



iLove Preparation Packet





iLove 2009 Summer Youth Weeks Camp

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Information, Details, and Preparation for Youth Weeks 2009

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I hope you are getting excited for what God is going to do in the lives of your youth this summer. Summer is approaching quickly, and your Summer Youth Week will be here soon. Before you head off to camp, you need to know a few things in order to prepare yourself, your leaders and your youth for the week.

This booklet includes:

Youth Week Theme

Adult Leader/Chaperone Guidelines (make a copy for each leader before the trip)

Guideline Sheet for Youth (make a copy for each youth before the trip)

Camp Rules

Responsibility Agreement Form

Variety Hour Information Sheet

Church Group Devotions

Summer Missions Offering

Schedule

Church Group Information Sheet

T-shirt Order Form (bring to registration)

We suggest you schedule an informational meeting with your youth to explain the camp guidelines so they will know what is expected of them regarding behavior, attitude and dress. You and your leaders will be in charge of your youth and we want to be sure everyone is aware of these guidelines.

We need at least two volunteers from each church to help with small group Bible studies. The small group time will revolve around activities reinforcing teaching points made during the large group middle school and high school Bible study times. We need two adults in each classroom, one to lead the study and one to assist. You will be paired up with another church to teach unless your church provides multiple teachers. Please fill out the background check form on the CD for each teacher and assistant from your church and mail to Sandy Crute at PO Box 1107, Cary NC 27512, or fax it to (919) 319-7205. All background checks must be returned by May 15, 2009.

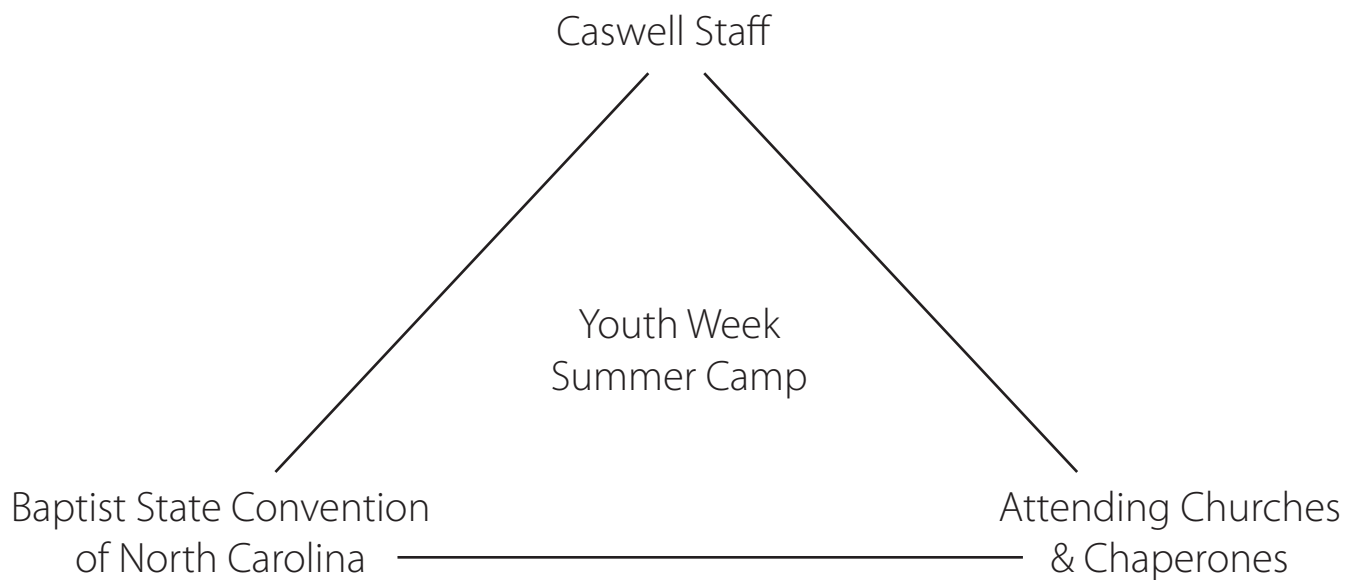
If you have questions, please call Merrie Johnson at (800) 395-5102, ext. 5568 before May 25, 2009. After May 25, Merrie will be at camp and can be reached at mjohnson@ncbaptist.org. You can also contact Merrie's assistant Sandy Crute at (800) 395-5102, ext. 5566 or scrute@ncbaptist.org.



