

# North Carolina Baptist Assembly

## Youth Week at Fort Caswell

### The Dates

Our reservations are for July 24<sup>th</sup> – July 29<sup>th</sup>. We will leave in the early morning of Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, and return late in the afternoon on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

### The Program

The Youth week at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly is a week of Bible study, worship, and fellowship for youth in middle school and high school. College students are welcome if space is available. The worship services and Bible studies are geared to building up the faith of Christian teenagers.

The 2023 camp theme is "Fortress", and is based on Ephesians 6:10-18, a passage which describes the "full armor of God" used to protect Christians from spiritual dangers.

*"For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand." Ephesians 6:13*

During the week, youth will participate in personal quiet times, large- and small-group Bible studies, large group celebrations, recreation, creative worship, and church group devotions.

The primary worship leader for the week is the Rev. Ryan Fontenot, founder of R.A.G.E. Ministries (which stands for "Reaching a Generation Endangered"). More information about Ryan can be found at [www.rageministries.com](http://www.rageministries.com)



### Who Can Come

The youth weeks at Caswell are open to middle and high school students. To attend, a student must have completed the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### The Place

The North Carolina Baptist Assembly is located at Caswell Beach, about 30 miles south of Wilmington, NC where the Cape Fear River enters the Atlantic Ocean. The camp is self-contained, located on the site of an old Army fort, hence the name, Fort Caswell.

Caswell is owned and operated by the Baptist State Convention. The weeks are planned and coordinated by the student ministry office of the Evangelism and Church Growth Team. Approximately 1,000 young people from across the state will be in attendance.

For more information about the NC Baptist Assembly, visit [www.fortcaswell.com](http://www.fortcaswell.com).

## **Lodging**

This year, we will be staying in Long Bay, a residence building located near the campus swimming pool. No other church will be sharing our rooms.

We have reserved space for 16 people. Of these spaces, five are reserved for chaperones.

We may be able to get more space if we have more youth who are interested in going, but this depends on the availability of such space. It is much easier to negotiate this with Caswell if we know well in advance, as opposed to the last minute.

## **Meals**

Long Bay does not have kitchen or dining facilities, so we will be eating our meals in the campus dining hall, adjacent to the gymnasium.

## **Chaperones**

We have space, and funding, for 4 adults, including the pastor. This will yield a ratio of one adult for every 3-4 youth. In order to satisfy the requirements of the church's Child Safety Policy, we must have two adult chaperones of each gender.

Chaperones will be responsible for general oversight of the group. From among the chaperones, we will also need to organize our small group Bible study and our church group devotions.

## **Transportation**

We will travel together on the church bus, and in other private vehicles as necessary. All driving will be done by the adult chaperones.

## **What to Wear**

The Assembly brochure contains the following guideline concerning appropriate dress.

"The Assembly is not a beach resort but an instrument in projecting Christ to others. Dress at the Assembly should be appropriate with our Christian ideals and standards at all times. For any evening worship service, dress as you would in your local church. For recreation and free time, dress should be casual as activities dictate, but always in good taste."

Short pants and halter tops are considered inappropriate for evening worship. T-shirts that depict alcoholic beverages, drugs, or profanity are also prohibited. Girls are required to wear one-piece bathing suits.

## The Schedule

The basic daily schedule for Tuesday - Friday is as follows:

### Morning

Personal Devotions  
"Wake-up Celebration" and Large-Group Bible Study  
Small Group Bible Study

### Afternoon

Free Time (see "recreation" below)

### Evening

Worship  
Church Group Devotions

## Recreation

The Assembly provides a variety of recreational opportunities, including basketball, volleyball, softball, swimming (at the beach and in the outdoor pool) and fishing from the pier. The Fort Caswell R & R Building contains a snack bar and activities area. A miniature golf course is open in the late afternoons, and at night, after worship.

## Safety

In the interest of making Caswell a safe and peaceful place for all visitors, the Assembly prohibits the following items:

Minibikes	Motorcycles	Skateboards
Music Boxes	Metal Detectors	Narcotics
Firearms	Fireworks	Pets
Alcoholic Beverages	Laser Pointers	

Smoking is prohibited in all buildings.

We will take basic first aid supplies. In the event of more serious injury or illness, rescue personnel from the Brunswick Co. Rescue squad will be summoned, and treatment provided at the hospital in Southport. The parent's signature on the Guest/Counselor Registration Form authorizes the Assembly personnel to administer appropriate medical treatment.

The Baptist State Convention requires that all participants complete and notarize a health form, authorizing emergency medical care. In addition, all youth must have a signed, completed Moyock Baptist health form on file. In the event of an illness or accident, every effort will be made to reach parents before medical attention is rendered.

Insurance provided by the Assembly and by the church will cover all participants during the week, both at the camp and in transit.

Qualified lifeguards are on duty at both the beach and the swimming pool during all recreational periods.

## The Cost

The cost for the week is \$425.00.

Lodging	\$195.00
Food	\$154.00
Program Fee	\$79.00
<u>Travel &amp; Misc</u>	<u>\$22.00</u>
Total Cost	\$450.00

Youth will also want to bring some money for lunch on the road on Monday, and for personal expenses at the Snack Bar or Gift Shop.

## Fund Raising

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual Dinner Theatre is scheduled for May April 28th-30th. Proceeds from this event are used to help youth participate in summer youth activities. Youth receive a portion of the proceeds to offset their expenses based on their level of participation in the dinner theatre event.

A number of youth have credits available to them from prior years. Contact the church office to see if this applies in your situation. Credits may be used to pay for the cost of the trip, but not as a substitute for the initial deposit (unless you have enough credits to pay for the whole trip!)

No youth will be excluded from the trip because of insufficient funds. Other opportunities to work at odd jobs, baby-sitting, and so on will be given to youth in need of earning extra income for the trip.

Moreover, we have scholarship money available for youth in need of financial assistance. Speak privately with the pastor if you need information about a scholarship.

## Reservations

The registration deadline is Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Our first payment, as a church, is due to Caswell on February 15<sup>th</sup>, and that payment is non-refundable. It is imperative, therefore, that we have an accurate count prior to that date.

To reserve a space, fill out the form on the following page, and return it to the church office. Reservations will be restricted to participants in the church's youth programs (Sunday School, Youth Fellowship, Puppets, etc.) until Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

After that, any spaces left will be made available to friends who attend other churches. Aside from this provision, reservations will be taken on a first-come, first served basis. Make checks payable to **Moyock Baptist Church**.

**Deposits**

A \$100.00 deposit must accompany reservation requests. If you must cancel, this deposit will be refunded only if someone else goes in your place, or we are able to cancel the reservation with Caswell.

You can pay your deposit via cash or check, mailed or brought to the church office, along with the form below.

Or, you can pay online, at [www.moyockbaptist.org](http://www.moyockbaptist.org). Click on "Events/For Youth", and find the article about Caswell, which has a link to an online payment form.

*Return the form below with your registration fee to reserve a spot at Caswell.*

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**Reservation Form for Caswell**

NAME OF YOUTH: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_