Springfield Barnabas Day Camp

9 Weeks of Fall Fun
August 24 - October 23

2020

Field Guide
AN ANSWERED PRAYER & NEED

This upcoming school year will be a tough one for everyone, but it will be especially difficult for families who have a child with a disability.

While we knew summer camp wasn’t an option in Purdy, Missouri this year; we’ve been fervently praying for an opportunity to safely connect with campers in another way.

That’s why, as of this August, Camp Barnabas is excited to offer Day Camp to families with special needs. We are thrilled to partner with Ridgecrest Baptist Church to help fill this need in Springfield, Missouri.

Many families who have a child with a disability need to work, but they also need a safe and affordable place for their children to learn, grow, and socialize during the day. School fills this critical gap for families; unfortunately, it’s not a full-time or safe option for many this fall.

We believe our organization can step in to fill this need for a group of people who may find themselves with no options or resources. It’s a group of individuals who knows what it’s like to feel on the outside, once more.

This wasn’t our year for summer camp; but it is a year to be creative and reimagine how our ministry can be a light and provide respite and assistance to those who need it most during this season. We are so grateful to be a part of a community that continues to lean on one another and lift each other up.

Health, Prayers, & Virtual Fistbumps,

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Chief Executive Officer

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SPRINGFIELD BARNABAS DAY CAMP

Camp Barnabas has a history of providing camp to individuals with special needs. Over the past 25 years, we’ve served more than 90,000 campers with special needs and missionary volunteers from all across the United States. We’re thrilled to bring Day Camp back during this time and for a cause that is needed now more than ever.

In response to Springfield Public School’s (SPS) modified seated program for the 1st quarter, we’re committed to providing a safe and fun environment for individuals with disabilities. This day camp opportunity will allow campers a safe place with the support from Camp Barnabas staff members. Camp Barnabas will provide engaging programming that allows for spiritual and personal growth beyond a typical school setting.
DAY CAMP DETAILS

Our Springfield Day Camp is designed to provide children (5-18 years old) with special needs a safe and affordable place to go during the day. Due to the limited number of spots in the program, we’re prioritizing enrollment for working families.

Camp Barnabas will provide staff, safety procedures/protocols, programming, supplies, and fun activities during the day. We will work hard to provide some tutoring/homework assistance for campers who request it. Due to the nature of our program, we will not be able to provide specialized instruction as defined by a student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP) or support therapy services.

Campers will bring their own lunch, refillable water bottle/drinks, change of clothes, health & hygiene supplies, medical supplies if needed, and school supplies.

Because the program coincides with the SPS schedule, campers attending the Springfield Barnabas Day Camp can choose between Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday. On Wednesdays, they will receive virtual instruction from home via their teacher, per SPS. At this time, we do not have a five day option or after school care.

Day Camp will take place at our host church, Ridgecrest Baptist Church, 2210 W Republic Rd., Springfield, MO 65807.

WHO CAN ATTEND

The Springfield Barnabas Day Camp is for families who have a child with special needs enrolled in Springfield Public Schools and will participate in the two day seated program for the 1st quarter beginning August 24. Day Camp attendees will range between the ages of 5-18 (entering kindergarten through 12th grade).

Day Camp is ideal for campers who have intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities. This would include, but is not limited to, the following:

- ADHD
- Autism
- Cerebral Palsy
- Developmental Delay
- Down Syndrome

Unfortunately, we are unable to safely care for campers who have a prior history of harmful behavior/aggression towards themselves or others. We are also unable to safely care for campers who require a private duty nurse.
CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

- Each class will have 3 staff members and no more than 15 campers. Our desire is to group campers based upon age and disability.
- Campers will go directly to their classroom upon arrival.
- Assigned seating will be implemented in the classroom.
- Spacing will be increased between desks.
- Campers will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer when entering the classroom.
- Depending upon COVID-19 exposure levels in the community, we may need to make modifications and adjustments to keep our staff and campers safe. All decisions will be made in collaboration with the guidance of health professionals. We will communicate accordingly.

FEE

At the time of approved enrollment and completed application, we are asking that families pay a one-time non-refundable $100 administration fee per family. Financial assistance/scholarships are available.

SCHEDULE

For the health and safety of our campers and controlled hallway traffic, we will have staggered arrival times. At this time, parents can plan for Day Camp to operate during typical daytime school hours. Schedules will be finalized upon approved enrollment. We will not have before or after school care.

