



Connect
Church

Kids Across America Camp

July 15th – July 22nd

Parent's Packet

“Undefeated”

**2 Corinthians 4:8-9 NIV We are hard pressed on every side,
but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted,
but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.**

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Connect Church

Departure: Saturday, July 15th @ 10pm

Please Arrive by 9pm

Location: 3532 Covington Hwy

Decatur, GA 30032

Kids Across America Camp

Arrival: Sunday, July 16th at 2pm

Location: 25114 Private Rd 2232 Golden, Missouri
65658 or coordinates 36 degrees lat. 40.3 min and
93 degrees longitude 29.8 min

Departure: Friday, July 21st at 9:30pm

Arrival back to Atlanta Saturday, July 22nd

12 pm*

*Approximate times.

LEADER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Register and pay for spaces.
2. Maintain accurate records of ages and genders of each registrant.
3. Maintain accurate registration records and requests for changes.
4. Ensure all registrants are entered into the correct age groups, their data is complete, and the online health form is signed.
5. Ensure only campers and Kaleos who fit our Eligibility Restrictions are in attendance.
6. Correspond with the Registration Team and respond to our correspondence.
7. Meet or beat our deadlines.
8. Keep contact information updated.
9. Abide by our guidelines.

Camper and Kaleo Ages (Kuh-lay-o)

KAA 1 – 10-12 KAA 2 – 13-14 KAA 3 – 15-18 HG – 14-19 Kaleos – 20 and up

- Kaleos are scheduled at a 1 to 10 ratio to combined Camper total per camp.
- We do not register Campers by grade
- Attendees must be the designated Camp age by the attendance week
- A Kaleo per gender is not required because campers and Kaleos do not house together.

Camp Costs

Kamper Cost are \$400 per camper. This includes travel, housing, al activities, food, and overall camp.
Please send your child with funds for food on the bus trip and any souvenirs.

HOUSING

Housing is completed on Opening Day.

- We do not take Camper roommate requests.
- Groups and families are not housed together as a unit.

- Kaleos are housed separately from their campers.
- Each cabin has two KAA Counselors.
- Kaleos are not permitted in the camper housing area.
- Opposite genders may not enter the other genders' housing area.
- Kaleos must reside on the camp site in the Kaleo cabins.
- HARAMBEE (huh-rum-bay)
- Kaleos meet three times a week with their campers during Harambee.
- This is a time to check in with your campers, do a Bible Study or write thank you notes to donors or family members. Use this time as you choose.
- Kaleos are to monitor their campers the entire time.

HEALTH SERVICES

- Health Services assists with dispensing medicine, performing health checks and overseeing emergency situations.
- There is a Health Center in each camp except Higher Ground who dispenses their own medications and visits the nearest camp in case of illness or emergency.

LEFT BEHIND AND LOST/FOUND ITEMS

- Contraband is to be picked up by the Kaleo as soon as you are made aware of it; items are to be in your possession until they are returned to the camper as you board your transportation home. It is not KAA's responsibility to keep these items for you.
- Left behind/Lost items must be claimed within 30 days from our final camp session. We will not hold these items indefinitely.
- To claim missing items, send an email to one of our full-time Registration staff with a detailed description of the item(s) or respond to our inquiries concerning found items.
- Any items that you wish KAA to return to you or a camper will be shipped to you upon request, and a shipping fee will be added to your account.
- If another group/individual possesses your items(s) we will place you in contact with one another to arrange for the item's return.

Those Who Cannot Attend KAA

2023 Kids Across America Attendee Eligibility Restrictions Individuals with the following are ineligible to attend KAA Camps:

- **Pregnancy**
- **Sickle Cell**
- **Vision/Hearing impaired**
- **Uses Wheelchair/Paralysis**
- **Requires assistance to walk dress, eat, bathe, use toilet facilities, etc.**
- **Takes more than 2 psychotropic drugs (medication designed to alter the mind, emotions, and/or behavior)**
- **Unregulated Asthma or diagnosed within 12 months of camp start date**
- **Unregulated Diabetes or diagnosed within 12 months of camp start date**
- **Seizure activity within 6 months of camp start date**
- **Hemophilia/Communicable disease/Immune Deficiency**
- **Cognitive delays, Autism, Down Syndrome, Developmental Disability**
- **Responds defiantly to correction**
- **No hard casts**

*Participants must be in general good health and able to participate in the required walking and athletic activities typical of our Camp.

*KAA does not restrict the attendance of those who are juvenile delinquents/wards of the state. However, individuals must respond positively to authority & participate in camp activities.

*Regulated diabetics MUST be cleared through the Health Services Director BEFORE attending.

*Inhalers are primarily kept by the Campers and the Counselors, or the Health Center as needed as a secondary measure.

Camp Barnabas specializes in camping for individuals with physical and/or developmental disabilities and their families. Their offices may be reached at 417-476-2565 or www.campbarnabas.org.

If a condition is not listed, it does not mean that it is permitted. If you question eligibility, please contact the Registration Team at 417-266-4000.

