

# **Camp Weed Summer Camp Parent Handbook 2017**





Since 1924, Camp Weed has been serving the youth in North Florida and surrounding areas. Named after Bishop Edwin Weed, Camp Weed Summer Camp has always been an important and vibrant ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Florida. We are incredibly excited for the 2017 season and can't wait for you to join us. Hopefully this booklet will be able to answer all of your questions and help you have a better picture of our camp. This booklet will cover how to register, our activities, what our schedule looks like, and other basic information. If you choose to register for Camp Weed, it is important that you provide an email that you check regularly. We will be sending packing lists and other important information the week before your campers session.

The staff members at Camp Weed are highly trained in many areas. During our staff training week, staff learn how to communicate with youth of all ages, how to lead activities, and how to manage a cabin. Every staff member is trained in CPR and AED use. Our lifeguards are trained by the Red Cross and our High Ropes coordinators are certified to facilitate and operate our climbing walls. The leaders of our High Ropes course, our lake front, and our pool have all been certified in their areas for multiple years. Along with this, we select staff members who represent the Christian ideals we hope to pass on to our campers. Our goal is to have Camp Weed be the safest place you can send your child, both physically and spiritually.

If you have any questions, please contact us! We are preparing for a full, exciting, and unforgettable summer and we don't want you to miss out. Spots go fast, so register early to reserve your spot.

Camp Weed looks forward to seeing you this summer!

- Matt Bowers  
Camp Weed Program Director

# 2017 Session Dates

Session/Dates	Age Level	*Fee	Registration Deadline
Session 1 June 18-23	Rising 10th-12th	\$450	6/4/17
Session 2 June 25-30	Rising 9th	\$450	6/11/17
Camp Preview July 1-2	Rising 2nd	\$90	6/17/17
Session 3 July 9-14	Rising 7th-8th	\$450	6/25/17
Session 4 July 16-21	Rising 5th-6th	\$450	7/2/17
Session 5 July 23-26	Rising 3rd-4th	\$340	7/9/17

\* Prices will be raised by \$25 (\$10 for Camp Preview) after **April 15, 2017**.

An exclusive early registration t-shirt will be given to all campers registered before **April 15, 2017**.

Scholarships are available. The form can be found on [Diocesefl.org](http://Diocesefl.org) under the Summer Camp Registration page. Forms will be accepted until **April 15, 2017**, or until funds are depleted.

## A Typical Day at Camp Weed

- 7:00 Rise and Shine
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Morning Devotions
- 10:00 Activities
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:15 Rest Time
- 2:15 Deans Program
- 3:30 Canteen
- 4:45 Activities
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:30 All Camp Activity
- 9:30 All Camp Devotions
- 11:00 Lights Out\*

\*Lights out will be earlier for younger sessions



## All Camp Activities

Camp Weed 500  
Messy Games Relay  
Cupcake Wars  
Paint Party  
Counselor Hunt  
Cabin vs Cabin  
Battleship  
Prayer Night  
Bishops Ball  
Talent Show  
Dive In Movie  
Camp Fire  
Carnival  
Luau

**and so much more!**



## Majors and Minors for Sessions 1-3

All other sessions will experience the main camp activities with their cabin.

### Majors

Majors are activities selected by campers interested in extended classes with intensive instruction in each activity.

Campers will select two majors they would like to participate in during the week.



### Minors

Minors are daily activities of the camper's choice. There will be 7-8 offerings each day.

Campers will select one a day.



Please register early to have a wide variety of activities. Activities will fill up when sessions get closer. Ensure your camper receives their top choices and sign up early. Please note that if there is a lack of interest in an activity it will be canceled and your camper will be rescheduled.

# Major Descriptions

**Aquatics:** Aquatics will be a split between pool and lake games. One day will take place at the pool playing games led by our lifeguards. The other day will be at the lake where campers will be able to kayak.

**Archery:** The archery major will cover how to shoot and aim properly. Once there is a basic understanding, campers will play archery games including, shooting balloons and watermelons.

**Arts and Crafts:** Crafts will vary by age group. Some crafts done previously have been: noodle rockets, mosaic picture frames, prayer boxes, reverse tie dye, decorating mugs, and dream catchers.

**Guitar:** Whether your camper is beginner or a pro this major is for them. Campers will bring their own guitar and learn basic chords or songs. Please sign up based on your skill level.

**Movie Making:** From the story to the acting, campers will be fully immersed in the movie making process. Over the two days they will be able to script, act, and edit their film.

**Photography:** With their own camera campers will go around camp taking pictures. They will get to make a frame for one of their photos and then help make a scrapbook for the session.

**Outdoor Living:** This activity varies by the counselor leading it. Past counselors have led this activity as nature walks, how to build a fire, and how to cook in the woods.