MEALS & TRANSPORTATION

No transportation service will be provided. Parents/guardians will need to bring campers to and from Day Camp at their designated times.

No meal service will be provided. Parents will need to send their camper’s lunch in a sack lunch or other portable cooler/lunch box (no reheating is available). Parents should also send a refillable water bottle and two snacks for the morning and afternoon. We will address any food allergies once we have camper enrollment health forms.
Keeping Our Families Safe

As always, our number one priority is the safety of our campers and staff. We care and love the individuals we serve deeply which is why we have developed a plan that follows local and state guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19. These procedures are based on the most recent recommendations from state and federal resources and may evolve as information is updated from state and federal health agencies.

Health Protocols, Masking, & Daily Hygiene

Our Camp Barnabas Health Services Director will be onsite (with the ability to administer medications as needed) during Day Camp hours.

- All campers and staff will receive daily temperature checks and will be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms upon check-in. Any person with a temperature exceeding 100°F Fahrenheit or symptoms of COVID-19 will not be able to stay at Day Camp.
- Campers will be encouraged to bring and wear a mask or face shield from home if they can safely do so. Some individuals may have medical conditions or a disability that prevents them from wearing a mask.
- All Camp Barnabas staff will be required to wear a mask or face shield.
- Face coverings will not be required while staff and campers are eating and drinking, during outdoor activities, or when circumstances allow them to maintain social distancing of six feet.
- Handwashing instruction will be taught and reinforced.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided.
- Hand hygiene signs will be posted.

Cleaning & Disinfecting

High-touch common surfaces (desks, chairs, light switches, doorknobs, and restrooms) will be cleaned and sanitized multiple times a day.

COVID-19 Communication Policy

In the event a camper or staff member becomes aware of an exposure, rapid communication is key. Camp Barnabas is working in coordination with health officials to develop procedures to provide a timely and comprehensive response in the event of a confirmed COVID-19 exposure. Staff will be trained on how to respond to symptomatic campers or staff members and assist with contact tracing efforts. Anyone determined to be at potential risk of exposure will be contacted directly and will receive appropriate guidance. Camp Barnabas will communicate with necessary parents and/or staff regarding potential exposure.
FAQ’S

Who is eligible to attend the program?
Answer: Individuals who are enrolled in Springfield Public Schools in-person two day seated learning and are also enrolled in the Special Education Program.

When does the program begin?
Answer: Monday, August 24 and the program will run for 9 weeks. Our program coincides with the SPS schedule. Campers attending the Springfield Barnabas Day Camp can choose between Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday. On Wednesdays, they will receive virtual instruction from home via their teacher, per SPS. At this time, we do not have a five day option.

Where is Day Camp going to be held?
Answer: Day Camp will take place at our Host Church, Ridgecrest Baptist Church, 2210 W Republic Rd., Springfield, MO 65807.

How can I apply for the Springfield Day Camp?
Answer: To start the application process, please complete this Google Interest Form: https://forms.gle/F1tGSsVMkSbnRZ9a8. Please know that the completion of this form does not guarantee a space in the program.

My child is enrolled in the virtual program, can they sign up?
Answer: Right now, this program is prioritized for campers with working parents who are enrolled in SPS’s two day seated program.

Will you provide before and after camp care?
Answer: Unfortunately, we are unable to provide before or after camp care at this time.

My child is enrolled in the two day seated program, but I’m not working. Can I sign up?
Answer: Please apply. There are so many incredible camper families we’d love to serve! We know this season is tough on so many families and while we’d love to serve everyone, due to the limited number of spots in the program, we will be prioritizing space for working families. Thank you for understanding.

How will camper pick-up and drop-off work?
Answer: To limit exposure, we will have staggered carline drop-off and pick-up.

We’re outside of the Springfield School District. Can we sign up for Day Camp?
Answer: We’re so excited to serve some of our families this fall; however, right now due to staffing limitations we’re only able to offer Day Camp to Springfield families. Thank you for understanding.

What does a typical day look like?
Answer: We will follow “Camp Barnabas” style programming which will include worship, devotionals, physical activity, arts, crafts, sensory games, outdoor play and other camp activities.

