Summer of 2016

Camp McDowell

Summer Camp Application for the Camp and Conference Center of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama

Camp McDowell: Summer Camps at Bethany Village and on Clear Creek

Since 1948, Camp McDowell has been a vital gathering spot for the Diocese of Alabama. It is located on the banks of Clear Creek, nestled in beautiful woodlands adjacent to the Bankhead National Forest. Former campers will tell you that Camp McDowell is a supportive Christian community where young people learn to be themselves, and where they develop an abiding respect for integrity and individuality of all living things. They will also tell you that Camp McDowell is a lot of fun! A unique feature of each summer session is the program theme. Camp Directors and their staff design daily age-appropriate programs and activities, incorporating skits, songs, art, and a healthy dose of humor. These programs encourage learning based on scripture, the traditional teachings of the Church, and their relationship to contemporary and personal issues. Intended to make the camp experience more than fun in the summer sun, the themes range from the environment and relationships to decision-making and discipleship. One thing is always certain: campers come away with a deeper understanding of themselves and God in the world around them. In addition to nurturing spiritual, social, and creative growth, Camp McDowell offers hiking, canoeing, various sports and games, arts and crafts, playgrounds, a ropes and group action course, farming and environmental activities, and two swimming pools. At Camp McDowell, we have two separate summer camps: Camp McDowell at Bethany Village and Camp McDowell on Clear Creek. Both are unique, welcoming, and a whole lot of fun. Join us! It will be the best summer ever!

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2016 Summer Camps on Clear Creek ("down the hill")			
Primary I	May 27-29	Rising 1st-3rd with an adult	$140 pp
Junior High I	June 1-7	Rising 6th & 7th	$430
Sophomore Camp	June 10-18	Rising 8th & 9th	$540
MIddler Camp	June 21-26	Rising 5th & 6th	$375
Elementary I	June 29-July 3	Rising 3rd & 4th	$295
Junior High II	July 6-13	Rising 7th & 8th	$500
Senior Camp	July 17-26	Rising 10th, 11th, & 12th	$595
Elementary II	July 30-Aug 3	Rising 4th & 5th	$295
Primary II	August 5-7	Rising 1st-3rd with an adult	$140 pp

2016 Summer Camps in Bethany Village ("up the hill")			
OUR TIME *grief camp for kids healing from loss and their adult caregiver*	June 3-5	Rising 6th, 7th, & 8th. Concurrent program for their adult caregivers.	$140 first youth $100 per sibling $140 per adult DOUBLE $200 per adult SINGLE
Diocesan Homecoming *Family-friendly weekend retreat!!* *Online registration only	June 10-12	All ages welcome!	$350 up to 4 in a room $50 per additional lodger $250 SINGLE or for additional room
Alabama Folk School for Youth: *Fiddle, Pottery, Indigo Dye, Farming & Guitar* *Online registration only	June 14-17	Rising 5th - 12th Some experience in fiddle and guitar is recommended.	$250
CREATE! *Collaborative work projects and leadership development with fun, fellowship, and camp community*	June 28-July 1	Rising 9th & 10th	$250
Bethany's Kids I *Inclusion Summer Camp*	July 12-15	Rising 4th, 5th, & 6th Typical kids & kids with disabilities	$250
Bethany's Kids II *Inclusion Summer Camp*	July 19-22	Rising 6th, 7th, & 8th Typical kids & kids with disabilities	$250
Camper Buddy - Companion for campers with disabilities at Bethany's Kids Inclusion Camps	July 11-15 and/or July 18-22	Rising 9th - college	$150 per session

2016 Summer Camper Registration Application - Please type or print clearly!

Camper is a (circle): Child/Adult Male/Female Grade in Fall (2016-2017 school year): _____

Camp session location at Camp McDowell (circle): Clear Creek/Bethany Village Session name:_____

Camper First Name (preferred):_____ Last Name: _____

Guardian 1 Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Guardian 2 Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Camper Mailing Address: _____City & State: _____ Zip: _____

Camper email: _____ Guardian Email: _____

Registration Policy

Camp McDowell welcomes people of all races and traditions with love and joy. Because we were founded by the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, Episcopalians of this diocese receive priority registration for Summer Camps on Clear Creek (down the hill) through March 1. Applications for camps on Clear Creek from non-Episcopalians and campers from other dioceses will be held in order of receipt and entered on a space available basis starting March 2. All applications for Summer Camps in Bethany Village (up the hill) will be registered in order of receipt.

