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HANDBOOK

## Beaver Creek Christian Youth Camp 2024 Dates

1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade Camp - June 30-July 2

4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Camp - July 7-12

7th & 8th Grade Camp- July 14-19

High School Camp - July 21-26

**Beaver Creek recommends that campers attend the camp representing the last grade the camper has completed.**

### Prices

1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade Camp —\$175.00 per Camper

All other camps—\$365.00 per Camper

Scholarships are available. Call (719) 588-7627 for information.

### Limited Number of Campers in 2024

As part of Beaver Creek's Covid-19 operating plan, all Christian youth camps sponsored by the Beaver Creek Camp Commission will be limited to 24 campers.

Beaver Creek Christian Youth Camp

P.O. Box 186

0885 CR 20A

South Fork, CO 81154

(719) 873-5311

[manager@beavercreekcamp.org](mailto:manager@beavercreekcamp.org)

[www.beavercreekcamp.org](http://www.beavercreekcamp.org)

## 2024 Beaver Creek Youth Camp

### Parent & Guardian Handbook

#### Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Beaver Creek Camp Commission and management thank you for sending your child/children to Beaver Creek Youth Camp. We will strive to make the experience safe and fun while providing opportunities to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ.

You can help us make the time at Beaver Creek the best it can be by reading these pages and following the guidelines.

#### Payment and Registration Forms:

All campers are encouraged to register as early as possible to make planning camp programs, staffing and purchasing as efficient as possible. Please register online, then pay online or mail at least a \$25 deposit to Beaver Creek Youth Camp as soon as possible. Beaver Creek must have the registration form on file and the \$25 deposit must have been paid for a camper to be fully registered.

Beaver Creek's Christian youth camps are licensed for 24 campers per session. While every effort will be made to ensure that all children and youth have a camp experience at Beaver Creek, registrations and deposits received after the camp's licensed capacity is reached or received less than two weeks before the start of the indicated camp session may be declined or put on a waiting list. Please call (719) 588-7627 if you are registering late, and the camp's management will work with you.

#### Scholarships:

The Beaver Creek Camp Commission has funds available for scholarships; however, they are very limited and should be applied for before June 1. The application form is online at [www.beavercreekcamp.org](http://www.beavercreekcamp.org) or call (719) 588-7627.

Beaver Creek will not offer full scholarships in 2024. At least \$25.00 of each camper's fee must be paid from sources other than the Beaver Creek Scholarship fund. Thus, those needing assistance are encouraged to reach out to other sources, such as family members, churches, community organizations, etc., before applying to Beaver Creek.

Because we have had several campers who had received scholarships cancel at the last minute, preventing transferring the scholarship to another camper, the \$25 deposit must be paid before a scholarship form will be submitted to the scholarship committee for approval.

#### Health History Information:

BCYC's Health History form has three parts.

Part A, the Camper Health History, must be completed and signed by a camper's parent or guardian **within 90 days of the first day that the camper will be at Beaver Creek.**

Part B is the camper's immunization record. Due to Department of Human Services regulations, Beaver Creek Youth Camp will only accept immunization records on the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's required form or an approved form from Alabama, Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. **If a camper's records are not on an approved form, a parent or guardian should copy the records onto the Colorado form included in the Beaver Creek Camper Health History packet, leaving the signature spaces blank.**

**Part C must be completed and signed by a licensed medical provider and a parent or guardian.**

Colorado state law requires campers to be examined by a licensed physician or qualified, licensed nurse practitioner within 24 months before camp. However, to ensure that all information is current, especially medications, etc., the medical provider's review should be within 90 days of the first day the camper will be at Beaver Creek.

Please provide a copy of your medical insurance card (front and back) with the Health History forms.

Due to HIPPA regulations and other considerations, beginning with the 2024 camp season, Beaver Creek personnel may not look through previous camp files for health records. Please don't ask.

**Medications:**

Colorado Resident Camp Standards require all medications (prescription, over-the-counter, homeopathic, herbal, etc.) and food supplements (including vitamins, nutrient bars, etc.) be retained and administered by the camp medical personnel and that they are prescribed by a licensed health care provider (listed on the Recommendations of Licensed Medical Provider form). Medications or food supplements of any type not listed on the Recommendations of Licensed Medical Provider form cannot be stored or administered by Beaver Creek's medical staff, so they should not be brought to camp.

All prescription medications must be in the original container from a licensed pharmacy, labeled with pharmacy information, name of the camper, name and strength of the medication, directions for use, date filled, prescription number, and the name of physician prescribing the medication.

Over-the-counter (including homeopathic, herbal, etc.) medications and food supplements must also be in the original container with the camper's name clearly written on the container.

Please place all medications in a zip lock bag labeled with the camper's name and give it to the camp's medical staff person at check-in.

Epinephrine pens & inhalers may (and should) be kept in the camper's possession. If your child needs either of these items, the pertinent information must be included on the camper's Health History forms. Please also help your camper understand that the pen or inhaler should be kept with them at all times, and every effort should be made to ensure they are out of reach of other campers.

