

VBC PassportKids Trip- Eagle Eyrie
June 14-17th

Trip Cost: \$175

(\$75 deposit due March 31st; \$100 remaining balance due May 1st)

Leave Time: 10:30am- Wednesday, June 14th

Return Home: 2:00pm- Saturday, June 17th

Lodging:

Eagle Eyrie Conference Center

Lynchburg, VA

Theme: UPSIDE DOWN

THEME VERSE: From that time Jesus began to announce, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" Matthew 4:17 (CEB)

DAILY THEMES:

Opening Day— Upside Down

Day 2—Upside Down Thinking

Day 3—Upside Down Seeing

Day 4—Upside Down Neighborhood

PASSPORT*kids*

PARENT ESSENTIALS • Eagle Eyrie Conference Center

Thank you for choosing to send your student to PASSPORT*kids* Camp. We spend our year planning a fun, safe, and life-changing week of interactive Bible Studies, Games, Worship, and Parties just for them. We take the job of shaping the faith of young people seriously, and the trust you have placed in PASSPORT is never taken for granted.

CAMP SCHEDULE

Day 1

- 12:00 Camp Check-In
- Church Group Free Time
- 3:00 Opening Celebration
- 3:50 Walk to Bible Study Room
- 4:00 Camper Bible Study
- 5:00 Dinner
- 5:45 Camper Worship Prep
- 6:00 Worship
- 6:45 Worship Response
- 7:30 Rec Party
- 9:30 Camper Bedtime/Lights Out

Day 2

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 Morning Devotion
- 9:00 Morning Celebration
- 9:30 Camper Bible Study
- 10:40 Meet at Check Point
- 10:45 Camper Rotations
- 11:50 Meet at Check Point
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:10 Meet at Check Point
- 1:15 Camper Rotations
- 2:10 Meet at Check Point
- 2:15 Free Time
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:00 Camper Worship Prep
- 6:30 Worship
- 7:15 Worship Response
- 8:00 Night Market
- 9:00 Campers return to Lodging
- 6th Graders: Sixth Sense
- 10:00 Camper Bedtime/Lights Out

Day 3

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 Morning Devotion
- 9:00 Morning Celebration
- 9:30 Camper Bible Study
- Adult Meeting & Adult Devotion
- 10:40 Meet at Check Point
- 10:45 Camper Rotations
- 11:50 Meet at Check Point
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:10 Meet at Check Point
- 1:15 Camper Rotations
- 2:10 Meet at Check Point
- 2:15 Free Time
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:00 Camper Worship Prep
- 6:30 Worship
- 7:15 Worship Response
- 8:00 Variety Show
- 9:00 Campers return to lodging
- 10:00 Camper Bedtime/Lights Out

Day 4

- 7:30 Breakfast
- Checkout
- 8:30 Morning Devotion
- 9:00 Morning Celebration
- 9:30 Camper Bible Study
- Adult Evaluation of Camp
- 10:30 Closing Worship
- 11:30 Church Groups Depart

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Food Allergies

Please ensure your group leader alerts us to special dietary needs in the Special Attention box on our registration website or by calling the national office at least two weeks before your session.

Housing

Groups stay in lodges of varying sizes and bed configurations. Your entire group will stay in one lodge (or lodges) together. Because beds are of various sizes, we recommend sleeping bags. Bring your own towels. Each lodge has a living area and kitchenette with a refrigerator. Groups will not need to share a lodge.

Cell Phones

Taking up the Biblical idea of rest, we invite our campers to join us for a week of Digital Sabbath. Campers will not be permitted to have cell phones or electronic devices during camp. Your group leader can plan the best platform for daily updates about your church group at camp.

Camp Mail

Please mail early and include a return address. Mail that comes late will be marked "Return to Sender," but ONLY with a visible return address.

Camper Name, Church/Group Name
PASSPORTkids at Eagle Eyrie Conf. Ctr.
1 Eagle Eyrie Drive
Lynchburg, VA 24503

Camp Office Info

The Camp Office opens June 5, and the phone number is 205-588-6937. Please use the Camp Office number for emergencies only! All other communication with your group should be done through your church group leader. Thanks.

