



Camp Barnabas

IN THE

Wilderness



SUMMER 2026 PURDY, MO

MISSIONARY

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, soaring down the zipline, meeting new camp friends, 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, arrival information, online training, camp policies, and more. Take a good look, and holler if you have any questions. Get ready for a life-changing summer!



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Packing List



Packing limit of three bags. Please label all items with your first and last name.

- Bible
- Flashlight
- Bug Spray and Sunscreen
- Water Bottle
- Shirts**
- Shorts**
- Swimsuits**
- Jacket or Sweatshirt
- Rain Jacket
- Hat: Barnstormers and Cabin Parents are required to wear a hat in the kitchen
- Sneakers
- Shower Shoes
- Socks and Underwear
- Sleepwear
- Costumes:
See Party Themes
- Bath Towels, Pool Towels, and Washcloths
- Toiletries: Hairbrush, deodorant, shampoo, body soap, toothbrush, toothpaste
- Bedding: Sleeping bag or twin sheets with blanket and pillow
- Medications and Medical Equipment: All medications must be in the original, pharmacy-labeled containers.
- Water Proof Watch
- Optional Items: Alarm clock; money for Barnabas Outfitters, The Harbor snack shop, or The Barnabeen coffee shop; stationery and stamps to write home

****Please reference our General Policies on page 12**

PACKING NOTES

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)

PHONES & LAPTOPS: To avoid distraction and fully immerse yourself in the Barnabas experience, laptops are not to be brought to camp. If a phone is brought to camp, our Staff will collect and keep these in the camp office. If you need to make an emergency call, there are phones available. Campers that use communication devices may bring these to camp with instructions for usage. Camp Barnabas is not responsible for lost, broken, or stolen items.

BAG CHECK NOTICE: We will be inspecting your luggage with you when you arrive at camp. This check is a preventative measure, and we want to make sure you have plenty of notice prior to coming to camp. Please read over your packing list and let us know if you have any questions about what to bring. If a questionable item is found during bag check, it will be held in the office until the end of the camp session. Tobacco products, illegal and recreational drugs, alcohol, and vaping devices will not be returned. (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.

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

SATURDAY

- 4:30-5:15 pm** Missionary Arrival
- 6:00 pm** Dinner
- 7:00 pm** Missionary Activity
- 8:00 pm** Worship
- 9:00 pm** Family Time: Camper Cards
- 10:00 pm** Lights Out

SUNDAY

- Missionary Shower Time
- 7:15 am** Cabin Parent Meeting
- 8:00 am** Church
- 8:30 am** Breakfast
- 9:00 am** Training
- 12:30 pm** Lunch
- 1:30 pm** Training
- 2:30 pm** Free Time
- 3:00 pm** Group Picture Time
- 3:30 pm** Meet for Arrival
- 4:00 pm** **CAMPER ARRIVAL**
- 6:00 pm** Dinner and Water Park Party
- 8:00 pm** Wrap Up
- 9:00 pm** Camper Bed Time / Family Time
- 10:00 pm** Missionary Shower Time / Lights Out

MONDAY-THURSDAY

- Missionary Shower Time
- 7:00 am** Camper Wake Up
- 7:15 am** Cabin Parent Devo
(Tuesday & Thursday)
- 8:00 am** Breakfast A / Devos & Clean Up B
- 9:00 am** Devos & Clean Up A / Breakfast B
- 10:00 am** Activity 1
- 11:00 am** Activity 2
- 12:00 pm** Lunch A / Rally B
- 1:00 pm** Rally A / Lunch B
- 2:00 pm** F.O.B. (*F.O.B. is rest time for Campers; it's your time to relax, shop at Barnabas Outfitters, or meet with your group.*)
- 3-5:00 pm** Well House Clinic Hours
(*The Well House is always open for urgent concerns. Patients can visit during clinic hours for non-emergencies.*)
- 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 / ****Thursday Only: Reverence Night****
- 8:00 pm** Wrap Up
- 9:00 pm** Camper Bed Time / Family Time/
****Thursday: Missionary Closing****
- 10:00 pm** Missionary Shower Time / Lights Out