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Responsibility Threefold

Caswell staff provides pleasant accommodations, meals and other great facilities. The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina provides a BeDoTell Worship Team (Praise and Worship Team) to lead the programs, which include worship, Bible Study, track times and materials for church group devotions and daily quiet times. Each church should provide one adult chaperone for every eight students. Students attending camp must have completed sixth grade.





iLove Adult Leader/ Chaperone Guidelines



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Adult Leader/Chaperone Guidelines

Please give a copy of these guidelines to each adult from your church going to camp.

Introduction

Summer Youth Weeks generate years of memories for those who participate. For most youth and adults, the week is a “mountain top experience” which challenges and strengthens their walk of faith. For a few others, the week is one of frustrations, strained relationships and that “I don’t want to go back” attitude. What makes the difference?

The difference between a good experience and a bad experience at camp is directly related to preparation prior to the week and participation during the week. Let us share some ingredients that may help this be a positive experience for you and your church group.

Pray | Pray for yourself, leaders and youth.

Identify | Identify the needs of each youth.

Work | Set goals for what you want from camp.

Communicate | Communicate rules and responsibilities.

Assign | Assign 8 youth for 1 adult to pray and develop.

Adult Leader/Chaperone Guidelines (*continued*)

Pre-Camp

Before going to camp, plan to have at least one meeting of all youth and adults who will participate in the youth weeks, as well as parents.

Share the pre-camp devotion together (found in your Church Group Devotional Guide).

Prepare the items you will need to take to camp, including what you will need for church group devotions each night. A list of supplies is given in the Church Group Devotional Guide.

Discuss responsibilities and expectations, including behavior and appropriate dress, with all participants.

Adult Expectations

There must be one adult sponsor, age 21 or older, for every eight youth. A group of male and female youth must have at least one male and one female sponsor. The sponsor(s) must reside with the group and supervise the group's participation/activity on and off campus.

Adults should be adults! They should model the behavior and participation that is expected of the youth in worship, in study, at play, while dining and in the residence building.

Adult Responsibility

- Assign each adult specific teenagers they are responsible for during the week. For example, one female chaperone and up to eight girls. Make sure you have assigned places to meet before each activity in order to keep up with your students.
- During the morning and evening, adults should be with their youth during quiet time (8:30 a.m.- 9 a.m.), with their church group in morning wake-up (9 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.), morning celebration (11 a.m. -noon) and all adults should be in evening worship with their youth (7 p.m.- 10 p.m.). Church groups will sit together in their assigned area.
- Adult bible study is held at 9:40 a.m. every day. The adult Bible study and training will be a special time to help you minister to teenagers, as well as help you in your own spiritual journey.
- The behavior of your teenagers is your responsibility. Please ask them to be quiet. If need be, ask other youth who may be a distraction to your group to be quiet as well.
- Please help us to enforce the Appropriate Dress Policy at all times. This is a Christian camp and we want to ensure that our dress is modest. Each youth should have received a list of appropriate dress.
- Be an encourager. Discover special things about the youth from your church and then let them know you appreciate that special part of who they are.
- Know who in your assigned group has made a personal commitment/profession of faith in Jesus Christ.
- Pray daily for each person under your responsibility.

Adult Leader/Chaperone Guidelines (*continued*)

Skateboards, CD Players and Laser Pointers

These items are not allowed. The prohibition of skateboards is for safety reasons; the prohibition of the large portable radio system is to respect the airspace and noise level of other people and other church groups; laser pointers are distracting and blinding and may be confiscated by a program leader if necessary.

(If a leader needs a CD player system for programming, this is understandable and acceptable. Please bring a small CD player and be responsible for how and when it is used.)

Smoking

Each church may have a policy in place regarding underage smoking and tobacco use. Please be aware that underage smoking is illegal. We remind you that the camp policy states, "Smoking is prohibited in any building on campus." We further request that any adult smoker do so in designated areas only. Please refer to www.fortcaswell.com to find those locations.

Cell Phones

The use of cell phones is up to the discretion of your church. Please make sure they are not brought to worship or Bible study. This may mean you have an adult chaperone take them up as you enter worship or Bible study.

Appropriate Dress

- When not at the beach or pool, wear cover ups over one-piece bathing suits.
- Do not wear T-shirts or other clothing with offensive language, advertisements or pictures.
- Remember that the evening service is worship and dress appropriately. This means no short shorts, tank tops or one-shoulder/halter/strapless tops, including tops of dresses.
- Spaghetti straps are to be two inches wide.
- No hats or caps are to be worn in worship, morning or evening.
- No bare feet in the cafeteria, in worship or in the classroom building.
- Please remember to monitor your group so others will not complain to camp staff.

