



IN THE

Wilderness



SUMMER 2026 PURDY, MO

MEET ★ TEAM

BARNABAS BOUND

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HOWDY Y'ALL!

Camp Barnabas is saddling up for *In the Wilderness* Summer 2026!
We're so glad you're joining the herd for an unforgettable summer splashing in the water park, getting to know our Campers and Missionaries, and growing closer to God through daily devotions and serving others.

Our theme this summer is inspired by our memory verse from Isaiah 43:19,
**"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."**

The wilderness is a powerful and recurring theme throughout the Bible. It's more than just a physical place—it's where people faced testing, encountered God, and learned total dependence on Him. In the wilderness, we are removed from distractions, comfort, and control, but never removed from God's presence. Even when we feel alone or forgotten, God is with us. He uses seasons of trial, silence, and wandering to shape our character, awaken our faith, and prepare us for what's next. But the wilderness was never meant to be our final home. Through Jesus, who faced His own wilderness and overcame it, we are invited into a life of abundance and restoration.
Jesus is the way through the wilderness and the bridge that leads us home.

In this Barnabas Bound packet, you'll find everything you need to get ready for this summer: packing lists, party themes, schedules, online training and more.
Take a good look, and holler if you have any questions. Get ready for a life-changing summer!



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Camp Barnabas

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Packing List



- Bible
- Flashlight/Head Lamp
- Bug Spray and Sunscreen
- Backpack
- Water Bottle
- Shirts**
- Shorts**
- Swimsuits**
- Jacket or Sweatshirt
- Rain Jacket
- Shoes with a Back Strap
- Watch
- Costumes (See Party Themes)
- Laptop (Optional for EMAR charting)
- Twin Bedding (for Nursing Students)
- Optional:** Money for Barnabas Outfitters, The Harbor snack shop, or Barnabeen coffee shop

DO NOT BRING: Weapons (including concealed firearms, knives of any kind, scissors, or sharp objects, etc.) expensive jewelry, large sums of money, music players, snacks (including gum, soda, candy, etc.) alcohol, illegal and recreational drugs, or tobacco products (including cigarettes, vaping devices), or products with explicit content. Firearms are not permitted on Camp property, including in cars. Barnabas is not responsible for lost or stolen items. (AD.16)

Please wash and dry all items you plan to bring to camp on the highest heat setting **BEFORE** and **AFTER** your time at camp (this includes clothing, pillows, sheets, towels, etc.). This will help prevent the spread of any lice, bed bugs, fleas, and any other transferable pests. For more information on preventing, identifying, and treating bugs, visit the CDC website.

**Please reference our Camp Barnabas Policies.

PARTY THEMES

At Camp Barnabas, we don't just throw parties. We throw rootin' tootin', boot-scootin' good times. Costumes are encouraged but not required. We've included a few ideas to help plan for packing.



BARNABAS BOOT SCOOT



OASIS POOL PARTY



SUPERHERO SHOWDOWN



PROM UNDER THE STARS

Daily Schedule

Please check in at the Well House, get your name tag, and shirt for the week. You are welcome to unload at the Well House and park in the Missionary parking lot. Be ready and checked in for introductions by 4 pm.

SATURDAY

- 3:30 pm** Check In at the Well House
- 4:00 pm** Welcome and Introductions
- 4:30 pm** Emergency Training
- 4:30 pm** Missionary Arrival (Interns Only)
- 5:30 pm** Set Up MAR's for Missionaries
- 6:00 pm** Dinner
- 7:00 pm** CampDoc Jump Start
Review Camper Profiles
- 8:00 pm** Worship
- 9:00 pm** Administer Missionary Medications
(Get to know the Missionaries you're serving)

SUNDAY

- 7:30 am** Wake Up: The Campers are Coming!
- 8:00 am** Church
- 8:30 am** Breakfast in the Dining Hall
- 9:15 am** Complete Camper Profile Review
- 12:30 pm** Lunch
- 1:15 pm** Med Team Photo at the Well House
- 1:30 pm** Free Time
- 3:15 pm** Camper Arrival Setup
(Meet at the tent in the field)
- 3:30 pm** Gates open for Camper Arrival
- 4:00 pm** **CAMPER ARRIVAL** (Last Name A-M)
- 4:30 pm** **CAMPER ARRIVAL** (Last Name N-Z)
- 5:30 pm** Prepare Medications /
Dinner in the Med Room
- 8:30 pm** Administer Evening Medications
- 9:00 pm** Camper Lights Out

