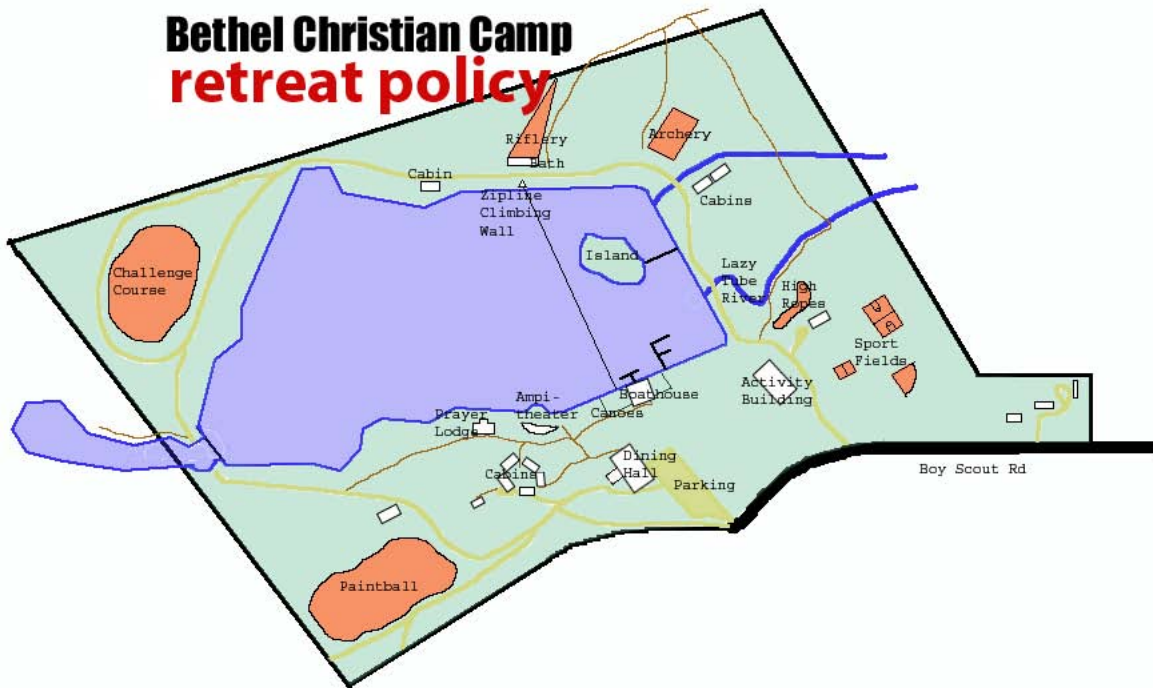


# Bethel Christian Camp retreat policy



Dear Retreat leader,

Bethel Christian Camp desires to help you minister to your group. We know that finding the right location is an important part of organizing an effective retreat. So it is important to know who we are, and what we offer to make sure that those fit with your group's agenda.

## Camp Accommodations

**Sleeping:** Cabins with bunk beds (10-12 people/cabin – currently 10 available cabins for retreats). Cabins are insulated, carpeted and have A/C and heater units. Central bathhouse to cabins with showers (no bathrooms in cabins – this means your group will have to walk to the bath rooms).

The Boathouse has three separate rooms with bunks and a bathroom sleeping a total of 12 people.

**Meeting:** Large Dining Hall and Conference area that looks out over camp and lake with a beautiful large fireplace. Seating and dining for 150. Available in the Conference area: podium, sound system (5 jacks) with stage, CD/tape player, and portable screen. The Boathouse is available for smaller groups (20-30 people). The Boathouse meeting room is decorated like a youth lounge: sofas, chairs, pool table, small kitchenette (microwave, fridge, sink).

Outdoor meeting – Open Ampitheater seating 300 looking over lake (ideal for outdoor worship times – has large fire pad), covered prayer lodge with benches (ideal for small groups or morning worship times).

## Camp Meals

Hot meals are served at the Dining Hall in “all-you-can-eat” cafeteria style – Meals are composed of a main course (spaghetti, hamburgers/hotdogs, pizza, lasagna, chicken...), with 2 or 3 sides, salad bar, dessert and drinks. Breakfasts are alternated daily between hot breakfast (pancakes, sausage, eggs, bacon, casserole...) and continental breakfast (cereal, pastries, fruit). Guests may return to the line as long as food is available, however, as a courtesy to us, and you, we ask that all guests wait for seconds or thirds until all members of their group have been served.

