked up at the church office or downloaded from our website: [www.vesperpoint.org](http://www.vesperpoint.org). Checks should be made out to: Camp Vesper Point. Visa and MasterCard accepted.

The following is required for registration:

- \$100 deposit (applied toward camp cost)
- Completed application
- Recent photograph
- Parent's signature

Once a camper is registered, they will receive an invoice confirming their session dates, any balance due and what forms are still needed. Before camp starts, campers must complete our medical form, turn in a copy of their medical insurance card and submit a notarized copy of our liability release form.

Switching Session Fee: \$25 (applicable after May 1st)

Returned Check Fee: \$20

## **CAMP SESSIONS AND PRICES**

Session #1	June 11-16	Pioneer	Rising 6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> grade
Session #2	June 18-23	Middler	Rising 4 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade
Session #3	June 25-30	Pioneer	Rising 6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> grade
Session #4	July 2-7	Middler	Rising 4 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade
Session #5	July 9-14	Pioneer	Rising 6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> grade
Session #6	July 16-21	Middler	Rising 4 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade

### Cost

\$500

Early Bird Special of \$450 if paid in full by February 1, 2012

\$50 Recruiting Coupons expire April 1, 2012

Campers who turn in coupons after they have paid full tuition will be refunded in April after coupons expire.

## **CANCELLATIONS**

All cancellations must be in writing, either by email, letter or fax.

Prior to February 1, 2012: Full refund.

February 1 - April 1, 2012: \$50 of deposit is forfeited

April 2 - May 1, 2012: Entire \$100 deposit is forfeited along with 1/2 of remaining tuition.

Within 4 weeks of Session: All money is forfeited.

All forfeited funds are added to our Camp Scholarship Fund and cannot be credited to another year. Deposits

are non-refundable and can be transferred to a siblings account up to May 1. If a camper needs to cancel due to health reasons they must submit a doctor's note in order to receive a refund. **This refund, though, will not include their \$100 deposit.**

The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss any camper whose behavior becomes detrimental to the other members of camp. No refund will be made for absences, dismissals or withdrawals before a camp session ends.

### **INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF CAMP**

Room and board, canteen snacks, camp theme T-shirt, cabin photo and all activities except for water ski clinic.

### **OPENING & CLOSING DAY**

Arrival time is Monday between 8:30-10:00 AM. After dropping off your camper come to the camp office to make sure their registration is complete. Drop off luggage on your way out. Please contact the camp office if your arrival will be later.

**Make sure your camper arrives with their bathing suit on under their clothes and a towel in hand.** They will be taking their swim test before heading to their cabins to unpack. Say your goodbyes before dropping off your camper. Once they leave your vehicle you will not see them again until Closing Day. After dropping off your camper, you will park your car and check your camper in at the Camp Office. The Camp Store will be open at this time.

Saturday Closing Day – Pick up your camper between 9:00 & 10:00 AM. Drive in, pick up luggage, locate your camper, meet counselors and head home when you are ready.

Our Camp Store will be open on Opening Day and Closing Day for campers and their families to purchase items. It will not be open for campers during the camp sessions.

### **CABIN REQUEST POLICY**

It is our policy to do our best to honor SINGLE MUTUAL requests from two campers wanting to room together if their age and grade level allow. **These requests are not guaranteed.** All requests must be noted on the applications. All cabin placements are revealed on Opening Day. Cabin changes cannot be made on Opening Day.

### **MAIL & PACKAGES**

During the summer, all mail should be mailed to:

**Camp Vesper Point; 3216 Lee Pike; Soddy Daisy, TN 37379**

### **DO NOT MAIL PACKAGES OR MAIL TO THE CHURCH ADDRESS IN CHATTANOOGA!**

When sending packages to campers, please adhere to our guidelines of what not to bring. Packages are optional and not encouraged. All postal mail will be delivered to campers daily as it arrives.

