

Frequently Asked Questions



It's common for new campers and parents to have a lot of questions about camp. The beauty of the camp experience exists in part because it takes campers (and parents) out of their comfort zones. We love that about camp, but we also want to ease the anxiety as much as we can. These are the most common questions we get, but feel free to give us a call (931.729.9723) or email (program@nacome.org) if you have a question that isn't here. Talking about camp is second only to living it for us. We'd be happy to answer any question you have!

Questions Prior To Camp

What if my family isn't Presbyterian?

That's not a problem at all! NaCoMe is certainly a Presbyterian camp, but most of our camp curriculum focuses on core truths of the Christian faith, not specifics of Presbyterian doctrine. We explore concepts of God's unfailing love, His grace, the life of Jesus Christ, and how we should live as a result of these truths, among other things. In fact, we have a large portion of our summer campers that aren't Presbyterian, and many who aren't specifically Christian. As Jesus would, we welcome all.

Can my camper bring a friend?

Of course! NaCoMe guarantees one cabin-mate request. If your camper is hesitant about spending a full week away, coming with a friend is a great solution. We can't guarantee more than one request, however. Limiting everyone to a single request is our way of facilitating a healthy group dynamic.

My camper is listed as "Enrolled" for camp, am I set to go?

NO. If your camper is listed as "Enrolled" they are not registered and a spot has not been reserved for them. You must pay at least the minimum deposit for the program in order to secure a spot.

What if my family can't afford camp?

No camper should be turned away because of an inability to pay. NaCoMe is blessed to have multiple people and organizations that support this goal. If you can't afford camp, all you have to do is call Ryan "Flash" Moore, Camp Director, and he can discuss the various ways to make sure your camper doesn't miss out.

Can my family visit camp prior to summer?

Visiting camp can calm a fair amount of anxiety for first time campers, and we would love to schedule a visit for you and your camper(s). Just call our office (931) 729-9723 to coordinate your visit.

Questions During Camp

Can I call my camper at camp?

We usually don't allow parents to speak on the phone with their camper during the camp week. We allow it in extreme circumstances, but most of the time it causes a significant distraction for the camper. We will get any messages you leave to your camper, but the best way to communicate is by emailing your camper. You'll get the information about emailing your camper at registration.

Can I visit my camper at camp?

This follows the same logic as the question above, and we don't allow visits from family during the camp week. Most of the time a visit causes a significant distraction from the group environment.

Will camp post pictures or video during the week?

We focus a tremendous amount of energy on serving our campers during the week of camp. With that in mind, we do our best to post photos each day to a photo sharing website. Parents will be given the information needed for the site at registration and the link can be found on the Parent Page of our website.

Will my camper fit in or make friends?

It is extremely rare for campers not to fit in at camp. We spend a significant portion of staff training teaching our staff how to develop group dynamics and to ensure every camper is valued. Additionally, this is one of the reasons for only guaranteeing one friend request; if your camper comes alone, we don't want them to be paired with another group of 4 campers who already know each other. The social community of camp is one of its greatest psychological benefits for campers, and though it may not be comfortable on Sunday night, most campers don't want to leave on Friday.

What do you do in case of inclement weather?

Camp goes on! Nearly every camp activity can still be done in the rain, and many are more fun that way! In the event of thunder/lightning/tornadoes/etc we seek shelter in designated areas at camp. Even indoors, we have a lot of options; our counselors are trained and equipped with endless activities that can be enjoyed in the event of inclement weather. Fun will still be had, friends made, and faith deepened.

What if my camper is homesick?

Missing home can happen to even the most seasoned camper, and it's probably the issue that can most affect a camper's experience if it is left unresolved. Our staff are trained to identify homesickness early and our schedule is designed to prevent it early in the week, the most common time for homesickness to occur. In extreme cases, we will consult with the parent to find a resolution, but most of the time that step isn't necessary.

What if my camper gets hurt at camp?

Bumps and bruises are expected at camp. Should anything more serious happen, we have a Registered Nurse on site at all times, and we're in close contact with other medical professionals in the event of an emergency. In the unlikely event that anything happens to a camper, we'll be in touch with parents or guardians to decide further steps.

Questions After Camp

How should I talk about the camp experience with my camper?

Camp is a unique experience for participants and each camper can express their experience differently. We think that's a good thing. Many campers will want to talk about camp for weeks, some will want to ruminate on the experience before sharing about it, and others are simply too tired to share all about it in the car. Whenever your child does want to share, we recommend using open ended questions and finishing the conversation with questions about how they feel they're different after camp or how they want to live differently after camp.

What should I do if I have feedback?

Call us! (931) 729-9735 is the direct line for Ryan. He's happy to talk about your camper's experience. He really enjoys it. Whether your feedback is positive, negative, or neither of those, he's happy to hear it. We view the camp experience as a partnership, and communication only strengthens that ability. Additionally, we recommend you fill out our parent survey that usually is emailed in late July or early August each year.

My camper and I love NaCoMe, how can I help get more kids to camp?

We're happy to hear it! No marketing on our end will ever replace a good word-of-mouth reputation. If you want to help spread the word about what NaCoMe is doing, we're always looking for people to speak to their church congregation. If that's too daunting, we'll be happy to come speak to your church. Give us a call and we'll coordinate a visit.