

Wapo Youth Camp Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register my child for camp?

Please contact your youth director to see when your church will be attending camp. We are primarily online for our registration process at www.campwapo.org, but please check in with your church prior to registering online with any age, date or payment specific details.

If my child has to cancel, can I get a refund for his / her deposit?

The deposit is Non-Refundable and Non- Transferable. We have this policy to help cover administrative costs.

When is the final payment due?

Final payment is due **2 weeks** prior to arrival for churches and individuals. If churches are paying for any portion of their campers' fee, we would request that church staff send an excel sheet that lists each camper's name and amount of fees covered by the church.

Will my child be in a cabin with his/her friend?

Yes! Each camper is asked to list one cabin buddy. Each camper will be assigned to a cabin with their listed buddy and with their church group and appropriate age group.

What if my child will be arriving late?

Please notify us as soon as you possibly can if you know your child will be arriving at camp later than our regular registration on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 – 5:00. If you arrive after 5:00 pm on Sunday, please go straight to the First Aid building to find your cabin assignment, turn in your canteen money and get your health screening.

What if my child needs to be picked up early?

A parent or Legal Guardian needs to fill out a form for any child leaving camp early. You can find this Authorization for Early Release form [here](#) (under Downloads). If you are dropping off your child at camp during registration, you can tell their counselor that you will be picking them up early. The counselor will document that information on their cabin list and sign out sheet. If you are not able to tell the counselor in person, you may call the camp office with this information. Any child picked up before Friday will need to be signed out at our First Aid building. The earlier the notification the better, so we can make sure canteen money is ready to give back prior to your child's departure. In the event of a short notice early pick up, we may need to mail canteen money at a later date.

What if my child takes medications while at camp?

The First Aid staff will be responsible for collecting all medications upon arrival and dispensing them at meals and other necessary times. Medications will be returned to campers at 11:00 on Friday morning, prior to departure.

Medicine will not be dispensed unless the following guidelines are met:

- Prescription Medications **MUST** be in the original pharmacy labeled container or the original manufacturer's container.
- Prescription medications **MUST** have the attendee's name on the package or bottle.
- Any doctor's office samples **MUST** be accompanied by a signed physician prescription.

- Our Health Center provides most basic over the counter medications. Please do not send these to camp. **However**, if your attendee takes a daily over the counter (OTC) medication (Zyrtec, Melatonin, etc.), please send medication in original packaging with dosing instructions.
- Provide **only enough** of each medication to last the entire time the attendee will be at camp.

What is the ratio of counselor to camper?

We have a 7:1 ratio. Most cabins are comprised of 14 campers and 2 camp counselors.

What are your facilities like?

We have a variety of lodging facilities for campers, but all of our cabins include bunk beds, carpet flooring and air conditioning. Bathrooms and showers are located within each cabin, except for our Gospel Cruiser cabins, which use the bathroom and shower facilities located in the art shop building. Based on age, gender and church breakdowns, we cannot predict where kids will be placed until cabin assignments are complete the Thursday before your camper’s arrival.

Do you have a place to go if there is bad weather?

The Wapo site has 2 designated safe areas in our Cross Fire and Anderson Hall buildings where campers and counselors will go in the event of serious weather conditions.

How much canteen money should I send with my camper?

A good estimate is about \$30 without any apparel purchases. Campers can visit the canteen for a treat every afternoon and most evenings. Snacks and treats are moderately priced. Camp sweatshirts are the most expensive items, priced between \$25 – 40. Arts & Crafts fees also come out of this account. There are some free activities and others priced between \$.10 - \$5.00 per project. A popular strategy for parents who come to camp to drop off or pick up is to visit the camp store which is open during this time. The parent can purchase the more expensive apparel items while on site and just deposit funds to cover treats and arts & crafts projects into the canteen fund.

What if my child has food allergies?

Please call at least a week prior to your child’s arrival and we will arrange for you to talk with our Food Services Manager. Depending on the severity of the food allergy, we may be able to accommodate your child’s stay.

Is Wapo peanut free?

No. We do our best to minimize peanut exposure when we know there are campers on-site with an allergy, but because we allow campers to bring their own treats or snacks to camp, we cannot totally control exposure to peanut products. If your child has peanut allergies, please call camp in advance to discuss.

What about cell phones and other electronics at camp?

We ask campers NOT to bring cell phones or other electronic devices to camp. These items can be easily lost, broken or become a distraction from the camp experience. If campers do not follow this rule, and bring phones and electronic devices, camp reserves the right to collect and hold these items and return them at the end of the week. Camp is not liable for any broken or lost electronic devices brought to camp.

What if I leave something behind at camp?

We collect a wide variety of lost and found items throughout the summer. We work diligently to return these items to their owners, a task that is made easier when the items are labeled with the camper's name. After September 1, all unclaimed items are donated to our local thrift store.