MON-THURS

- 7:00 am** Administer Early Morning Meds
- 8:00 am** Breakfast A / Devo B
- 9:00 am** Devo A / Breakfast B
- 10:00 am** Med Team Prayer and Praise in
the Well House
- 10:00 am** Camper Activity 1
- 11:00 am** Camper Activity 2
- 12:00 pm** Lunch A / Rally B
- 1:00 pm** Rally A / Lunch B
- 2:00 pm** F.O.B. (Flat on Back for Campers)
Thursday Med Team Pool Party
- 3-5:00 pm** Well House Clinic Hours
- 3:15 pm** O.A.T.S. (Open Activity Time Slot)
- 5:15 pm** Dinner A / Showers B
- 6:15 pm** Showers A / Dinner B
- 7:00 pm** Party
- 8:00 pm** Wrap Up
- 8:30 pm** Administer Evening Medications
- 9:00 pm** Camper Lights Out
- 9:15 pm** *Wednesday: Med Team Bonfire*

FRIDAY

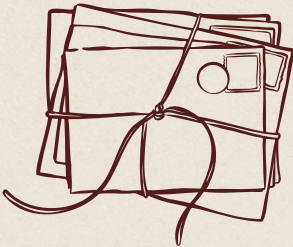
- 7:00 am** Administer Early Morning and
Breakfast Meds and
Pack in Camper's Suitcases
- 8:00 am** Breakfast in the Well House
- 10:00 am** Camper Closing Ceremony
in the Dining Hall
- 11:00 am** Med Team Dismissal

CAMP 101



2027 REGISTRATION

We want to see you again next summer, and the sooner you sign up the better! Some weeks fill up quickly, so secure your spot and register now. Med Team rate is \$75 per person.



MAIL & PACKAGES

All packages and letters should be sent to:

Camp Barnabas
First and Last Name
901 Teas Trail
Purdy, MO 65734

Mail will be distributed daily. Med Team will open packages in the office. **Any mail received after your term will be returned to the sender.** Mail is subject to be read by Camp Barnabas Staff.



DIGITAL CAMP NOTES

Send someone a note at camp, and we'll deliver it straight to their cabin! Fill out our form at campbarnabas.org/notes2026, and we'll print and deliver your message. Notes are delivered daily, but to guarantee delivery, please submit your message by Thursday at noon. Messages sent after this time may not arrive before the session ends.



AIRPORT ACCOMMODATIONS (AD.5)

If you are flying and need transportation from the Springfield, MO airport (SGF), please input the flight information into our camp registration system at least 20 days prior to your flight.

Airport pickup will be between **4-5 pm on Saturday (Missionary Arrival Day)**

Airport drop-off will be between **11:30 am to 1 pm on Friday (Closing Day)**

The transportation fee is \$50 for pickup and \$50 for drop-off, totaling \$100 for round-trip service. This fee must be paid prior to camp. For details, please read [our vehicle and transportation policy here](#).



STAYING BETWEEN SESSIONS

Med Team serving back-to-back weeks who wish to stay between Friday's closing and Saturday's arrival must complete our electronic [Overnight Waiver form here](#).

CAMP PHOTOS



Check out all the fun from this week in our Waldo Photo Gallery. There are three ways to view the photos:



Text "**Barnabas26**" to the number **735-343** and you'll receive a text message with a link to our photo gallery



Visit waldo.photos/galleries and use the join code **Barnabas26**



Scan the **QR code** to view photos



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HIGHLIGHT VIDEO

After camp, we'll email a highlight video from the weekend. Check your inbox or watch on social media!

