

Kids Camp Information

Activities – Campers maintain an action-packed schedule throughout the week. Campers will attend two chapel services each day featuring music and games, as well as energetic speakers who will provide age-appropriate lessons and opportunities to grow. Other activities include a swimming pool, rock climbing wall, crafts, missions, games and more! There are late-night activities for pre-teen campers, as well as other specific activities for pre-teens.

Ages – Kids Camp is for kids who have completed 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

Bedding – Please send bedding for a twin-sized bed, as well as a pillow. If your camper is prone to bed wetting, please send a waterproof mattress pad.

Check-in – Check-in is from 2:00 to 2:30 on Thursday, July 13th. Upon arrival, they should turn in any medication (including over the counter drugs) to the camp nurse. Campers will be given their room assignments and directed to the appropriate dorm.

Check-out – Check out is on Sunday, July 16th at 2:00. We request that you do not pick up your children to take them to games, competitions, or other events throughout the week.

Concession Stand Money – The campers will have several opportunities to visit the concession stand throughout the week. Each camper will be able to select items at the concession stand for free, so parents do not need to send additional money.

Housing – Campers will be split into groups – 4th - 6th grade (pre-teen) boys, 4th - 6th grade (pre-teen) girls, 2nd – 3rd grade boys and 2nd– 3rd grade girls. Each camper will have one or two roommates and they will stay in an Olivet dorm room with a counselor assigned to oversee 3-4 rooms. Campers may request to be housed with a specific camper or counselor, but requests cannot always be granted.

Location – Camp is held at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, IL.

Mail – Parents are welcome to send mail to their campers via the Camp Coordinator from your local church, or drop it off at check in. We ask that mail consists of letters only and not packages.

Medication – All camper medication, including vitamins and over-the-counter drugs, must be turned into the camp nurse at the beginning of camp with the medication form available on the district website. All medications should be placed in a gallon-sized Ziploc bag and labeled with the camper's name. All medication must come in the original packaging (no pill boxes). The camp nurse will have ibuprofen and acetaminophen to distribute as needed with signed permission from the registration form.

Nurse – There will be a camp nurse on staff whose sole purpose is to tend to the health and well-being of the campers and staff. She is responsible for distributing medication as needed, as well as administering basic First Aid. In the event of any severe illness or injury, campers will be taken to a hospital to be treated. Every effort is made to contact parents to acquire their permission and keep them updated on the camper's situation.

Payment – Is online at the end of the online registration. Churches who are providing scholarships to their campers will need to pay online. nwilnaz.org

Price – For overnight campers, the registration fee is \$220 before June 19. After June 19, the registration fee will be \$270.

Registration – Registration should be completed online at nwilnaz.org. **Registration is not complete until payment has been submitted.** Space is limited, and campers are accepted on a first come first served basis.

Rules – This camp is organized by the Chicago Central District Church of the Nazarene & Northwestern Illinois District Church of the Nazarene and we do our best to adhere to its Biblical principles in all we do. We have the best interest at heart for our youth and want God's best for them in this week of camp. Therefore, the following guidelines are respectfully required of each camper and participant:

- Campers are expected to stay with their assigned cabin or group and to listen to and show respect to all Olivet and Kids Camp staff at all times.
- Fireworks, sparklers, knives, tobacco, drugs and alcohol are not permitted.
- Gaming devices, laptops, tablets, other devices, and **CELL PHONES are not permitted.**
- Campers may not make phone calls except with the permission of the camp director
- No food or drink is allowed in the dorms, gym or worship area – do not send food or candy!
- Campers are expected to participate in all scheduled activities, including meals, sports, and chapel.
- Immoral conduct, vulgarity and profanity will not be tolerated. Teasing, bullying, and fighting are not allowed and may result in the immediate removal of the camper from camp.
- Appropriate, modest play clothes and shoes are needed for camp – no dress clothes please.
- A modest swimsuit (preferably tankini or one piece only for girls) will be needed for water activities.
- Please leave all valuables at home.
- To help maintain a safe camp environment, the following policy has been adopted: Except for ministry staff of our local churches (Pastors, Associate/Youth/Children's Pastors or Directors and/or Ministry Leaders), no teens or adults who are not current Kids Camp workers will be allowed access to Olivet's campus or the campers or workers of Kids Camp without prior approval from the Camp Director.
- If a camper chooses not to be a part of the scheduled program and or disobeys the rules, the parent or guardian will be expected to provide immediate transportation home.

Staffing – Each district church sending campers is encouraged to send one counselor for every six campers they are sending (1-6 campers = 1 counselor, 7-12 campers = 2 counselors, etc.). All counselors must complete the online registration, have a background check run and complete Ministry Safe Training.

Visitors – To help maintain a safe camp environment, no visitors are allowed to visit Olivet's campus during Kids Camp, with the exception of ministry staff from our district churches (pastors, youth pastors, children's directors, etc.).

What To Pack – Luggage should be limited to one suitcase per camper. Please pack siblings separately, and label ***everything*** you send with the camper's name.

- Clothing – play clothes to wear for daytime activities, a jacket or sweatshirt for cool evenings (two outfits per day are strongly recommended) *No crop tops are permitted
- Modest swimwear – one-piece bathing suit or overlapping tankini. No bikinis.
- Pajamas
- Running shoes (at least one pair with closed toes)
- Bedding for a twin-sized bed (sheet required) and pillow
- Towels (one for shower, one for pool)
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush/paste, hairbrush, sun block, bug spray, etc.)
- Bible and a pen
- Refillable water bottle
- Drawstring bag or light backpack
- Optional items – camera, trash bag for dirty clothes, umbrella, alarm clock, shower shoes, book to read at bedtime or at free time

Please note – campers will be hauling their own luggage – do not send more items than your child can carry in one trip!