Mission Offering

Campers will learn about global needs and are given the opportunity to support Christian ministries working to meet those needs. The camp offering is collected on the final night of Worship.

Variety Show

Campers who want to participate in the Variety Show should video their act in costume before camp and upload the video to PASSPORT via a link you can get from your Group Leader. Otherwise, they should come prepared to spend one afternoon of free time at screenings. Group acts are encouraged.

Groups often dress up for Variety Show. Costume Ideas may include any neon, glow-in-the-dark, and bright colors to help describe your emotion. Your group can pick one emotion for everyone, or campers can each pick their own.

Packing List

Clothes

- ☐ T-shirts
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Jacket/Sweater
- ☐ Swimsuit
- ☐ Closed-toe shoes (required for Rec Party and may get wet and dirty, so bring an extra pair)
- ☐ Costume for the Variety Show

Toiletries

- ☐ Soap (for sink and shower)
- ☐ Shampoo/conditioner
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ☐ Other personal hygiene items

Towels and Linens

- ☐ Pillow, Twin XL sheets, and blanket (or sleeping bag)
- ☐ Towels and washcloths
- ☐ Beach towel for swimming

Other Items

- ☐ Bible (write name & church inside!)
- ☐ Pen or pencil
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Bug repellent
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Water bottle (a must!)
- ☐ Money for mission offering (optional)
- ☐ Money for the camp store (optional)
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Alarm clock or watch (Group Leaders will take up phones)

TIP: If packing something that must not get lost or left behind (like a Bible), please write a first & last name on it somewhere! Adding the city and church name is very helpful too.

Do Not Bring

- Fireworks, extra shaving cream, water balloons, tobacco products, vapes, illegal drugs, alcohol, firearms—all the usual no-nos. Churches will be held responsible for property damage and/or cleanup costs incurred.
- Students may not bring clothing, hats, flags, posters, or other room decorations that could be seen as divisive, inflammatory, or offensive.
- We ask that all electronics be switched off and put away while at camp to observe our Digital Sabbath rule designed to allow campers to focus on God, camp, relationships, and themselves—not games or music.

Dress Guidelines

Campers and adults should dress appropriately for the entire week of camp, as defined by the camper's parent/guardian and Church Group Leader. Please consider these guidelines, as it is the group leaders who will monitor their group's clothing:

- No clothing with inappropriate language or advertising is allowed.
- Clothing should not make fun of, belittle, or demean another person or culture.
- Shirts with sleeves & closed-toe tennis shoes are required for Rec Party.
- Bring some clothes that can get dirty at Rec Party and for various games or activities.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Kids Bible Study

At PASSPORT*kids*, your campers will be in Bible Study Groups together with students from other churches to dig deeper into the daily themes. This allows for fresh ideas and perspectives to flourish, as well as for campers to see the larger family of God. When you arrive, you will be given instructions at Check-In on how to distribute your campers among the spaces in Bible Study that your group has been assigned.

- Please be sure EVERY camper comes to Bible Study with their own Bible, passport, and a writing utensil.
- We welcome an adult from your group to shadow a student who may require extra support or attention.
- Assign an adult chaperone (not the Group Leader) to serve as a Bible Study Assistant.

Mission Offering

Students will learn about global migration by exploring the work of three different ministries in distinct areas of the world. This mission offering is collected on the final night of Worship. Please help your students plan for this as you prepare to come to camp. We will collect the Mission Offering by church groups so that no student will be singled out.

Camper Rotations at Kids Camp

Campers will choose between a selection of activities led by Passport Staff on Days 2 and 3 of Kids camp. Activities include soccer, crafts, indoor games, and worship arts. Additionally, every camper will participate in a mission education activity during one of their 4 Rotations.

Free Time at Kids Camp

Campers will have scheduled Free Time on Days 2 and 3 of camp to go to the Camp Store, swim, play games, and rest. Our staff will lead various activities during free time, but Group Leaders and Chaperones are responsible for your campers during this time.