FRIDAY

- 7:00 am** Wake Up / Pack Bags
- 8:00 am** Breakfast and Clean Up
- 10:00 am** Closing Ceremony
- 11:00 am** Missionary Dismissal



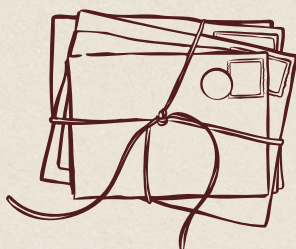
CAMP 101



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 for your favorite week with a \$100 deposit. Missionary registration will open Monday, June 1, 2026.

- ▶ Missionary & Group Rate: \$310 per person
- ▶ Groups that register by Aug 31, 2026, get up to 4 Free Cabin Parents (1 for every 10 members)
- ▶ Groups that register by Dec 31, 2026, get up to 2 Free Cabin Parents (1 for every 10 members)



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. Missionaries will open packages in the office. **Any mail received after your term will be returned to the sender.** Any food or candy sent in a package will be kept in the office and can be accessed during F.O.B. or at the end of the week. 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.

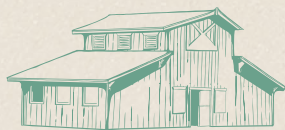


AIRPORT ACCOMMODATIONS (AD.5)

If a Missionary is flying and needs transportation from the Springfield, MO airport (SGF), you must 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. Individuals being picked up must be at least 18 years old or have written consent from a parent or guardian and emailed to office@campbarnabas.org. For full details, please read [our vehicle and transportation policy here](#).



STAYING BETWEEN SESSIONS

Missionaries serving back-to-back weeks who wish to stay between Friday's closing and Saturday's arrival must complete our electronic Overnight Waiver form. If you are under 18, a parent or guardian must sign the form. [Complete the waiver 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.**



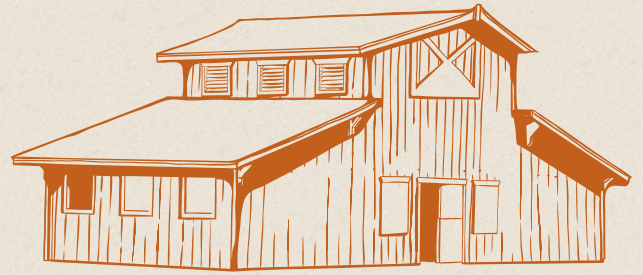
Store Card

Add a Store Card to your account! Missionaries 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. If you are trying to add credit to a store card after Missionary arrival, you will need to call the Camp Office.

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



Camp Office



If you need to get in touch with a Missionary at camp, please contact our Camp Office during business hours:

Sunday: 9 am to 5 pm

Monday-Thursday: 8 am to 5 pm

417-522-6011

office@campbarnabas.org

If an important update arises, a member of our Senior Staff will reach out to you directly. For emergencies, call anytime.

Med Team Communication (HW.8, HW.9)

Please ensure your contact information is up-to-date so we can reach your emergency contact quickly if needed.

If a Missionary is a minor, we will keep parents/guardians informed of any important developments including:

