

# The Wilds Summer Registration Information 2017

## Availability and Initial Registration:

1. Online Registration: We highly recommend registering online through our website ([www.wilds.org](http://www.wilds.org)). If you cannot remember your username and password, please contact the Summer Registration secretaries or you can use the username and password reset prompts. If you run into difficulties or have questions, please contact us right away!
2. Weeks Closing: We close a week of camp to additional groups when the capacity fills to 80% or we reach a maximum number of registered church groups. We e-mail each lead sponsor when we close the week they are registered for and when the waiting lists begin. Once a week is closed, the remaining spots are still processed on a first-come, first-serve basis to the registered church groups. To be considered a registered church group, you need to register at least 5 teens and/or 3 junior campers; sponsors do not count towards this amount.

## Camp Costs and Discounts:

1. Deposit: A completed registration and *nonrefundable* \$50 deposit reserve a camper's spot. The deposit is included as part of the total cost per camper.
2. Pricing: There will be processing fee of \$10 added to the cost of camp for all forms mailed or faxed to us. The Early Bird price will apply automatically when you register online. Discounted weeks and Early Bird do not apply to the sponsor cost. All teens registered for June 5-10 or July 31-August 5, will receive \$25 in Wilds Bucks, which will be distributed by their counselors after they arrive. This is not available to junior campers.
3. Early Bird: The Early Bird discount is \$30 off for each camper registered on or before **February 3, 2017**. Mailed registration forms must be postmarked by February 3, 2017. Faxed, scanned, or online registrations can be sent on February 3, 2017 and still receive the discount.
4. Payments: You may use a credit card to pay the nonrefundable \$50 deposit. The remaining group balance needs to be paid by church check when you arrive for your week of camp. You may send a check early as that may speed up your check-in process. *Parents may use a credit card to pay through their personal accounts but we do NOT accept credit cards for group payments due to the expense of merchant fees.* We do not take credit card payments over the phone.
5. Scholarships: Scholarships are available for first-time campers who are unsaved or unchurched or from at-risk situations. If you have campers that fall into this category, contact Megan Dail ([megan.dail@wilds.org](mailto:megan.dail@wilds.org)) to request scholarships. The maximum number of scholarships per church is 5.

## Registration Changes and Roommate Requests

1. Cancellations and Replacements: If you have a registered camper who cancels their registration, the \$50 deposit is non-refundable unless you have a camper to take their place. The replacement camper must be in the same camp program and of the same gender (i.e. Teen Boy replaces Teen Boy; JBC Girl replaces JBC Girl, etc.). The Early Bird discount does not apply to the replacement camper after February 3rd. Only the nonrefundable deposit will be transferred to the replacement camper. The deposit may be transferred to a sibling still attending camp.
2. Room Requests: The Summer Registration secretaries will send you updated group lists in the spring for you to know who is registered with your group. Three weeks before you arrive at camp, they will send you a final list and a request for final room requests. A week before you

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arrive, they will try to contact you again to make sure they have all the correct requests. Anytime you have changes or questions please contact us, even on the Monday you arrive. *The more you have updated your information, the easier check-in will be for you.*

3. Cabin Make-Up: Each group will be housed in cabins based on gender and grade. We can only allow 2-3 from the same group in a room. We do not allow 8th and 10th graders to room together. Teen Camp Grade Divisions: 7th-9<sup>th</sup>; 9th-11<sup>th</sup>; 10th-12<sup>th</sup>; 11th-Graduate (May or June 2017). Junior Boot Camp cabins do not have grade divisions.
4. Because of the high number of campers and changes each week, cabin assignments are not finalized until several days prior to camp; therefore, we are unable to give out cabin or team assignments.

### **Camp Life:**

1. Dress Code: The Wilds reserves the right to ask anyone to change his or her outfit if, in the estimation of the staff, it does not comply with the following standards.

Ladies/girls: Please bring knee-length skirts or dresses for the evening services. Any fashion worn must come at least to the top of the knee and cover the shoulders. Low necklines (front or back) are not acceptable camp attire. Loose-fitting pants, jeans, or knee-length fashions may be worn except when otherwise specified. Swimsuits should be one-piece.

Men/boys: Long pants and shirts with collars are required for evening services. Fashions to the knee may be worn at other times.

2. Sponsors: We ask that you bring 1 individual or 1 married couple for every 10-15 campers. If you need to bring more sponsors for travel or safety purposes, please contact John Bott (john.bott@wilds.org) for approval before registering any extra sponsors. We have limited sponsor accommodations, and we want to make sure every church is able to bring sponsors for their groups.
3. Children of Sponsors: Sponsors may bring their children, ages 0-8 years old, to attend any week of camp this summer. Availability will be limited so please make your plans early and register as soon as possible. The prices are free for each 0-2 year old, \$50 for 3-5 year old, and \$100 for each 6-8 year old. Childcare for them is not available from The Wilds.
4. Arrival/Departure: Check-in starts Monday at 2:30 pm, and the camp program begins at 5:00 pm (please try to arrive by 4:30 pm). If you think your group is going to be later than 5:00 pm, please call the office (828-884-7811) with an estimated time of arrival. Camp ends Saturday morning after breakfast at 9:00 am. If your group needs to leave early, you will need to fill out a form and turn it in to the office as early as possible the week you are at camp.

### **Contact Information and Other Camp Programs:**

1. Contact Information: Please contact our Summer Registration secretaries any time you have questions or concerns.

Mailing Address Before 5/24/17: The Wilds, P.O. Box 509, Taylors, SC 29687

Mailing Address After 5/24/17: The Wilds, 1000 Wilds Ridge Rd., Brevard, NC 28712

Phone: (864) 331-3286 Fax: (864) 331-3285

E-mail: tw.summer.camps@wilds.org, kaitlynn.tompkins@wilds.org, or megan.dail@wilds.org

2. CIT: Campers who are interested in the CIT program can download the application and recommendation forms from our website (www.wilds.org). Those should be turned in before December 31, 2016. Please either mail those to the Brevard office or e-mail them to Tara Anastos (tara.anastos@wilds.org).