

Open Bible Central
Youth Camp (Grades 6-12)
July 27-31, 2026
Hidden Acres
Dayton, IA

PLAYLIST



We all have a playlist - the soundtrack that's shaping our lives.
What are you choosing to let play?

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|---|---|--|-------|---|---|--|------|
| 1 |  | it's complicated
My Walk with God, Disobedience | 12:10 | 4 |  | I SAY YES
Surrender, Commitment | 4:15 |
| 2 |  | approval (feat. Everyone Else)
Insecurity, Fear of Man | 2:31 | 5 |  | COMING BACK HOME
Prodigal Son, Prodigal Daughter | 7:23 |
| 3 |  | just one more time
Temptation, Lack of Self-Control | 3:49 | 6 |  | NO LONGER WHO I WAS
Redemption, Freedom | 3:09 |

Open Bible Central Youth Camp Leader's Planning Guide

Dear Youth Ministry Leader,

Hopefully the following pages explain nearly everything you need to know about bringing your group to camp.

Please take some time to fully review the enclosed information. If there is something missing or confusing, reach out to me via email, text, or call!

If you are new and/or this is your first time bringing a group to camp, feel free to save my number to your contacts and know that I am very comfortable with you reaching out frequently. This can be a confusing process with many moving parts-- I'm here to help!

I am praying for you, and looking forward to all that God has in store for our students!

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Camp Registration/Instructions

Age requirement

- This camp is for students in **6th - 12th grade**. As each school district is different, we defer to your local policy of transition from elementary to middle school.
- Students just finishing elementary school have the option of attending Kids Camp or Youth Camp. **Kids camp** is for 3rd – 5th grade students, and **Youth camp** is for 6th – 12th grade students.
- Students just graduating from high school may attend Youth camp as a student. They are eligible to come as a leader/chaperone once they have been out of high school **for at least 1 year**.

Student registration

- All registration is online and can be accessed at: openbiblecentral.org/youth-camp/
- When a parent registers their students and submits the form, three emails are immediately sent out. They will receive a confirmation email, you will receive an email with full registration information, and Central Region will receive an email.
- **NO PAYMENT WILL BE RECEIVED BY CENTRAL REGION.**
 - ***Every church has different fundraisers and transportation costs.**
\$255 does NOT cover the church's costs (gas, transportation etc.).
You will still need to collect finances from each student that registers.
- **Cost: \$255/student**
- We will periodically send each youth director a list of who we have registered for camp from your church. Hopefully this will help ensure we're all on the same page.

Family discounts

- Designed for families sending multiple children to Open Bible Youth and/or Kids Camps.
- Discount only available to churches affiliated with Open Bible.
- Second child's registration fee will be **reduced by \$20**.
- Third child and all additional children will be **reduced \$40 each**.

NO MORE LATE REGISTRATION FEES!

- Registration will close after **Sunday, July 5th**. There is no guarantee that student registrations can be accepted after this point.

Camp leader registration basic info

- This is completely online as well. Leader applications can be found at: openbiblecentral.org/youth-camp/
- Upon submission of the form, three emails identical to the student registration are sent out.
- **NO PAYMENT WILL BE RECEIVED BY CENTRAL REGION.**

Cost update

- Neither the student cost nor the leader cost **WILL NOT** increase from our 2025 summer camp. This is a praise! The student cost will remain at \$255/student (family discount will be applied), and the leader cost will remain at \$125/leader.

Camp leader registration process/expectations

- Camp leaders will fill out form to apply to come to camp with your church. Included in that form:
 - Question about background check. To the best of their knowledge, do we have one on file that was ran no longer than **3 years** ago? Even if they say no, they can still submit the application and deal with the background check later.
 - Lead pastor's name and email address. The purpose of this is for the pastoral reference. We will send the pastor an email asking if they approve this person to represent your church at camp.
 - Question about sexual abuse awareness training. Have they completed the Central Region prescribed online course?
 - **Everyone is required to retake this course every 3 years.**
 - It is free for the person taking it but will require 60-90 minutes to watch some online videos and take a short quiz of retention.
 - **Passing this training is a requirement for all leaders.**
 - If they have not completed the training, they will be asked if they are willing to do so. If they say yes, the application can be submitted and a link to the training will be emailed to them.
 - We have the ability to track each person. How much of the videos they watched and how they did on the quiz.
 - If they choose not to take the training, the application will not be submitted.
 - Here is an example of what they will see when they log on to complete the training.

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training



You must watch all of the videos to take the quiz	
Section 1: Intro	
Section 2: Facts vs. Misconceptions	
Section 3: Characteristics of an abuser	
Section 4: The grooming process	
Section 5: Methods to reduce the risk	
Section 6: Peer to peer sexual abuse	
Section 7: If a child reports	
Section 8: Impact on children	
Section 9: Responsibility to report	

☐ I have watched ALL 9 training videos on this page OR received the full training from an approved trainer and/or in group training.