- Is the Camper a member of a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama? YES NO
- If yes, please indicate: Parish:_____ City:_____
- Rector's Name: _____ Email: _____
- If camper is **not** an Episcoplaian in the Diocese of AL, please list home diocese, denomination, or faith tradition: _____
- Church or Organization: _____ City/State:_____
  *If not affiliated with any church or organization, please write "NA" in the spaces above.
- Has Camper attended Camp McDowell before? YES NO If yes, when?:_____
- How did you hear about Summer Camp? _____
- To assist Camp McDowell staff in giving the best possible care for your child, please list personality traits, habits, preferences, or other helpful information. Please feel free to include additional sheets of paper.
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Cabin Mate Policy and Request

We promise to do our best to honor your cabin mate request, but we CANNOT GUARANTEE it. Please request ONE CABIN MATE ONLY. Both campers should REQUEST EACH OTHER on their applications to be processed. Your request must be RECEIVED 10 DAYS PRIOR to the session. Assignments WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR CHANGED ON OPENING DAY. Thank you for your understanding.

- Camper's Cabin Mate Request is: _____
- Cabin Mate's email address is: _____

Camper Covenant of Common Life: I agree to live by the standards and rules set for me at Camp McDowell, establishing an environment of acceptance and respect for everyone at camp. I will fully participate in the program and activities. I understand that the use or possession of tobacco, electronic cigarettes, illegal drugs, alcohol, or weapons of any kind will result in my immediate dismissal from Camp. I understand inappropriate sexual behavior is not tolerated. I understand in order to respect the privacy of all participants, at no time may a male enter a female housing area or a female enter a male housing area, unless accompanied and instructed to do so by a staff member. If I choose to violate the standards above or am knowingly in the presence of others violating these standards, I may be sent home immediately. I understand cell phones and other communication devices are not allowed at Camp. I understand in case of an emergency, I will be allowed to use Camp's phone. I will honor Camp's policy and my own experience of getting "unplugged" while at Camp. I will leave my cell phone or other communication device at home, in a car, or with a staff member for the duration of my camp session.

CAMPER SIGNATURE: _____

Guardian Statement of Acknowledgement: I give permission for the staff of Camp McDowell to select a physician and seek medical treatment for my child. I understand in order to honor my child's camper experience and to help summer camp remain an "unplugged" environment, my child is not allowed to have a cell phone or other communication device during their Camp session. I will ensure my child's cell phone or other communication device is kept at home, in a car, or with a staff member for the duration of the camp session. I give permission for photographs and video of my child to be used for promotional purposes by Camp McDowell. I understand that I am financially responsible for property damages caused by my child's behavior.

GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

Camp McDowell Scholarship Fund

For years, Camp McDowell's Camper Scholarship Fund enabled children and youth to attend Camp through financial assistance. It is our policy that **no child will be denied the opportunity to come to Camp due to inadequate finances**. We respectfully ask that you consider making a donation to the Scholarship Fund. Contributions may be made online, with your mail-in check, or as an offering at the service of Holy Eucharist on the closing day of the camp session. You may also choose to donate the remainder of your child's canteen money to the fund. For more information or questions, please contact Stratt Byars or Susanna Whitsett (stratt@campmcdowell.com or susanna@campmcdowell.com). Many thanks for your consideration!

Payment Slip

Please mark an 'x' on each line you are submitting payment for.

