



Explorer Parent Guide

Important Information for Explorers

Drop-off and Pick-up

Drop-off is at the Welcome Pavilion on Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00. Enter The Billy Graham Training Center, pass through the Gatehouse, take a right at the four-way stop, and follow the camp road up to the Welcome Pavilion. On Saturday afternoon, a staff member will greet you at the Gatehouse. At the Welcome Pavilion, there will be cones directing you through the parking lot, so that you enter the pavilion from the far side. Drop off luggage and turn in any missing forms. Make sure you have your camper's medication with you, not packed in their luggage. You will then board a bus that will take you to our Dining Hall and then to our cabins to meet your child's counselors. Be sure to stop by the nurse's station, the Comfort Cabin, to meet our nurse and drop off any medication. You will then head to the Trading Post, where you will be able to add money to your camper's camp store account, then catch the bus back to the Welcome Pavilion. It will take approximately 1.5 hours for your visit to Camp Cedar Cliff. If you cannot arrive by 5:00pm please notify us in advance.

Friday Parent Program

There will be a 30-minute long parent program on Friday afternoon at the Welcome Pavilion starting at 9:00am. This will be a time for you to get a glimpse into your camper's fun-filled week through a time of sharing and a brief slideshow. Once the program is over, be sure to grab all of your camper's bags and items collected throughout the week before you leave.

Location

Camp Cedar Cliff is located east of Asheville, NC at the Billy Graham Training Center. You will find us at exit 55 off I-40. Our physical address is 5 Porters Cove Road, Asheville, NC 28805.

Transportation

We will gladly pick up your child at the Asheville bus station or Asheville airport if you will let us know their arrival time. Arriving flights must be between 12:00pm and 5:00pm on Saturday. Departing flights must be before 11:00am on Friday.

Balance Due Date

Please pay your camper's balance by June 1 (or April 15, to receive the additional 5% discount). If you register after June 1, registration is due 2 weeks prior to the camper's session date. If you would like to enroll in the payment plan, check out the [Ways to Save](#) page on our website for more details. For monthly installments, select 'Monthly Installments' upon registration.

Spiritual Focus

Camp Cedar Cliff is Christ-centered and committed to developing the whole person in their relationship with Jesus Christ. This is accomplished through Bible study, praise and worship, and large group Bible teaching (Scripture Adventure). Our counselors reinforce the truths of God's Word by example and through their relationship with each camper. It is our desire for campers to see the relevance of a personal relationship with Christ and His Word in relation to who they are and to the choices they make daily. Thank you for the opportunity to minister to your child.

Switching sessions and cancellations

Provided that there is space available, we will be happy to switch your child's camp session. Please call the camp office at 828-450-3331. If you must cancel your camper's registration before the balance due date, your money, excluding the \$75 deposit, will be fully refunded. If a cancellation is made after the balance due date, no money will be refunded unless there is a wait list for that session.

Cabin Requests

A camper may request up to two friends of the same age and/or grade to be in a cabin with them. You will need to list these requests in the cabin request box on the registration page. To make your cabin request valid, your camper's friend(s) must also request your camper on their registration form. We will do our best to honor these requests.

Forms

There are a few forms we will need from each camper in addition to the online registration. All required forms are listed on your [CampMinder account](#), under 'Forms and Documents'. If you send in the completed forms before your child comes to camp, it will expedite drop-off on Saturday.

Whitewater Rafting

Whitewater rafting is covered in the camp fee for Explorers (7th -10th graders). They will participate in an afternoon whitewater rafting trip down one of North Carolina's scenic rivers. The trip is organized and run by experienced guides and safety is the number one consideration. Because of inherent risks, the release form from the rafting company must be read and signed by both parent and camper in order to participate. Please send in this form ahead of time.

Trail Rides on Horseback

Each week there is an opportunity for rising 7-10th graders to have an hour-long horseback experience. Rising 7-10th graders will spend time with the horses on our beautiful mountain trails. Each hour-long horseback experience will cost \$35. You may register online when registering your camper or by calling the office. Space is limited, so we recommend registering early.

Closed-toe shoes are required to participate and long pants are suggested, so please make sure that your camper brings or wears these items on the day of their trail ride.

Things to Bring

There are a few items your camper will need with them.. Please send your camper with a backpack containing the following items:

- Pillow
- Bed sheets
- Light blanket
- Fan (battery-operated preferred), to clip onto bed if desired
- Shorts
- Sleeping bag (for overnight campout)
- Long pants
- Light jacket or sweatshirt
- Waterproof poncho
- T-shirts
- 2 pairs of walking shoes
- Pair of sandals for rafting (no flip flops, must have back-strap)
- Socks
- Swimsuit (one piece)
- Towels
- Soap
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Brush/comb
- Shampoo
- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Bible
- Pencil or pen
- Flashlight
- Camera
- Laundry bag (no garbage bags please)
- Stationery (post cards)

- Stamps
- Water bottle
- Red shirt and blue shirt for Adventure Ball
- Dark clothes for Commando

We request campers be modest in their dress. Girls, no spaghetti strap tank tops or short shorts please. *****Please label everything with your child's name!*****

Things Not to Bring

- Cell phones
- Comic books/magazines
- iPods, iPads, e-readers
- Video games
- Toys
- Knives and firearms
- Expensive jewelry
- Alcoholic beverages
- Tobacco
- Non-prescription drugs
- Fireworks

Lost and Found

Camp Cedar Cliff assumes no responsibility for personal items left by the camper, but every effort is made to return lost and found items to their owners before the campers leave. Please make sure to clearly label all items with the name of the camper. **If we don't hear from individuals who have left items within two weeks, those items will be donated to charity.** You may pick up your camper's lost and found items at the camp office or if you would like an item mailed back to you, you will need to pay the cost of postage, plus a \$10 handling fee.