## Camp Events

One of the great things about organizing your own retreat is that you are in charge of all of the programming – you get to do it your way! (We will need a copy of your program (1) week prior to your arrival)

As you program the weekend there are certain camp events that are available to your group to use as part of the retreat package. These events are your responsibility, not the camps (you schedule, and provide appropriate leadership). We would be glad to organize and staff extra events at an extra charge:

**Events included in Retreat Package** – all sports fields: sand volleyball, basketball, softball, portable soccer goals (balls provided – except softball gloves, we only have a few), canoeing, trails.

**Extra Charge Events** (to be scheduled and organized by Bethel)– Swimming (it is necessary to have a certified lifeguard), Ropes course, climbing wall, lazy tube river, challenge course, riflery, archery, paintball. Please let us know if you wish to schedule any of these events. The retreat contract has a complete list of pricing and the number of people that can participate in these events at a given time. Please be aware that Bethel operates on a limited staff – extra events must be scheduled in advance because they require extra staffing.

### **Camp Expectations**

- ◆ A non-refundable deposit (20% of retreat total) is required to hold retreat dates.
- ◆ Changes to contract may be made up to within one (1) week of retreat at which time full payment is due.
- ◆ Full payment of contract is expected one (1) week before the retreat. NOTE: If you have fewer people than you expected show up that is your responsibility – no refunds will be made after the 1 week deadline. If you have more people than expected show up they may be paid for upon arrival at the camp.
- ◆ Retreat Schedule is required one (1) week in advance with payment of contract.
- ◆ Younger groups (up through high school) must have at least one adult leader per cabin.
- ◆ **No food or drinks in the cabins.** Food attracts insects and ants. You may set up a hospitality table in the Dining Hall or Boathouse.
- ◆ Clean cabins and meeting areas – **cabins must be vacuumed, beds wiped down and garbage disposed of in our dumpster before departure.** Leave cabins and meeting areas as you found them. Feel free to move furniture around – please put it back at the conclusion of your retreat.
- ◆ Inform us of all Campfires. Campfires will be built by your group in appropriate locations: Amphitheater or Island (Weather dependent). We have wood stocked and available at these places.
- ◆ Swimming hours are to be scheduled and will always be under the observation of a certified Lifeguard.
- ◆ Observe all posted rules on camp premises

### **Camp History**

Bethel Christian Camp was started in 1941 as a summer camp dedicated to racial integration. The camp provides a large number of scholarships every summer (about 60% of campers) for those youth that need financial assistance. The finances for these scholarships come through gifts from individuals and churches. Your retreat will help us maintain and grow the camp facilities freeing up donations to be used for summer youth scholarships.

### **Camp Directions**

From **I-26** take exit 115 (1 exit south of Airport exit)  
Right on Hwy 321 to Swansea/Gaston – proceed 7mi.  
Right @ light on Wood Trail Rd – proceed 1 mi.  
Right @ four way stop on Boy Scout Rd. – proceed 1 mi.  
Camp on right

From **I-77** take exit 1 (before merge with I-26)  
Left on Hwy 321 to Swansea/Gaston – proceed 7mi.  
Right @ light on Wood Trail Rd – proceed 1 mi.  
Right @ four way stop on Boy Scout Rd. – proceed 1 mi.  
Camp on right

**Bethel Christian Camp**  
750 Boy Scout Rd.  
Gaston, SC 29053  
803-926-5511



**Bethel Sign**

Boy Scout Rd.

**Office Entrance**

**Dining Hall Entrance**

## LEGEND

- 1 - Dining Hall & Parking
- 2 - Activity Lodge & Office
- 3 - Boathouse & Waterfront
- 4 - Amphitheater
- 5 - Sports Fields
- 6 - Director's Residence
- 7 - Archery Range
- 8 - Rifle Range
- 9 - Climbing Wall & Zip Line
- 10 - Challenge Course
- 11 - Paintball Field
- 12 - Private Property

**Cabin Area**

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