# EAST COAST CAMP | LEADER'S PACKET





I am so excited for East Coast Camp 2024. The team behind camp has been praying, planning and dreaming of how to make ECC 24 the best week ever for every student that chooses to attend. It is truly an honor for me to come alongside so many great leaders as we continue to reach this next generation for Christ.

The response to camp during the pre-registration period has been tremendous. We are set to make ECC 24 the largest camp to date. Unfortunately, space at camp is not infinite. We want to make sure that we have room for every single person that plans to attend and if a scenario would arise that we hit capacity and have to turn someone away, we want that to happen as early as possible, so they can make other arrangements.

To that end, we are asking that you provide a deposit of \$100 for every person attending camp. This non-refundable deposit secures a bed for each person for which it is submitted. Space will be secured on a first come first serve basis. If we are at capacity once your deposit is received, I will give you a call to discuss any options available. At that point, if we are unable to accommodate your group because of capacity, deposit funds will be returned to you.

Final payment for ECC 24 will be due on May 17, 2024.

As always, if you have any questions or need anything please let me know.

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East Coast Camp Director

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### **EAST COAST CAMP | INFORMATION**

### **PAYMENTS**

- \$100 Deposit is due (per camp attendee) and secures their spot
- First come first serve
- \$225 Remaining balance is due (per camp attendee) by May 17, 2024

### DATE

- June 17-21, 2024
- Campers arrive beginning at Noon on Monday, June 17
- Campers leave after breakfast on Friday, June 21

### LOCATION

Ferrum College 215 Ferrum Mountain, Road Ferrum, VA 24088 Ferrum.edu

Campus Security | 540-365-4255 or 540-365-4444 \*Cell service & wifi is limited

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Four evening services and three morning chapel services
- Daily team building activities
- Cafeteria prepared meals
- Dynamic worship
- So much more!

### CAMP HOST AND SPONSOR

**Victory Ministries Incorporated** 

PO Box 1113 Huntington, WV 25713 304-733-4423

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President: Darrell Huffman

### CAMP DIRECTOR

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## **EAST COAST CAMP | INFORMATION**

# PACKING LIST: CLOTHING

- Shoes Athletic/Shower/Casual
- Pants Jeans/Shorts/Belt
- Sleepwear
- T-Shirts
- Socks (extra socks)
- Undergarments
- Sweatshirt/Jacket
- Laundry Bag

# PACKING LIST: PERSONAL

- Towels/Washcloths
- Soap in a bag
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Brush/Comb
- Feminine Products
- Toilet Paper
- Money for Snacks & Camp Merch
- Hat/Bandana/Sunglasses
- Umbrella/Rainwear
- Medications
- Bible/Pen/Notebook
- Bedding Sheets/Pillow/Blanket for a LONG Twin Bed



### **EAST COAST CAMP | EXPECTATIONS**

The East Coast Camp Leadership Team is made of the leadership staff of several youth ministries within VMI & RMAI. Each selected leader will be assigned a schedule, and will be expected to uphold each of their given responsibilities. Leaders will also be expected to submit to the pastoral leadership, and to follow the standards that will be set forth in this guide.

### 1. Serve with excellence

- A. Take ownership of the responsibilities that are assigned to you
- B. Be on time
- C. Know your tasks before you arrive on site (If you have a question, just ask!)

### 2. Chaperone

Adult supervision is crucial to making camp run smoothly. Chaperones must adhere to the following:

- Maintaining a safe environment at all times
- Keeping a good, Christian atmosphere
- Watching for and preventing potential problems before they occur
- Assisting other leaders and youth with a positive attitude
- Overseeing the conduct of the youth at the dorms
- Encouraging the students throughout the entire duration of camp
- Enforcing camp rules without abusing authority

#### 3. Interact with the students

Your main priority at camp is to be a positive influence on each and every life that you come into contact with. You could be a key individual on helping a student to understand the things of God more clearly. While interacting with the students, here are a few cautionary signs to watch for:

- Look for loners. Be sure to include everyone in everything that you do.Watch after the younger youth/ students - Be alert for open doors to minister.
- Encourage, uplift, compliment, and initiate conversations!
- Be watchful of PDA (No coupling off, holding hands, prolonged hugging, etc.)
- Be aware, that PDA doesn't just pertain to opposing sexes, and students. Be watchful of ALL situations. Ask questions! If you need help in a situation, don't hesitate to ask a pastor or another leader.