After Hours

- The program schedule is designed to give you adequate time to have church group devotions, clear the campus and get ready for bed before lights out at 11:45 p.m.
- Church group devotions should be over by 11 p.m. Groups assigned meeting places for devotions outside their sleeping areas should move quickly at 11 p.m. to their housing.

Adult Leader/Chaperone Guidelines *(continued)*

- Camp staff will expect the campus to be completely cleared shortly after 11 p.m. If lights remain on after 11:45 p.m., this will be an indication that you need help and someone will check with you.
- Doors to the classroom building will be locked at 11:15 p.m.

If your youth are found on the grounds after hours, security will bring them to you. Before the fact, please decide on appropriate discipline for this trespass and communicate it to the group before the first night (or even better, at the pre-camp meeting) and be prepared to take action as needed.

If you are staying in the barracks at Caswell please help us enforce the lights out and quiet time rules. If your group is not trying to sleep, others who are will be affected. Teamwork among the adults will go far in helping all enjoy camp to the fullest.

Church Group Devotions

Materials for morning quiet time, small group Bible study, morning celebration, evening worship and church group devotion are all related and focus on the camp theme. Thus, the church group devotion is not an after-thought at the end of the day; rather, this material brings together what has happened during the day and provides opportunity for reflection and personal or group application.

We encourage you to use the devotional material prepared. You may choose to lead this time yourself or ask one of the adult sponsors to be responsible for this material. Either way, it will require that you familiarize yourself with the material and prepare for this prior to leaving for camp.

(Note - The church group devotion material also includes things to bring with you to Caswell.)

Post-Camp

What happens when you return home is just as important as what happens at camp. Please begin planning now for how you might follow up on what happens in the lives of your youth at camp.

- Pay particular attention to those youth who make decisions concerning their Christian faith. Find ways to help them apply their camp experiences to their everyday lives.
- We provide a sample worship/sharing outline that can be used on your return to give students an opportunity to share back at home what they learned at camp.
- Also included in the student workbook is one extra week of quiet times to help students continue to make their time with God a daily reality.

Adult Leader/Chaperone Guidelines (*continued*)

- On the last day of camp, if you have students who have made professions of faith or feel called to ministry, you will be given CDs that will help in their continued spiritual growth. The Pursuit is for first time decisions and Discovery is for those being called to ministry.
- Commitment cards will be given to you on the last day of camp for you to follow up with the decisions individuals make from your church.

One Disturbing Note - Please Read!

Every year there is a waiting list for summer youth weeks. Space is reserved for those who participate in the program and take care of the facilities. Thus, if a church group consistently or flagrantly disregards the guidelines, they will be denied a reservation the following year.

Most Importantly

- Bring a good attitude, openness to hear God's voice, flexibility and a prayerful spirit.
- God is going to do a mighty work. Be prepared to pray daily for your group members.
- Find out all you can before you come as to where the youth are spiritually.
- Let us know on your arrival the names of those who have not committed to a personal relationship with Christ. Let us know those who will need our special attention and prayer. The BeDoTell Team has prayer times at 8:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. every day and wants to pray for your group specifically.

These are the ingredients for a successful camp experience. We pledge to do our part in preparing for a good experience and we trust you will do the same. By working together, we can ensure a good growth experience for all participants.



iLove Youth Guidelines



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Youth Guidelines

Print and read the guidelines below before you go to Caswell with your church group. These should help you in packing and in understanding expectations for the week.

Please dress appropriately for a Christian assembly at all times. We like the fact that the 1,000 people who will be with you at Caswell are a very diverse group of people. However, this means things that might not bother you offend some people.

