

HSM Camp Barnabas Parent FAQ

We're so excited your student is joining us for the upcoming HSM Event! Below is a helpful FAQ guide covering everything from packing to policies, safety, and what to expect throughout the weekend. If you have further questions, feel free to contact our HSM staff directly.

Vision

We believe that God has designed the church to care for those the world deems as the "least of these" and that every person is an image bearer of God. We also believe that high schoolers will experience a deeper connection with Jesus when they give of themselves while sharing the love of Jesus to others. The mission of Camp Barnabas is to "Provide Individuals With Disabilities and Chronic Illnesses With Unique Christian Camping Experiences."

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Where are we going?**

This year, we're headed to beautiful **Camp Barnabas in Purdy, MO**. The facility features cozy lodging, wholesome meals, and a wide range of serving opportunities for the campers we will meet at Camp Barnabas. <https://campbarnabas.org/>

- **Who is going?**

Our trip leaders are our HSM staff from all campuses. We'll also have vetted, trained **Cabin Parents and Camp Barnabas Counselors** to walk alongside students during the week. All leaders and HSM students will be Ministry Safe trained and background-checked to ensure those vulnerable campers at Camp Barnabas that we will be serving.

- **How are students getting there?**

All students, staff, and leaders will travel together by bus through a chartered and insured bus company.

- **What are the sleeping arrangements?**

Students are grouped in rooms by campus and gender. Every room will have **at least two adult leaders present**, and all shower and sleeping times are supervised in line with our Ministry Safe guidelines.

- **What are we doing during HSM Camp Barnabas?**

Students will serve as a "Missionary" by being partnered with a Camp Barnabas camper, meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs for a week. Students will enjoy a mix of structured and free-time activities designed for fun and connection. Spiritually, our content includes **daily quiet times, biblical teaching, and small group discussions** to help students grow in their faith.

POLICIES & SAFETY

What is the cell phone policy?

We will allow students to have phones during the bus rides and select free times during the week. But they will need to put away their phones while serving their Camp Barnabas campers. If you need to reach your student, you can contact one of our HSM staff directly. Photos from the event will be

available through our Waldo Photo Manager service (details below).

What is the dress code?

Since we will be serving as missionaries while at Camp Barnabas, we will follow their dress code. It is listed below.

Camp Barnabas Dress Code:

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 are only appropriate when the front and back areas are completely covered. Underwear should not be visible either above the waistband or below the end of the shorts.

Shoes: Some activities require closed-toe shoes. All Barnstormers and Cabin Parents must wear closed-toe shoes while in the kitchen, and all Staff must have closed-toe shoes for work projects. 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, girls 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.

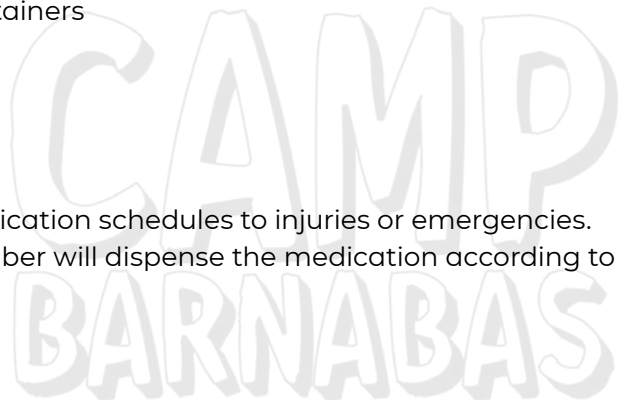
What is the medication policy?

Medications will be handled by our medical staff. If your student takes any medication (prescription AND over-the-counter), please bring it to check-in in a labeled ziplock bag with:

- The student's name on the bag and all medication containers
- Original containers only (no loose pills)
- A notecard inside detailing dosage and timing

Will there be a nurse?

Yes at Camp Barnabas! They handle everything from medication schedules to injuries or emergencies. If meds are needed during the bus ride, a CCBC staff member will dispense the medication according to the prescription requirements.



What if my student has food allergies or dietary needs?

Please notify our team at least 6 weeks before the event. Camp Barnabas can accommodate gluten-free, dairy-free, vegetarian, and peanut-free needs. For complex allergies, arrangements can be made to bring additional food in a labeled cooler. Contact Event Coordinator Jessica Beaulieu (JessicaB@christchapelbc.org) for more info.

What is your safety policy regarding behavior and offsite travel?

For everyone's safety, any student caught with illegal substances, engaging in inappropriate behavior, or leaving Camp Barnabas without permission will be sent home at the parent's expense.

PHOTOS & COMMUNICATION

How do I get photos of my student during the trip?

Camp Barnabas does have **Waldo Photos**, a facial recognition photo-sharing app. You'll receive a QR code during the parent meeting or at check-in. After uploading a photo of your student, you'll get text updates when new photos featuring your student are available. You'll be able to download and share these directly.

PREPARATION & PACKING

What should my student bring?

Pack light! One large duffel or suitcase + one carry-on backpack.

Packing List:

- ✓ Bible, journal, and pen
- ✓ Clothes for outdoor activities (including water activities)
- ✓ Weather-appropriate clothing (jacket, sweatshirt, rain gear, and hat)
- ✓ Bath towel and toiletries
- ✓ Pillow and bedding for a twin mattress
- ✓ Refillable water bottle labeled with name
- ✓ Sunscreen & insect repellent
- ✓ Money for the snack shop
- ✓ Prescription medication (to be turned in at check-in)

Do NOT bring:

- ✗ Drugs/vapes/tobacco/alcohol
- ✗ Weapons, fireworks, or explosives
- ✗ Inappropriate clothing (see Dress Code policy above)

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

What is the refund policy?

Since this is a fundraising trip, there are NO REFUNDS available. Students will have an opportunity to raise funds to pay for this trip. Per the IRS rules all funds raised are donations and cannot be refunded. If there is any excess funds left they will help support the overall cost of the trip or return to the CCBC Shine (Special Needs) Ministry. **All fundraising needs to be completed by 6/30/2026.**

If you have further questions, don't hesitate to reach out to your campus HSM pastor or email our team.

We're looking forward to an incredible and impactful weekend with your student!