take quiz ✓

HOW TO PLAN YOUR TRIP TO CAMP THIS SUMMER

- ☐ Make sure that you have the camp dates on the church calendar. Youth camp is **July 27-31, 2026**. Camp begins with registration at 1:00pm on Monday and camp ends at 11:00am on Friday.
- ☐ Reserve the vans, buses, etc. that you will need for bringing students to camp.
- ☐ Begin regularly announcing and promoting camp. Use your church bulletin, newsletter, announcement times, pre-service slides, Facebook events, Instagram posts, email to each family, and anything else you can imagine. Artwork can be retrieved at openbiblecentral.org/youth-camp.
- ☐ Have each of your camp leader applicants go to openbiblecentral.org/youth-camp and fill-out the online application.
- ☐ Camp payment should be collected by you and ONE check should be written to Central Region Open Bible and brought with you to camp, handed to us at registration. **Have the parents write checks (or make electronic payments) directly to your church-- and then bring a single check to camp for the total amount, including all leaders.**
 - Registration will close after **Sunday, July 5th**. Registrations for students cannot be guaranteed after this date.
 - Refunds are not guaranteed on camp registrations, but name changes for the same age group (middle school or high school) and gender are allowed up until **July 9th @ Noon**.
- ☐ Final Invoices will be emailed to you and your church no later than **Thursday, July 16th**. In some cases, this could be sooner. Please bring the check with you to camp in the amount of the invoice, and submit that at the registration table on Day 1. Please email skyler@openbiblecentral.org to dispute the invoice.
- ☐ **RATIO RULE/LEADER REQUIREMENT** - We need you to provide at least one (1) staff for every eight students (of that gender) that you send to camp. All churches bringing 3 or more students (of that gender) MUST provide a leader (of that gender). Groups of just 1 or 2 students (of that gender) will be placed with a leader from another church. Central Region cannot accommodate groups of 3 or more (of that gender) that do not provide their own leader!

****ATTENTION****- Youth Leaders should go over ALL rules with students attending camp before arrival to camp grounds.

CAMP RULES/GUIDELINES:

Stuff you should NOT bring to camp

The following items are not allowed at camp: tobacco, narcotics, vapes, alcohol, weapons of any kind, pornography, fireworks, or other combustible materials. Possession of any of these items will be cause for immediate dismissal from camp. Also, campers should not bring valuables such as laptops, iPads or other electronics.

Dress code

Everyone must wear shoes when walking on the grounds.

Guys – Shirts must be worn at all times, except in the pool or at the lake and if you are a ‘skin’ for basketball. Your shorts need to stay up around your waist. For swimming, guys must wear swim trunks that stay up, no speedos and no cut offs.

Ladies – Your shirt and pants should touch. Your shorts or skirts should be at least mid-thigh. For swimming, ladies must wear modest one-piece suits. If you have a two-piece, you must wear a dark-colored t-shirt over it.

Staying in dorms at night

Most of the girls’ dorms will have bathrooms and showers inside the same facility. Boys will need to leave their cabin and walk a short distance to the bathhouse. At night, girls may not leave their dorm buildings under any circumstances. Boys may leave their cabins for the purpose of going to the bathroom but not leave the cabin/bathhouse area. Any student found, for any reason, outside of these confines will immediately forfeit the remainder of his or her camp experience. No warnings. No refunds.

Wandering

There will be no wandering alone, period. You must have someone of the same gender with you at all times and your leader must know who you’re with and where you’ll be at all times. No exceptions.

Social skills

Fighting, intimidating, or verbally abusing anyone, camper or staff, is not permitted and may result in the camper losing their privilege of finishing camp. Public displays of affection are not allowed during camp. While sleeping at night or taking naps, only 1 person per twin mattress. Should a bed have a full or queen mattress, exceptions may be made by the Camp Director, Skyler Sanford.

Mobile phone policy

Phones and other electronic devices WILL NOT BE ALLOWED at camp. All students should leave their phones at home. **Central Region will no longer be collecting phones, and storing them while students are at camp.** If churches feel that students should have their phones during transportation to/from camp– they may collect the phones upon arrival to camp, and store them with one of their camp leaders/chaperones during the week. **Central Region will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged phones.** IF students are caught using their phone during the week, without approval of the Camp Director, Skyler Sanford, they may forfeit the remainder of their time at camp. Our hope and goal is to encourage our students to take their focus off the electronic world and pay attention to God and the friends around them. If a parent is concerned about connectivity with their student, please speak with your youth director to get their contact information.

Common Sense Thinking

When you make decisions during camp week, use common sense and treat other people the way you would want to be treated. Also, show respect for the campground, their staff, and Central Region camp staff.

Theme Explained:

Another Summer of Camp is nearly upon us– and I’m so excited for this year’s theme: **PLAYLIST**.

Whether you realize it or not– **every single one of us has a playlist**. Not just the songs on your phone, but **the soundtrack that’s shaping your life**. It’s the voices you listen to, the thoughts on repeat in your mind, and the messages you let influence your identity, your choices, and your direction. So the question is: what are you choosing to let play?

Your playlist is being built every single day by what you watch, what you listen to, who you follow, who you hang around, and what you choose to believe. Some playlists are full of negativity. Some are full of lies that say you’re not good enough, not worthy, or not loved. **And, let’s be honest**– some playlists are full of things you know you shouldn’t be listening to. And if we’re not careful... we start living out the lyrics of those lies. But here’s the good news– **You don’t have to stay stuck listening to the wrong soundtrack!**

Romans 12:2, says, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

God wants to change what’s playing in your life. He wants to replace the lies with truth, the noise with peace, and the confusion with purpose. Because, when you start filling your life with His voice... **everything begins to change**. Your thoughts, your choices, your identity– **it all changes!**

In John 10:27, Jesus says, “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

Above all else, we want students to learn the **importance of choosing to fill their lives Jesus**, because there is no better soundtrack for their life than His truth, His presence, and His plans.

Camp is a chance to turn down the noise, pause everything else that’s been playing...and finally hear the voice of God clearly. The world is constantly trying to add songs to your playlist... but God is inviting you to listen to something better.

So here’s the question: **What will you choose to let play?**