



*“Leading in Kingdom Service”*

## Higher Ground Program Description

**Higher Ground Program Structure:** Higher Ground is a Christian Leadership Camp designed to encourage and equip High School students, ages 14-18, with a primary focus on Servant-Leadership.

Higher Ground is intended for those who are ALREADY Believers and want to grow in their faith and servant-leadership skills. When people think of a Leadership Camp, they may assume that the only activities available are sitting around reading and studying the Bible, being taught the Bible, and praying. Although these are **aspects** of HG, they are fulfilled in the context of fun and enjoyable activities. Students participate in wilderness hikes, water activities, sports, challenge courses, digital gaming and so much more!

*Every activity at HG is a teachable experience that illustrates how to apply biblical principles!*

**Because this Camp experience is different from any of KAA’s other Camps, please make sure this information is clearly communicated with all potential HG students.**

**Higher Ground 1<sup>st</sup> Year Profile:** Students desiring to participate in the Higher Ground Leadership Training Program must meet the following criteria:

- Have an ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ
- Possess a strong desire to grow in their faith
- Agree to participate in all training activities (spiritual & physical)
- Assume personal responsibility for learning and practice at Camp and at home
- Submit to and follow authority

**Higher Ground Follow-up Process:** Students will be assigned a COACH who will follow up with and mentor them throughout the school year. The COACH will assist with the following: **C**ommunicate with the student, **O**nline engagement (monthly HG Zoom Huddle), **A**ssignments, **C**ommunity involvement, and **H**elp (COACH).



*First year students attend 6 days of fun and applicable equipping at Camp with one day away for a local Mission Trip.*

## Higher Ground 1

“Our purpose is to train and equip students in servant-leadership through actively learning the teachings and model of Jesus our Messiah.” HG Purpose Statement

The goal for Higher Ground 1 Students is:

- Teaching them how to communicate Biblical truth
- Teaching them how to share their learning through various techniques
- Helping them identify Spiritual gifts
- Giving them the opportunity to excel in roles of service
- Teaching them techniques and skills to study the Scriptures
- Providing them the experience of a local Mission Trip and outing



*Second year students attend 13 days of Camp with a portion of training at Camp, then they put that training into practice on a Mission Trip.*

## Higher Ground 2

The goal for Higher Ground 2 Students is:

- Reinforcing the learning obtained from HG 1
- Providing the experience of going on a regional Mission Trip
- Teaching the principles of Leadership and Ministry Development
- Focusing on Relational Skill Building and Biblical Conversations
- Training for the ministry of KAA Kaleo to equip them to be able to bring campers to Camp

**HG 2 is only offered to students who have already completed HG 1.**



Third year students attend 6 days of Camp as they participate in a Mission Trip somewhere in the U.S.

## Higher Ground 3

The goal for Higher Ground 3 Students is:

- Giving them personal leadership responsibilities
- Engaging them in lesson/teaching preparation
- Partnering with students' local ministries preparing them to co-labor in their churches
- Casting World Vision and preparing them for Community Outreach
- Providing them an opportunity to go on a National Mission Trip
- Engaging them in an intensive deep dive of Scriptures

**HG 3 is only offered to students who have already completed HG 2.**



## Higher Ground Highlights

- ▶ Dedicated Staff who are trained and equipped to lead and model the principles of **Servant-Leadership and Ministry Development** with the HG students.
- ▶ Off-season mentoring with the students through the school year by their HG Coaches and in monthly Zoom Huddles.
- ▶ HG students who complete the 3-year program with excellence are highly sought after as staff at Higher Ground and the other KAA Camps.

HG Kaleos & HG Parents, thank you for all you do in your community to bring more youth to the Lord and for allowing us to partner with you in training them to serve the Lord. If you have any further questions or concerns, please email [higherground@kaakamps.org](mailto:higherground@kaakamps.org).

Sincerely,

*Jenson (Fig) Newton*

Director of Higher Ground

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## HIGHER GROUND INFORMATION SHEET

### Higher Ground Session Schedule 2024

<b>6 Day Sessions (10M, 10F each session)</b>		<b>13 Day Sessions (10M, 10F each session)</b>	
<b>HG 1:</b>	Session 2 June 9-14	<b>HG 2:</b>	Session 3-4 June 16-28 Session 6-7 July 7-19 <i>HG 2 sessions will go on an urban Mission Trip</i>
	Session 5 June 30-July 5		
	Session 8 July 21-26	<b>6 Day Session (10M, 10F)</b>	<b>HG 3:</b> Session 9 July 28-Aug 2 <i>HG 3 will go on a National Mission Trip</i>

#### Cost of Higher Ground 1

The cost for HG 1 is \$200 for a 6-day session. The deposit is \$25.00 per student.

#### Cost of Higher Ground 2

The cost for HG 2 is \$400 for a 13-day session (part of that time is spent in Camp and part in an urban/rural training setting). The deposit is \$25.00 per student.

#### Cost of Higher Ground 3

The cost for HG 3 is \$1000.00 for a 6-day session. The deposit is \$100.00 per student.

#### Registration/Deposit Due Dates for HG 1, 2 & 3

- To not incur financial penalties, all cancellations must be made in writing and in our office by April 1<sup>st</sup> 5PM CST. After April 1<sup>st</sup> you will forfeit your full deposit.
- The full payment for Higher Ground (according to the above rates) is due in our office no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> by 5PM CST. There are no refunds after May 1<sup>st</sup>. The full tuition is lost on all cancellations after this date.

