



SUMMER CAMP FAQ SHEET

We've included a list of FAQs to help you plan for KidCity Camp. PLEASE READ EVERYTHING HERE. This is LONG, but we've done our best to equip you with everything you need to successfully register for camp and have your questions answered...including some you've already asked!

1. *Is this an overnight camp?*

This is a day camp experience only. Eligible campers are those entering Kindergarten through entering Fifth grade in the Fall of 2024; each day will run from 9AM-1PM.

2. *What time does camp actually start? Do I need to get my kid there early?*

Our worship time in the auditorium officially kicks off our camp day at 9AM...*BUT* at 8:30AM we have some exciting large group games designed to get your camper energized for their day. These games have always been a huge hit with the campers, so we are guessing that you will want to arrive early so they won't miss one second of the fun we have waiting for them this year!

3. *What does my registration fee include since you're obviously not paying to rent a facility?*

Your KidCity Camp registration fee includes:

- Camp t-shirt
- Camp water bottle
- All supplies and materials for activities
- Dynamic worship, teaching, and associated costs
- Safety and security costs
- Fun surprises throughout the week

4. *What if my teenager thinks this sounds fun? Can I register them too?*

We're actually going to need lots of volunteers and teens are some of the best at this kind of experience. If your teen is 13 years or older we would love to have them volunteer with us and serve.



5. *Speaking of volunteers, can anyone volunteer to help with camp or do you have to currently serve in KidCity?*

You do not have to be a KidCity volunteer to serve at camp, but you will need to complete a background check. We realize camp can be a great experience for teachers or parents who love this sort of thing but can't commit to serving weekly in KidCity. (*And no, we won't pull a bait-and-switch and beg you to start serving weekly. But we won't be surprised if you end up wanting to, after having a BLAST at camp!*) To volunteer with us, follow the same registration link below.

6. *If I volunteer, will you provide childcare for my younger children who can't come to camp?*

We are unable to provide additional childcare for children younger than our campers who are entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2024 and are invited to participate in camp.

7. *What is the registration deadline?*

Registrations must be received by *Sunday, May 19, 2024* OR when we reach capacity. You will want to sign up early this year...last year we had kids on a waiting list by Spring Break, so don't delay, register early!

8. *Can I send my child for only a few days and pay a lower rate?*

While it's up to you how often you send your child, we are not offering an a la carte payment structure. We also highly recommend your child experience camp in its entirety.

9. *Do I have to pay everything up front when I register?*

You certainly can pay in full at registration, but all we require is a \$50 non-refundable deposit per camper in order to hold their spot. All payments must be made in full by *Sunday, May 19, 2024*.

10. *What's your refund policy?*

We will offer a full refund (less the initial deposit) from *Sunday, January 28-April 30*. Beginning *Wednesday, May 1, 2024*, fees are non-refundable, but remain fully transferable to another child or family.



11. Is there a discount if I volunteer and bring my kids?

Yes! If you serve with us for the week, there is a discount of \$50 off the total cost (discount code: VOLUNTEER). We are thankful for you and hope this helps to show our appreciation! The volunteer discount is only available for “parents” who are volunteering while their child attends camp (not for teens who are serving).

12. Is there a sibling discount?

Yes! There is a discount of \$25 per sibling (discount code: SIBLING) and it is calculated in the registration form. And yes, the system will remember you and apply the discount later even if you only pay the deposits.

13. Can I register a friend's child/neighbor child/random child with my family and take advantage of the sibling discount?

We would rather you didn't since they're not, ya know, a SIBLING of your child. Our desire with a sibling discount is to relieve some of the financial burden from parents with multiple children to care for. If a friend/neighbor/random child is struggling to pay for camp, please see the scholarship information.

14. Can I get a volunteer and sibling discount?

Yes you can! We hope you see how much we appreciate you serving with us!

