

FCA Back to School Camp Info & Packing List

If you have any questions after reading this, please call the school office or email Melanie Sutton at msutton@franklinchristianacademy.org.

WAIVER:

EVERY STUDENT in your household must bring a signed liability waiver form with them at check-in. These must be printed and hand-delivered at check-in. Do not send them digitally. Download the waiver [here](#).

WHAT:

Back to School Camp is a pivotal event at FCA; a time for students and faculty to bond relationally and spiritually as we start our school year. The senior class has spent all summer working and praying through the planning of this incredible week!

WHEN:

Students grades 5-8 will meet in the FCA parking lot at 8:15 am on Monday, August 15 to load the buses and head to camp with an 8:45am departure. They will return to FCA at around 1pm on Wednesday, August 17th.

Students grades 9-11 will meet in the FCA parking lot at 8:15 am on Wednesday, August 17 to load the buses and head to camp with an 8:45am departure. They will return to FCA at around 1pm on Friday, August 19th.

WHERE:

Barefoot Republic Camp & Retreat Center – approximately 90 minutes from FCA. The address is 8824 Brownsford Rd., Fountain Run, KY 42133. Their website is: www.barefootrepublic.org.

PLEASE BRING: *EACH ITEM ON THIS LIST IS NECESSARY!*

Bible, notebook/journal, pen, 2 towels, toiletries, pillow, sleeping bag or bedding, labeled reusable water bottle, flashlight, appropriate swimwear/clothing/footwear (*see Camp Dress Code below*), sunscreen & bug spray

DO NOT TO BRING:

Do not bring money, it will not be needed. Canteen snacks will be served daily free of charge.

Cell phones will not be allowed. There is very limited reception anyway. The camp has a direct landline for emergencies and all adults will have theirs for emergencies as well. You will be given emergency contact phone numbers at check-in. Lots of photos and video will be taken and shared with students. This is an important time for bonding spiritually and socially and we have

found that these devices continue to distract students and cause unnecessary drama. They will not be allowed on this trip & will be taken up. Thank you for understanding.

Alcohol, tobacco, vapes, other illegal substances, pornography, weapons, etc. are strictly prohibited and will result in serious consequences including an immediate trip home and potential removal from the school.

MEDICINE:

Medications will need to be turned in to the administration at check-in and will be given by our camp nurse. *This includes over the counter medicines.* Meds must be labeled and include a notecard with written instructions by a parent. Put the medication and instructions in a ziploc bag with student's name clearly written in sharpie on the bag. Medicines not turned in exactly this way CANNOT BE ADMINISTERED.

FOOD:

Breakfast, lunch, dinner and canteen snacks will be provided at camp. **Please let us know promptly via email or phone if your student has any serious dietary restrictions or allergies so we can work out a plan.**

ACTIVITIES:

Special Activities Survey: EVERY STUDENT in your household needs to click below and answer the following online survey question regarding special activities they may wish to do during free time at camp. Things like tubing or paintball. If they do not fill it out, they are not likely to get to do these specific activities. This link has been sent to their FCA email address as well, but PLEASE make sure they do this promptly.

GOOGLE FORM:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScW5lqbs3LbsLfnIHWSLA_EMCTn1rBFv4UkorT30GhPonba6Q/viewform

FCA Camp & Retreat Dress Code

It is the goal of FCA to foster an environment that is non-threatening and modest, an environment for our students to feel free to express their individuality but also to honor our values. We do this both in the academic setting and at camp. Therefore, we will strictly adhere to the following dress code for our summer retreats, week without walls trips, and back to school camp week:

Females:

- One piece bathing suits or two-pieces that provide good coverage. NO BIKINIS ALLOWED. Please wear a cover-up or t-shirt while enroute to water activities.
- Girls' Nike-style shorts or "soccer shorts" are acceptable. "Soffee" shorts/cheer shorts/short shorts/spandex are not. Denim shorts are fine as long as they are no shorter than 5 inches above the knee or longer. No shorts with print across your bottom. Yoga pants, sweatpants, etc. are acceptable.
- No skirts or dresses. Too much activity for these.
- Tank tops are allowed. No spaghetti straps. No crop tops/midriff tops. No shirts with wide open sides that show the bra. No low-cut tops.

Males:

- Must wear shirts at all times, unless in the water. Tank tops are acceptable.
- Pants/shorts must be pulled up to the waist at all times. No underwear showing. Athletic shorts are great, but be mindful of length. No super short shorts please.

All:

- Tennis shoes are REQUIRED for athletic events and ropes course elements. Flip flops/chacos/slides/crocs etc. will be needed for going to the lake and for other messy activities. Please bring both types of footwear.
- **School rules regarding earrings, nose rings, hair, etc. DO apply on these trips just like in the academic setting.** These are school-sponsored trips and those rules must still be followed. Hats are acceptable, however.
- No t-shirts with inappropriate/suggestive messages or alcohol or drug references.