**High Ropes:** By signing up for the high ropes major the campers will have the opportunity to use all of the high ropes elements.

**Sports:** The sports offered will vary by the counselors leading the activity. Some example of sports that might be played are: basketball, dodge-ball, soccer, floor hockey, disc golf, ultimate frisbee, etc.



# Minor Descriptions



**Archery:** Basic teaching in archery and open shooting time.

**Bikes:** Mountain biking down our bike trail.

**Dodge ball:** A camp favorite with loud music and lots of fun.

**Fishing:** Go fishing off of the dock and try to catch some bass!

**Flag Football:** Fun in the sun playing non-tackle football.

**Hammocking:** If rest time isn't enough for you then hammocking could be your minor. Come hang out in the trees in enos provided by camp.

**High Ropes:** Take on the climbing wall.

**Indoor Games:** Play in the airconditioning. Games will vary by counselor leading the activity

**Kickball:** Go play a classic kickball game on our kickball field.

**Lake:** Go out on the lake in one of our kayaks or canoes.

**Leather-working:** Make a key chain or a belt with leather stamping equipment and then decorate it.

**Low Ropes:** Team building activities out on our low ropes course. Learn to work together to achieve a common goal.

**Messy Games:** Paint twister, shaving cream fight, ketchup and mustard relay, prepare to be very messy at messy games.

**Outdoor Living:** Take a nature walk through the woods.

**Pool Games:** Water polo, diving contest, and free swim time.

**Raft Building:** Receive supplies to build a raft with your team. Work together to see if it will make it across the pool.

**Tie-dye:** Bring any white item you would like and learn how to tie-dye.

**Ultimate Frisbee:** A fun and competitive game of frisbee.

**Yoga:** Yoga basics with a twist.

## Check-In

Campers may arrive at camp on opening Sunday between 3pm and 4pm.

All campers and parents will come to the Youth Pavilion to check-in and receive cabin assignment. All campers must be paid in full upon arrival at camp.

Please have medical forms turned in before arrival, missing medical forms will result in a delay in your check in. Any prescription or over-the-counter medication must be labeled with the camper's name in the original packaging and given to the nurse. Anyone with medical concerns is welcome to speak with the nurse. Campers will also be given a wellness check prior to going to their assigned cabin.

Canteen accounts and additional t-shirts may also be purchased.



## Check-Out

Check out is Friday at 3pm  
Session V check out is  
Wednesday at 3pm.

**Family Eucharist 2pm in  
Mandi's Chapel**

\*Camp Preview will not have a Eucharist

## How to Pick Up Your Camper

After the church service, campers return to their cabins. Parents, or other designated person on the campers pick up list, should go to the Youth Pavilion to check out and receive a "Cabin Card." This card needs to be presented to the cabin counselor in order to pick up your child. No camper will be released before 3pm.

**You MUST show picture ID to pick up your camper!**

**ALL CAMPERS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 4PM.**

## Medical Forms

Every camper must have a medical form on file. Medical forms are filled out online during the registration. The medical form is separate from the physical form which is a copy of your campers physical from the doctor. This can be a general sports physical. Both are required to attend camp.

## Infirmary

A nurse is in residence for each session. The nurse manages all camper medications and dispenses over-the-counter medication (Advil, Tums, Benadryl, etc.) as needed. Be sure to list all medicine allergies on the med form.

Parents will be called immediately if fever, vomiting, or an injury occurs. Sick campers will be kept in the infirmary until parents can pick them up.

There is an AED (automated external defibrillator) on property. All staff members are certified in CPR & AED use.

## Special Dietary Needs

The Camp Weed kitchen staff makes every effort to accommodate any dietary needs. Please be sure to note any allergies or special dietary needs on your medical form.

Vegetarian or Vegan must be indicated on the med form in order for special meals to be available.

If severe allergies do exist please contact the Camp Director at (386) 364-5250

In some extreme cases, campers may be asked to bring certain foods to meet their needs



## What to Bring

### Clothes

- Shorts
- T-shirts (Enough to change twice a day)
- One pair of jeans
- Sneakers (Close toed shoes required)
- Underwear
- Bathing suit (Girls must wear one piece)
- At least one set of clothes that can get dirty
- White shirt for tie-dye
- Crazy costume for crazy clothes lunch

### Bedding

- Sleeping bag or sheets
- Blanket
- Pillow

### Toiletries

- Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner
- Towels
- Toothbrush
- Brush
- Other personal needs

### Misc.

- Stationary and stamps
- Bible
- Flashlight
- Water bottle
- Guitar (if taking guitar)
- Sunscreen and bug spray

### Bishops Ball (Session 1 only)

- Semi-formal clothing similar to homecoming attire

## What NOT to Bring

### Cell phones and electronics

Cell phone and other electronics are prohibited. Please leave them at home. If brought to camp, they will be collected and kept locked in the camp office for the week.

