



Dear Camper,

We can't wait for you to come to camp this summer! We have so many exciting things planned for you. There will be lots of fun activities, good food, new friends, time spent in worship and learning about God, opportunities to stretch yourself on new adventures, and much more.

You'll find your packing list and any special information specific to your program in this packet, so be sure not to lose it. There is also a Camper Questionnaire that you have the option to complete. It gives you a chance to tell your counselors and other staff members about you and the things you enjoy. This will help them make sure you have the best week possible at camp.

This summer our curriculum theme is Wild Ideas. We will be learning about how being a follower of Jesus means we are called to live differently than the world around us. We will spend the week growing together in our understanding of what living our daily lives as followers of Jesus should look like. We will do this through fun, interactive, small group lessons each day, as well as all camp worship times where we sing around the campfire, enjoy s'mores, and listen to meaningful and practical messages from deans, counselors, and staff. We hope that what you learn at camp you will take home and live out each day.

We pray that you are having a great school year. Be a light to those around you and keep looking to God each day for help and encouragement. Summer will be here before you know it!

Blessings,
Your Camp Fontanelle Staff



Wild Ideas

Isaiah 43:19



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are so excited to welcome you to Camp Fontanelle. This packet contains lots of important information about your child's stay at camp, so please read it carefully, and keep it handy as their time at camp gets closer.

Included are:

- Check-in and check-out times
- Packing list
- Information about this summer's curriculum
- Camper Mail Options – Bunk1 Parent Information
- Parent/Guardian Get To Know My Camper form

Our primary goal is to provide a safe, fun, Christ-centered experience for all our campers. We are accredited by the American Camping Association which has high standards for camper safety and program experience. Our counselors complete two weeks of training prior to the start of camp each summer. They learn best practices for working with different age groups of children, first aid and CPR, leading Bible studies, and more. We have a health coordinator on staff to handle camper medications and any bumps and scrapes that can sometimes occur while enjoying the great outdoors. Camp Fontanelle is part of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference and all adults working with children are certified through Safe Gatherings and have undergone a background check.

If you have not already done so during the registration process, please be sure to have all health forms filled out at least a week before your camper is scheduled to attend. These forms can be completed online through CampBrain or you can visit our website campfontanelle.com to download and print a hard copy. It is very helpful if you make note of any medications needed, any allergies and/or dietary restrictions, this helps both our health coordinator and our kitchen staff be prepared to help your child have the best week possible. If your child is attending a program that requires an extra release form, please make sure that is also completed when you arrive at camp. Having all of these completed before arrival will help your check-in process go more quickly. Our Parent Questionnaire form is for you to communicate important information about your camper to their counselors and other necessary staff members. This is optional but is extremely helpful for our staff in making each camper feel comfortable during their week at camp.

Should you have any questions or concerns prior to your arrival at camp you can contact us via phone at 402-478-4296 or email our camp registrar, Amanda Siver, at asiver@greatplainsumc.org. We look forward to welcoming you to camp this summer!

In Christ,

Your Camp Fontanelle Staff



Summer 2025: Wild Ideas

This summer's curriculum is focused on how the call to be followers of Jesus should impact the way we live our lives. Each day campers will spend time learning about how God has called to live differently than the world around us through spending time in God's presence, being our authentic selves, growing in our knowledge of God, allowing others to speak into our lives, and looking for what God is doing in and through us each day.

We believe strongly that Bible study and learning about God should be interactive, engaging, and fun. Activities are varied in structure, so kids of every learning style have a chance to shine. The categories used in our curriculum are play, pray, create, serve, and learn. Counselors are encouraged to mix up these categories for their daily Bible times throughout the week and to be attuned to what their group of campers respond to the best.

Below is a quick reference of daily themes and scriptures that will be used each week. Programs shorter than the 5-day week will cover just a portion of these based on their program's length.

	Scripture	Theme	Story	Camper's Will
Day 1	Psalm 46:1-3, 9-10	Be Still		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer space to unplug, center ourselves, and begin self-reflection. • Share about God's steadfast presence in and with everyone. • Seek to create a refuge in the camp community. • Ponder when we have or have not felt God's presence in times of change or trouble.
Day 2	Luke 18:9-14	Get Real	Pharisee and Tax Collector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite a release from the pressures and challenges of sharing our authentic selves. • Explore the relationship between humility and judgment for ourselves and others. • Reflect on assumptions and expectations around piety and faithfulness. • Examine God's grace for all people, including ourselves.
Day 3	Acts 9:1-22	Know and Grow	Saul and Ananias	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name how big and small discoveries can be a revelation from God. • Imagine how past experiences can lead us to change and grow. • Reflect on the challenges created by living into a new identity or self-perception. • Explore how changing ourselves impacts our relationship with God and others.
Day 4	Matthew 3:1-6	Wild Ideas	John the Baptist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the multiple influences and voices in our lives. • Share what bold or unique voices inspire us. • Discern how we recognize God's voice within and around us. • Affirm the voices within ourselves that call us to live in new ways. • Explore what it means to "prepare a way" for God.
Day 5	Isaiah 43:19-21	Go!		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare campers to recognize God doing new things. • Be empowered to live and lead in new ways. • Be assured God is always moving and making changes. • Become partners with God in the new things that will happen in the world.

