



Youth Camp Dates Summer 2017

Dates	Camp	Description
June 5-8 Mon.-Thurs.	Mini-Mites Camp	For Corps/Service Extension youth ages 6-8. This camp will have an evangelistic focus while introducing children to the outdoors as God's creation.
June 5-8 Mon.-Thurs.	Outdoor Experience Camp	For Corps/Service Extension youth ages 12-17. Campers will be staying in tents, learning outdoor skills and gaining a more rustic camping experience. Regular devotions and Bible Study will take place in a campfire setting.
June 12-16 Mon.-Fri.	Junior Camp	For Corps/Service Extension youth ages 9-12. This camp will have an evangelistic focus while introducing or continuing a child's experience of the outdoors as God's creation through age appropriate activities.
June 26-30 Mon.-Fri.	Sports Camp	For Corps/Service Extension youth ages 9-13. This will be a physically active camp. Youth attending need to be willing to be active for large parts of each day. Sports offered will include Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Softball and more!
July 3-7 Mon.- Fri.	Teen Camp	For Corps/Service Extension youth ages 13-17. This is an evangelistic focused camp. Teens will have the opportunity for outdoor education while being presented with the gospel and discipleship opportunities.
July 8-15 Sat.-Sat.	Music Camp	For Corps youth ages 9-17. This is a working camp for music instruction including brass, woodwind, vocal, guitar, percussion and more! (Service Extension youth eligible to attend with school music teacher recommendation.)

Hidden Falls Camp Youth Camper Information Packet Summer 2017



For summer 2017 Hidden Falls Campers will learn to be **WILD!**

Throughout every week of camp we will present stories and lessons from the Bible, play games, make crafts, try new things and so much more; as we enjoy time together in God's WILD creation!

Our time together will show us all who we are in God's view and how to be WILD for Him!

Location

Hidden Falls Camp is located just outside of Bedford, Indiana, in Lawrence County, Indiana. Our mailing address is: 208 Hidden Falls Camp Rd.; Bedford, IN 47421-8969. Our office phone is (812)279-2495.

Please note that while we can answer some questions, all camper registration is processed by your local Salvation Army church or representative. Go to www.salvationarmyindiana.org to find the location nearest to you.

Purpose of Salvation Army Camping

The purpose of Salvation Army camping is to serve the needs of campers:

Physically

- Encouraging good & healthy habits:
 - cleanliness
 - proper rest
 - balanced diet
 - exercise
 - care of the body

Socially

- Opportunities for each camper to:
 - contribute to and receive from a group living experience
 - make their own right decisions
 - stimulate creativity
 - foster independence

Spiritually

The fact that The Salvation Army is a Christian organization makes it possible for its camping program to integrate concern for the spiritual dimensions of life. We believe in God, His Word, and what it teaches, and a pattern of living exemplified by Jesus Christ.

These purposes are achieved through carefully selected staff, well-planned programs and the highest standards of health and safety.

Staff Recruitment and Training

Our camp staff is recruited from throughout the country. We are hiring counselors, lifeguards, program aides, dining room staff and a camp health officer. Interested applicants can find the staff application at www.hiddenfallscamp.org

Our local camp staff receives intensive training, including The Salvation Army's Safe From Harm child abuse prevention program, first aid and emergency procedures. Selected staff members will also receive certifications for lifeguarding, the Ropes Course and archery/riflery. The staff is experienced with children and has the ability to care for them with the utmost of compassion. Staff is also supervised by both the camp director and the divisional youth secretaries so that campers are assured to have the best experience possible while staying safe and healthy.

How Much Does Camp Cost?

Hidden Falls Camp is a ministry of The Salvation Army. While the value of a session at camp is over \$500.00, our generous donors and sponsors make it possible for us to only charge a \$25 camper fee per session. There are also income based scholarships available for families who qualify to reduce this cost even more. A scholarship application is available by request where you receive your camper application – either from your local Salvation Army corps or representative or online at www.hiddenfallscamp.org. The scholarship application will be reviewed and you will be contacted with more information if you qualify for a reduced camper fee and/or a payment plan.

Camp Activities/Typical Day at Camp

Hidden Falls has lots of activities to keep campers busy: things like arts and crafts, the high and low ropes course, daily devotions, paintball, riflery, hiking, swings, archery, fun evening programs, cabin activities and of course, swimming! Campers are busy from sunrise to sunset at camp. Here's what a daily youth camp schedule might look like (varies depending on the camp session/focus and age range).