Therefore, we make the following suggestions:

- When not at the beach or pool, wear cover ups over one-piece bathing suits or tankinis. Please, no two-piece bikini bathing suits.
- Do not wear T-shirts or other clothing with offensive language, advertisements or pictures.
- Remember that the evening service is worship. Please dress appropriately. This means no short shorts, tank tops or one-shoulder/halter/strapless tops, including tops of dresses.
- Spaghetti straps are to be two inches wide.
- No hats or caps are to be worn in Hatch Auditorium, morning or evening.
- No bare feet in the cafeteria, in Hatch Auditorium or in the classroom building.
- Please remember to monitor your group so others will not complain to camp staff.
- Students participating in on-stage activities during worship are asked to wear either long pants or longer length skirts or dresses.
- ***Tuesday night is T-Shirt Night. Plan to wear your 2009 Caswell T-shirt.***
- Caswell has a designated beach area and a swimming pool with qualified lifeguards on duty in the afternoons. Swimming in other areas is extremely unsafe because of the strong undertow.
- For safety reasons, no one is to go into or on top of the forts after dark.
- The beach is off limits after dark.
- If you get hurt and cannot find your counselor, go to the First Aid Station at the Reception Center or send a friend there for help.
- If you lose your meal ticket you may get a new one for \$1 at the Reception Center (the small building where your group registered the first day).
- Please bring a Bible. You will need to have your own Bible during morning quiet times, daily Bible study and other times during the week. Write your name, church and town in your Bible. Don't forget to bring a pen.
- You are encouraged not to bring expensive jewelry or large sums of money.
- Skateboards, CD players and laser pointers are not allowed.
- No smoking. Please be aware that underage smoking is illegal.
- Drugs, alcohol, firearms or fireworks are not allowed.



iLove Responsibility Agreement Form



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(Please bring this to registration)

I have read and distributed the material appropriately to our leaders. We understand that as leaders we are responsible for working with our youth to ensure that the camp rules are upheld, so that our focus may remain on Christ. Our youth have received the camp rules and will hold accordingly to those rules in their daily routine.

Pastor

Date

Church Name

Youth Minister/Youth Leader

Date





iLove Variety Show Information



iLove Variety Show Information Sheet

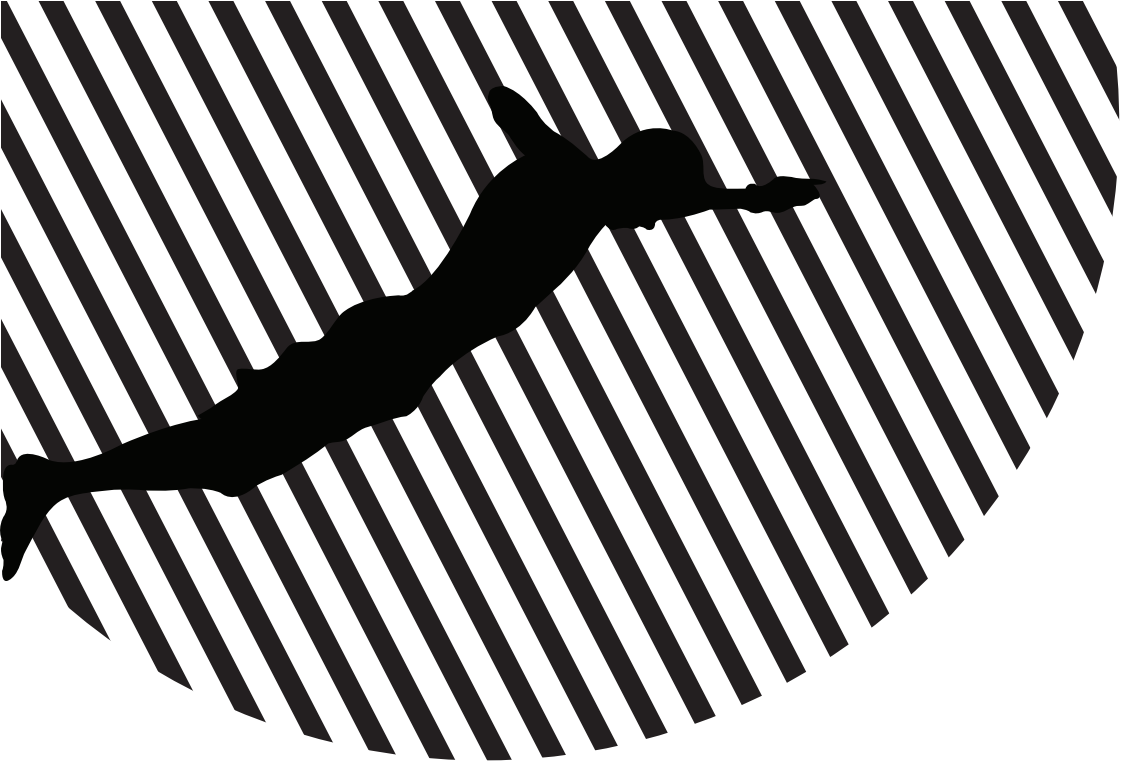
Variety Show

On Thursday evening at Caswell and on Wednesday evening at other camp locations will be a summer youth week variety show. The show is for youth participants – individuals, duets and groups. Entries should be in good taste and not exceed five minutes in length. We will look for variety and original, creative talent. Possible entries include music, skits, drama, mime, comedy or poetry.