WE'RE SOCIAL



Follow us @[campbarnabas](https://www.instagram.com/campbarnabas)



Barnabas Outfitters

Barnabas Outfitters is our camp store, offering everything from shirts and hats to water bottles, sunglasses, and more. You can order gear online and have it delivered to camp during F.O.B. (with a note indicating who it's from), or choose to have your gear shipped directly to you. **Shop now at barnabasoutfitters.com.**



Store Card

Add a Store Card to your account! You will have several chances throughout the week to shop at our on-site locations: Barnabas Outfitters, The Harbor snack shop, and the Barnabean coffee shop. Add credit to a store card through your account by logging in, clicking “Registrations” and “Store Card”. You can make purchases using a store card, debit/credit card, Apple/Google Pay, or cash.

Please note: Any unused store card balance at the end of the week will be donated to Camp Barnabas.



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SUMMER 2026

FARM ROAD 1012



MAP KEY

- A - POTTER'S HOUSE
- B - BARNABAS INK
- C - ADVENTURE & DISCOVERY ROOM (BELOW THE LODGE)
- D - ADULT HOUSING (BELOW THE LODGE)
- E - LAUNDRY HOUSE
- F - FISH HOUSE
- G - THE BARNABUNK
- H - THE SILVER LINING
- N - NURSING STUDENT HOUSING
- THE HARBOR (BELOW THE DINING HALL)
- AED MACHINE
- WATER STATION
- ♿ — RESTROOMS
- RESIDENTIAL HOUSING (OFF LIMITS)

THERE ARE OVER 20 POKEYS HIDDEN AROUND CAMP.
HOW MANY CAN YOU FIND?



POLICIES

REQUIRED ONLINE TRAINING

All Med Team members are required to complete **Online Training prior to serving at Barnabas**. This training is critical to maintaining safety at camp and is a part of our Barnabas Protection Plan. It will take approximately 120 minutes to complete all courses. These courses can be taken all at once or broken out into multiple sessions. It is important that you are comfortable with our expectations and the Barnabas Protection Plan.

Visit campbarnabas.org/training26 to register for an account. If you are coming with a group, please contact your Group Leader for your specific online training link. Online Training courses will be assigned automatically. **All Med Team members are required to complete the updated 2026 Online Training courses. You will need to enter an email on the training site to get started. If you attended Spring Barnabreak, then you have already completed your online training for 2026.**

The following courses are mandatory and must be completed
BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT CAMP

TOTAL COURSE TIME
ABOUT 2 HOURS

1. Barnabas Protection Plan
2. Well House & Medical Orientation
3. Emergency Procedures
4. Taking Care of Your Camper
5. J.E.F.F.: It's a Camp Thing
6. Introduction to Behaviors
7. The First 24 Hours
8. Gospel Training



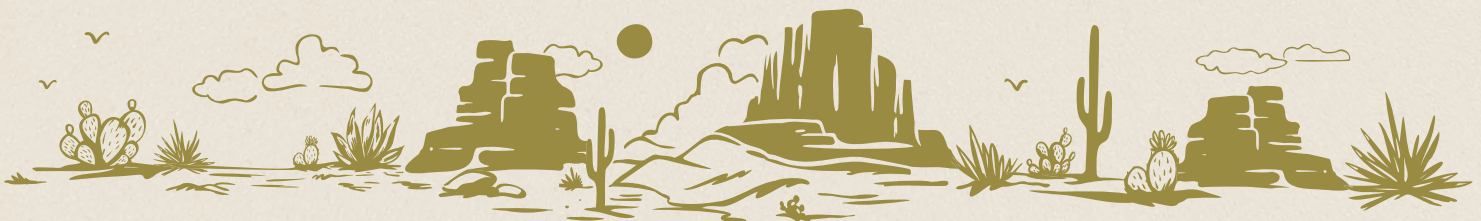
MED TEAM DO'S

We strive to glorify Jesus Christ in everything we do! To help us, we have specific policies designed to guide and direct our understanding, as to what we believe is right and true in the eyes of our Lord. Also the policies are designed for the safety and wellness of you and others during your time at camp.

