

March 17, 2025

Dear General Assembly of the Church of God in Alabama,

We hope this letter finds you well. As the Board of Christian Education, we are excited to share with the General Assembly about our plans for Kids and Youth camps this summer for the Church of God in Alabama. As you are aware, the General Assembly voted in August to place Camp Chula Vista on the market for sale. This left the state with the question: Where are we going to have camp? Since the beginning of our discussion about the future of Camp Chula Vista, we have stood by the sentiment that no matter the location, we will still have camp *together* as a state. Therefore, the Board of Christian Ed has worked to prioritize this unity and to fulfill our purpose as followers of Christ in making disciples of Jesus.

One of the matters that the Board of CE has tackled in searching for camp locations is that we want to be responsible for the teaching and preaching of the Gospel. We value our tradition and doctrine within the Church of God (Anderson, IN) and want to honor our movement in our camping ministry. With that, we have found two camps where we will be able to oversee and teach our kids and youth that fit within the bounds of the Church of God.

There are four main changes that are necessary for this year:

- **Age groups**

- Due to finding new locations for camps, there will be two camps instead of three or four. Next year we may be able to expand the age groups or adjust to fit our needs.
  - “Kids Camp” for grades 2-6
  - “Youth Camp” for grades 7-12

- **Locations and dates**

- The locations that we found had very limited availability. We realize that these new dates are outside of our ordinary time frame, but our prayer is that this will open new opportunities for your church. We are grateful for your flexibility in this.
  - **Kids Camp will be at Camp Boothe in West Blocton, AL – July 13-16**
  - **Youth Camp will be at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat in Panama City, FL – July 28 - August 1**

- **Cost**

- We were able to keep costs considerably low at CCV for many, many years. However, the cost of EVERYTHING has dramatically increased in that time. One way we are mitigating cost is by reducing the number of days of each camp by one.
- These costs include housing, food, and programming for all individuals.
- Churches may need to set their own pricing dependent on counselors, travel expenses, scholarships and giving, etc.

- Churches will have to pay the cost below for *each* camper and counselor attending.
  - **Kids Camp will be \$250 for all campers AND counselors**
  - **Youth Camp will be \$310 for all campers AND counselors**
- **Registration and counselors**
  - There will be no general registration available. All campers and counselors must register through their church.
  - The church must designate a person for each camp (can be the same person) as the “main group leader” who will be responsible for registration and payment for their group. (This is similar to the Forge and IYC registration process).
  - Churches will be responsible for having adequate counselors for their campers. (Also like Forge and IYC).
    - You will need to create your own registration form (we have provided a sample)
    - You will need to fill out a GROUP registration (linked here)
      - [Kids Camp](#) registration due **June 29**
      - [Youth Camp](#) registration due **July 13**
    - Registration payment for your group is due with your registration.

### **Kids Camp** (2nd-6th Grades)

Dates: July 13-16th

Location: Camp Boothe, West Blocton, AL

Cost: \$250

### **Youth Camp** (7th-12th Grades)

Dates: July 28th-August 1st

Location: Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Panama City Beach, FL

Cost: \$310

Thank you for your flexibility and encouragement as we step into a new season of camping ministry, but not new in purpose – to make disciples.

Sincerely yours,

Board of Christian Education

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