

Dear WBA Family--

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This summer our Washington Baptist Association Camp will take place July 10-15. Our theme will be "Christian Identity: Who I Am In Christ." It promises to be a relevant week of discipleship and growth. We hope you will begin promoting this special event to the teens in your church who have finished 6th through 12th grade. In addition to looking for teens to attend, we are seeking camp volunteers who love Jesus and want to serve these teens in a variety of positions. Attached you will find the application for students and for staff. Please feel free to duplicate and distribute in your church!

Registration opens March 1, 2023. The early-bird cost for teens who have finished 6th-12th grade is \$140 including a \$50 deposit, until April 30th. On May 1, the cost rises to \$160 including a \$50 deposit. Registration will end on June 1st. All paperwork and fees must have been paid by June 1st. Staffers will pay \$50 to assist with the cost of the MinistrySafe background checks, housing, t-shirt, and 14 meals.

Your students' payments should be sent directly to the WBA with their paperwork. We are happy to receive the payment directly from your church, but the required forms should be submitted at the same time. We will not accept money without forms or forms without money. Please submit simultaneously.

There are some financial needs and donations needed for the week with which we would appreciate your assistance. First, if there is a student or staffer in your church who cannot pay the cost (see above), please consider offering them a partial or full scholarship to meet that need, in a discreet way. If your church needs fundraising ideas, please call Bro. Q and talk with him! Second, we do need soda and bottles of water for our camp store, and we will accept Little Debbie Treats and candy, as long as it is NUT-FREE. We will have a nut-free campus this summer—so no products with peanuts, peanut butter, almonds or other nuts, please. The camp store will be open once each day, so we do not need quite as many snack and soda items as needed in the past.

However, we are asking your church to consider "Adopting a Meal" to help provide the non-perishable items for each meal. For example, if we are eating spaghetti, we would ask a church to donate the pasta sauce, noodles, parmesan cheese, salad dressing, and croutons. This leaves our kitchen staff to purchase the meat and the salad mix. We are preparing the menu at this time. If your church is willing to "adopt a meal" (or two), then please contact Rachael at the WBA Office! You can reach her or Bro Q with questions at washba1828@gmail.com or by calling the office at 478-453-8111.

Youth camp can be a very impactful time in the life of a teenager. Finding time to get away in God's natural creation, with a focus on discipleship and prayer can open the hearts of teens in a very unique way. In fact, if you talked with Brother Q about youth programming for the summer, he would tell you it was during Centrifuge in the summer of 1991, between 8th and 9th grade, that he first felt God calling him into ministry. We hope that you will encourage the youth in your sphere of influence to be a part of this year's Washington Baptist Association Summer Camp!

Sincerely—

The WBA Youth Camp Team