



Summer Camp 2023 Informational Letter

Dear Friends,

We are so excited to present you with the camp packet for 2023! We know that God has amazing things in store for camp THIS year. The theme for all camps this summer is "The One You Love." Our goal this summer is for all students to establish and grow their relationship with God. We want them to understand that they're loved by God, who's Always Pursuing them! Remember the last night of every camp is Parent's Night, all services begin at 7:30pm.

We would also like you to think and pray about who you could send as an intern this year to River Pointe. Every year we invest a month of training into young adults from the ages of 17 and up. If there is someone in your church that is interested in ministry, or that is a potential leader for your church, please send them to camp this year as a River Pointe Intern. We would love to teach and train them for ministry this summer.

Just a quick refresher on how your camp packet works. Pages with the dark gray header are all informational pages. These are for you to keep. Any page with a light grey header is a form. These forms do need to be filled out in their entirety, and returned to us. Finally, any page with a blue header is for Internship.

We would like to address a few things that you should be aware of:

- Children ages 2 and under are not allowed to stay in the dorms. If you need to bring a child younger than 2, you may stay in a camper, or contact us to rent a facility outside of the campground. At this time we do not have cabins available to rent, as these are filled with staff.
- If you have a child ages 3 and up, you will need to contact us for approval a month prior to the camp you plan on attending.
- If you have a student with food allergies that needs to bring different food than what is provided at camp, we ask that they bring a letter from their doctor. That note, and your food will be turned in to the camp nurse before camp.
- Please remember that July 1st is the hard deadline for all Staff Applications. We need all applications in by that time in order to effectively run background checks. Your church may supply their own background checks, please call and discuss this with us.
- No one is allowed to bring their own tubes/kayaks/etc. to camp, they must use what is provided at River Pointe.
- Anyone on the facilities MUST be a registered camper, staff member, or worker.
- Finally, we want to encourage every church to send at least one leader with their students this summer. This makes for a better camp experience for your students, and that is our biggest priority!

We believe that lives will forever be changed at camp this year, make sure to bring as many people as you can! For any questions or concerns regarding camp, please contact us at (573)775-5566.

Sincerely,
Brandon & Bekah Kelley
Southern Missouri District Youth Directors

Why Summer Camp
ImpactSOMO Camps

Every July, ImpactSOMO hosts three summer camps for students in 1st-12th Grade, at River Pointe Christian Camp. For over 45 years, our organization has "set up camp" on this historical site. Over 600 students a year come to River Pointe for summer camps. We hope that you will too!

What to expect at our camps.

Tons of Live Music, Relevant Speaking, God Moments, Sports, Swimming, Quality Food, Camp Competitions, Paintball, Creative Activities and a safe place to be yourself and establish relationships that will last a lifetime.

Purpose.

The three reasons we do camps that will ALWAYS remain are:

1. To develop in faith.
2. To find purpose.
3. To build relationships.

Planning & Preparation

We understand that planning and preparing your church for camp can be a huge undertaking. So we have included some ideas to help jumpstart the process!

1. **Plan to be more actively involved as a leader.** Your enthusiasm for camp will be contagious to the students and their parents. If you are excited, more students will want to join you in the adventure that is camp.
2. **Prepare your promotional materials.** After you have decided to become involved, take this packet and pick and choose what needs to be given to your parents. If necessary you can add a personal letter explaining any other details they might need to know.
3. **Design and set up a promotional/informational booth.** This will add excitement for your students while providing all the details a parent needs.
4. **Discover financial needs and draft a fundraising plan.** Camp can always be a financial burden for some families. It is important as the leader to get creative with your fundraising to help these kids make it to camp!
5. **Don't be afraid to ask for help!** We would love to help with anything we can. We enjoy visiting your groups and helping promote camps. We have also traveled to many groups and are willing to help you with creative ideas for promotions or fundraising. Please don't hesitate to ask for anything you might need! Home phone 573-775-5566, cell at 573-777-0827, or email info@impactsomo.com.

Camp Registration Checklist:

1. Make sure each registration form is filled out in its entirety, and that both pages are included.
2. Make sure if a student has selected a t-shirt that the size and color is marked.
3. Make sure the total each student has paid is correct for what they have marked on their form.
4. If a student has any medications/allergies make sure a medication administration form is filled out and included.
5. If a student is registered to play paintball or go to the aerial park, please make sure the waiver is filled out and included.
6. Please do not send in any forms that are blank or incomplete.
7. Fill out the registration spreadsheet in its entirety and include it with your registrations.
8. Early registrations must be post marked by June 1st to receive discount.
9. All Staff Applications need to be returned by July 1st so a background check can be completed. You can wait to pay for these until the first day of camp.
10. Mail ALL camp Applications to: IMPACT SOMO PO Box 1459 Steelville, MO 65565