



To the Pastors and Children's Workers of HBA...
Spring is here and that means *Fun In The Sun* is right around the corner!

Fun in the Sun 2024 will be **Tuesday, June 18th through Friday, June 21st** at the Carson Springs Conference Center just outside of Newport, Tennessee. FITS is for those children who have completed grades 3 through 6.

Since 2024 is the year of the Summer Olympics in Paris, the theme of this year's camp is "***Go For The Gold***" taken from Philippians 3:14. Tim Thompson, the Children's Pastor at FBC Morristown, will be returning this year to lead our music and teach the main sessions.

The cost of the camp is **\$185 per person**. The cost includes room and board, T-Shirt, a backpack and all activities. Registration forms and all fees must be mailed to Pastor Craig Ponder no later than **Friday, May 17th**. Church groups should plan to arrive at Carson Springs no later than 3pm on Tuesday to allow time for unpacking, group photos and fellowship before everyone gathers in the chapel at 4pm. A detailed schedule is available in the registration packet.

We have worked hard to design a schedule that takes full advantage of all the facilities that Carson Springs has to offer, but the schedule also includes quite a bit of free time. Church leaders will be responsible for your church groups during this free time. There is a playground, basketball court, game room, gym, and rec field available. Board games, cards, etc. are good to bring in case of bad weather.

Carson Springs only has a capacity of about 300 campers and counselors so two key facts must be kept in mind: **1) *It is vitally important to get your registration in early.*** Options fill up fast so late registrants may be limited in their choices. **2) *Your child-to-leader ratio must be kept to 1 leader for every 5-7 children.***

Here are some more things to keep in mind when preparing your groups for FITS.24:

1. There will be several opportunities for our campers to visit *The Olympic Village* where snacks and souvenirs can be purchased but we ask that your children bring no more than \$30.
2. Church groups will be housed together in lodges with bunk beds. Campers will need to bring their own linens or sleeping bags and their own towels.
3. All chaperones must be at least 16 years of age. Churches should provide proof of background checks for all adults 18 and older. (If you need help with background checks, contact a member of the HBA Children's Team.)

In an effort to keep costs down, each church is encouraged to download the registration packet and make as many copies as you need. **If you would rather have a packet mailed to you, please contact Pastor Craig and make those arrangements with him.**

Here is a brief listing of what the registration packet contains:

- ***Fun in the Son 2024 Brochure*** (Note that part of this form is your camper's registration form.)
 - This form is made-up of 2 separate pages. Before making copies, be sure to fill in the cost for your campers, as well as the contact information on the back.
- **2024 Camp Schedule**
- **Listing and Description of Activity Options**
- **Assignment of Responsibility**
 - A **notarized copy** of this form *must be available for each registered camper and held by your group leader.*
- **Memory Verses** (Campers are encouraged to memorize these verses to earn points for their teams.)
- **Instructions for Registration Form**

NOTE: The following underlined items must be returned to Pastor Ponder to complete your registration.

- **Carson Springs' Participation and Release Form**
- **Registration Form** - This form should be given to the individual at your church responsible for submitting your registration materials.
- **Registration Checklist** Your registration is not complete until the checklist, registration and all camp fees are turned in to Pastor Ponder. Registration deadline is Monday, May 17th
 - The cost on the registration brochure has been left blank to allow churches to set their own cost for the camp. For instance, some churches charge children less than the \$185 and supplement the cost from their children's ministry budget. Other churches add an additional cost to help cover the cost of chaperones, and related expenses. *Regardless of your church's policy, each registration must be accompanied by \$185.*
- **Adult Volunteer Sign-up Sheet**
 - Costs for our camp are kept low due the volunteer efforts of the adults and teenagers who come to camp. We humbly ask that chaperones either lead or help with one or two activities. Please have each adult sign up for their first, second, and third choices, and have each volunteer include their e-mail address and phone number and we will reach out to them with their assignment before we leave for camp.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or text any member of your children's ministry team. We look forward to seeing you at *Fun in the Son 2024!*

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