- ☑ **Be Responsible** – At every moment of every day, we are counting on you to be responsible and to make responsible decisions based on the mindset of a servant-leader.
- ☑ **Be Safe** – Be aware and alert at all times and in all areas. We want to ensure the physical, emotional, and spiritual safety of each and every Camper, Missionary, and Staff member. Every Med Team member is personally responsible to take action if needed.
- ☑ **Be an Example** – The Campers, Missionaries, and Staff want to be just like you. Living a life that exemplifies Christ is the best method of teaching them what it means to truly live. “Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children” (Ephesians 5:1).
- ☑ **Be Approachable** - Get to know the Campers, Missionaries, and Staff. Love on them like crazy. Make them feel comfortable, accepted, and loved. Some people will be easier for you to love than others. Often, the people who are hardest to love need it the most. Reach out to the unreachable, be a friend to the friendless, love the individual who doesn't love you back! Like Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 2:8, “We loved you so much that we delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well because you had become so dear to us.” This is what Barnabas is about. We want to share the gospel by sharing our lives.
- ☑ **Be Enthusiastic** – Always exhibit a joyful attitude; it's contagious. You set the tone for your environment!
- ☑ **Be Respectful** – Be respectful to everyone, including the Camp Barnabas leadership team, as we do our best to serve each other.
- ☑ **Be Where I'm Supposed to Be** – The primary responsibility for the Med Team is to be ready and accessible for emergencies and assistance with all concerns related to the medical needs of our Campers and Staff. As part of this objective, the Well House is to have medical coverage at all times.
- ☑ **Be Faithful** - Be faithful in all you do, whether putting up equipment, doing paperwork, or scraping plates in the Dining Hall.

MED TEAM DO NOT'S

- ☒ **Abuse** - There is a zero tolerance policy for any form of sexual, physical, verbal, or emotional abuse. Please reference our Child Protection Plan for additional details.
- ☒ **Skinny Dipping** - Skinny dipping is strictly prohibited and can qualify as a felony or misdemeanor under Missouri State Law.



POLICIES (AD.16)

We strive to glorify Jesus Christ in everything we do. We especially want Campers to see our Staff and Missionaries as living examples of Christ. We have specific policies designed to allow you to understand what we believe is right and true in the eyes of our Lord. These policies are also designed for your safety and wellness during camp. If you have any questions about these policies, please call or email us.

Alcohol, Illegal Drugs & Tobacco: Camp Barnabas leadership does not condone or personally use illegal drugs or tobacco. We do not condone the abuse of alcohol or allow for drunkenness. No alcohol, illegal drugs, recreational drugs, or tobacco products are allowed at camp.

Sexual Behavior: There should be no discussions or acts of a sexual nature while at Camp. We view sexual relations as being between a married man and woman and does not need to be a conversation among our Staff, Missionaries, or Campers.

General Appearance: Everyone should keep a neat appearance. If you have long hair, it's recommended to keep it in a ponytail for your safety.

Shirts: Shirts must be appropriate in design and messaging. They should not feature inappropriate images, language, alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, political, or controversial content. Spaghetti-strap, tight-fitting, or low-cut shirts are prohibited. Shirt straps must be at least two fingers wide and fully cover bra straps. Additionally, shirts must cover the abdomen at all times, including when arms are raised.

Shorts/Pants: Our standard length for shorts is finger-tip length. Shorts must also be loose-fitting. No shorts or pants with words across the seat are to be worn at any time. Shorts must be visible under longer shirts. Leggings and biker shorts are appropriate only when the front and back are completely covered. Underwear should not be visible either above the waistband or below the end of the shorts.

Shoes: Shoes must be worn at all times unless at the pool. Shoes with a strap around the top of the foot and the heel are required for general travel and most activities at Camp.

Swimsuits: Men must wear swim trunks (no Speedos). Women must wear modest one-piece swimsuits. Two-piece swimsuits will be permitted, provided they cover the abdomen completely, even with hands in the air. No low-cut swimsuits are to be worn. If necessary, women may wear shirts over their swimsuits as long as the shirts are not white. It is highly recommended that girls wear shorts over their swimsuits.

Tattoos & Body Piercings: At camp, it is suggested that all piercings be removed for safety reasons. Some Campers love shiny objects and may grab or pull at them. If you do not choose to remove them, please only use studs. Navel, eyebrow, or tongue jewelry is not allowed at camp (this is a safety issue). At the discretion of the Senior Staff, any tattoo that may be viewed as inappropriate will need to be covered at all times.