CAMPER ITEMS TO BRING

***Please Label all of your luggage w/ masking tape, child's name, and K1, K2, or K3**

***Campers are prohibited from having cell phones at Camp! Phones found in the Camper's possession are confiscated and given to the Camper's Kaleo.**

Phone Calls: In case of emergency, parents/guardians listed as an emergency contact on the Camper form are notified immediately. We do not allow incoming or outgoing phone calls to campers, including those for special occasions. If there is a family emergency, please call 417-266-4000 and specify which Camp your child is attending. Your child's Kaleo will be contacted.

Campers housing together is not guaranteed; please pack Camper medicines and clothing separately. * To ensure Camper, staff and Kaleo safety; do not assume privacy regarding luggage, bags or belongings kept on Camp property. Contraband items are confiscated and given to your Kaleo, **we are not responsible for loss or theft of these items and are under no obligation to replace lost/damaged clothing or luggage.** Ω Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and illegal drugs are prohibited and cause immediate dismissal from Camp! **Do not expect these items to be returned.**

Bring These Items	Do not Bring These Items
1 Pillow/twin sheet set, 1 Comforter/ blanket/ sleeping bag, 1 Large bath towel and 2 wash cloths	Cell phones, games, electronic devices, headphones ABSOLUTELY DO NOT BRING THESE ITEMS!!!
Only girls may wear stud earrings and a purity ring	Sentimental or expensive jewelry
Deodorant, feminine hygiene products	Food items
Hair products, face wash, body wash or soap, Unscented lotion, toothbrush/toothpaste,	Scented perfumes/lotions
Appropriate length shorts (see Modesty Policy)	Tight or revealing clothing including sleepwear
Lightweight pajamas, 8-10 pair of socks & 8-10 underwear sets, Lightweight jacket, raincoat/ poncho	2-piece, low cut or revealing swimsuits, Short shorts, Spaghetti straps, Dressy or expensive clothes or shoes
8-10 T-shirts, tank tops, 1sweater or sweatshirt, 1 pair of jeans or long sports pants, 1-piece modest swimsuit,	Paisley bandanas, Weapons (guns, shanks, razor blades, etc.)
Athletic shoes or hiking boots, a pair of old shoes for wading,	Ω Alcohol, drugs or tobacco
Bible, notebook, pen, bug repellent, flashlight, water bottle, *extra money for souvenirs *must be given directly to the Group Leader or Kaleo who will keep the money the entire session	Pornographic, demonic, satanic, occultist, new age material of any kind including music, pictures or games
Bring enough medicine to cover your entire trip to & from Camp – 8 days. Be sure that they are in the original marked prescription bottles.	Bagged medicines for more than one person in the same bottle.

Group Leaders/Kaleos, if you see a need to accept any of the restricted items, it is your responsibility to keep them and to replace/refund the item to the family in the event of loss or damage. They are never to be given to our offices nor left in the Registration Building **but are to be kept in your possession!**

Modesty Policy/Dress Code for Campers and Kaleos

Athletics are a large part of our Camp program. At KAA, we are aware that modern athletic apparel is designed to create the least amount of resistance for optimal performance of the athlete. Although sports are a large part of our program, our desire to minister to the heart is even larger. Our bodies are a gift from God. We do not want that gift to be a distraction. The policy concerning apparel is designed to create the least amount of resistance to ministry for optimal, spiritual growth. What we gain in not causing our brother/sister to stumble is far more than what we lose in not being able to wear the clothing we may prefer individually. We wholeheartedly want to thank you in advance for adhering to our Modesty Policy.

Clothing Modesty:

1. Daily attire for Campers/Kaleos consists of athletic wear (t-shirts, shorts, athletic shoes).

* Males are always required to wear shirts unless they are in an all-male class. Shirts are worn any place where females may be present.

* Do not wear low cut tops that show cleavage, do not wear crop tops or shirts that show midriff, have suggestive or inappropriate writing or designs across the chest area.

* Do not wear thin undershirt tank tops as outer wear. Only athletic sport tank tops are to be worn. No spaghetti straps are to be worn and no midriffs showing even when the arms are raised.

* Inappropriate or suggestive slogans/designs are NOT to be worn on clothing or hats.

* No tight clothing such as jeans/pants, shorts or shirts are to be worn at any time.

* Short shorts are not allowed. If your bottom shows at any point while wearing the shorts, they are too short! There is a minimum of a 3-inch inseam and shorts are evaluated according to the finger length rule (hemline is not shorter than your middle finger when your arms are by your sides.)

* No leggings are worn without shorts worn on top. Pants, including sweatpants and shorts with writing on the rear are not allowed.

* Skirts and dresses of any length are not permitted.

* Kaleos may wear casual clothing at night, which reflects the same modesty guidelines described within our policies.

2. Modest one-piece swimsuits are to be worn- No 2-piece swimsuits please!!! No high cut-legs, no bikinis or tan-kinis, no low backs, and no cut-outs, see through swimwear or speedos. (Girls

should not wear lycra swimsuits all day because of potential yeast infections.) Swimsuit approval is subject to director discretion. Ladies must wear shorts and shirts over their swimsuits when not at a water activity.

