

Cottage Hill Baptist Church

Medications Policy 2020

The goal of Cottage Hill Baptist Church regarding the administration of medication is to assist students in maintaining an optimal state of wellness while away from home. Minor illness will not be treated. For example, a student with a cold severe enough to require frequent medication should remain at home.

Parent's Responsibility

- The parent/guardian must sign the Cottage Hill Baptist Church "Parent Permission for Administration of Medication" form granting permission for the child to take prescription or over-the-counter medication at camp.
- The parent/guardian must provide the event nurse with medication that is in a correctly labeled prescription bottle container.
- The parent/guardian shall personally deliver all medication to the camp nurse on the day of departure.
- The parent/guardian shall give the first dose of the new medication at home in case of a possible allergic reaction.
- The parent/guardian shall pick up the student's medication on the day of arrival. All medications not picked up will be destroyed.
- The parent/guardian shall provide medication, such as Tylenol, in smallest container available with the original label. Medications in alternative containers may not be administered by the event nurse.

Our Responsibility

- In the event of an allergic reaction or an emergency situation involving medication, the event nurse will handle the problem as any other medical emergency.
- The event nurse will give prescription medication to the student using guidelines as documented on the "Parent Permission for Medication Administration" form by the parent and from a container appropriately labeled by the pharmacy or original medication label.
- The event nurse will give over-the-counter medication to the student using the same guidelines as documented on the "Parent Permission for Medication Administration" by the parent and from the original medication label. The medication must be in the original container.
- The event nurse will refuse to administer medication when there is any discrepancy, i.e., label different from instruction or contents, label is unclear or label torn. This medication will not be administered.
- The event nurse will count all controlled drugs when they are received.
- Each medication will be recorded on a medication log, which includes date, time, and initials of the person giving the medication.
- If not with the event nurse, medications will be stored under lock and key at all times.

Student's Responsibility

- Students will not deliver medications to the camp nurse on the day of arrival.
- Students will not pick up medications on the day of departure.
- Students who have doctor's orders to have medication on their person, i.e. Asthma inhaler or epi pen, will not share medication with other students.
- Students will notify their leader or the event nurse at the onset of any distress or allergic reactions.
- Students will make every attempt to locate the camp nurse to receive his/her medications at the appropriate time.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why can't my child keep his/her medication?

A. To protect all children from taking medication belonging to another child—**no** child may keep medication on their person. The only exception would be epi pens or similar-emergency treatment and approved by the camp nurse.

Q. Why can't the camp nurse provide and give medication for minor illness or pain?

A. The event nurse cannot be placed in a situation to judge minor or major illness or pain. If a student complains of illness or pain requiring medication the parent will be notified, and the appropriate medical care sought.