Packing List for 3, 4, and 5 Day Programs

- Small backpack or drawstring bag (*for carrying items around camp between activities*)
- Bible, notebook, and pen (*If a camper does not have a Bible we have one for them*)
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Water bottle
- A flashlight with new batteries
- Pillow
- Camp has fitted sheets and quilts for each bed. You are welcome to bring your own items if you prefer.
- Rain poncho or light waterproof jacket
- Comfortable clothes (*suitable for hiking and being outdoors*)
- Shorts AND Pants (*some nights and mornings are cool*)
- T-Shirts
- Long-sleeved shirt, sweatshirt, and/or a light jacket (*again, it can get cool*)
- Underwear and socks
- Pajamas
- **Sturdy tennis shoes (*bring an extra pair in case one gets wet or muddy*)**
- Sandals or flip flops (*only for pool, water games, and shower times*)
- Toiletries (*packing in a gallon size Ziploc is ideal if you do not have a separate toiletry bag*)
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Soap and Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Shower towel and washcloth
- Feminine hygiene products
- Modest swimsuit/trunks
- Swim shirt or cover up to help prevent sunburn
- Beach towel
- Bag for dirty clothes
- An item to tie-dye. 100% cotton works best.
- Optional items: camera, book (*for horizontal hour*), paper, envelopes (*pre-addressed*), and stamps
- **Any items specific to your program:**

What Campers Should Not Bring to Camp Fontanelle:

- Anything you are not willing to lose (Camp Fontanelle cannot be held responsible for missing items, we do have a lost and found at the end of each week, please check it before leaving)
- Soda pop, snacks, gum or candy of any kind
- Money (unless otherwise directed for your specific program)
- We do not have accommodations to care for pets. Please do not bring pets to stay with you at camp.
- Any personal electronics, including cell phones.
- *Illegal drugs, alcohol, fireworks, weapons—anything illegal or dangerous are grounds for dismissal from camp!*

Camper Mail

Campers LOVE to receive mail during their stay at camp! You, other family members, and/or your church can send messages in several ways:

1. Mail letters/postcards to the camp address, including the name of the program your camper is attending is helpful for sorting.
Camper Name, Program name
Camp Fontanelle
9677 County Rd 3
Nickerson, NE 68044
2. Leave pre-written letters with a staff member during check-in. Please be sure that the envelope has the camper's first and last name as well as their program name. If you want the letter delivered on a certain day, please also note that on the envelope.
3. We utilize a company called Bunk1 for our camper emails. Please see the included flyer for instructions on how to use this option. Camp covers 3 credits for each camper. This means you can send a plain email (no borders, puzzles, etc.) three times during their week at camp at no cost to you. They offer an exciting feature that allows us to upload photos so you can log in and view right from your phone or computer! We do our best to upload photos* daily, but that's not a guarantee. There are some other cool features that Bunk1 offers for a fee, these are completely optional for families!

*We also post a few photos on Facebook throughout the week so be sure to follow Camp Fontanelle!



KEEP IN TOUCH WITH BUNK1!

Be the first to know what's happening this summer at **Camp Fontanelle**. We offer private photo gallery, you can also send messages using Bunk Notes. No need to wait for snail mail; Bunk1 makes it easy to communicate with your child. Follow Bunk1 on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for the latest updates and deals!

GET STARTED TODAY!

- Go to www.Bunk1.com
 - **RETURNING PARENTS** will login using their email address and password from the previous year.
 - **NEW PARENTS** will click "New here? Get Started" button and complete the basic form.
 - The Invitation Code for **Camp Fontanelle** is: **25FONT**
- You will be prompted to select a bundle for access to your Parent Portal. Bundles include credits for you to send Bunk Notes and enhance your notes with borders, photos, sports scores, and puzzles.

PHOTO GALLERY WITH PHOTO TAGGING

Save Favorite Photos for easy access to pictures of your camper all year-round. Select the heart icon to favorite.

Upload a profile photo of your camper to enable Photo Tagging. Our photo tagging software will scan all the uploaded photos and notify you when we detect photos of your camper.

Share Photos to social media or email a photo to family.

Customize Unique Photo Gifts such as photo books, mugs, calendars, phone cases and more.

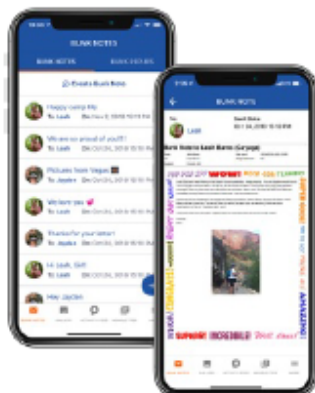
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SENDING BUNK NOTES

Send Bunk Notes day or night. Your camp receives a pdf at **11:00 am, 5:00 pm EST** each day containing all Bunk Notes received in the last 24 hours. Camp prints each Bunk Note and delivers them to your camper with the regular mail. You can purchase more credits anytime in the Bunk Notes menu. Successfully sent Bunk Notes will appear under Bunk Notes > View Sent.

Bunk Notes for Families: Purchase **Bunk Notes Express** and receive a unique email address for your camper. Edit this email address under the Bunk Notes tab. Anyone in your family can directly email your camper at this address, and the note will be delivered as a regular Bunk Note. A credit is deducted from your account for each note. These notes can also be confirmed as sent under Bunk Notes > View Sent.



The Bunk1 team is available to support you 7 days a week during peak season. They guarantee a response within 24 hours and it's usually much quicker than that. Please call Bunk1 at 212-974-9112 or email support@bunk1.com. For FAQ's related to the services above, visit www.bunk1family.com/faqs.