

## MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP 2018

Welcome to Bird River Bible Camp!

We are so excited that you are planning to attend Bird River Bible Camp this summer! BRBC is a Christian camp, and a ministry of Southland Church. It exists to teach campers about the Bible in accordance with Southland's beliefs and practices.

This package is designed to give campers and their parents important information about our summer camping programs.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact our Camp Registrar at [info@birdriver.camp](mailto:info@birdriver.camp). And if you have specific questions about Middle School Camp, please contact Pastor Caleb Dueck at [CalebD@mysouthland.com](mailto:CalebD@mysouthland.com)!

## DATES

Camp Session	Dates
Middle School Camp #1 (Grades 5 – 8)	Monday, July 2 – Friday, July 6, 2018
Middle School Camp #2 (Grades 5 – 8)	Sunday, July 8 – Friday, July 13, 2018
Middle School Camp #3 (Grades 5 – 8)	Sunday, July 15 – Friday, July 20, 2018
Middle School Camp #4 (Grades 5 – 8)	Sunday, July 22 – Friday, July 27, 2018

## DEPOSIT & REFUND POLICIES

### DEPOSIT POLICY

All rates include a deposit of \$50, which is non-refundable. Due to limited availability, spaces will NOT be held without a deposit. **The remaining balance and waiver form are due by Thursday, June 21, 2018.** Please make cheques payable to 'Southland Church'. Should the camper raise enough funds through our fundraising program to cover the outstanding balance as well as the \$50 deposit, the deposit will be reimbursed.

### REFUND POLICY

If cancellation is made up to TWO WEEKS prior to the camp session, refund of the fee minus deposit of \$50 will be given. If LESS THAN TWO WEEKS prior to camp session, there is NO REFUND except for medical emergencies. No refunds will be given for campers who withdraw from camp for any reason during the camp session, or who are sent home for disciplinary or medical reasons. Refund requests must be made in writing prior to October 1, 2018.

## GETTING TO CAMP

Transportation to and from camp is provided at NO ADDITIONAL COST to the camper. Parents choosing to provide their own transportation need to contact Southland Church NO LESS THAN 2 weeks before the camper's week at camp.

### TRAVELLING BY BUS

Check-in of campers will begin at **1:30 pm** on the first day of each Middle School Camp. Please plan to be at Southland Church at this time to ensure you have enough time to get through the Check-in process as it has changed from previous years. The Check-in process is quite simple, but will take some time. It includes the following:

- Letting the Check-in staff know that your child has arrived
- **KIDS & MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPS:** Letting us know who is picking your child up at the bus on the last day of camp. The name(s) we are given are the only people who will be allowed to pick your child up.
- Paying any outstanding fees and submitting waiver, if not in yet.
- A visit to the Nurse which includes handing in any medications they will be bringing to camp along with instructions and a Lice-check.

We are conducting lice-checks at the church BEFORE campers get on the bus to go to camp. If your child is found to have lice, they will not be permitted to attend camp. For this reason, please do not put your camper's luggage in the marked luggage area until you have finished the Check-in process.

The bus will leave for Bird River Bible Camp at 2:30 pm.

The bus will then return to Southland Church on **Friday at 3:45 pm.**

## PROVIDING YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION

If you are providing your own transportation, arrive at Bird River Bible Camp on **Sunday at 4:30 pm** (please do not arrive early).

Upon arrival at camp, please go to the Registration tent to go through the Check-in process, which includes the following:

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Campers may be picked up on **Friday at 1:00 pm**. If you are not at the camp by 1:45 pm on Friday to pick up your child, they will be sent home on the bus to ensure that they have a ride home.

Please take note that it takes about 1 hour and 45 minutes to get to the camp from Steinbach.

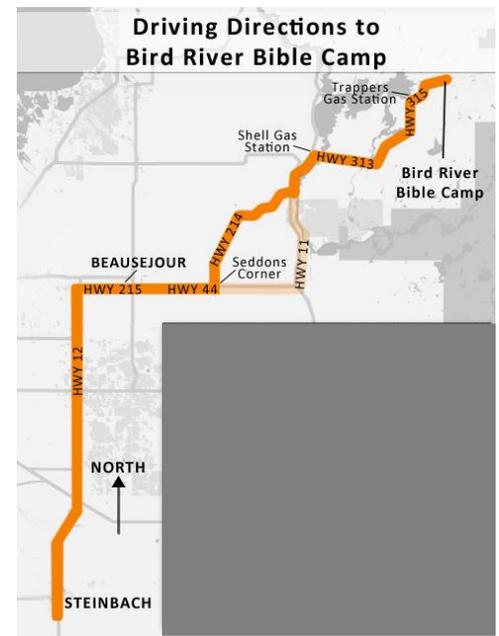
## LOCATION OF THE CAMP

Bird River Bible Camp is located approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes north-east of Steinbach near Lac Du Bonnet, Manitoba.

