

Dear Camp Cow 2021 Participants and Parents,

We are so excited for Camp COW this year! We have 175 students signed up, 40 awesome staff members, 1 dynamic speaker, and whole bunch of fun planned across our two Camp COW Session this year!!! This year at camp we will be exploring the call the God has on each of our lives to influence the world for good.

Before we head off to camp, we'd like to give you a few important details that you need to know!

Check-in for Camp will 7:15 am at Christ Church of Oak Brook on Sunday, June 27th (Session 1) and Wednesday, June 30 (Session 2). Please arrive on time to ensure that we can hit the road in a timely manner. For those, bringing medication (over the counter or prescription) **med check-in** will start at 7:00 am. This year, students will be placed in cabins upon arrival at church, and will drive in 15 passenger vans with their cabins to the camp. Each group will be on site for 3 great days, then will drive back. Groups should expect to arrive back at church around 11pm on Tuesday, June 29 (Session 1) or Friday, July 2 (Session 2).

If your son/daughter takes medication, please send it in a ziplock bag clearly marked with name, dosage, etc. Also, please make sure to complete all health/ medical forms sent out by Julie Johnson, ASAP.

Unfortunately, due to the late timing of our arrival back at Church, we will be unable to host our normal final session at the church upon arrival back from camp. We look forward to bringing that back in 2022!

For the Camp COW snack shop, students will need to use "COW Bucks" Punchcards to purchase snacks and souvenirs. **Punchcards are sold in \$10 denominations and you will need to purchase these online before we leave. [CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE](#).** The Camp COW snack shop will be open as usual, but as camp is slightly shorter, we recommend sending less money than usual with your students. The Camp COW snack shop will not be accepting cash, only COW punch cards. This will help us minimize lost money at camp. Please take note of the following details regarding our punch-card system.

- [You can purchase cards online](#), or at the door (Strongly recommend purchasing online)
- No Cash will be accepted at camp even to purchase additional cards
- We will not be attending the water park this year, so please do not send additional cash for that.
- There will be no refunds – all excess will be placed into the camp scholarship fund for Camp COW 2022

Please contact Steve if you have further questions about spending money.

We are so looking forward to Camp Cow, and are so glad to be moving back towards a bit of normalcy this year. We have an incredible group of students here in COW, and know that God is going to do something incredible at Camp COW. Keep praying that God will provide for us during this week, and open the hearts of our students to receive His word!!!

Sincerely,

Steve Noble, Middle School Ministry Director

PACKING LIST (As space is limited on vans, please pack in a bag that would fit easily in an airplane overhead compartment)

1. Your Bible and a Pen
2. Sleeping Bag or Twin Sheets and a light comforter
3. Pillow
4. Toiletries (tooth brush, tooth paste, shower supplies, etc.)
5. Towel
6. Modest one-piece bathing suit for everyone
7. Beach towel
8. 3-4 T-Shirts
9. 2-3 Shorts
10. 1 Sweatshirt
11. 1 Pair of long pants
12. Tennis Shoes
13. Sandals
14. 3 sets of Underwear and socks
15. 1 Pair of Clothing that can get messy
16. Snack Shop Punch Cards
17. Flash Light
18. Sunscreen & Bug Spray ***
19. Showering flip flops
20. A Refillable Water Bottle (or two)
21. 1-2 plastic bags for wet items when packing
- 22. All clothing for boys and girls should be appropriately modest for a church camp. Thanks!**
- 23. NO HEADPHONES / CELL PHONE / ELECTRONICS**
- 24. NO ITEMS THAT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS A WEAPON**

***** The CDC is warning of high tick populations in both Wisconsin and Illinois this year, increasing the risk for Lyme Disease. That being the case we do ask students to wear bug spray with Deet whenever they will be outside at Camp COW!**

COVID PROTOCOL UPDATES

As CDC COVID protocols have shifted with the availability of vaccines in the past few weeks, we've slightly amended some of our COVID protocols. [Please review those here](#). We do still ask that all people attending camp provide proof of a negative COVID test in the week before camp, or a proof of vaccination. This will help us ensure that we are creating a safe environment for all campers and their families!

FORMS & PAYMENT

If you have yet to fill out any of your forms, please get those to Julie Johnson ASAP. Julie is wonderful, and is trying to communicate with 200 families across student ministries. Getting paperwork back to her in a timely manner makes her life a lot better. Thanks for your understanding. 😊

TEXT ALERTS

If you would like to receive texts from Steve during the week of camp and exact time of arrival, please subscribe to Remind by texting "@COWTEXTS" to 81010.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

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