CEDARKIRK
a place apart to build up the body of Christ in love
CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER



Parent Handbook

CEDARKIRK DAY CAMPS



WELCOME TO

CEDARKIRK DAY CAMP

Adventure-based faith-focused day camps

FALL BREAK,
SPRING BREAK, &
SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Welcome to Cedarkirk Day Camps!

We are so excited you're including Cedarkirk in your camper's plans! Our Day Camp programs will provide your camper with an unforgettable camp experience.

This handbook will orient you to our Day Camp programs, address some questions you may have, and give you a sense of what your child will experience out here in the woods during their time with us.

Our staff love outdoor ministry - and sharing that love with Cedarkirk campers. We create a safe and welcoming environment where your camper can thrive, grow, and connect more deeply to God and the natural world around us.

Read on to find out more about our Day Camps. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know your camper soon.

Blessings and Peace,

Mandy Goff
Program Director

WHO'S WHO AT CEDARKIRK

Leadership Staff

BUSINESS MANAGER	Debbie Campos
FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR	Jackie Butler
PROGRAM DIRECTOR	Mandy Goff
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Matt Shick



Day Camp Staff

We hire a team of energetic and nurturing counselors who are committed to caring for your camper. They are integral in shaping and upholding the supportive community that defines a Cedarkirk program.

All staff go through an extensive hiring process which includes personal interviews, a variety of background checks (including Level II fingerprint screening), certification in CPR, first aid, and use of an AED, and training across a huge spectrum of topics.

Our staff are equipped with the skills necessary to create a physically and emotionally safe environment where your camper can thrive, learn, and have fun!



Age Groups

We offer day camps for kids who have completed Kindergarten through fifth grade. They are grouped according to age: K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grades, and 6th-8th grades. For the younger group we maintain a ratio of 1 counselor per 6 campers; and for the older groups a ratio of 1 counselor per 8 campers.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A DAY CAMPER...

The Day Camp Experience

Your camper will be part of a "family group" - a group of campers with two counselors. It is with this small group that each camper will experience all of Cedarkirk's activities. A few times a day the family groups will join together for lunch and group activities.

In the family group model your child can expect to make new friends, try new things, work within a group to overcome challenges, grow physically, spiritually, and emotionally, serve others and the camp, and have tons of fun!

This model also ensures the highest level of supervision and helps our counselors make sure every camper feels safe and included as a part of our summer camp community.

Sample Daily Schedule

8:00	Early Drop Off
8:30a	Drop Off
9:00	Morning Watch
9:30	Team-building Games
10:00	Adventure Block
11:15	Nature Block
12:30p	Lunch
1:00	Song Time
1:30	Pool Time
2:45	Activity Block
4:15	Worship/ Snack
4:30	Pick Up
5:30	Late Pick Up

ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE:

- climbing wall
- arts & crafts
- creek stomping & shark's tooth hunting
- tower zip line
- canoeing
- archery (3rd grade and older)



HELPFUL INFO & FAQS

What is your discipline policy?

We work hard to maintain an environment of safety, inclusion, and fun. We want every camper to feel at home with us - like camp is a place where they can be their most genuine self. When a camper's behavior threatens the environment we have created, staff work with the camper to evaluate their decisions and coach them toward better decisions. Our goal is to resolve each issue or conflict in a healthy, positive way. Violent behavior is never tolerated at Cedarkirk: campers who act or threaten violence toward themselves or others are removed from their group and sent home.

What do you do during severe weather?

During a thunderstorm, campers move to secure, covered buildings like the Pavilion or a lodge to wait out the storm. Our counselors are trained in leading alternate indoor activities during these short periods of bad weather. In spite of rain, campers have fun playing and laughing inside Cedarkirk's facilities. We try our best to reschedule activities that have been cancelled due to inclement weather so every camper can participate in the camp favorites!

How do I get a message to my child ?

We do not allow campers to use cell phones while at camp. If you have a problem or an emergency, please contact Mandy at 813-685-4224 x2 and we will quickly relay any message to your child.



DROP OFF & PICK UP INFO

Drop Off

Day Camp's busy activity schedule begins promptly at 9:00 am each day.

- Daily camper drop off is between 8:30 am and 9:00 am.
- Early drop off is available at an additional cost between 8:00 am and 8:30 am.

*Plan for Monday's drop off to take slightly longer than usual so we can double-check your list of approved pick up people, etc.

Pick Up

The day's programming ends at 4:30 pm each day. Campers have the option to play or do crafts until they're picked up.

- Daily camper pick up is from 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Late pick up is available at an additional cost between 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm.

We do not accommodate drop off or pick up outside of the times listed above. These times are strictly enforced. Repeated early drop offs or late pick ups may result in your camper being removed from the program.



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What if my child has special needs?

We strive to provide the best possible experience for every camper, but we are not set up as a camp for children with special needs. If you would like to see whether or not Cedarkirk can accommodate your child's unique needs, please contact a director to chat about whether or not we can provide a camp experience for your child. We want to help our campers feel as comfortable as possible, so pleas make sure to note any specific needs your camper may have during the registration process.

Do you have medical staff available?

Yes. We have a health officer on site each week to assist your child with any medical needs. All of our counseling staff are certified in first aid, CPR, and the use of an AED. Emergency response personnel are located minutes from the camp gate and a regional hospital is just over 10 miles away.

We will certainly reach out to you if your child requires any medical care beyond the usual band aid!

Does my child need to bring a lunch?

No, Cedarkirk will provide lunch and a mid-afternoon snack to fuel them until they are picked up. If you camper has a food allergy or dietary restriction, please note that in the Health Form during registration so we can prepare for them appropriately.





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