- Notes brought on Opening Day for campers will be given as labeled.
- Packages brought on Opening Day or purchased at the Camp Store on Opening Day will be given to campers on Tuesday and Thursday.
- **Do not include money, food, candy or gum in letters or packages.** CVP reserves the right to confiscate food, candy, or gum.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

Light blanket/sleeping bag	Pajamas	Raincoat/poncho	Small back pack
Single sheet	Sweatshirt	Dark/Camouflage clothes	Water Bottle
Pillow	Swimsuit (1-piece for girls)	Bible, pen & notebook	Laundry bag
Shorts (modest length)	Tennis shoes	Toiletry items	Goggles (optional)
T 'shirts (no spaghetti straps)	Water shoes (optional)	Flashlight	Camera (optional)
Undergarments	Bath & beach towels	Insect spray	
Blue jeans	Wash cloths	Sunscreen	

One night each week we will have a counselor Scavenger Hunt and a Hoe Down. For the Scavenger Hunt, campers may want to wear dark clothing. For the Hoe Down we encourage campers to dress western style.

## **WHAT NOT TO BRING**

Alcohol/tobacco products, portable electronic devices including cell phones, iPods and video games, fireworks, comic books/magazines, inappropriate t-shirts, spaghetti strap shirts, weapons, chewing gum, candy, or other food and drink products, silly string, jewelry, and watches. Many of these items are often lost or broken and we cannot be responsible.

## **CLINICS**

Clinics are activities that campers choose on their application and are assigned to before they arrive at camp. They last each morning for almost one hour. Each camper chooses two clinics on their application. These have limited spaces and are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. If your camper does not get their first two choices, most likely they will have other opportunities throughout their week to participate in them. Campers will not be assigned duplicate clinics. Because of the high demand of water ski and blob & inflatables, campers cannot have both clinics during the same week.

### **Arts/Crafts**

**Baseball/Softball:** Suggest glove, ball cap

### **Blob**

**Clinic Sampler:** Samples a different clinic each day

**Dance:** Basic dance moves choreographed to popular Christian music

**Drama:** Improv skits & activities using our well-stocked skit closet

### **Fishing**

### **Frisbee Sports**

**Guitar & Worship:** Campers should have a basic knowledge of the guitar and must bring their own guitar

**Kayaking:** Suggest ear plugs, nose clip, goggles

**Pavilion Sports:** B-ball, 4-square, volleyball, floor hockey, etc.

### **Sand Volleyball**

**Soccer:** Suggest shin guards

**Swim & Inflatables:** Swim instruction and time on water trampoline and water mats

**Tennis – Advanced & Beginners:** Campers should bring their own racket

**Water Ski:** Additional fee of \$25

## **MEDICAL POLICY**

We have a Registered Nurse or Doctor on our staff each week to dispense medications and handle any medical situations that may arise. The Camp Director reserves the right to refuse any applicant whose condition is beyond our [professional] and medical accommodations. Please contact us prior to registering if your child has any special medical conditions or needs (ie. peanut allergy, diabetes, special diets, etc.)

We thoroughly check all campers and staff for lice upon arrival. If any nits are found we will discreetly ask the parent to take the child home until he/she can be treated and return nit-free.

**Medications:** All Medication (both prescription and over-the-counter) **must be checked in with the Camp Nurse at the time of registration.** Prescription medicines MUST be in a pharmacy-labeled container, including dosage and instructions, with the camper's name as the primary patient. If the physician has changed the dose from that of the indicated instruction on the label, a note from the physician will be needed stating the new instructions. Please send enough for the entire session, along with a 7-Day pillbox as noted on the Medical Form.

Note: If your camper has been on medication to help control behavior, and you have chosen to take him/her off for some reason, we need to know of the condition and the medication used for controlling it.

### **PARENT COMMUNICATION**

We take our responsibility to care for your child seriously. We will call you if your child is in the infirmary over night, is seriously homesick or if we have other concerns for which we need your input and any emergency situations.

We do not allow personal phone calls or visits for the campers, either incoming or outgoing during a camp session. Mid-week interruptions are not allowed except for an emergency. If an emergency at home arises, please call our Camp Office at (423) 332-1849.

You may not drop off mail or any other items at camp during a camp session. You may however, call our Camp Office at any time. Leave a message and someone in the office will return your call promptly. All postal mail will be given to campers on the day it arrives.