

Parent Handbook

FIRST BAPTIST DOUGLASVILLE
SUMMER
BLAST
June 27-30, 2022 www.gofbcd.org

**Your need-to-know
guide!**

What is Summer Blast?

Summer Blast is a Christ-centered, four-day, evening summer camp for kids who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade. At registration, kids will be able to select from a variety of sports, arts, and other fun activities. During the camp, they will receive coaching and instructions in these various activities as well as participate in small and large groups to learn more about God and what He has done for us.

Track Cost: \$20

- Kids **MUST** be registered in advance. Registration closes on June 12th.
- Each child will choose **ONE** activity to be part of for the entire week.
- Each child will receive a “Summer Blast” t-shirt. We ask that each night your child wear their “Summer Blast” t-shirt.
- Each child will be under the supervision of a Team Leader and/or Track Leader from the time they are dropped off until they are picked up.
- Each kid will be given a wristband which will be colored to the track they picked. We ask that kids wear their wristbands each night to help identify which track they are in.
- Kids will be with the same Track group each night.
- Kids will be given a name tag each night.
- Kids will be participating in a large group gathering in the Gym at the beginning and end of each night.

Track Options (See below for a map for exact locations)

Outdoor Options:

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Field Day Extreme

Indoor Options:

- Cheer and Tumbling
- Arts and Crafts
- Cooking
- STEM
- LEGO®

Schedule for Monday – Wednesday:

6:00pm-6:40pm – Opening Rally

6:40pm-8:15pm – Tracks, Small Group Bible Study, and Snacks

8:15pm-8:30pm – Closing Rally

Thursday Night Family Night:

EVERYONE (yes, that includes parents, grandparents, siblings, neighbors, and anyone else you know) is invited to join us for this special celebration and family event. This will be a time to showcase what your child has done for the week as well as enjoy some family fun activities. You will be in charge of and participate with your kids on Family Night. Doors open at 6:00pm. We will kick things off in the Gym at 6:30pm, followed by inflatables for the kids and food for the whole family. We will be serving corndogs, chips, and cookies. This will be at no additional cost. So don't miss this special night!

What do I need to do before Camp?

Kids who have registered for Summer Blast must check-in before camp, if possible. Check-in will be offered at the following times:

- Thursday, June 23th – 4:00pm-6:00pm in the Foyer. (Come to the front entrance)
- Sunday, June 26th – 12:00pm-1:00pm in the Foyer.

At check-in, kids will receive their t-shirt, wristband, and a security card.

What do I need to know for Camp week?

Drop Off:

- Kids can be dropped off at the main front entrance of the church between 5:40pm and 6:10pm. If you arrive after 6:10pm you will need to walk your child into the building and take them to the check-in table.
- Please enter at the Timber Ridge entrance and exit at the Prestley Mill entrance. (See *map below*.)
- If you were not able to make it to one of the early check-in times, on the first day of camp instead of dropping your child off you will need to park and walk your child into the main entrance and go to the check-in table to get your child's shirt, wristband, and pick up your security card.
- All kids will begin the night in the Gym with large group time.
- Tracks will be marked in the Gym by color. Each kid will go to the color of their Track team.

Pick Up/Dismissal:

- Parents should pick up their kids at 8:30pm.
- Parents will park and come inside the Gym to pick up their children. Please be prepared to show your security card upon entering the building. Go to the color area of your child's track team.
- Please use the front doors of the main entrance to enter and exit.
- Team Leaders will be required to check your parent security card against your kid's name tag to make sure that they match. No kid will be allowed to leave their designated dismissal area without proper security card matchup. (No exceptions to this rule!) You can take a picture of the security card on your phone to show if there is more than one parent picking up.
- There will be volunteers all over the campus to further assist you upon arrival.

Parking:

Please use the front parking lot only. The rest of the parking area will be coned off for the safety of the kids. Our security and parking team will be in safety green vests. Please use caution and pay attention to their directions.

In Case of an Emergency:

We will have a first aid trained volunteer on site to respond to any medical needs. If an emergency occurs, we will use the permission/waiver you (the parent) filled out during registration to call emergency contacts.

Summer Blast staff and volunteers WILL NOT administer any medication EXCEPT in life-threatening situations when there is not enough time for a parent to come to the area.

Security:

There will be security team members located around the campus to help ensure the safety of all volunteers and participants.

Volunteers are expected to wear a name badge and a red volunteer shirt. All volunteers are required to have a background check before being cleared to serve at Summer Blast.

From drop-off to dismissal, each child will be required to stay with his or her Track Team and Team Leader. This Leader will oversee and direct the group and will not allow kids to leave during camp for any reason UNLESS a matching parent pick-up security card is shown.

Early Pickup:

If for any reason you need to pick up your child early, please enter the front entrance. We will have a volunteer up front who can radio a leader in your child's area to have them brought to you. Please do not pick up your child from their area.

Snack, Hydration, Sunscreen, Bug Spray:

Each night we will provide a snack for the kids. Please be sure you have included any food allergies on your child's registration. We will have hydration stations around campus. If your child is in a sports track, please send them with a LABELED water bottle.

For those doing outdoor events, bug spray or sunscreen may be necessary. If you think your kid may need either of these items, please apply before bringing them to camp.

Food Drive Competition:

Our desire is that Summer Blast would not only impact those who come but also our whole community. So, we will be partnering with A Gift of Love to put on a food drive. A Gift of Love is a nonprofit organization that serves over 30 elementary, middle, and high schools in Douglas County and feeds approximately 300 children every week!

We are making this year's food drive a competition between the boys and the girls. A Gift of Love has requested the following food items:

- Canned Ravioli
- Canned Beefaroni
- Mac and Cheese
- Ramen Noodles

Food items should be placed on appropriately marked tables (boys or girls) in the foyer as kids arrive. At the closing rallies we will announce the winner of each night's competition with the overall winner being announced on Wednesday night.

Wellness Policy:

To ensure the health of kids and volunteers, we ask that sick kids NOT attend camp. The Committee on Control of Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of Pediatrics says that a child should NOT leave home when any of the following symptoms have existed within a 24-hour period:

1. Fever
2. Vomiting or diarrhea
3. Any unexplained rash
4. Any skin infection – boils, ringworm, impetigo, etc.
5. Untreated pink eye or any other eye infection
6. Lice, including the presence of eggs or nits

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

- Weather notifications that would cause changes at camp will be distributed using a mass email to parents, so please check your email if inclement weather is forecasted.
- Drop off and pick up will remain as planned, with all children being dropped off at the front entrance of the main building and picked up in the Gym at 8:30pm.

The following is our basic plan for bringing outdoor tracks inside due to inclement weather.

Inclement Weather Track Locations:

Soccer – High School and Middle School Room

Basketball – Gym

Cheerleading – Moves from Gym to Fellowship Hall

Field Day Extreme – Upstairs Adult Halls

Campus Map