Trading Post

The Trading Post is the camp store where campers may purchase candy bars, drinks, assorted toys, water bottles, and camp T-shirts. Campers visit the Trading Post Monday-Thursday. We suggest putting \$50 in your camper's Trading Post account.

You can deposit money in the account by:

- Logging into your CampMinder account and selecting 'View Trading Post' from the My Account homepage. Select the camper's name and hit 'Fund'. Enter amount and pay.
- At drop-off
- By calling the camp office

Be sure to tell your camper how much money they have to spend. Please do not send cash with your camper. At the end of the week, refunds will be given for the remaining balance if over

\$10.00. If the remaining balance is less than \$10.00, Camp Cedar Cliff will consider that balance as a donation to our Scholarship Fund, unless otherwise notified by the parent.

Weekly Video and Cabin Poster

Our weekly video will be posted on your CampMinder account so be sure to check it out. The fun and adventures of camp will be edited into a collage of activities, games, goofy counselors, and skits. Your child will be able to recall all the amazing memories and experiences for years to come. DVDs copies are available, upon request and will be mailed to your home. Also, each camper will receive a free poster with their cabin photo and various photos taken throughout their week. This poster is handed out at the Welcome Pavilion on the last day. This will be another great reminder of the fun they had at Camp Cedar Cliff.

CampMinder: View photos and videos

We are partnering with CampMinder to provide photos and videos! To view your camper's session photos and video, login to your CampMinder account and select the correct option from the 'Online Community' section. It is a great way for parents to keep up with what's going on at camp while your child is here. It's a free service that allows you to see digital pictures of camp that are uploaded daily. You can save photos to your favorites, purchase raw image files, share the on social media etc. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us!

CampMinder: Email your camper

You can also send emails to your camper. We receive them digitally, print and deliver them in an envelope daily to your camper's cabin mailbox. You can purchase 'CampStamps' to send more emails and even have your campers respond by using the e-letter feature. This attaches a blank page to the email you send for the camper to write back on! We scan it in and you can view on your CampMinder login as a PDF file. We LOVE this feature as it's faster than the postage system. View details by logging into your CampMinder account and select from the 'Online Community' section. Please note that counselors encourage campers to respond in a timely manner, but **we cannot guarantee campers will write a response.**

Mail and Packages

Campers love mail and it is a special part of the day for them. It is important to indicate on the envelope which week your child will be here. If you want to send your child a package, please consider size. You can either bring it with you at drop-off and write which day you'd like your child to receive it. We hold it and deliver on that day - saves time and postage! Another method is mailing it. We recommend the Post Office issued Priority Mail boxes. Please do not send food or candy. Address mail and packages as follows:

Camper Name

Week of Camp

Camp Cedar Cliff

PO Box 9036
Asheville, NC 28815

Homesick Campers

Before you come to camp, set your camper up for success by talking about the exciting parts of a camp experience. Parents will be notified if their child indicates they are homesick and want to go home. Refunds will not be made for campers who leave before the end of their camp session due to homesickness.

Dismissal

Camp Cedar Cliff looks forward to the opportunity of ministering to the needs of each camper. We recognize the importance of this opportunity along with the tremendous responsibility that is part of the unique environment of Christian camping. We also value the need for our campers to understand the importance of their responsibility regarding how they interact with each other. We are committed to respond to each camper with grace, patience, and love which could include dismissal from camp as part of keeping to our commitment.

Visiting

Because of the uniqueness of the camp environment, visitation by family or friends of campers is not permitted. Thank you for helping us maintain an environment free from distractions where your child, in an atmosphere of fun and love, may develop his/her relationship with Jesus Christ.

Telephone Calls

Your camper will not have a phone available to them throughout the week. In case of an emergency, please call our office at 828-450-3331.

Health Care + Medication

Please turn in ALL medicine at drop-off. All prescription medication must arrive in the containers in which they were originally prescribed. Camp Cedar Cliff has a supply of over-the-counter medications, so please do not send those with your camper. We do not provide or prepare meals for special diets, and peanut products may be served at meals and snack times.

Swim Test

All campers who are seven years old and up will be required to take a swim test during each week of day camp. Each camper will be asked to swim the length of the pool. A lifeguard will observe campers during the swim evaluation and assign them a colored wristband. A green wristband will allow campers to swim throughout the entire pool without a lifejacket. Campers with a yellow wristband will be required to wear a lifejacket in the deep end of the pool, but may swim in the shallow end without a lifejacket. Campers who receive a red wristband will be

required to wear a lifejacket anytime they are swimming in the pool. Five and six year old campers will receive a red wristband and will be required to wear a lifejacket while swimming.

Questions?

Visit our [FAQ page](#) or call us at 828-450-3331.

Thanks!

The Camp Cedar Cliff Team