Directions from Steinbach:

1. Drive North on HWY 12 past Ste. Anne towards Beausejour
2. Turn right on HWY 215 (signs for Beausejour)
3. Drive through Beausejour onto HWY 44
4. At Seddons Corner, turn left onto HWY 214 (signs for Lac du Bonnet)
5. Turn left on HWY 11 (signs for Lac du Bonnet)
6. Drive past Lac du Bonnet
7. Turn right onto HWY 313 (signs for Pointe de Bois)
8. Turn left onto HWY 315 (signs for Nopiming Provincial Park)
9. Camp is about 15 km past the Nopiming Provincial Park turn-off. There is a large camp sign on the right-hand side of the road.

\*Note: If you find yourself on the bridge that crosses Bird River, you have gone too far.



## FOOD SERVICES

On the first day of camp, campers will receive supper as well as an evening snack. The rest of the week we serve 3 well-balanced meals a day in addition to an afternoon and evening snack.

Due to allergies, we ask that parents DO NOT send food/snacks on the bus or to camp.

## FOOD ALLERGIES & SPECIAL DIETS

We are able to accommodate some special requests based on dietary needs. Please ensure that we know about any food allergies or special diets your child has at least 2 weeks prior to their camp session.

We charge a \$30 additional cost for campers who require a special diet (this allows us to purchase the necessary ingredients required).

We will do our best to ensure there is no cross-contamination in the process of special diet food preparation and that allergies/medically diagnosed diet restrictions are taken seriously. But, as in any other food industry, there is always the chance that ingredients may have come into contact with any specific allergen at any given point.

## WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Packing for camp can be challenging. Here is a list of some items you don't want to forget to bring – and a list of what should stay at home!

### Bring:

- Bible, notebook & pen
- Any clothes needed (T-shirts, sweatshirts, jacket, rain gear, underwear, socks, pajamas, hat, etc.)
- Appropriate swimwear
  - Girls – No bikinis or short tankinis allowed
  - Boys – No speedos allowed
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloth, soap, towel, brush, shampoo, etc.)
- Bedding (pillow, blanket/sheet or sleeping bag)
- Beach towel, sunscreen, insect repellent
- Runners or hiking shoes
- Flashlight
- Water bottle
- Optional: Camera, favourite book

### Don't Bring:

- Food (including any snacks)
- Tobacco, alcohol or other illegal substances
- Matches, lighters
- Mouthwash
- Fireworks of any kind (including fire crackers)
- Gum or sunflower seeds
- iPods, cell phones or other electronic gear
- Pocket knives or other weapons
- Expensive jewelry
- Money
- Clothing and/or swimwear that is immodest or has bad language/pictures on it

\*Note that the camp/church is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items!

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

### MEDICATION

All medication must be in the original bottle with the sufficient supply in a Ziploc bag along with clear instructions (on the bottle or written out). We ask that all medication be taken out of the luggage before your child arrives at the church on the first day of camp as we will be collecting the medication **before** they get on the bus. All medication will be administered (during the week) by the nurse, NOT the camper, who will be on site for the duration of your child's stay at camp.

### THE CAMP NURSE

All of our Camp Nurses are certified/practicing LPNs or RNs, medical doctors, or paramedics.

### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

In case of an emergency, the parents/guardians listed on the camper's application will be contacted first. However, should the parents not be available at the time of the call, a Senior Staff Member will call the Emergency Contacts listed on their application.

The nearest hospital to the camp is the Pinawa Hospital, which is a 20 minute drive from the camp.

In the event a doctor prescribes medication for your child during his/her stay, the parents/guardians will be contacted and billed for the cost of the prescription.

## **BUNKING ARRANGEMENTS**

Campers are grouped in cabins based on gender as well as table or cell group at church and age.

Campers may request to be in the same cabin with a friend. It is important for both campers to make the request on their application form. We will try to accommodate these requests to the best of our ability.

### **CABIN LEADER TO CAMPER RATIO**

The following cabin leader to camper ratios are used when staffing cabins. Regardless of camper enrollment, there is a minimum of two cabin leaders in each cabin.

#### High School Camps:

Females – 1 cabin leader for every 6 campers

Males – 1 cabin leader for every 4 campers

#### Kids Camps:

Females – 1 cabin leader for every 4 campers

Males – 1 cabin leader for every 4 campers

#### Middle School Camps:

Females – 1 cabin leader for every 4 campers

Males – 1 cabin leader for every 4 campers

## **SUPERVISION**

### **STAFF DURING CAMP**

The camp is staffed with the Camp Director, Skills Staff (including certified Lifeguards), Camp Nurse, and Cabin Leaders. Support Staff include Food Services, Maintenance and Caretaking personnel.

Special precautions are taken during water activities and certified lifeguards are on duty at all swim times.

### **ALL CAMP STAFF**

Each applicant has been carefully screened by the Church Leadership and hand-picked by our Camp Leadership Team.

## **PHONE CALLS**

Although we discourage campers from phoning home during their stay at camp (we have previously found it can negatively affect a child's state of homesickness), there may be situations where it is necessary. All camper phone calls are authorized and supervised by Senior Camp Staff.