15. Do you offer scholarships to camp?

Yes, it's our joy to provide partial and full scholarships as much as our resources allow. If you or anyone you know is struggling to pay for camp, please click here to access the scholarship form: [KidCity Camp Scholarship Form.](#)

16. If my child is really hoping to do a specific activity, do I need to select those in advance?

There's no need to select activities in advance because every child will get to participate in every part of their camp experience.



17. What are the ratios of adults to children at summer camp?

Safety is our top priority at camp and similar to Sunday mornings, we will not accept more kids than we can safely care for. A wheels-off survival of the fittest mentality is NOT our camp strategy. One way to help ensure we can serve as many kids as possible is to volunteer with us!

18. So is this just a VBS?

While VBS is cool, we'd call this more of a next level, awesome, stellar, nothing-like-it, super fun, can't-miss summer camp. Not only will we have fun together, but we'll talk about Jesus all week, and that's the best part of all.

19. Can anyone attend or do campers have to attend COTC?

Any kiddo in the appropriate age range is welcome and encouraged to attend regardless of any church affiliation. Bring your friends!

20. Is there transportation for my child to and from COTC Franklin?

There is no transportation provided for COTC Franklin families, only for our friends from COTC Spring Hill and COTC Downtown who do not regularly come to this campus. We have a limited number of seats on our buses, so this is a first come first serve!

21. Right, but even though I attend Franklin, I live in Spring Hill/Thompson's Station/Nashville/The Gulch and would rather just catch a ride to Franklin from one of the other church locations.

And while we're sympathetic, we simply don't have the space to provide transportation with a scope that wide. Therefore, we are asking that those of you accustomed to driving to this church location each Sunday also make your own arrangements to get your kiddos here each day... like utilizing carpooling and other creative solutions. Thanks for helping us serve our sister locations well in a way that lets them partner with us in this awesome opportunity.



22. What's the food situation at camp?

We ask that your child *BRING A LUNCH* each day because this will ensure they're eating something they want. To prioritize the health and safety of our campers, we have established a *nut-free policy*. This means that we request all campers to refrain from bringing any food items containing nuts or nut products to camp.

23. I understand that you are nut free... but how serious are you? Like, can I still send almond butter sandwiches with my kid?

Yes, we are an allergy aware environment and therefore, we ask parents to refrain from packing tree nut or peanut products of any kind. These products can be dangerous for many people to come in contact with in any form or amount. Since so many kids love these kinds of sandwiches, here are some great, camp-approved alternatives:

- Sunflower products
- Pumpkin seed products
- Chickpea products
- Flax butters.

It is our practice to remove tree nut and peanut products from the environment, so please label your child's lunch with the name of the alternative you pack for your camper, so that their volunteers are aware they are safe for everyone!

24. What if my child has an allergy?

You will record all this information on their registration form and we will note it accordingly and ensure we have a way to identify those kids with allergy concerns.

25. What if my child needs to take medication at camp?

You will record all this information on their registration form and will bring their properly labeled medication and dosing instructions on the first day of camp and check it in with our medical team who are also licensed medical professionals.



26. What are the safety measures for camp?

Similar to Sunday mornings, camp is a controlled environment with only our staff, KidCity team, and volunteers allowed access to the spaces with children. We will be protected by our COTC Security Team as well as our fine City of Franklin police officers. Additionally, our entire KidCity Team is CPR certified and we have trauma response devices and supplies on campus.

27. What do I need to pack for my child each day?

Not to worry... we'll be sending you detailed information as camp draws closer.

28. How will I know what my child is doing and learning each day?

As we get closer, we'll let you know exactly what we'll be doing and learning and we highly recommend you follow our Instagram account @cotcfranklinkidcity to stay up to date during that week.

29. What if I thought of 10 questions you didn't answer?

We'll be happy to answer them. Thanks for your patience in awaiting a reply.

WHEW...Okay. We think that's at least enough information to allow you to register for camp. We are so excited about this chance to not only partner with our other locations, but to also impact kids over a week's worth of time with the gospel of Jesus. He is everything to us and we believe the good news of Jesus is the most important news a child will ever hear. It's our joy to provide this opportunity.