#### Registration Requirements of Higher Ground

- ❖ **HG 1-** Higher Ground applicants must register online, complete the online camper form (health form), submit an online Questionnaire, we request two Recommendation forms from a teacher/coach and another leader. These forms are completed online and used to help give HG an accurate assessment of your leadership development. All necessary forms and links will be emailed to you or found online and are requested to complete this process.
- ❖ **HG 2-** applicants must complete all of their HG 1 assignments before they are eligible to return. Once they are eligible, a completed online camper form (health form) is needed for each student. **Register EARLY to ensure your spot in the limited openings.**
- ❖ **HG 3-** applicants must complete all of their HG 2 assignments before they are eligible to return. Once they are eligible, a completed online camper form (health form) is needed for each student. Specific details about the HG 3 trip will be sent separately to all HG 2 students.
- ❖ A student may only attend one session of Higher Ground per summer; however, a camper may attend KAA AND Higher Ground in the same summer, but different sessions.

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## Dress code

**Modesty** is expected at Camp, and the clothing listed below is essential. No expensive outfits are needed. **Remember: Camp is under no obligation to replace lost or damaged clothing.**

## Items to bring for HG 1, HG 2 & HG 3

- Bible & pen
- **HG 2- outfit for church- Girls: knee length, loose skirts or dresses. NO low cut or sagging tops. Guys: dress slacks, Khaki or NICE jeans, shirt, tie & dress shoes**
- Modest one-piece swimsuit (FULL ONE PIECE WITH NO CUT-OUTS ONLY!)
- Jacket, sweatshirt, or sweater
- Pajamas or appropriate sleeping attire
- 5-7 shorts (athletic or loose fitting...KNEE LENGTH or below!)
- 7 days of underwear **HG 2- 10-12 pair**
- 1 pair of old shoes & clothing for service projects (possibly paint clothes)
- 7 days of socks (Required)
- 7-9 T-shirts (no form fitting or low cut, must be crew neck not V-neck) or blouses (no tank tops or spagh. straps)
- 1 pair of blue jeans/slacks (NO form fitting or yoga pants)
- 1 raincoat or poncho
- Sneakers/tennis shoes (no sandals allowed during Camp, only travel)
- Blanket or sleeping bag
- 1 pillow w/pillowcase
- 1 set of twin sheets **HG 2- 2 sets twin sheets**
- 2-4 bath towels
- 7 wash cloths
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Other needed hygiene items
- **Money for Camp merchandise if desired**
- **HG 2 & 3- extra money for souvenirs if desired**

**NO CAMO clothing of any kind is permitted!!**

## Items NOT to bring

There are certain items that are not to be brought to Camp. Please abide by the rules and do not bring any of these to Camp or they will be confiscated:

- FOOD
- CHEWING GUM OR CANDY
- IPODS OR MP3 PLAYERS
- JEWELRY

**\*\*\*\*CELL PHONES WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE BEGINNING OF CAMP AND RETURNED AT THE END OF CAMP\*\*\*\***

**NOTE: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ILLEGAL DRUGS, AND ANY FORM OF WEAPON ARE PROHIBITED AND ARE CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL FROM CAMP.**

## Miscellaneous Information

➤ If you are on prescription medication, remember to bring that too! We **MUST** have a Camper Health Form stating what medication you are taking, and the prescription name on the bottle.

➤ **HG 2 students leave Camp during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week to attend a rural/urban mission trip and then return to Camp.**

➤ **HG 2 Students WILL have an opportunity to wash their clothes before their 2<sup>nd</sup> week!**





# Kids Across America Camps



## Higher Ground Transportation Details

You are responsible for getting to and from Camp during your time at Higher Ground. Whether you are flying or taking a bus, the following guidelines will outline proper procedures and protocol for arranging transportation this summer. Please read carefully.

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### FLYING TO CAMP?

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**Booking:** Shuttle service is only available from the following:

**Airports:** Springfield / Branson National (SGF)      Northwest Ark Regional (XNA)      Branson Regional (BKG)

**Bus Stations:** Springfield and Branson/Hollister

**Shuttle Service:** \$100 Each Way to/from SGF, \$100 to/from XNA, \$50 to/from BKG (if it meets the following requirements)

1. All requests must be made via the form link below **at least 5 days in advance** of your arrival or departure.
2. Any cancellations must be made at least 5 days in advance by email to [higherground@kaakamps.org](mailto:higherground@kaakamps.org).
2. Flight or bus times must be **between the hours of 9:00am and 7:00pm**.

**If you have any travel issues or need special accommodations for your HG Student, please email Jenson (Fig) Newton at [jenson@kaakamps.org](mailto:jenson@kaakamps.org).**

**Requesting Shuttle Service:** If you are in need of this shuttle service for your Higher Ground Student/Students, please click here and fill out the form. <https://forms.office.com/r/TU5BqzqNH5>

You will receive an e-mail confirming your shuttle request from the Higher Ground Department. If you do not receive a confirmation, please follow up with us at the email below to make sure we received your request.

**Last Minute Shuttle Request:** All travel requests made less than 5 days in advance are honored based on vehicle/driver availability and at an additional cost of \$25 each way.

**Shuttle Pick-Up:** Gather your luggage and go to the baggage claims area and wait there for the KAA / HG representative. Because your pick-up could be coordinated and grouped with other shuttle requests due to the distance to KAA, you may encounter some wait time.

**Cancelling Your Shuttle Request:** Shuttle cancellations must be received in writing at least 5 days in advance of your travel date or a \$25 charge is assessed.

**Paying For Your Shuttle:** Transportation charges are billed to your registration/Camp account.

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### CONTACT US

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