



# CAMP LEBANON

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Dear Pastors and Leaders,

We are excited to share with you that Camp Lebanon will be providing a one month summer camp experience for children, youth, and adults - July 2021! Although our camping season will be different from previous years, we are still committed to providing a nurturing and safe environment where everyone can experience the transforming power of God's love and find support through healthy relationships and activities.

Our theme this year is ***“Connect.”*** In a season when we have felt disconnected, we are invited to ***Connect*** in ways that will draw us closer to God. We understand that not everyone will feel comfortable returning to in-person gatherings at this time. We also understand that others can't wait to gather in person! We want everyone to be safe. Yet, we want to connect with you! Therefore, we will be offering online and in-person camp experiences in July.

Here is what you need to know:

## **1. Online/Virtual**

We will provide a weekly online experience that will consist of a re-cap of our in-person activities, fun activities at home, and devotions that will connect us to God and our friends during July. You will also have the opportunity to purchase a “Camp-In-A—Box” that will help you stay connected to the summer camp experience. Details and a link will be provided.

## **2. In-Person**

**- Opening Day (Saturday, July 10) and Closing Day (Saturday, July 31)**

Both days will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. (See Flyer for details). All ages are welcome. However, registration is required. An adult must accompany all children under the age of 18 throughout the whole day. Due to covid-guidelines, space is limited. A waitlist will be available. **For the safety and well-being of all present, we are not able to accommodate walk-ins. Therefore, registration is a requirement.**

## **3. Weekend Option - Stay during Opening and Closing Days**

Families can reserve a cabin for two nights - Friday and Saturday. There is a cost, and space is limited. Meals will be provided. (See flyer for details)

## **4. Youth Overnight Retreat Weekends (See flyer for cost and details)**

**- July 16-18 (Junior - Grades 2-6) - July 23-25 (Junior High/Senior High - Grades 6-12)**

This year we are asking our ABCNJ churches to partner with us as we offer an opportunity for youth to **Connect** at Camp Lebanon during the summer. Here are some of the ways in which you can partner with us:

- **Registration** - Youth Retreat Weekend registrations will be through the local church. We invite you to assign someone in your church who can promote and organize the in-person registration for the Junior, Junior High, and Senior High weekend retreats. **All registrations must come through the local church.** Please provide the contact person's name and contact information so that we can communicate any updates. **If your church has less than four youth, we can connect you with another church.** Please call the Camp office 908-236-2638, and we will assist you in making the connection. Scholarships are available if needed. Please contact the Camp Lebanon office for details.

- **Chaperones** - We are inviting each church to provide an adult (21 or older) who is a member of the church, to serve as a guide through the weekend and help the youth successfully navigate sharing space together, as well as participate alongside the youth during all activities during their overnight stay at Camp. **All chaperones need to stay overnight throughout the weekend.** Leading conversations, engaging in the activities and guiding the youth through personal and inter-personal dynamics while maintaining a calm, mature presence are all key parts of this important role. Depending on the number of female/male youth your church sends will determine how many chaperones will be needed. **Proof of background check is requested from the church.** Chaperone online training is required and will be provided by the ABCNJ/Camp Staff. **The discounted cost for a chaperone is \$100 for the weekend.** We hope that the church can sponsor your chaperone for their service to this important ministry with youth. However, scholarships are available if needed. Without the proper amount of adults serving in this role, we cannot provide the desired safety and purpose throughout the weekend. **Please complete the Chaperone Recommendation Form provided online, and submit it by Tuesday, June 1.**

We are looking forward to collaborating with our ABCNJ churches and leaders in this vital ministry. Giving of your time and energy is a great way to get involved and make a difference in the lives of the next generation. We are grateful for the many people who serve so that others can enjoy this amazing place called Camp Lebanon!

We look forward to our continued partnership in the ministry of ABCNJ through Camp Lebanon.

Staying Connected,



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