Beaver Creek does not keep Epinephrine pens in stock.

**Special Diets:**

Beaver Creek Youth Camp's kitchen staff will make every effort to accommodate special diets. We ask campers with specific requirements or limitations and their parents or guardians to work with us to make every meal and snack time as safe and enjoyable as possible. **If your child has special needs or requests, please call (719) 873-5311 as far in advance of camp as possible to help plan a menu for your camper.** You may be asked to provide specific food items that are difficult to obtain through regular food vendors.

**Camper Check-in**

Check-in begins at **9:00 a.m. on the first day of camp for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Grade Camp** and at **3:00 p.m. on the first day of all other camps.** If a camper must be dropped off early, please call (719) 588-7627 in advance! Campers checked in more than one hour after check-in begins will miss some activities.

Campers in **1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade Camp should be picked up no later than 7:00 p.m.** on the last day of camp and **no later than 1:00 p.m. on the last day for all other camps.** If there will be a delay in picking up a camper or campers, please call (719) 588-7627 as soon as possible. Campers not picked up within one hour after pickup time and for whom a parent or guardian has not contacted us will trigger a call to

the Rio Grande County Department of Social Services and/or the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office.

All campers must be signed out by their parents or guardians or another individual listed on the camper's registration form unless arrangements have been made in writing ahead of time!

Beaver Creek may ask to see identification from anyone picking up campers.

**What campers should bring to camp:**

- An attitude of fun, adventure, and expectancy for learning more about our Lord.
- Bible (campers will also be given a New Testament at camp)
- Any necessary medications
- Clothing for warm to cool (and possibly even cold in the evening) weather
- Closed-toe, rigid-sole shoes (required for horseback riding & the adventure course)
- Modest swimwear and cover-up (for activities in Beaver Creek and other water activities)
- Sleeping bag & pillow
- Shower & toiletry items
- Towel(s) for showers & water activities
- Sunscreen & lip balm with the camper's name on the ORIGINAL container
- Insect repellent with the camper's name on the ORIGINAL container
- Flashlight

**What should not arrive with campers:**

- Bad attitudes
- Open-toed shoes (Our medical staff is tired of bandaging toes!)
- Inappropriate clothing (including halter tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops, low cut and bare midriff or cut-off tops, shirts with sides cut out, inappropriate or vulgar logos, short shorts, clothing with inappropriate holes)
- Tobacco, drugs, or alcohol
- Fireworks, knives or weapons
- Candy or other food items (the camp will provide snacks)
- Lighters or matches
- Valuable items or cash
- Highly sentimental items
- Cell phones or internet-accessible devices. If these arrive at camp, they are collected and stored in the camp office until the camp session ends.

**Contacting Campers:**

Most campers love to get mail. Please send it to:

Camper's Name  
Beaver Creek Youth Camp  
PO Box 186  
South Fork, CO 81154

Several short notes or cards are more fun than one long letter.

It may take three, four, or more days for mail to reach South Fork, so consider mailing notes and cards before campers head to Beaver Creek so they arrive before camp ends.

Care packages are welcome; however, please realize food is not allowed in the cabins (it attracts unwanted guests), and many campers will not get packages, so anything sent should be "shareable."

In an emergency, or if you have a particular concern, call (719) 588-7627, and a message will be delivered to your camper.

**Campers are generally permitted to call home only if they are ill and have seen the camp nurse.**

### **Visiting Camp:**

Parents and guardians are welcome to visit Beaver Creek Youth Camp. **Please call in advance of your visit.** All guests must register with the Camp Manager and wear an identification badge.

### **Homesickness:**

For many children, the first time away from home can be somewhat traumatic. Sometimes, it's harder on the parents. Usually, after a day or two to adjust, children take to camp life and are happy they stayed at camp.

Beaver Creek's staff is trained to help campers transition to camp life and to help minimize homesickness by making sure that each camper is welcomed, introduced to their cabin mates, given lots of individual attention, and immediately included in activities.

You can help by letting us know about any stressful situations your camper may already be experiencing, such as the death of a loved one or pet, separation of parents, moving to a new home, etc.

Please be positive and DO NOT suggest your child call home if he or she gets homesick or suggest they may come home early.

If your child develops homesickness and cannot overcome his or her concerns in a reasonable amount of time, a Beaver Creek representative (not the camper) will call you to plan the best response for your child. If you have concerns, please call (719) 588-7627.

### **Behavior at Camp:**

Beaver Creek Youth Camp operates with a combination of Rules and Regulations-based management and a Covenant-based relationship with our Lord and his creation, fellow campers and camp staff.

“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.” Matthew 22:37-40

With these commandments as the foundation, some rules and covenants will be in place before campers arrive, and other covenants will be developed by and between campers and staff.