### 4. Advice

As a camp counselor, you will be given many opportunities to reach out to youth. When you are giving one-on-one advice ALWAYS:

- Accept the students (regardless of their actions or attitudes)
- Love them unconditionally
- Listen (don't just react)
- Befriend the youth
- Use the opportunity to point them towards God.
- · Display integrity in everything that you do.
- If a youth brings a problem to you, keep it confidential. If the situation is serious, take it to a pastor.
- Make yourself available to the youth. Spend more time with the students than with your fellow leaders.
   You're here for them, not yourself.



### **EAST COAST CAMP | EXPECTATIONS**

### **NEVER:**

- Give medical advice. Not only is it unsafe, but it's against the law! We have trained medical staff on site; take the problem to the trained professional
- Be a part of a gossip circle. Be a solution, not a greater problem. If you overhear any type of gossip, immediately take it to the pastoral leadership to be handled correctly
- Try to handle suicidal or any type of threatening issue, grab a pastor immediately!
- Counsel or be alone with the opposite sex (EVER)
- Give any prophecies or "words of knowledge" without a pastor present. This isn't discouraged, but it must be done in decency and in order
- Take a camper/student outside of the designated camp areas

### 5. Have fun, and receive!

As a camp counselor, you are assigned duties and tasks, but we want your week to be enjoyable. If at any time, you feel overwhelmed, don't hesitate to ask for assistance. We encourage you to open your heart and prepare yourself to encounter God.

East Coast Camp thanks you for your help this week! We can't wait to see all that God does for you, in you and through you during camp!



### **EAST COAST CAMP | POSITIONS**

### **Volunteering at East Coast Camp:**

"East Coast Camp is a huge undertaking each year that relies on a host of volunteers not only from the host church but from the attending churches as well. We are ecstatic for all that the students will be experiencing this year at summer camp.

If you are interested in serving at East Coast Camp, please check with your Youth Pastor or leader then look over the areas to serve at this year's camp below. If you find one that you are willing to serve in, then make sure that box is checked on the registration form. We look forward to serving with you at East Coast Camp!

### **Team Leader/Assistant Team Leader:**

Each year we break up all the students into teams. That team is represented by a color. These teams are designed to be an avenue for the students to bond with one another and grow together in God. Your role as the Team Leader or Assistant Team Leader is to keep the team organized, make sure all students are participating in all the events, create a team spirit that rallies behind friendly competition and their team colors and reporting any problems or concerns to camp staff/director. We ask that only people who are motivated, high spirited and have strong communication skills apply for this position.

### **Activity Leader:**

Each day we have multiple events going on that the teams compete in. The activity leader will be assigned an activity to oversee each day. This activity is usually the same activity every day. You will need to study, learn and be able to teach how to play this activity to each group as they rotate to your activity. You will need to be able to keep up with the schedule and keep the activity moving so it can be completed in the amount of time needed. You will keep track of winners/points of each team and report them to the Field Team Leader.

#### **Usher:**

Our camp is designed around multiple services every day for the students to engage in Praise & Worship along with receive the Word of God. With hundreds of students we need an usher team that will help watch the doors, clean up and organize the gym that we have our services in before and after each service, help with any and all altar services by keeping the lines of people responding to the call organized for safety, help the speaker during their message should they need help. You need to stay alert and be willing to be called upon during each service. You will report to the Camp Head Usher 30 minutes before each service (usually one morning service and one evening service).

#### Sound/Media/Lighting Tech:

We have a very technology driven camp and worship experience driven by the three main areas of sound person, media person and lighting technician. This person reports early to each service and works directly under the Camp Tech Director. We ask that only people who are familiar with digital sound boards (Behringer x32), ProPresenter and/or software based lighting controllers apply for this. These are relatively small teams so if you apply and don't get placed on one of the tech teams don't get discouraged. We have a place for you.

### **Medical Team:**

Each year we have a medical team who is always ready to serve the needs of the students and leaders during field events, services and any medical need a person may have at any hour of the day or night. We only ask that trained professionals (Doctors, Nurses, EMTs, Paramedics and/or any other trained medical personnel) apply for this position. If you apply to be part of the medical team, please also include some proof of your medical credentials along with your registration form."