### Weapons or Fireworks

Possession of knives, guns, matches, or any other dangerous weapon or item will result in immediate dismissal from Camp Weed.

### No Alcohol or Illegal Drugs

Don't disrespect camp. Keep this ground sacred. Anyone caught with alcohol or illegal drugs will be immediately dismissed from camp.

### No Nuts

It is very important that campers have no food items containing any type of nut. We always have campers with serious nut allergies. Any food containing nuts will be taken and then given back at the end of the session.

### Items of Value

Camp Weed is not responsible for any lost or damaged items. Please do not bring anything of significant value to camp. Things are often broken, lost, or damaged at camp. Please use good judgment on what you send to camp with your camper.

# Pre-Order These at Registration

## Canteen

Campers visit the canteen daily. We accept up to \$20 for your campers account. Snacks include: ice cream, candy, crackers, chips, soda, sports drinks, and water. Additional camp merchandise can also be purchased. Please do not leave additional money in the cabin with campers. Campers will not be able to add money during the week.

## Session Pictures

Pictures will be taken of campers at daily activities. A DVD will be made for each session. You may order your DVD during online registration for \$5. Some DVDs will also be available for purchase at check-out, but supplies will be limited.

## T-Shirts

T-shirts are ordered online during the registration process. Please state the size when registering. Additional t-shirts may also be purchased at check-in and check-out. Shirts are \$15.

\*These shirts are different from the early registration shirt.

## Nalgene

Camp Nalgene's, water bottles, are now available for pre-order for \$12. The bottles will be 32oz with the camp logo on the side.



## Mail



Camper Name - Cabin Name  
11057 Camp Weed Place  
Live Oak, FL 32060

Mail call is the favorite time of day. Campers look forward to letters from home, especially the younger ones. Please write happy thoughts in your letters. Try to avoid asking if the camper is homesick or misses you. If you have any of these concerns please contact the office.

## E-Mail

[Campermail@campweed.org](mailto:Campermail@campweed.org)

You can send emails to your camper by using the email address about and including your campers name and cabin in the subject line. All though campers cannot reply to emails, campers can send letters if they bring stationary and stamps. Please do not send emails before the start of your child's session. Mail call is everyday at lunch, any emails received after 11am will be given to your camper the following day.

## Summer Phone

Campers cannot receive phone calls during the week unless there is an emergency.

If you have any questions about Summer Camp, please call the conference center number before June 5, 2017.

Summer Camp: (386) 364-6021  
Conference Center: (386) 364-5250

# What makes Camp Weed great

The first time I went to camp, I had no idea what it would be like. I didn't know how much I would love all the crazy, fun activities we did, how much I would love singing and dancing with all my new friends, and how easy it would be to create friendships that last years. It was so easy to connect with girls in my cabins, my counselors, the deans, and everyone who was so excited to be there and be with one another.

Year after year, I kept going back to camp because not only was it fun to do all of these fun activities, but I was drawn closer and closer to God each time I went. I learned what it meant to have a personal relationship with God, and that his love for each one of us is personal. I learned how to pray, how to love, and how to be so full of God's joy that by the end of each week, I felt like I was bursting with love and happiness. As I planned out each summer, I always made camp a priority. I didn't want to miss out on the fun, the love, or the family that grew each year and continues to grow each camp session. Camp is one large, beautiful, crazy family - and we can't wait for you to be a part of it!

**"Camp Weed is where people are loved, accepted, and God is with us every step of the way"**

So when I say that camp is not something you want to miss, I'm not saying that just because we have a ton of wonderful, hilarious activities planned...which we do. I'm not saying it just because there are so many campers and counselors

waiting to be your friend, and waiting to make those incredible memories with you...which there are. I am saying it because Camp Weed is where people are loved, accepted, and God is with us every step of the way - and that is NOT something you want to miss!

- Julia Carmedelle  
2016 Worship Coordinator



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# How to Register



Go online to [Campweed.campbrainregistration.com](http://Campweed.campbrainregistration.com)  
Set up an account if you did not do so last year. Go under the summer camp tab and start filling out all the information.

Remember when you create the login to write it down. You might need to access this account again.

An initial non-refundable deposit of \$75 must be paid at the time of registration. You may pay the balance in full or spread the payments over time. All accounts must be paid 2 weeks prior to the start day of the session. No camp fees will be accepted at check-in.

**Scholarship forms must be received by April 15, 2017**

Forms can be found online at [Diocesefl.org](http://Diocesefl.org) under the summer camp tab.