Auditions will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:45.

Some who audition will be asked to use their talent in worship instead of the talent show. We prefer talent that uses live accompaniment for this versus taped accompaniment, but both will be considered.

Please let your students know about the variety show so they can be prepared when they get to camp.



iLove 2009 Missions Offering



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This summer our missions offering will again go to help host evangelistic events across our state called the Reach Up Tour. We know that if we reach up to Christ, He will help us reach out to our friends, family and communities with the love of Jesus. The Reach Up Tour can come to your area to provide the following three events:

1. **How to Pray Your Friends to Christ** – We will teach your students how to pray evangelistically for their friends who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We ask that you gather all students and leaders from area churches for one and a half hours.
2. **How to Share the Gospel** – We will train students and leaders in how to share the gospel using the Share Jesus Without Fear curriculum. This is a two-hour training event with our BDT Drama Team and Trainer.
3. **Reach Up Rally** – This is the main event that your churches and associations prepared for in the previous two meetings. The event is a two-hour evangelistic rally containing personal testimonies, BDT Worship Band, BDT Drama Team and a message with a gospel presentation.

This is the third year of our five-year commitment to reach North Carolina students for Christ through the Reach Up Tour.

Stewardship involves giving one's time, abilities, spiritual gifts and financial resources and is a vital part of a balanced spiritual life. During Summer Youth Weeks we want to challenge youth to develop in every aspect of their lives as Christians, including their finances. Youth attending camp, as well as their churches back home, will be encouraged to give to a missions offering. Money can also be contributed to the offering by the church as a whole before the youth come to camp. The offering will be collected at Caswell on Thursday evening during worship.

Ways of Giving

Have the youth discuss ways they can increase the amount they give during the week. For example, what could they give up while at camp in order to have more money to give? Encourage sacrificial giving.

There may be others in your church who will want to contribute to this offering, so let the congregation know about it. Explain that the youth will be giving while at camp and invite others to make contributions before you leave. Checks can be made to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Please note Reach Up Tour on the Memo line.



iLove 2009 Youth Weeks Schedule



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2009 Youth Weeks Schedule

Monday

1:00 pm	Registration
4:00	Volunteer teachers meet in classroom building, Room 101 (Behind Hatch Auditorium at Caswell)
5:00-6:30	Supper
7:00	Worship
8:45	Bible Study Groups
10:00	Church Group Devotions
10:30	Clear campus - those having devotions in the classroom building should be back in their residence building by 11 pm
11:45	Lights Out

Tuesday - Friday Daily Schedule

7:30-8:15 am	Breakfast
8:30	Quiet Time
9:00-9:25	Wake Up Celebration
9:30-11:10	Bible Study Groups-High School in small groups first, Middle School in large group
11:15-Noon	Morning Celebration in Auditorium
Noon	Lunch
1:30-2:30	Track Times-Flag football, juggling, drama, softball, basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, soccer, creative movement, crafts (\$3), tie-dye (\$5)
2:30-5	Free Time
5-6:30	Supper
7:00	Worship
10:00	Church Group Devotions
11:00	In Rooms
11:45	Lights Out

* Special Features

Talent Show Tryouts (Classroom 201, 2:45 Wednesday)

Splash & Dive Contest at the swimming pool, Wednesday, 3 pm

Beach Sand Castle Building Contest, Thursday, 4 pm



iLove Group Information Sheet
& T-Shirt Order Form



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Church Group Information Sheet

(Please bring this completed sheet with you to registration.)

Church: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Number: _____

Total Number Attending: _____

	Male	Female
Adults (beyond college)	_____	_____
College (recent high school graduates and up)	_____	_____
Grades (rising) 7, 8, 9	_____	_____
Grades (rising) 10, 11, 12	_____	_____

T-shirt Order Form

(Please bring this completed form with you to registration.)

On the blanks below, indicate how many of each size you need.

_____ Adult Small

_____ Adult XL

_____ Adult Medium

_____ Adult 2XL

_____ Adult Large

_____ Adult 3XL

*We will have a few 4XL and 5XL T-shirts but you must have a real need for this size.

T-shirts will be given out at registration and should be worn Tuesday night.



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