Parents/Guardians and campers should be aware of the following adaptations from the Beaver Creek Youth Camp Commission Policy and Procedures Manual:

Recognizing that loving our God includes good stewardship of the gifts given to us, vandalism, breakage, or damage to equipment, buildings, or grounds will not be tolerated. Such activity may require restitution by the parent/guardian and/or immediate dismissal without a refund.

Bullying is contradictory to loving our neighbors; thus, Beaver Creek Youth Camp has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for bullying, including physical, verbal and emotional bullying. A call home will be made and counseling offered; however, continued bullying will result in the offender being sent home without a refund.

Drugs, alcohol, vaping and tobacco are detrimental to loving God, our neighbors and ourselves. Possession of drugs or alcohol is grounds for immediate dismissal without a refund. Possession of tobacco or vaping products will result in confiscation, a call home for the first offense, and immediate

dismissal without a refund for a second offense.

**Evacuation:**

If, for any reason, Beaver Creek Youth Camp must be evacuated, campers and staff will be taken to Chapel of the South Fork, 116 Landon Dr, South Fork, CO. Urgency of the evacuation will determine which, if any, personal items are transported.

If the evacuation order includes South Fork, campers and staff will be taken to Pioneer United Church in Del Norte (630 Spruce).

Parents and guardians will be notified by phone and other media where to pick up their child/children. Regular check-out procedures will be followed, i.e., only parents/guardians may sign campers out unless we have a written record of another authorized person. IDs will be checked.

Beaver Creek staff will work with emergency agencies and parents/guardians of campers who cannot be picked up in a timely manner to coordinate safe housing.

**Parents/Guardians should be aware of the following instructions to camp staff from the Beaver Creek Employee Handbook:**

DO NOT speak with a camper “in private.” Always have a second staff member present.

Never agree to keep a secret.

It sounds harsh, but post-camp communications with campers are discouraged. If you feel you must communicate with campers, use postcards only, never letters or electronic media.

**Reporting procedures:**

Beaver Creek Youth Camp is licensed by the State of Colorado as a Child Care Facility (license #47928) and is required to advise parents, guardians and the general public on how to report concerns.

To report Child Abuse/Neglect or Suspected Child Abuse/Neglect at Beaver Creek Youth Camp, you should contact:

Beaver Creek Youth Camp Manager

(719) 873-5311

Rio Grande County Sheriff

(719) 657-4000

Rio Grande County Department of Social Services

(719) 657-3381

General Rules for Child Care Facilities 7.701.53.E

If you suspect a licensing violation at Beaver Creek Youth Camp, you may contact:

Colorado Department of Early Childhood

1575 Sherman St.

Denver, CO 80203

Or call: (800) 799-5876

General Rules for Child Care Facilities 7.701.55

The most recent licensing inspection report for Beaver Creek Youth Camp may be reviewed in the main office by contacting:

Beaver Creek Youth Camp Manager

0885 County Road 20A  
PO Box 186  
South Fork, CO 81154  
or calling (719) 873-5311.

General Rules for Child Care Facilities 7.701.56.B

To file a complaint about Beaver Creek Youth Camp, you may contact:

Colorado Department of Early Childhood

1575 Sherman St.

Denver, CO 80203

Or call: (800) 799-5876

General Rules for Child Care Facilities 7.701.56.C

### **Inclusiveness Statement**

Beaver Creek Youth Camp (a DBA of the Beaver Creek Camp Commission) is a diverse, inclusive, and equitable place where all employees\*, volunteers and guests, whatever their gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, sexual orientation, sexual identity, education, religion, or ability, may feel valued and respected.

\*Criteria for Christian program staff, paid and volunteer, includes willingness to be proactive in building wholesome Christian community and the ability to help create a healthy environment that encourages participants in Christian programs to develop new or strengthened, positive relationships with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

### **Directions to Beaver Creek Youth Camp:**

From the East (Alamosa)—Go west on Highway 160 through South Fork towards Pagosa Springs (DO NOT go to Creede). Just outside of South Fork will be a brown sign that says, “National Forest Access Beaver Creek Road.” Turn left and cross the river. Follow Beaver Creek Road about 3 miles to a brown sign on the left that says, “Beaver Creek Youth Camp.” Turn right and follow the road down the hill, then up and around the curve to the left. Another brown sign will say, “Beaver Creek Youth Camp,” Follow the arrow to the left, up the hill to the camp.

From the West (Pagosa Springs)—Coming off Wolf Creek Pass, just before you enter South Fork, there will be a brown sign that says, “National Forest Access Beaver Creek Road.” Turn right and cross the river. Follow Beaver Creek Road about 3 miles to a brown sign on the left that says, “Beaver Creek Youth Camp.” Turn right and follow the road down the hill, then up and around the curve to the left. Another brown sign will say, “Beaver Creek Youth Camp,” Follow the arrow to the left, up the hill to the camp.

Please note that the 40 MPH speed limit through South Fork is strictly enforced. Also, the roads from US 160 to the Beaver Creek Youth Camp are narrow in places, have blind spots and have a lot of pedestrian, pet, livestock, and wildlife traffic. Please slow down and keep everyone safe.