7:30 a.m.	Wake up and Cabin Clean-up
8:15 a.m.	Flag Raising
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Morning Assembly
10:00 a.m.	Instructional Time
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Quiet Time (younger campers) or Instructional Time
3:30 p.m.	Choice Time
5:15 p.m.	Flag Lowering
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Cabin Activity
7:30 p.m.	Evening Program
8:30 p.m.	Patio Time (Snackshop)
9:15 p.m.	Call to the Cross Afterglow Activity (for older campers, not every night)
9:30 p.m.	Back to Cabins
10:30 p.m.	Lights Out (earlier for younger campers)



Suggested Items to Bring to Camp

- Bible
- Spending money for the SnackShop - *Every child must turn in their spending money which will be tracked in a camp bank. Snacks/drinks cost between \$0.25 and \$1.75.*
- Towels, wash cloths and pool towel
- Soap, toiletries, toothbrush and toothpaste
- Comb or brush
- Sun screen (optional)
- Insect repellent (optional)
- Swimsuit (dark colored T-shirt must be worn with two piece suits)
- Coat or sweater for cool evenings
- Raincoat or umbrella (if desired)
- Light weight clothing for each day and one extra outfit
- Adequate amounts of underwear and socks
- **Several pairs of shoes, including tennis shoes**
- Instrumental music campers should bring an instrument
- Flashlight
- Sleeping bag or sheets and pillow



EACH CHILD MUST HAVE THEIR OWN SUITCASE & PERSONAL ITEMS.

MARK CHILD'S NAME ON ALL ITEMS.

Note: Certain items (e.g. insect repellent, perfume, etc.) may be collected by the cabin counselor to assure the safety and comfort of all campers.

What Not to Bring to Camp

Clothes that do not pass dress code, cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, radios, TVs, video games, or anything of value that you do not want to lose at camp. Do not bring tobacco products (including e-cigarettes), alcohol, drugs (unless prescribed by a licensed physician), weapons of any kind (including pocket knives), fireworks.

The Salvation Army and Hidden Falls Camp are not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged personal items. We also reserve the right to confiscate any items brought to camp either because they are not allowed on the property or because they become a hazard or nuisance.

Dress Code

Campers should be dressed appropriately at all times. The following is a list of clothing items that should **NOT** be worn at camp.

- Clothing with offensive or suggestive language/ images
- Clothing that advertises a lifestyle which is not in line with the values of a Christian or The Salvation Army. (including alcohol and tobacco products and questionable slogans)
- Two-piece swimsuits (unless worn with a dark shirt)
- Very short shorts (shorts/skirts must be longer than fingertip length)
- Any clothing which exposes the stomach, or cleavage or is too tight (incl. spandex or leggings)
- Strapless or racerback shirts, or shirts with string/spaghetti straps (shirt/dress straps should be wider than two fingers)
- Speedos/Bikini Briefs
- Bra-less attire
- Pajamas in public
- Gang related paraphernalia

- Any clothing which leaves your underwear exposed

This list is not all inclusive and dress code violations will be handled on a case-by-case basis by camp leadership. Campers instructed to change their clothes must do so before resuming camp activities. If the camper refuses to change, this may result in parent contact and possibly their dismissal from camp.

Head Lice Policy

All campers' heads will be checked for head lice upon arriving at Hidden Falls Camp. **Please make sure to check several days before the camp starts and take care of any issues found. If lice or nits are found, the camper will be sent home and may NOT be allowed to return until the next camp for which they are eligible.** Please take the appropriate measures to ensure this unfortunate outcome won't affect your camp experience. This policy is non-negotiable and is for the protection of the camper.

Millions of school children contract head lice each year. Children play in close contact with each other. A simple exchange of hats, clothing brushes, combs, pillows and other personal articles can result in transmission of head lice from one child to another. Lice can be easily and effectively treated. **This must be done prior to attending any camp.** Contact your doctor or your Health Division or purchase a non-prescription head lice preparation from a drugstore and follow directions carefully. By doing this and following the advice below, you can more effectively detect and prevent head lice in a family member.

1. Inspect

Carefully examine hair and scalps of all family members for lice and their eggs. Lice are small grayish-tan, wingless insects. Lice lay eggs called nits.

Detect Nits - Nits are firmly attached to the hair shafts, close to the scalp. Nits are much easier to see and detect than lice. They are small white specks, which are usually found at the nape of the neck and behind the ears.

2. Treat

Use a Pediculicide - Once head lice and/or nits are found, your doctor may prescribe a medicine called a pediculicide. You may also purchase a non-prescription head lice preparation from a drugstore. Be sure to follow the directions exactly.

Use a Nit Comb - After hair has dried thoroughly, the nits may be removed with a special nit comb.

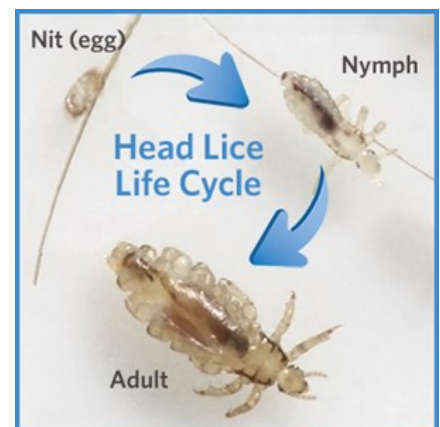
3. Clean Up Environment

Wash - Lice are easily spread from one person to another.

Make sure persons with head lice do not share articles (combs, brushes, towels, hats, scarves, pillows, etc.) that have come in contact with their head, neck or shoulders.

