

# PASSPORTkids! FAQ's

## *What age group may participate in PASSPORTkids!?*

- Children must have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and must be below 7<sup>th</sup> grade (i.e., not yet begun attending 7<sup>th</sup> grade). Adult chaperones must have been out of high school for at least a year.

## *How many chaperones do I need to bring?*

- Your group's adult to child ratio **MUST** be a minimum of 1 adult for every 5 children (adult and children of the same gender). In other words, if you have three girls and seven boys, you will need one female adult and two male adults. Because the adults who come as chaperones are an integral part of the PASSPORTkids! session, **underage children and babies are not allowed**. Children older than 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend our PASSPORT youth camps.

## *When does camp begin and end?*

- Registration is 12 noon – 1:30 p.m. on Day 1 of each session.
- The first meal served on Day 1 is supper.
- Opening Celebration is the first program event at 3:00 p.m. on Day 1.
- The last meal served on Day 4 is lunch.
- Camp ends on Day 4 after lunch. Departure time is approximately 1:15 p.m.

## *How do PASSPORTkids! campers engage in missions?*

- Campers will not be taken off-site to do mission projects. Instead, we bring missions to life for the children by having missionaries at camp and doing fun, hands-on exploration of a particular people group each year.

## *How will adults be involved?*

- Adult chaperones' primary functions will be to supervise and care for their church group's campers at night and during meals, and to build meaningful relationships with campers.
- Volunteers are essential to our program! Adult chaperones will be asked to sign up for various volunteer positions while at camp. During programmed activities, they will assist the staff in a variety of ways. These will include: Bible Study, Missions Groups, Camper's Choice, Recreation and nightly Parties. Please see the Adult Chaperone Page for more details.
- Adults will also have an Adult Bible Study during the campers' Bible Study time.

## *Will our children build relationships with children from other churches?*

- Building bridges is one of our favorite parts of PASSPORTkids!
- Campers from each church are "scrambled" into different Bible Study groups so they can build new friendships and learn from different perspectives.
- Each Bible Study group becomes a team during the Rec Party and morning Recreation.
- Camper's Choice is an afternoon activity that allows campers to mingle with other children who share their interests.
- We also encourage adults to build relationships with the adults from other churches. Adult Bible Study time is a great opportunity for you to learn what other churches are doing and hear fresh perspectives on the scriptures.

## *Are there activities our church group can do together?*

- This year, we have increased the amount of unprogrammed "Free Time" in the schedule. You are free to use the two hours after Afternoon Rotations as a fun and relaxed bonding time with your group.
- During Free Time, your group may want to go Swimming, the Camp Store will be open, and there will be a Game Room with board games, cards, etc. Some locations offer additional activities (you will find these listed in your location's Group Leader Packet).
- Members of our staff will "hang out" at some of these activities to spend time with your campers, but they will not supervise. **Group Leaders are responsible for supervision of all their campers during Free Time.**
- Following Worship, campers gather with their groups for Worship Response. We will provide you with an outline of activities and discussion questions you may use to help your campers respond not only to worship but to all that they have experienced during the day.

- Mealtimes are an hour each, and there is a 30-minute rest time in the cabins, lodges, or dorm rooms each day to give campers a midday break. During all meal times and lodging times, you and your adult chaperones are responsible for supervision of your campers.

### ***What will worship be like?***

- Worship is designed specifically for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. It is multi-sensory and creative. It includes elements of liturgical and contemporary worship forms, but is also unique. The pastor preaches an age appropriate sermon. Music is a blend of fun songs with movement and more traditional music, such as hymns that children can understand. Drama, dance, and other art forms are also included.
- The pastor offers a challenge each night to lead into a Worship Response time. The challenge is not manipulative in any way and could lead to a variety of responses. Those responses occur within the context of the church group. Church Group Leaders will receive written material in advance to help them prepare to lead these gatherings.
- An offering is collected on the third night of worship to support mission work among the people group about whom the campers will be learning.

### ***Is our camp affiliated with a particular denomination?***

Passport, Inc., is an ecumenical organization and seeks to provide ecumenical camping experiences. PASSPORTkids! was formed in partnership with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF). This partnership equips us to prepare for the missions emphasis at camp, but the emphasis will be on Christian missions rather than exclusively on CBF missions.

### ***Besides the registration fee, are there any additional costs?***

Each group is asked to pay a single camp supply fee based on the number of participants in the group. This fee is included in your final balance. The fee schedule is as follows:

1-10 people	= \$30.00
11-20 people	= \$60.00
21-30 people	= \$120.00
31-40 people	= \$150.00
41-50 people	= \$180.00
51-60 people	= \$210.00
61-70 people	= \$240.00
71 and above	= \$270.00

These fees are used to purchase non-renewable supplies and pay for the shipping of any materials to the mission field personnel who will use them. Campers may also want to bring some money for the mission offering as well as the camp store.

### ***We have a child who cannot afford the fee. Is financial assistance available?***

Churches generally help subsidize fees for campers in their group who are unable to afford the camp fee. We have limited scholarship funds available if a church cannot provide full assistance for a camper. To inquire about a scholarship application, please e-mail [scholarship@passportcamps.org](mailto:scholarship@passportcamps.org).

### ***What medical care is available at camp?***

- Neither PASSPORTkids! nor the host campus provides medical care. PASSPORTkids! staff carry a limited amount of first aid supplies with them (bandages, cold compresses, insect sting relief, but no oral or topical medications).
- Upon check-in, we will provide you with maps and/or directions to the nearest medical treatment centers. We require two copies of the Medical Release Form for each camper and adult chaperone, one for our records and the other for you to keep with you in case one of your campers needs treatment.

### ***May campers with special needs attend PASSPORTkids?***

Absolutely! All children in the appropriate age group are welcome. We provide our staff basic training in how to include and attend to campers with special needs. If you need special accommodations or have a dietary request, please contact the Passport office prior to your camp arrival so that we might best prepare for your stay. If your camper requires a trained caregiver at school or needs specialized attention, we ask that you assign one of your adult chaperones to shadow the camper during all activities to ensure that his or her needs are promptly met.