____Deposit Enclosed ($25 per Camper for Primary Camp; $50 per Camper for all other sessions.)
____Balance enclosed (Note: All payments are due no less than 10 days prior to session.)
____Canteen money enclosed. Amount_____ (see recommendations below)
____T-shirt Pal (a donated t-shirt payment for a camper in need) - $15 each
____Donation to Camp Scholarship Fund. Amount _____

_____TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED BY CHECK (#_____) or TO BE CHARGED TO CREDIT/DEBIT
Sign here for credit/debit authorization: _____
Name as it appears on card: _____
Credit Card type: _____ (We accept Visa, Mastercard, and Discover)
Expiration Date: _____ Card Number:_____ Security Code:_____

Camper Canteen

Campers love going to canteen every day at Camp! Our canteen offers snacks, drinks, Camp McDowell wear (t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, water bottles, bandanas, shoelaces, coffee mugs, etc.) and items such as stamps, disposable cameras, and bumper stickers! You may deposit money into your camper's canteen account with your registration payment. We ask that t-shirts and water bottles either be pre-purchased with your application or purchased on opening or closing days.

Snacks and Drinks:$1.00 each. The minimum canteen amount suggested is:
$2.00 per person per day at Primary Camp (No pre-payments for this session.)
$4.00 per day at Junior High I, Junior High II, Sophomore, and Senior Camp
$2.00 per day at all other sessions

T-Shirt Pal: Keep a friend in style - be a T-shirt Pal! Many children who come to camp on scholarship also cannot afford a t-shirt. Your $15 donation will give a t-shirt to a camper who may not receive one otherwise. To donate, please check the box in the payment slip above. Thank you for your consideration!

Important Registration Notes

-A non-refunded deposit or confirmed financial arrangement is required to hold your spot in any camp session.
-For Primary Camp, $25 for each camper is required. All other sessions require a $50 deposit per camper.
-The registration balance, health form, & canteen payments are due 10 days prior to the start of the session.
-Payments may be submitted online, by mail, or over the phone.
-A waiver is required to participate in the Ropes Course for Middler, Junior High, Sophomore, and Senior Camps in Clear Creek and campers 5th grade and older attending a Summer Camp in Bethany Village.
-You will receive an email acknowledgement of your application. Please contact us if email is not received in two weeks of submitting your application.
-Information about your session including a letter from your Session Director, a letter from your Camp Coordinator, a packing list, and all necessary waivers will be posted on the Camp McDowell website by May 1, 2016.
-Please contact your Camp Coordinator (Stratt Byars for Clear Creek Camps and Susanna Whitsett for Bethany Village Camps) for any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you at Summer Camp!!

IMPORTANT: Policies & Practices for Summer Camps

APPLICATION POLICY: All people are welcome with love and joy at Camp McDowell, regardless of faith tradition. For sessions **on Clear Creek** (aka "down the hill"), applications from non-Episcopalians & Episcopalians of other dioceses will be held in order of receipt then registered on a "space available" basis starting March 1. For sessions in **Bethany Village** (aka "up the hill") all applications will be registered immediately in order of receipt.

CAMPER ATTENDANCE POLICY: To foster independence, nurture friendships, and support continuity in programming, campers are expected to be present for their entire session. With the exception of family and academic commitments, campers will not be allowed to come and go from camp. Please contact your Camp Coordinator with questions.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Camps on Clear Creek:

*Check-in is 2-5pm on opening day. Campers will not be able to check in before 2:00pm.

*Most sessions conclude with Holy Eucharist at 9:00am. Family & friends are invited! If not attending the service, camper pick up is promptly at 10am in cabins.

Camps in Bethany Village

*Arrival & pick up times are listed on www.campmcdowell.com and in the confirmation letter or email.

If circumstances prevent your camper from attending please notify Camp immediately so that another child may attend.

CONTACTING CAMPERS

***NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED**

*Campers may make & receive phone calls on Camp's phone in case of emergency.

*Always include camper name, session name & cabin in the address (letter)/subject line (email)

*Mail & emails are delivered every day except closing day.

***Address:** 105 DeLong Road
Nauvoo, AL 35578

***Email address:** campermail@campmcdowell.com

Phone: (205)387-1806

***EMAIL LIMIT:** 1 per camper, per session, per sender. No email photos please. Note: Camper email delivery will stop in 2017.

*Families are invited to leave letters/packages at check-in for later delivery. Packages may be purchased in our Camp Store on opening day. Mailed packages should be no larger than a shoe box. One package per camper per session - except birthdays!!!

FINANCIAL

*A $50 deposit (or confirmed financial arrangement) is required to hold a spot. Primary Camp deposit amount is $25 per camper.