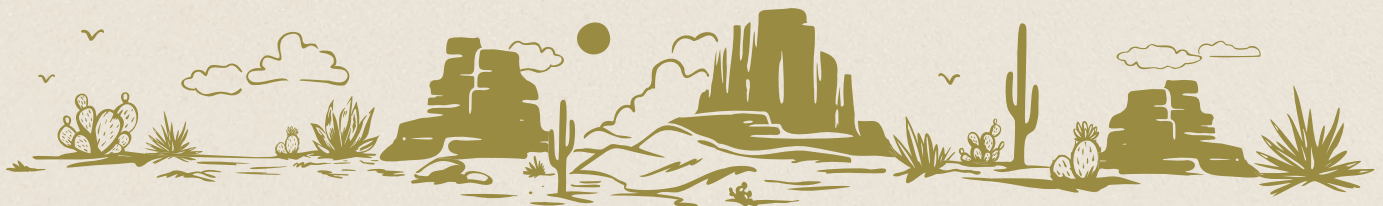
- 1. Medication Questions:** If there are any questions regarding a medication, including discrepancies between what is listed in CircuiTree and what is brought to camp, we will reach out to resolve the situation.
- 2. Off-Site Medical/Behavioral Attention:** If your Missionary needs to be taken off-site for medical or behavioral attention, we will contact you immediately.
- 3. Well House Overnight Stay:** Any Missionary who is not their own guardian and becomes ill will be placed in our Well House overnight, and we will notify you.
- 4. Tetanus Immunization Verification:** If sutures or staples are required, we will verify your Missionary's tetanus immunization date.
- 5. Unexpected or Uncontrolled Seizure-like Activity:** If your Missionary experiences seizure-like activity that is out of the norm for them, we will contact you immediately.
- 6. New Medication:** If the camp physician or provider prescribes new medication, we will inform you.
- 7. Sprains or Injuries:** For any sprain or injury that is not considered minor, we will reach out for further discussion and care.
- 8. Emergency Medication Administration:** If prescribed emergency medication is administered to your Missionary, we will notify you right away.
- 9. Medication Error:** If there is any medication error, we will contact you to address the issue and ensure the correct course of action.



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FARM ROAD 1012



MAP KEY

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|---|---|
| A - POTTER'S HOUSE | H - THE SILVER LINING |
| B - BARNABAS INK | N - NURSING STUDENT HOUSING |
| C - ADVENTURE & DISCOVERY ROOM (BELOW THE LODGE) | THE HARBOR (BELOW THE DINING HALL) |
| D - ADULT HOUSING (BELOW THE LODGE) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AED MACHINE - WATER STATION - RESTROOMS - RESIDENTIAL HOUSING (OFF LIMITS) |
| E - LAUNDRY HOUSE | |
| F - FISH HOUSE | |
| G - THE BARNABUNK | |

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



POLICIES

REQUIRED ONLINE TRAINING

All Missionaries 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.

Individual Missionaries will need to 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 Missionaries are required to complete the updated 2026 Online Training courses. Missionaries will need to enter an email 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



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. Some activities require closed-toe shoes. Everyone in the kitchen must wear closed-toe shoes, including Barnstormers and Cabin Parents. 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 female Missionaries wear shorts over their swimsuits. Some campers make quick transitions, and chasing after a Camper while wearing shorts is much easier than in swimsuit bottoms.

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.

Phones & Laptop: Laptops should not be brought to camp to avoid distraction and fully immerse yourself in the Barnabas experience. If a cell phone is brought, Staff will collect it on the first night of camp. If you need to make an emergency call, there are phones available. Exceptions are made to this policy for our Cabin Parent Positions.

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.

BARNABAS PROTECTION PLAN

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Our goal at Camp Barnabas is to create a safe and fun environment for everyone who attends. We have, and will continue to, conduct annual criminal background checks on all volunteers, full-time, and seasonal staff members aged 18 or older. Please ensure that your information is up to date in our registration systems so that we can run this check smoothly and efficiently. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to brenda@campbarnabas.org.

STAFF REQUIREMENTS

All staff applicants must complete an extensive application, undergo a personal interview, submit at least two references, and pass a background check. We run a new background check every year on every staff member.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT

Local Police, Fire and Ambulance Departments have been notified of our camp dates and diagnoses served each week. Our staff are trained to respond to emergencies that may occur while at camp. This includes our response plan for severe weather, fires, intruders on campus (whether dangerous or not), and active-shooter situations.

AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION ACCREDITATION

Each year, we review American Camp Association standards to ensure our camp is up to date on safety procedures.

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.