Missionary & Med Team Food Policy: For the safety of all Campers, outside food, drinks, and snacks are not allowed in cabins, as they can attract insects, rodents, and wildlife. Our commercial kitchen cannot store personal food due to health code restrictions. Med Team members and Cabin Parents will have a designated place for safe snack storage. **Due to allergies, no nut products are permitted.** For special diet questions or concerns please contact kitchen@campbarnabas.org.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Everyone at Camp Barnabas is expected to follow our Code of Conduct explicitly - it's comprehensive and falls into three main categories:

Physical Safety & Security: *Always* respect the other person's physical boundaries. Camp is not the place for physical relationships of any kind.

Verbal Communication: *Always* use appropriate verbal communication. There are no exceptions.

Staff Specific: While everyone on camp property is expected to follow the Code of Conduct outlined regarding physical boundaries and verbal communication, there are additional stated guidelines specifically for Staff.

PHYSICAL SAFETY & SECURITY

- No kissing
- No sharing of shower or bathroom stalls*
- Everyone sleeps in their own bed
- No hitting, kicking, slapping, or punching
- No tickling or touching of private areas (this includes slapping someone on the rear)
- No physically demeaning humor (noogies/wedgies, etc.)
- No walking about the property or in the cabin without covering private areas (not even while around the same sex)

VERBAL COMMUNICATION

- No lying
- No gossiping
- No name-calling of any kind (even jokingly)
- No talking about another's body
- No profane, sexist, or racist language
- No discussions of a sexual nature

STAFF SPECIFIC

- No Camper or Missionary is to be taken off alone
- Do not give individual gifts of a personal nature to Campers
- Do not show favoritism to a particular Camper
- One-on-one counseling or private conversations are to be in a public setting (seen but not necessarily heard)
- Summer Staff should always hold other Staff accountable
- Summer Staff should be above reproach at all times
- Open Door Meeting Policy: No Summer Staff should be with a member of the opposite gender behind a closed door or private area at any time. If a one-on-one meeting is required, it should be done in a clear, visible place where others are present

CONSEQUENCES

Any infraction of the above policy will be immediate grounds for dismissal with no chance for re-hire or return to Camp Barnabas. A violation of one of these policies might not only be misunderstood by youth/Staff but could result in legal consequences.

GUIDELINES FOR APPROPRIATE CONDUCT

TALK

Appropriate:

- Verbal praise for achievement or behavior
- Verbal encouragement
- Scripturally-based teaching (non-sexual)

Not Appropriate:

- Compliments or questions relating to physique or body development
- Sexual jokes, sexual innuendos, or bathroom humor
- Swearing or vulgar language
- Verbal harassment or abuse
- Individual secrets or special gifts
- Sexual coaching or conversation

TOUCH

Appropriate:

- Handshakes and high fives
- Walking hand in hand
- Short, congratulatory or greeting hugs
- Arm around the shoulders
- Piggybacks with young campers

Not Appropriate:

- Intimate wrestling or tickling
- Private back rubs, arm tickles, massages, etc.
- Touching of private parts
- Touching someone in anger, disgust, or frustration
- Frontal hugs
- Sexual embraces
- Lap sitting
- Kissing

**As a ministry caring for individuals with special needs, we know that some of our Campers will require an additional level of personal care assistance with hygiene during their time at Barnabas. We take this responsibility very seriously. We are very careful in how we train our Staff and Missionaries to modestly administer personal care if needed. Two caregivers are required to be present at all times for safety, this includes during hygiene administration. If a Camper requires additional assistance in their daily living activities and you would like more information on how we train or administer this care, we would be more than happy to speak with you. Please call 417-522-6011.*

TERRITORY

Appropriate:

- Public one-on-one interaction
- Group or public environment

Not Appropriate:

- Sitting or lying on a bed with another person
- Private one-on-one interactions

Additional Guidelines: Modesty dictates that Staff, Campers, and Missionaries never sit around or walk around without a towel or clothing covering private areas. Towels must be worn at all times when going to and from the shower. NO EXCEPTIONS! It is against policy to display sexual body parts intentionally—even if it's a joke.

BARNABAS SAFEGUARDS

Based on our Code of Conduct, the following rules and boundaries have been established for our Staff, Missionaries, and Campers to have a safe, secure, and enjoyable experience at Camp Barnabas. Understanding and following these rules/boundaries will help everyone have the time of their life at camp!

