

BADLANDS MINISTRIES 2017

everything you need to know

**BEJOYFUL ALWAYS
PRAY CONTINUALLY
GIVE THANKS
IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES**
1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

CAMP BASICS Based on the verse 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, *Badlands Ministries'* 2017 summer curriculum focuses on Praying, Thanking, Forgiving, and Praising God ALWAYS!— and how we are called to live an active faith life as Christ's disciples today!

Campers at *Badlands Ministries* are placed in small groups with young adult counselors who guide them through each day of activities. Our ministry strives to bring our Christian faith to the reality of today's children and youth, and our summer programs emphasize faith growth, relationship building, love for God's creation, and developing young leaders.

We hope this summer is a time for your whole family to grow in faith through this experience! Parents are welcome to tour the camp when you arrive for check-in and to participate in our closing worship on the last day of camp. Parents are also encouraged to utilize campers' *Manna Books* in the weeks following camp to share the camp experience as a family. We believe that the home is a very special place for the faith formation of your child, and are proud to be your partners on this journey we call faith.

HEALTH FORM If you registered online using our innovative and safe process, you have already filled out your camper's health form and do not need to do anything else. If you prefer to register using a paper form, please download a health form from our website and bring it with you during camper check-in. If your camper takes medication regularly through the school year, please continue that schedule through his/her time at camp. All medications will be kept in the Medic Station. Please supply all medications in their prescription bottle or original container during check-in.

REMAINING BALANCE Registering online allows you to pay your camper's deposit and remaining balance at any time with your Visa or MasterCard. To keep your registration as simple as possible, we ask you to please pay your remaining balance one month prior to coming to camp. Please follow this same time frame if you registered via paper registration.

CHECK-IN Check-in is on the first day of your camp session from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM outside the Church*. This will be a time for parents to meet the camp staff and take a camp tour if you'd like. Our medic will be available to take medications and follow up on any camper health concerns listed on your health form. To respect our staff's time, please do not arrive before 4:00 PM on check-in day. *If weather doesn't cooperate, a table will be set up in the Dining Hall.

CANTEEN *Badlands Ministries* offers an assortment of snacks and souvenirs in the Canteen. Campers are allowed one beverage and one snack item per day. **The cost for daily snacks and beverages is included in the registration cost, as well as a 2017 camp t-shirt!** Other merchandise ranges from \$5.00 - \$35.00 and can be purchased on the first and last days of your child's camp session.

SERVANT PROJECT DONATION Each summer, *Badlands Ministries* partners with an organization to live out our Christian faith through service. Last summer, we collected personal hygiene items and created 283 kits that were delivered around the world. This year we will be collecting much-needed school supplies to be donated to local organizations who will distribute them to children, families, & schools in need. Please bring one (or more!) of the following items with you!

- #2 Pencils
- Pencil Cases
- Box of Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Pink Erasers
- Pocket Folders
- Packages of Paper
- Rulers
- Child-Safe Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Washable Markers
- Notebooks

Caring for all of God's people is central to our faith—the Spirit equips us for this important task! We encourage you to demonstrate this in your own life as you consider the needs in our congregations, communities, and world. Let's respond in faith to these needs. Thank you!

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

WHAT TO BRING: *Please Put Your Name On EVERYTHING!*

- An attitude ready for adventure, fun, and growth!
- A Bible you are comfortable reading
If you don't have one, we recommend the NIV Student Bible or the Faith Alive Bible. Both are available on amazon.com or in most bookstores
- Sleeping bag & pillow - *water resistant sleeping bag*
- Two towels - *one for the shower and one for the river/pool*
- Rain gear - *a nylon poncho is good, rubber makes you sweat*
- Shorts - *do not bring short-shorts*
- T-shirts - *do not bring spaghetti-straps, halters, or cutoffs*
- Clean underwear for a week & extra socks
- Swimsuit - *one piece only, do not bring a 2-piece*
- Long pants
- Sweatshirt - *a hooded sweatshirt is great!*
- Water shoes for the river
- Items for specialized camps—*Golf Camp: golf clubs*
- Long underwear
- Jacket or windbreaker
- Tennis shoes
- A working flashlight - *check those batteries!*
- Insect repellent
- Back pack
- Water bottle
- Sun screen & hat
- Personal toiletries
- DEODORANT!
- Camera - *optional*
- Completed health form - *if you did not register online*
- Items for Servant Project

WHEN PACKING FOR CAMP, CHOOSE COMFORT OVER FASHION!

THINGS NOT TO BRING:

- A bad attitude
- Expensive jewelry
- Radios, CD players, video games, iPads and iPods
- Anything that you will be disappointed if it disappears
- Gum, candy, or other food - *You Will Have Critters in Your Stuff!!*
- Cell phones (*PLEASE do not send these to camp! If they need them for the end of the week, we will collect them at check-in and return them at the end of the week.*)
- 2-piece bathing suits
- Spaghetti-strap or cutoff shirts
- Fireworks
- Knives or any other weapons
- Lots of make-up

CONTACTING CAMPERS:

In the event of an emergency, please contact the camp office at (701) 623-4332. Campers do not have access to telephones, iPads, or computers while at camp. If you would like to contact your camper please call us; we will gladly relay your message. Letters and care packages (please do not mail food items) are also welcome! Please plan accordingly so that your letter arrives on time. Please address your letter to:

Your Camper's Name
c/o Badlands Ministries
PO Box 305
3892 Bible Camp Road
Medora, ND 58645

DIRECTIONS:

From Medora, travel south on East River Road (the street that passes the AmericInn) for 3 miles. Turn right at our sign. Continue on the road past the Bully Pulpit Golf Course, and follow the red signs to our site.

CAMPER PICK UP:

Our program concludes with closing worship at 11:00 AM** on the last day of your camp session. Please make arrangements to attend this camper-led service and promptly return home. There will be time for pictures, last-minute Canteen purchases, and farewells.

**Nightlife and ATnC closing worship will be held at 10:00AM Friday!



SEE YOU THIS SUMMER!