*Payments may be submitted by check (mail), online, or phone.

*Deposits for registered campers that cancel are not refundable.

*Waitlisted campers who do not receive a spot will be refunded.

*No one will be turned away due to an inability to pay. Contact the Camp Coordinator for information on our Scholarship Fund.

*Insurance costs are covered in the session fee and protect all campers while at Camp. Max benefits: $1000 sickness, $2500 accidents, $2500 loss of life. Families are responsible for expenses over these amounts.

*Please consider making a donation to our Camper Scholarship Fund with payment.

*You may purchase a T-shirt & water bottle with your application.

*Keep a friend in style, be a "T-shirt Pal"! Purchase an extra T-shirt for a camper in need.

CABIN ASSIGNMENTS

*As camp is a time to make new friends, we will limit the number of campers from the same parish or school in one cabin.

*Campers may request **1 other camper** to be in their cabin.

*Campers **must request one another** on the registration application to be processed.

*No assignments will be changed on opening day.

*Siblings ARE NOT automatically housed together unless requested. This will not count as a cabin mate request.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

*Health form & information is due to camp 10 days prior to session.

*Access health forms in online account or the Camp website.

*Routine health care is provided by trained medical staff. For additional care, campers will be taken to a medical facility and parents contacted ASAP.

***All medication must be in original containers, checked in, dispensed by medical staff, and kept in health hut.**

*We ask parents to allow campers to maintain the same medication routines at Camp as at home.

*Ropes Course and/or Overnight Campout forms required as noted in the details of your confirmation.

LIFE AT CAMP

*Camp is a place to GET UNPLUGGED: Please NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES. Instead, consider a journal, art supplies, cards, or a camera.

*Campers are expected to participate and follow all rules.

*The following actions will result in immediate dismissal: use or possession of tobacco, electronic cigarettes, illegal drugs, alcohol, or weapons of ANY kind; inappropriate contact or exposure.

*GIRLS: One-piece bathing suits or tankinis only are allowed.

*Please help us keep campers healthy and happy: do not send candy or high-sugar foods. Candy in the cabins can be messy and attract insects. Small packs of cookies, crackers, or chips to share are acceptable, Please secure all food/snacks and LABEL TO PROTECT OUR CAMPERS WITH ALLERGIES.

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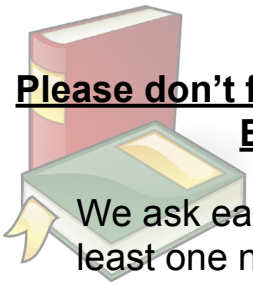
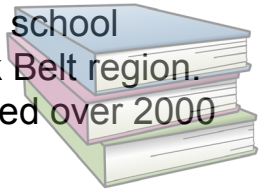
GPS and smartphone apps recognize Delong Road as County Road 10. Camp McDowell is not in the city limits of Nauvoo.



Please don't forget about the Black Belt Book Program

We ask each Camper to bring at least one new or gently used book to camp each summer to support the Black Belt Book Program. Your donation will be distributed to children in the public school systems of the Black Belt region. Last year, we collected over 2000 books!



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From Birmingham and Montgomery Take I-65 North in Birmingham. Take exit 265 (Daniel Payne Drive) and turn left (west) off the ramp. Go apprx 1 mile and turn right onto Coalburg Road (2nd light). Go apprx 1.5 miles and turn left (west) onto I-22/78. Go apprx 30 miles and take exit 63. Turn right onto 269 North into Jasper. Turn right at second light onto 18th St. and an immediate left onto 9th Ave. which will turn into HWY 195. Go apprx 15 miles to mile marker 13 and turn right into Camp McDowell.
From Huntsville Take I-65 South to Cullman; Take U.S. 278 West to Double Springs. Take Highway 195 South to Camp McDowell, about 10 miles (at the 13 mile marker).
From the Shoals Take Highway 43 South from Florence to Russellville; Take 243 from Russellville until that road ends then take Highway 195 South to Double Springs. Continue on 195 South, about 10 miles to Camp McDowell (mile marker 13).
From Tuscaloosa Take Highway 69 North to Jasper. Take Highway 195 North to Camp McDowell, about 15 miles (mile marker 13).