Kids Camp Parties

Night 1 – The Upside Down Rec Party

The Passport Rec Party has been turned and this year's Rec Party will be messy! So come ready to flip 'n flop, slide 'n glide, and run around 'n Upside Down with your Bible Study group! Don't forget those closed-toed shoes and clothes that can get totally messy!

Night 2 - Night Market Night Market is a simulated nighttime marketplace based on the countries/cultures we're studying at camp. The staff introduces roles that represent the breadth and diversity of the culture. Campers will taste local cuisine, play games, hear stories, and engage in a Scavenger Hunt to get a deeper understanding of the people group of study. It provides context and missional understanding for our global Mission Offering each summer.

Night 3 – Inside Out PASSPORTkids Variety Show It's time for your campers to shine by sharing their talents for all to see at PASSPORTkids. Come ready to be amazed at the dazzling talent at the 2023 PASSPORTkids Variety Show. There is a tradition at PASSPORTkids on this night, where the campers dress up in a themed costume for this party! **This year, we invite campers to dress as their favorite emotion, like in the movie Inside Out!** We invite creativity for them to find their own emotion.

****Let Whitney or Ms. Donna know if your student would like to participate in the Variety Show****

Camper Mail To ensure delivery – MAIL EARLY!

Camper Name, Vinton Baptist Church

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1 Eagle Eyrie Drive

Lynchburg, VA 24503

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Please consider these guidelines, as the Group Leaders are responsible for monitoring their own group's clothing:

- No clothing with inappropriate language or advertising is allowed.
- Clothing should not make fun of, belittle, or demean another person or culture.
- Closed-toe shoes and clothes that can get dirty at Rec Party and for games or activities.
- Both one-piece and two-piece bathing suits are allowed at camp.

Camp Rules

- Participate fully in all PASSPORTkids activities.
- Only go into my own room.
- Turn off all electronic devices like cell phones, computer games, and music players while at camp.
- Have fun!

Camp Covenant

This week at PASSPORTkids, we will be a community that cares for everyone. We will speak and act with kindness and respect to each person we meet.

SPECIAL ATTENTION FORM

To help the Passport staff be as prepared as possible for ministry, please list anything you request our team pay special attention to within your group. This may include family crisis situations, physical limitations (mobility, sight, or hearing differences), unusual allergic reactions (food, bee stings), English as a second language, learning or behavioral differences, emotional or spiritual struggles, etc. This information will be handled carefully as a matter of prayer and assistance to our staff during the week and will not go beyond the bounds of the Passport staff. Passport reserves the right to ask that an adult from your group assist your camper during Bible Study if we consider close individual attention in the camper's best interest.

Camper Name: _____

Church Name: _____

Group Leader Name: _____

Notes: _____

Passport Camp Office Use Only. Bible Study Leader assignment: _____

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PASSPORTkids Chaperones

What is a chaperone?

A chaperone is a responsible, supportive adult who helps the Group Leader manage and encourage students during their week of camp. Chaperones assist the Group Leader and participate fully in camp activities. Chaperones should also come ready to sign-up to help the summer team with various logistics through the session as needed.

Volunteer Opportunities (Kids)

- Bible Study Assistant- provide support with classroom management, passing out supplies and assist leader as needed (Group Leaders can not volunteer for this)
- Rec Party- assist a Passport staffer with a game
- Rotations- upon receiving instructions from a Passport staffer, aid in the facilitation of the group activity (crafts, various sports, missions, indoor games, etc.)
- Night Market- assist a Passport staffer as needed in set up or facilitation of an activity

Things to Keep in Mind

- Be a Mentor- listen, encourage, praise, direct and empower
- Help enforce the Digital sabbath
- Attend Adult Meeting each day to receive important daily announcements and sign up for volunteer opportunities
- Remind campers to bring Bible and pens to worship and Bible Study
- Help limit movement and talking during worship
- Keep an eye on students' health as it relates to extreme heat
- Supervise campers during Free Time
- Enforce students' thoughtfulness of others in dorms (noise, curfew, etc.)
- Make sure students are getting enough sleep.
- Enjoy quality time with your group!
- Take advantage of opportunities to learn and grow yourself! You'll be glad you did.

Thank you for spending this week investing lives of children!

