

WELCOME PACKS

SPECIAL SESSION 2025

Welcome Packs are an important part of the ministry of **Special Session** is showing our campers hospitality. One way that we do that is by welcoming everyone to camp with a welcome pack. This includes some basic items that campers need at camp, as well as a prayer letter from someone in our diocese who is praying for each camper while they are at camp

2025 Theme: Beach!

EVERY WELCOME PACK SHOULD INCLUDE:

Toothbrush and Toothpaste
Shampoo and Conditioner
Deodorant
Liquid Body Wash
Wash Cloth
Bug Spray
Sun Screen (SPF 30 or higher)
Flashlight (with batteries if needed)
Water Bottle
Permanent Marker and Masking Tape
Prayer Letter
Rain Poncho

Please put each “pack” into a drawstring backpack.

- ★ For gendered items (like deodorant) please include 5 male and 5 female packs. Please label the bags if possible.
- ★ Please make all toiletries full sized.
- ★ Prayer letters are an opportunity to tell a Special Session camper that they are loved, and to wish them a happy week of camp. These letters can mean the world to our campers. We are not able to give camper names in advance, so please write to “Dear Camper”.

For Special Session 2025, we are looking for 9 churches or church groups in the diocese to create 10 welcome packs, to serve a total of 90 campers (always good to have extra). If you have a group that is interested in creating welcome packs, please email our Bethany Summer Camp Coordinator, Jeneva (Jen) Salter, at bethanycamps@campmcdowell.org. We will make arrangements to have packs picked up or dropped off by or before May 30th, 2025. **Additional Items We Can Use at Special Session**

If you've created welcome packs and want to do even more, here are some additional items we can use:
Hand Sanitizer, Adult Socks, Non-latex gloves, paper towels, Clorox wipes

HAPPY HOUR HOST

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An important part of the ministry of Special Session is showing hospitality to our staff and campers. One way we do that is with a daily "Happy Hour", hosted by an outside group. Just after rest time, we serve a snack and something nice to drink. This gives us a chance to get moving, connect with each other, and celebrate.

INFORMATION FOR HOSTS:

- Happy Hour happens from 2:45-3:45 every day. We ask hosts to arrive at 1:45 for set up in Bethany Village. Our staff will be prepared to greet you when you arrive. (building TBD)
 - Hosts prepare and serve a small snack and punch to about 140 people.
 - Plan to bring plates, cups, and napkins! Ice machine provided.
 - Please prepare a sugar-free option for diabetic campers.
- We typically have about 15 folks who need a sugar free option.

WHO SHOULD COME?

We recommend bringing at least 3 people to help serve; there is no limit on how many people can come help! This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who would like to experience the ministry of Special Session first hand.

WHAT IS THE THEME?

All things Beach!

We only have 2 more HH slots available- June 3rd and June 4th!
To sign up to host, please email: bethanycamps@campmcdowell.org