RULES

- **Recognize** unacceptable behavior. You must know and understand the Code of Conduct so you can easily recognize acceptable and unacceptable behavior. The Boundaries outlined below will help too.
- **Resist** unacceptable behavior. No Staff member, Missionary, or Camper should ever feel uncomfortable or unsafe at camp. Everyone has the right to say NO and remove themselves from the situation or distance themselves from the person making them feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- **Report** what makes you feel uncomfortable or if a rule has been broken.
 1. Tell a Staff member.
 2. Write a note and put it in the Comment Box (at the Well House).
 3. Tell a member of the Med Team in the Well House.
 4. Call 1-800-4-A-CHILD.

BOUNDARIES

1. **Modesty:** Private body parts should be covered at ALL times (swimming, to/from shower, dressing, etc.) NO EXCEPTIONS. Never display your private body parts or touch someone else's.
2. **Rule of Three:** You should NEVER be alone with a Camper or youth where others are not present. There should always be a third person present or in view. Never tell a Camper a secret or tell them "not to tell". We have no secrets at Camp Barnabas. NONE.
3. **Good Touch vs. Bad Touch:** Appropriate touch includes high-fives, short side hugs, arm around the shoulders, etc. and makes your Camper or peer feel safe and encouraged. Inappropriate touch is any touch that makes anyone feel uncomfortable (touching private parts, hitting, pushing, lap sitting, etc.) Refer to the Code of Conduct for additional examples.
4. **Good Talk vs. Bad Talk:** Always encourage one another with positive, pure, uplifting speech. Negative, disrespectful, sexual, and profane language will not be tolerated.
5. **Bullying:** Camp Barnabas has zero tolerance for bullying. If you are bullying someone (or they perceive you to be) and they ask you to stop, you MUST stop. If you observe or are the target of bullying, report it immediately.
6. **Your Territory:** Your body, your space, your stuff, your bed are off-limits to everyone else. No one should be in your territory without your permission and you should not be in their territory without theirs.

ZERO TOLERANCE

If you decide not to abide by these rules and boundaries, you may be immediately dismissed from Camp Barnabas.

LIABILITY & RELEASE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 6

ONLY FILL OUT IF YOU HAVE A CHILD UNDER AGE 6 WHO HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR.

Due to the high level of medical care required at camp, we are not able to safely accommodate additional family members without approval from the Health Services Director. Thank you so much for your understanding. We encourage the Med Team to enroll children ages 6+ years as Campers, Sibling Campers, or Missionaries so they can enjoy camp. This will require a separate registration.

Our hope is that your child will have an enjoyable experience during your visit at Camp Barnabas. To ensure we serve you in the best and safest manner possible, please read the following statements, and sign below.

Child Protection Rules

- Visitors/volunteers should never be alone with Staff, Camper, or minor in private where others are not present.
- Participation in any organization activity requires prior approval of the Camp Director and in the presence of a certified operator.
- Cabin areas are off limits to all visitors/volunteers unless for scheduled programs.
- Visitors/volunteers should report any suspicious behavior in one of 4 ways:
 - Report to Director at Camp, report to Med Team member in the Well House, leave a note in Safe & Secure Comment Box (Located in the Well House), or call 1-800-4-A-CHILD.

Medical Release

I hereby authorize Camp Barnabas, in the event of an incident requiring emergency medical attention, to seek medical attention on me or my child's behalf using the physician selected by this organization to hospitalize, transport, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery as required.

Assumption of Risk & Release

I realize the use of the camp facilities may involve risks that neither I nor my child may be familiar, and that I assume this risk on behalf of myself and/or my child, and that I agree to save and hold harmless Camp Barnabas, their employees, agents, officers, directors, and representatives from any and all claims, liabilities, suits, actions, damages, or losses, including without limitation all costs and attorney's fees, and from and against its activities, any condition of its property or act, omission or negligence of Camp Barnabas.

My signature below acknowledges that I have read these statements and agree to the provisions listed herein.

Name of Child: _____

Week Attending: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Please fill out and bring for each child under 6.