



Hey, Everybody! The end of year is fast approaching which means that sign-up for Florida College Georgia Camp will be here before you know it! We have visited Camp Blue Ridge a couple of times now and are very excited to spend our first week of camp there this coming summer! If you have not looked at the campground, I encourage you to look at their website. As mentioned in previous emails, Fort Mountain afforded us a location to have camp the last two years when no other accommodating options were available. Fortunately, Camp Blue Ridge has become available, and we have decided that it will better suit our group.

As was the case the last time we changed campgrounds, with the current economy, inflation, etc., Camp Blue Ridge is a higher cost. We hope you see both the spiritual value and low-cost value of an FC Camp. A typical weeklong summer camp in North Georgia can range between \$1,000-\$1,600 for a week of camp. We are always working hard to keep our costs low, and as it stands today, it will cost about \$475 per camper in 2024. But DON'T panic!!! We have a solution to help bring down the cost of camp for everybody. So even if there is a small price increase, we are getting a great deal!

We've had several businesses pledge generous donations that are going to help us be able to keep our costs down, but we have even more exciting news that directly impacts you! Starting today, we are going to be running a donation drive to help raise funds to us keep our costs down while adding some fun things to our camp experience. And here is the BEST PART...25% of the donations that are raised in your camper's name are deducted directly from their camp dues!

We've made a convenient tool for your camper(s) to utilize to help reduce their camp costs. We have created a video that tells a little bit about Georgia Camp and testimonials with campers and staff. Share it on social media, share it with your contact list, and share it with your employers. Let them know what this camp means to your family and the youth that it serves. Better yet, have your child write something or make a short video of their own. This time of year, many families and companies are looking for places to donate, and their donations are TAX DEDUCTABLE through the Georgia Chapter of the Hutchinson Bell. If your child's name is listed as the sponsor, 25% will be applied to their camp total.

This is a great opportunity for your camper(s) to participate in supporting the camp they love and intended to be low pressure way to raise money for camp. We look forward to another AMAZING year of camp!

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