

“The Great Timberlake Safari”

KIDS CAMP 2024

KIDS CAMP 2024 will be held at Camp Timberlake in Forsyth for all boys and girls ages 7-12. This year's theme is “The Great Timberlake Safari” and is centered around a safari theme. Here are the dates and information for Kids Camp 2024:

Kids Camp 1 (July 7-10) - Josh Cunningham (Kids Pastor/Trinity Church in Deltona, FL)

Kids Camp 2 (July 10-13) - Josh Cunningham (Kids Pastor/Trinity Church in Deltona, FL)

Kids Camp 3 (July 15-19) - Allon Loven (NextGen Pastor/Heritage Church in Baxter, MN)

Early registration costs for Camps 1 & 2 is \$159 for Campers, Leaders, and JR Leaders. Early registration cost for Camp 3 is \$199 for Campers, Leaders, and JR leaders. A **non-refundable but transferrable** deposit of \$100 is due by Monday, June 10 and is required for every camper and leader attending camp. The cost of Kids Camp covers all meals, lodging, services, and activities & games. Kids Camp T-shirts, if purchased in advance, are \$12 each (\$15 if purchased at camp). Students & leaders will need to bring additional money for the Snack Shack (CASH ONLY) and the Camp Store (CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD).

ADULT VERIFICATION FORM: Every adult participant (18 & older) **MUST** fill out an Adult Verification form which is included with this packet and can be found on our website by clicking directly on “Upcoming Events” and finding the Adult Verification Form tab. Please print this form for each leader, have it completed by the leader, then get it signed & approved by the Lead Pastor or Board Member ONLY. Forms should be scanned & emailed to Liz Reneau (elizabeth@gadistag.org) or can be faxed to Liz at 478.405.5902. Any adult who does not have this form approved and signed by their Lead Pastor or Board Member will not be allowed to participate in Kids Camp or any other district function for GA KidMin. If you have completed an Adult Verification Form for any event within the same calendar year prior to Kids Camp, your previous AVF will suffice for Kids Camp. All AVFs must be received by Friday, June 28. No adults/leaders will be allowed to participate in Kids Camp if an AVF is not submitted by Friday, June 28. **PLEASE NOTE:** We have revised our AVF which now requires the date of the most recent background check for each adult leader (18 or older) applicant.

REGISTRATION: Registration for all Campers, Leaders, and JR Leaders will be done online. Go to www.gakidmin.org > Events > Kids Camp. The early registration deadline for all camps is Monday, June 10. Deposits and balance payments should be paid by credit card or with one check from the church. All checks or online payments for deposits should arrive in the GA KidMin Office by Friday, June 14 (**NOT POSTMARKED BY**). If you have any questions, contact our administrative assistant, Liz Reneau, via email (elizabeth@gadistag.org) or via phone (478.405.5901). Any camper registration received between Tuesday, June 11 and Sunday, June 30 **will incur a \$20 additional fee** (\$179 total registration fee for Camps 1 & 2/\$219 total registration fee for Camp 3). All registrations beginning Monday, July 1 (one week prior to the start of Kids Camp) must receive registration approval from the GA KidMin Office and campers **will be assessed an additional \$50 fee** (\$209 total registration fee for Camps 1 & 2/\$249 total registration fee for Camp 3).

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Registration for all Kids Camps opens Monday, January 8. Because our Kids Camp attendance is growing, we suggest paying deposits/securing spots as early as possible. Follow procedure listed above in order to do this.
2. If you are registering early to secure your spots at Kids Camp, any paid spots that do not have registered campers by the June 10 early registration deadline will be released. You cannot hold spots at the early registration price after June 10 hoping to fill them before camp. Registration pricing will be strictly followed as prescribed above.
3. All Adult Verification Forms for leaders must be submitted to the GA KidMin office no later than Friday, June 28. Remember, no adults/leaders will be allowed to participate in Kids Camp if not submitted by this date.
4. Churches should adhere to a ratio of 1 leader for every 5 campers. You will be allowed at least one female and one male leader per church regardless of number of boys and girls you have. For example, your church brings 3

girls and 2 boys to camp. By ratio (1-5), this only allows for one leader; however, since you have both boys and girls, you can bring a leader for each.

5. All main leaders from each church should be a responsible adult at least 18 years old. Junior leaders (ages 16 & 17) should be utilized as helpers only and not the responsible, main leader for a group of children while at Camp Timberlake.
6. Please pay attention to check in/registration times for all camps. All churches/groups should neither arrive earlier nor later than the scheduled check in/registration time. Please plan your trip accordingly.
7. No students ages 13-15 will be allowed to attend Kids Camps as campers or as Junior Leaders.
8. The main snack shack (next to Valimont Lodge) will be open each afternoon from 1:30PM-4:30PM. Snack shack is ***cash only***.

HEAD CHECKS – There will be a head check for lice upon arrival at Kids Camp during registration for all students and leaders. Every church/group should do their own head checks before coming to Kids Camp. We have enclosed a Lice Check information sheet. Please read so no child will be sent home! No refunds will be given if a child is sent home due to active lice or nits!

SICKNESS POLICY – Any campers or leaders running a fever of 100 or higher, showing any symptoms such as coughing, sore throat, etc, or having been diagnosed with any sickness before coming to camp should not attend camp. The wellness of our campers, leaders, and staff is a high priority, so we appreciate your help with this.

MEDICATIONS – All medications (prescribed and over the counter) taken by any camper or JR Leader under the age of 18 **MUST** be turned in to our First Aid during check in/registration. Please use the provided Medication Information Sheet and follow its instructions. All medications must be administered by our certified First Aid staff not leaders or siblings.

BGMC PROJECT & SPECIAL BGMC OPPORTUNITIES: BGMC is always an important part of Kids Camp. Since our theme is The Great Timberlake Safari, this year we are raising BGMC Funds for Children's Church Structures in Kenya & Tanzania with missionaries Scott & Sarah Berkey. Many African churches have no meeting space for kids ministry, and, if they do, it is usually outside or in a very small space. Our goal for all 3 camps is \$12,000 total. Each structure costs \$2,000 and includes the structure itself and resources/supplies for kids ministry. **NEW THIS YEAR:** We are changing things up for BGMC at Kids Camp. All campers and leaders will attend a BGMC Late Night party the last night of Kids Camp. Every camper and leader who gives at least \$20 to BGMC for Kids Camp will get to attend our very first BGMC Silent Disco and receive a small BGMC prize during that party. A form will be included with our Kids Camp packet to list all your students who will be participating in BGMC giving and should be turned in at registration as well. Please include the name of your church on the form to ensure proper BGMC giving credit for your church.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can help you or your church in any way.

Sincerely,

Russell Smith