Will Day Camp be able to provide therapy services or carry out our child’s Individualized Education Program (IEP)?
Answer: Camp Barnabas staff members are not able to attend virtual therapy appointments, conduct therapy, or carry out Individualized Education Program on behalf of campers. We can provide a safe space to learn where campers with special needs are encouraged and cared for.
FAQ’S (continued)

**Do you provide breakfast and/or lunch?**
Answer: No, campers will need to bring their own meals (no reheating available) and a refillable water bottle each day as well as two snacks.

**Will you administer medications?**
Answer: Our Health Services Director will administer camper medications as needed.

**What happens if a camper gets COVID-19?**
Answer: Camp Barnabas will notify families of campers who have been in close contact (same class). We will work with health officials to conduct contact tracing and notification will be made to individuals who may have had extended close contact with a positive COVID camper. The COVID-positive camper may return to camp when they meet CDC guidelines.

**What happens if a staff member gets COVID-19?**
Answer: Camp Barnabas will notify families of campers who have been in close contact with a COVID-positive staff member. We will work with health officials to conduct contact tracing and notification will be made to individuals who may have had extended close contact. The COVID-positive staff member may return when they meet CDC guidelines.

**What happens if my camper has been in close contact with someone who is COVID-positive?**
Answer: Campers who feel healthy but have been in close contact with someone who is COVID-positive should stay home and monitor their health until 14 days after their last exposure.

**What happens if my camper is sick?**
Answer: Parents and caregivers play a critical role in limiting the spread of communicable viruses by actively monitoring their child for symptoms at home, prior to coming to Day Camp.

Keeping your child home when they do not feel well helps to protect other campers, staff members and our community. Campers who have exhibited any symptoms in the past 24 hours should stay home until they are 24 hour symptom-free. Campers should stay home until they have been fever free, without fever-reducing medications, for at least 24 hours.

**What is being done to mitigate COVID-19 infection?**
Answer: In addition to masking, daily hygiene, and cleaning, we’ll be doing the following:

- Daily temperature checks (campers and staff members).
- Asking campers to stay home if they are not feeling well.
- Physical distancing as much as possible.
- Masks strongly recommended for campers, required for staff members at all times.
- Frequent sanitization of “high touch” surfaces.
- Frequent sanitization of classroom spaces.
- Campers will provide their own lunch and two healthy snacks for the day.
- Campers will provide a refillable water bottle for use during the day.

**If you have any further medical, health, and safety questions, please contact our Health Services Director at 417-598-9089 or bernadette@campbarnabas.org.**
FAQ’S (continued)

What does it cost?
Answer: At the time of approved enrollment and completed application, we are asking that families pay a one-time non-refundable $100 administration fee per family. Financial assistance/scholarships are available.

How many people are in a group?
Each class will have a maximum ratio of 3 staff members per 15 campers. Our desire is to group campers based upon age and disability.

What is the Day Camp Behavior Plan?
Answer: Everyone has a right to feel safe at camp. If an issue arises in which a camper is not conducting themselves in a safe manner (breaking camp rules), Camp Barnabas utilizes the following response:

1. After the first offense against camp rules, staff will discuss the behavior with the camper and will discuss alternative behaviors that are appropriate.

2. After the second offense against camp rules, the staff and camper will discuss the offense with leadership and appropriate consequences will be initiated, such as withholding a favorite activity.

3. After a third offense, the camper and staff will report to the Camp Director for discussion and appropriate consequences will be initiated. (This is the equivalent of being sent to the principal at school).
ABOUT CAMP BARNABAS

Camp Barnabas is a unique ministry providing Christian camping experiences to individuals with special needs and chronic illnesses, along with their siblings. Whether you are a camper or serving as a part of a mission trip, we provide ministry and social experiences that increase spiritual knowledge, social learning, and human dignity. Our goal is to show others the love of Christ in every aspect of our ministry. To learn more, visit www.campbarnabas.org.

BARNABAS FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the scriptures of both the Old and New Testament to be the inspired Word of God and are the supreme and final authority on faith and life. We believe God exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe man was created in the image of God. Man sinned against God, and the wages of sin is death, resulting in both physical and spiritual separation from God. All human beings are born with a sinful nature and are in need of a Savior. We believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ into heaven where He serves as our Great High Priest. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust and the everlasting life of the saved and the eternal punishment of the lost.