### **ACTIVITY INFORMATION**

Name of sponsoring organization: VICTORY MINISTRIES INC. (EAST COAST CAMP "ECC")

Address: PO Box 1113, Huntington, WV 25713 Phone: **304-733-4423** 

Name of sponsor's coordinator: Dennis Smith Phone: **304-634-7638** 

Description of activity: YOUTH CAMP

Date(s) and location of activity: JUNE 17-21, 2024 AT FERRUM COLLEGE IN FERRUM, VA

### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY PARTICIPANT OR AUTHORIZED GUARDIAN)

Group or church name participant is attending with:
Name of participant:
Name of parents/guardians:
Address: Phone:
Name of emergency contact:
Telephone (daytime): Phone (evening):
What is the participant's sex (gender) at birth? □ Male □ Female
Birthdate: Grade for 2023/2024 Year: Participants first time at ECC? □ Yes □ No
T-Shirt Size: O Small O Medium O Large O XL O XXL O XXXL O Other:
List allergies or medical conditions:
Is the sponsor authorized to approve medical treatment?
Is the participant covered by personal/family medical insurance? □Yes □No
If yes, name of insurer:
Policy or group number:
Do you take Prescription medications? □ Yes □ No
If yes, Please list:
ROOMMATE REQUESTS:
1st Preference: 2nd Preference:

### **VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:**

I would like to Volunteer for the following positions at camp: (Please read position descriptions within the Leaders Packet before selecting.) Cicle all that apply.

Team Leader Activity Leader Medical Team Usher Sound Media Lighting Security

### PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT



I acknowledge that participation in the activity described above involves risk to the participant (and to the participant's parents or guardians, if the participant is a minor), and may result in various types of injury including, but not limited to, the following: sickness, exposure to infectious/communicable disease, bodily injury, death, emotional injury, personal injury, property damage, and financial damage.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the activity described above (the "activity"), the participant (or parent/guardian if the participant is a minor) acknowledges and accepts the risks of injury associated with participation in and transportation to and from the activity. The participant (or parent/guardian) accepts personal financial responsibility for any injury or other loss sustained during the activity or during transportation to and from the activity, as well as for any medical treatment rendered to the participant that is authorized by the sponsor or its agents, employees, volunteers, or any other representatives (collectively referred to as the "activity sponsor"). Further, the participant (or parent/guardian) releases and promises to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the activity sponsor for any injury arising directly or indirectly out of the described activity or transportation to and from the activity, whether such injury arises out of the negligence of the activity sponsor, the participant, or otherwise.

The participant (or parent/guardian) is aware of the highly contagious nature of COVID-19 and the risk that their student may be exposed to or contract COVID-19 by being on the premises of East Coast Camp and Ferrum College and engaging in any and all activities of East Coast Camp. The participant (or parent/guardian) acknowledges that all East Coast Camp attendees are voluntarily entering the premises to engage in the activities of East Coast Camp with knowledge of the danger involved. The participant (or parent/guardian) hereby agrees to accept and assume all risks of personal injury, illness, disability, or death related to COVID-19, arising from the participant (or parent/guardian) being on the premises or engaging in the East Coast Camp, whether caused by negligence of Victory Ministries Inc. & East Coast Camp or otherwise. The participant (or parent/guardian) releases Ferrum College, Victory Ministries Inc. and East Coast Camp from all liability. The participant (or parent/guardian) hereby expressly waives and releases any and all claims, now known or hereafter known, against Ferrum College, Victory Ministries Inc. and East Coast Camp and its owners, employees, affiliates, and officers, on account of injury, illness, disability, or death arising out of or attributable to my being on the premises or engaging in any activities of East Coast Camp and being exposed to or contracting COVID-19, whether arising out of the negligence of the Ferrum College, Victory Ministries Inc. and East Coast Camp, its owners, employees, affiliates, officers, or otherwise.

If a dispute over this agreement or any claim for damages arises, the participant (or parent/guardian) agrees to resolve the matter through a mutually acceptable alternative dispute resolution process. If the participant (or parent/guardian) and the activity sponsor cannot agree upon such a process, the dispute will be submitted to a three-member arbitration panel for resolution in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

Signature	Date	
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