Use hot water to wash lice-exposed clothes, towels and bed linens. Soak combs and brushes in hot water for 10 minutes. Dry-clean hats and clothing that cannot be washed (or seal in a plastic bag for at least two weeks.)

Vacuum - carpets, upholstery, pillows and mattresses which may have been exposed to persons with head lice.



NOTE: If one child's infestation is overlooked, the stage is set for transmission to the rest of the camp. Therefore, **if there is any evidence of lice when a camper arrives, they will have to**

return home for treatment. They cannot be treated at camp, or be treated that day and return to camp.

Anyone sent home for treatment may return to later camps if they are found to be symptom-free.

Camper Code of Conduct

Below is the Camper Code of Conduct to which each camper is expected to adhere. Campers are asked to sign this code in the camper application packet.

I _____ agree to conduct myself in a manner that will be a credit to me, to Hidden Falls Camp, to The Salvation Army, to all involved in the summer camp session, and to my church/corps community. I will:

1. Dress appropriately and wear whatever clothing and/or equipment required for activities.
2. Show respect for the rights, privacy and property of others.
3. Show respect for the property and facilities of Hidden Falls Camp and The Salvation Army.
4. Comply with the schedule for programs, activities, meal times and limitations on free time activities.
5. Not possess or use any alcohol, tobacco or drugs during camp.
6. Not bring to camp flammable or explosive materials, poisons, weapons or pets.
7. Take responsibility for my own personal property.
8. Agree to abide by all local, state and federal laws and rules and regulations issued by Hidden Falls Camp staff and The Salvation Army or their representatives.
9. Cooperate with and show respect to the camp staff, other participants, representatives of Hidden Falls Camp, The Salvation Army, and invited guests.
10. Not use profanity while at Hidden Falls Camp.
11. Follow guidelines for public displays of affection.
12. Attend and be reverent in all worship services at Hidden Falls Camp.

Campers who have difficulty adhering to any area of this code of conduct will be given a verbal warning by their counselor or other camp staff member/volunteer.

For a second offense, the counselor/staff member will consult with the head counselor who will determine if there is an appropriate consequence for the camper's behavior.

If the camper continues to violate the code of conduct, the divisional youth secretary and/or camp director will be consulted to determine if that camper's behavior merits contacting the parent or sending the camper home. Camp leadership reserves the right to immediately send a camper home for extreme bad conduct.

Anti-Bullying Policy

Bullying is behavior that is intentional, hurtful, and repeated by one or more persons. Bullying is prohibited on Hidden Falls Camp grounds. Counselors will discourage bullying, and intervene as necessary when it is discovered. The head counselor will be notified of continued patterns of bullying behavior, and will take steps to talk with and potentially separate the bully and his or her intended victim. The camp leadership will also be notified of the behavior patterns. Pranking is considered a form of bullying, and is not allowed at camp. If it is determined that bullying has occurred, the camp leadership reserves the right to send the offending camper home.

Hidden Falls Camp Response to Self-Harm

Self-harm is prohibited on Hidden Falls Camp grounds. If a camper discloses that they are or they are discovered to be engaged in self-harm, a counselor will immediately notify the head counselor and divisional youth secretary. At that time, a heightened level of supervision will be instituted for the remainder of the camp, and objects that might be used for the purposes of self-harm will be kept

away from the camper in question. Parents will be notified, and the appropriate authorities, as needed. The camp leadership reserves the right to send a child home for their own safety and well-being.

Communicating With Campers

Parents are encouraged to send mail to their campers. It is always fun to get mail at camp. Send mail to:

Your Child's Name
c/o Hidden Falls Camp
208 Hidden Falls Camp Rd.
Bedford, IN 47421-8969

Campers are not allowed to use cell phones while at camp. The use of cell phones can prevent them from interacting with the other campers around them and fully enjoying their time at camp. If you need to get ahold of your child for any reason while they are on camp, you may call the camp office at (812)279-2495. We will locate your child and do our best to have them return your call in a timely manner.

Because of the potential for increasing or causing homesickness (for your child and others) parents/guardians are discouraged from visiting their campers during the week. For the safety of our campers, no visitors will be allowed without first talking to the camp director or divisional youth secretary. For concerns, please contact camp leadership at (812)279-2495.

Pick-Up and Drop-Off

Camp registration begins at 1:00 p.m. on the first day of each camp session at the Administration Building. Adults bringing campers to camp should not leave until their camper has completed the registration process and moved into their cabin. If your local Salvation Army is providing transportation, they will contact you with more details.

On the last day of each camp session all campers should be picked up at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel (first right turn past camp gate). Their medicine, leftover snack shop money and any projects they have made throughout the week will be there as well. Campers must be checked out with a staff member before leaving the chapel to retrieve their belongings from their cabin. (Exception: Music Camp ends on a Saturday with a picnic and final concert that all are welcome to attend – please RSVP through the camp office.)

It's going to be a WILD Summer! We can't wait to host your kids at Hidden Falls Camp! Looking forward to seeing them be **WILD!**

