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# **SMOKIES Handbook**

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# About YCM



## Mission

**We want to love kids, tell them about Jesus and serve the Youth Workers and Volunteers who care for them in the Church.**

We seek to:

- Present Jesus Christ to young people in such a way that they can make a non-pressured decision for Him
- Nurture Christian kids in their walks with Jesus Christ
- Equip & train youth workers to be more professionally competent in their calling
- Strengthen and serve as a resource to the local church by providing a variety of high quality youth ministry programs and resources.

## What We Believe

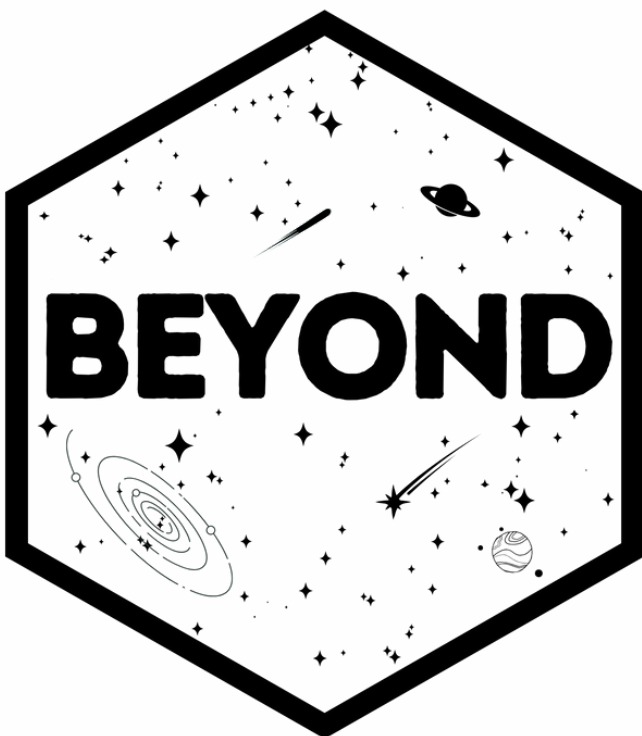
We believe that the Bible is the true Word from God, and that it can be trusted in all matters of life, and that we need to model our lives after its instruction. We believe in the Trinity of God, who is comprised of the fully equal Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe that all people, young and old, need salvation because we are all sinful and unrighteous. Jesus is the only way to get right with God, and by trusting Him, turning from our sins and receiving Him, we can have eternal life with God in heaven.

Youth Conference Ministries (YCM) is called to support and assist the local Church, Youth Pastors and Youth Leaders in leading and teaching young people to follow and trust in Jesus Christ.

## 2023 Theme – BEYOND

# BEYOND

**Set your minds on things above  
not on earthly things. Col 3:2**



Graphics can be downloaded from the YCM website  
[ycmhome.org/resources](http://ycmhome.org/resources)

# Contact Info/Plan

## Directors

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## Platform

### Platform - 2023



Speaker:  
Ben Glenn



Musician:  
The Sassers

## Schedule

Time	Activity
8:00	Breakfast
9:15	Quiet Time
9:15	Counselor Meeting
10:15	Morning Program
11:00	Church Family Time
12:00	Lunch
1:00-3:00	REC
3:00-6:00	Free Time
6:00	Dinner
7:30	Evening Program
9:00	Church Family Time

# Preparing For Camp

## What To Bring To Camp

1. Sleeping Bag or Blanket & Sheet
2. Pillow
3. 2 Towels (Bathing and Recreation) & Wash Cloth
4. Swimsuit
5. Sandals, Water Shoes or Old Sneakers
6. Flash Light
7. Toiletries (Deodorant, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Soap,... ect)
8. Sun Screen
9. Bug Spray
10. Light Jacket (low temperatures at night)
11. Rain Jacket
12. Water Bottle
13. 2 Shaving Cream (non-menthal) for Crud-War
14. Clothes for the Duration of Your Stay  
Paintball is an option, long sleeves and long pants are suggested.
15. 2 pairs of shoes  
Closed toe shoes required for adventure race/mud run

\*Bed sizes vary from Twin to Double. Bring larger sheets because you wont know your bed size till you arrive at camp.

You need daily clothes that can get dirty for rec especially for crud day on Tuesday. You also need other clothes to change into each day. If you bring a cell phone, it must be left in the cabin during the day. Please don't bring valuables.

## Waivers

Waiver must be signed and completed before coming to camp. The **2023 YCM Medical & Media Release** and **Adventure Ocoee Waiver** can be found on the ycmhome.org website and also included in this handbook.

# Arrivals & Departures

TGE Smokies begins after 2:00 Friday afternoon with registration and is over late Tuesday night following the final evening program. Housing is provided Tuesday night, however, no breakfast will be served Wednesday morning and you should plan to depart by 8:00 AM.

## Arrival

Check-in for camp will be between 2:00-5:00 pm. Upon arrival, we will confirm your numbers and gather your forms. Our Work Crew will greet you at the welcome center and will share your cabin assignment then you will be directed to the cabin to get settled.

**Counselor Meeting the first night at 5:15 PM**

## Departure

Camp is over late Tuesday night following the final evening program. Housing is provided Tuesday night, breakfast will not be served the following morning and you should plan to depart by 8:00 AM.