3. No underwear is to be shown either through the clothing or by sagging/low riding clothes. Bras are worn all day. Sport Bras/regular bras are not to be visible through any shirt or tank top. No white Cool Max/Dri Fit type shirts are allowed.

4. Absolute personal modesty is observed while inside the cabin. Nudity is unacceptable unless dressing or undressing in an appropriate and timely manner.

a. Sleeping in the nude or walking around in a partially or fully undressed state is not allowed.

b. Towels are worn going to and from showers. Disrobing takes place at the last possible minute before and after showers while dressing.

5. Athletic shoes and socks are always worn during the day.

a. To reduce the instance of injuries, flip-flops or similar sandals can be worn to and from showers but never outside the cabin.

b. Texas and Chacos that have a strap around the ankle can be worn throughout the day at your own risk.

6. Ladies may wear a maximum of 2 stud earrings in their ears only, a purity ring and Camp jewelry.

a. Kaleos may wear wedding rings, small stud earrings (ladies only) and a sports watch.

b. Body piercing, outside of a small stud nose ring, must be removed, plugged or covered prior to Camp.

Modesty Policy/Dress Code continued

± As part of our modesty policy, we never joke about, exemplify, comment on, emphasize, or otherwise call attention to sexual body parts or address sensitive subjects in a manner directed toward any person. This is not appropriate and is considered overt sexual abuse.

± KAA reserves the right to update this policy at any time. Please contact us at 417-266-4000 with any questions regarding attire.



Kamper Discipline

EVERY KAMPER AND KALEO MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH THESE RULES
BEFORE ARRIVING AT KAA!

These are the rules for having the best possible time at kamp. We believe every person who come to kamp (kounselor, Kaleo, kamper) should have a life-changing experience.

Have you ever thought about why the game of basketball is such an exciting game? Who would have ever thought that putting a ball through a peach basket would be the start of the most appreciated sport in the world? One of the reasons basketball is so exciting is the "out of bound" lines. Anyone can take a ball to the hoop but can they keep it inside the lines and score? That is the fun and challenge of it! We have a few boundary lines that make kamp a safe, healthy place for all Kampers and a cherished experience for many.

There are four levels of discipline at KAA: **YELLOW**, **BLUE**, **RED**, and **FIRE**. The chart below explains the zones and the next page explains the boundary lines. The penalties on the opposite side are instituted in the Blue Zone.

Our staff administers all discipline with the kampers. Our motto is:

DISCIPLINE WITHOUT LOVE = REBELLION

YELLOW ZONE	=	GRACE: God's Riches At Christ's Expense. In this zone we offer a chance to overlook the mistakes the kamper might make during the adjustment period at kamp.
BLUE ZONE	=	GETTING THE JOB DONE Boundary lines (see next page)
RED ZONE	=	DISCIPLINE In this zone discipline is at the Director's discretion.
FIRE ZONE	=	GROUP LEADER IS RESPONSIBLE This zone is for the individual who is totally disrupting the flow of kamp. Their negative behavior causes others either to follow their lead or not to have a great time at kamp. The kamper will not be allowed to sleep in his/her cabin or participate in any kamp activity. At this point the group leader has total responsibility for the individual. The kamper will be with a Kaleo at all times.

Sample Kamper Schedule

This is a generic schedule and is subject to change. Each kamp has its own individual schedule.

Fellas		Ladies	
7:10	Wake Up	7:10	Wake Up
7:40	Championship Locker	7:40	Breakfast Begins
8:20	Flag	8:20	Flag
8:30	Breakfast Begins	8:45	1st Period (w/ locker)
9:15	Locker Bible Study	9:30	2nd Period (w/ locker)
10:15	1st Period - Specialty	10:15	Championship Locker
		11:00	Locker Bible Study
11:45	Free time / Harambee	11:45	Free time / Harambee
12:40	Gathering/Competition	12:50	Lunch Begins
1:45	Lunch Begins	1:30	Rest Period
2:25	Rest period	2:25	3rd Period - Specialty
3:30	4th Period (w/ locker)	3:30	4th Period Gathering
4:20	5th Period (w/ locker)	4:20	5th Period (w/ locker)
5:10	6th Period - Free time	5:10	6th Period - Free time
6:00	Showers	6:00	Dinner
7:00	Dinner	7:00	Showers
8:00	Flag	8:00	Flag
8:15	Evening Program	8:15	Evening Program

Camp Leader Contact Info

<Contact us if you have questions>

Camp	Leaders		Phone #
K1	Melinda	Jackson	404-660-5358
K1-nurse	Bea	Weaver	404-643-4050
K2	Tez	Andrews	678-429-9105
K2	Gala	Andrews	940-594-3954
K3	Ricardo	Richardson	248-808-8415
K3	Candice	Richardson	404-702-6505
K3	Lamartria	Andrews	678-334-0939
K3	Kyle	Brown	470-889-4431