

WHAT ARE THE DATES OF CAMP AND WHO MAY ATTEND?

Separate weeks of camp are scheduled for various age groups ranging from 1st graders in the upcoming school year through 12th grade and those graduating from High School during the current year. Camp weeks typically begin on Sunday afternoons and end on Friday with the exception of First Chance and Pee Wee camps. Dates for each week are listed on the registration form, are provided at rockgardencamp.org and can be provided by the camp manager or from a supporting church.

Rock Garden Camp does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin. Compliance with the camp rules is expected.

WHAT TIME DOES CAMP BEGIN AND END?

Campers may arrive and register on the opening day of camp after 3:00 p.m. Supper is generally served around 5 or 6 p.m.

Camp weeks officially end with a closing prayer circle on the last day of camp around 12:00 Noon. Please be picked up at this time unless special arrangements have been made. First Chance Camp (1st-2nd grade) will begin at 3:00 p.m. the first day and will end on the next day at 12:00 Noon to give these first timers an overnight camp experience.

WHAT ARE THE CAMP RULES?

The following is the list of camp rules.

1. All campers are required to conform to the camp schedule.
2. All campers are expected to treat other campers in a Christian manner.
3. No one will be permitted to leave camp without permission of the Dean of the week.
4. Any use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or illegal drugs are strictly prohibited. Any camper caught with these products will be sent home immediately.
5. All medications are to be cleared with, turned in to, and dispensed by the camp nurse. Any sickness or injury must be reported to the camp nurse immediately.
6. Automobiles are unnecessary during the camp period and will be considered "parked" for the duration.
7. Modesty in dress shall prevail at all times.
8. Swimming will be permitted only at scheduled times.

9. All electronic devices (including but not limited to: cell phones, MP3 players and/or other electronic musical devices and handheld game systems) are **NOT** allowed at camp and are encouraged to be left at home.
10. Fireworks of any kind and all magazines **will not** be permitted at camp.
11. There will be no dates with outsiders during the camp week. Visitors must abide by all camp rules.
12. **No food** (this means soda, candy, cookies, etc.) will be allowed in the dorms

WHAT DOES A WEEK OF CAMP COST?

The camp is subsidized with donations and gifts from churches and individuals, helping keep fees to a minimum. Registration is \$100 for all weeks of camp except for the Pee Wee camp at \$70 and First Chance Camp at \$45. Base Camp registration is \$125 to include the cost of the float trip. Registration includes all meals and health insurance while at camp. The pre-registration fee is \$5 and is non-refundable. The balance is due during registration at camp.

Campers may choose to bring extra money for souvenirs and snacks. Campers may also wish to contribute an offering that goes to the visiting missionary for the week.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO CAMP?

Bible, paper for notes in class, pencils, envelopes, stamps, bedding or sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, towels, soap, toothbrush and other grooming supplies, clothing for daily activities, jacket for cool nights, one or two dress outfits, swim wear (One piece suits for girls), ball glove, shoes for sports, necessary medications, money for optional expenses such as missionary offerings, snacks, and souvenirs. **DO NOT** bring comic books, magazines, electronic equipment or cell phones.

OTHER QUESTIONS?

Call or write:
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15 Commonly Asked Questions And Answers About **ROCK GARDEN CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP**

A Ministry of the Christian Church



Preparing Youth for Service in Christ

WHAT IS ROCK GARDEN CAMP?

Rock Garden is a summer youth camp located near Mountain View, MO in the beautiful Ozark Mountains. The purpose is to acquaint young people with the Bible and train them for Christian service. The program includes physical recreation, swimming, and good, clean fun as well as times of serious study.

WHAT ACTIVITIES DOES A TYPICAL DAY AT ROCK GARDEN INCLUDE?

The daily schedules for camp are determined by the dean for the week of camp and may vary from week to week. In general, the mornings are reserved for Bible classes, with recreational activities and swimming in the afternoons, evening services after supper, and special events (talent shows, Bible dramas, movies, team events, etc.) in the evenings.

WHAT FACILITIES DOES THE CAMP HAVE?

There are three air-conditioned dormitories (one for boys, two for girls) outfitted with bunk beds and showers. There is a large dining hall and kitchen, swimming pool, a ball diamond, indoor/outdoor basketball courts, nurse's office, canteen, disk golf course, sand volleyball court and the camp manager's house among the facilities located at Rock Garden Camp.



WHERE IS ROCK GARDEN LOCATED?

Rock Garden Camp is located at 4105 State Highway 17 just 8 miles south of Mountain View and 15 miles North of West Plains. It is on the Eleven Point River, which is dry, with a concrete bridge crossing it. The hill we are on is called Poe Hill. The driveway is on the West side of the highway and halfway up the hill from the river.

WHAT DOES ROCK GARDEN CAMP TEACH?

We teach that the Bible is the inspired, inherent word of God and as such it is the only authoritative rule of faith and practice. Accordingly, we also teach that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God, and that holy living is necessary to the Christian lifestyle.

MAY I CONTACT MY CHILD WHILE AT CAMP?

Because of the camper's busy schedule, we suggest you write your child. You may write in c/o Rock Garden Camp. Campers really enjoy getting mail at our noon-time meal. Phone calls and visits are permissible but discouraged. If a camper must be contacted, please notify the dean or camp manager. Visitors to the camp grounds must report to the manager or office upon arrival. If you would like to join in a meal at camp, please call to make reservations. A charge for the meal is collected upon arrival.

HOW MANY ADULTS WILL BE ON HAND AT CAMP?

It is the goal of the dean to have 1 adult faculty member for every 4 campers. Additional camp staff members are on site during the weeks of camp.

WHO MAKES UP THE FACULTY OF ROCK GARDEN CAMP?

Preachers, parents, church members, visiting missionaries, and Bible college students volunteer their time and talents as faculty at camp. The camp seeks to use adults whose own lives exemplify Christian character, recommended by preachers and other church leaders.

Other paid personnel include a camp manager, camp secretary, cooks, certified lifeguard, and nurse or person qualified to administer first aid.



IS ROCK GARDEN AFFILIATED WITH ANY PARTICULAR CHURCH OR RELIGIOUS GROUP?

Rock Garden is supported, maintained and operated by a collaborating group of independent Christian Churches in Southern Missouri in Cabool, Eminence, Houston, Licking, Mansfield, Mountain Grove, Mountain View, Pomona, Salem, Summersville, West Plains, Willow Springs, and Winona. Christian churches in Arkansas are in the communities of Flippin, Jonesboro, Mountain Home, Weiner, and elsewhere. Contact one of these churches about transportation arrangements or for additional information.

WILL MY CHILD BE PRESSURED TO JOIN SOME CHURCH OR GROUP?

Absolutely not! While it is a part of our purpose to present the terms of the gospel and encourage faith in Christ, it is against our principles to force or pressure anyone to do so. There are campers baptized into Christ for the remission of sins during camp. While offering support to campers interested in baptism, it is the policy of the camp that campers are baptized only with permission of his/her parent or guardian. Neither does baptism at camp constitute membership in any particular "church". We do encourage persons baptized at camp to formally place their membership with a church congregation when returning home.