

A vibrant, colorful graphic for 'SUMMER BLAST 2011'. The text 'SUMMER BLAST' is in large, bold, orange letters with a white outline, and '2011' is in smaller blue letters. The background is a mix of bright colors (yellow, green, blue, red, purple) with floral patterns, swirls, and arrows. There are also some splatters and dots scattered throughout.

# SUMMER BLAST 2011

## Cascade Christian Schools Parent/Camper Handbook

A graphic for 'thrive summer programs'. It features a large, stylized purple arrow pointing right, surrounded by colorful swirls, floral patterns, and splatters. The text 'thrive' is in a large, blue, textured font, and 'summer programs' is in a smaller, black font below it.

CASCADE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS'

**thrive**  
summer programs



## CORE PURPOSE

Transforming cultures through teaching and training  
people in their purpose before God.

## CORE VALUES

Biblical Worldview Integration

Leadership

Educational Excellence

Unity

## OUR MISSION

To glorify God by providing quality,  
Christ-centered education dedicated to developing discerning leaders who are  
spiritually, personally, and academically prepared to impact their world.

## CORE CHARACTER TRAITS

### Wisdom

To view life and live life from God's perspective.

### Integrity

Uncompromising commitment to truth, honor, faithfulness, loyalty, and trust.

### Excellence

A sustained, dedicated pursuit of God-given potential.

### Dignity

A commitment to treat each individual as uniquely created in the image of God and  
worthy of respect.

## Welcome to THRIVE SUMMER BLAST! at Cascade Christian Schools

**Mission:** to provide children with a safe, secure, quality summer program in a loving Christian environment. In this environment, they can discover, explore, and learn about themselves, others, and the world that God created for them to enjoy.

### Goals:

- To help children gain a healthy self-esteem by providing a quality age-appropriate summer program.
- To teach and be an example of godly characteristics.
- To develop discerning leaders of the future.
- To expose students to a wide variety of experiences that will help them discover their individual gifts and talents.
- To allow students to explore the world around them.
- To partner with parents in making each child's summer interesting, exciting and fun.

Policies have been established to accomplish these goals. Please read through the policies in this handbook. Then detach, sign, date and return the final page. If you have any questions or concerns about any policy stated in this handbook or any other document regarding **THRIVE SUMMER BLAST!** please feel free to ask your campus **SUMMER BLAST!** Site Coordinator.

Developing discerning leaders,

*THRIVE Camp Staff*

# THRIVE Overview

## Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (6:30 a.m. at Puyallup)

## Dates

THRIVE SUMMER BLAST! runs from June 20 through August 30, 2011 (August 19 @ Puyallup).

### Camp will be CLOSED

- Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day
- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 24, 25 & 26  
For CCS all staff In-Service Days

## Field Trip Schedule

Frederickson Elementary	– Wednesdays
Tacoma Elementary	– Thursdays
Puyallup Elementary	– Fridays
Swimming/Wild Waves	- Tuesdays

## Daily Schedule\*

6 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Before Camp activities
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 a.m.	Camp ~ <b>THRIVE Summer Blast!</b>
3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	After Camp activities

\*Please see your child's classroom schedule for specific activities and events.

## Field Trips

Field trips (FTs) are an integral part of a quality summer camp experience. FT times vary by the location and nature of the FT. Departure and return times for each FT will be posted at the sign in/out location for several days preceding the FT and on camp entrances the day of the FT. Transportation to and from all FTs is included in the registration/swim fee. Campers will be supervised by counselors and camp staff members at all times. Camp t-shirts must be worn on all FTs.

## Camp T-shirts

A **THRIVE SUMMER BLAST!** t-shirt must be worn on all field trips and special guest days. Each summer camp t-shirt is marked with the child's name and kept at the campus throughout the summer. Camp t-shirts are laundered by staff each week and will be sent home with your child at the end of summer. *Do not take summer camp t-shirts home until your child's last day of summer camp.* This ensures that all children have a camp t-shirt and are quickly and clearly identified while in the community.



# THRIVE SUMMER BLAST! Policies

## Biblical Principles

Biblical principles are an integral part of CCS. Daily devotions, weekly chapels, prayer before meals, behavior modification and reinforcement using Biblical principles are all components to be expected at **THRIVE SUMMER BLAST!**

## Communication

Communication ensures that **THRIVE SUMMER BLAST!** runs smoothly for campers and families. All three camps provide a camp newsletter with updates to the schedule as well as lunch/snack menus and weekly activities. Please be sure to communicate with us regarding any special events or circumstances going on at home. Additionally, **THRIVE SUMMER BLAST!** has an “open door” policy. Feel free to stop in to talk with a site coordinator or camp counselor at any time. Keeping the lines of communication open is necessary to meet your child’s needs on a daily basis.

## Drop-Off

Parents/guardians are required to sign their child(ren) in and out each day. There is both a **paper sign-in/out sheet** at the front desk on which parents will sign their name and the time of arrival/departure next to each child’s name **AND a computer** on which you will log your child(ren) both in and out. (The computer brings us into the current century, the paper sign-in/out keeps us legal with the state of Washington).

## Pick-Up

Children are released only to persons authorized by the parent or guardian. An authorized person is one noted on the registration form, or one who has prior written permission from the parent or guardian. Parents/guardians are required to sign out their child(ren) each day. Picture ID is required for pick-up with anyone new.

## Dress Code

The purpose of Cascade Christian Schools' dress and appearance expectations is to enable the camper to demonstrate traits of a discerning leader by making appropriate dress and appearance choices that reflect CCS' character traits of wisdom, integrity, excellence, and dignity.

*"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing, and perfect will"* (Romans 12:1-2).

CCS campers will honor God, honor others, and honor themselves by coming to school:

- ready to have fun
- prepared to lead
- projecting a positive image that stands out as distinctly different from the secular world
- clean, neat, and well groomed (clothing in good repair)
- modestly and tastefully dressed

### Examples of safe, appropriate dress and appearance are:

- **Foot wear:** Tennis shoes or close-toed sandals with a secure back strap. Children need to be able to run with shoes that are secure on their feet. *Flip-flops and clogs are not safe for children when they are engaged in fast-paced play.*
- **Shorts & Skirts:** Modest-length shorts and skirts are no shorter than halfway between the fingertips and the kneecaps when the arms are hanging relaxed at the side of the body. To maintain modesty, shorts should be worn under dresses.
- **Pants:** Well fitting pants or capris
- **Full Shirts:** Shirts must not show midriffs and should have at least a one-inch strap.
- **Swimsuits:**
  - Boys, follow the shorts policy.
  - Girls, modest, one-piece suits; or tankinis.
- Camp shirts are to be worn on all field trip days.

Campers whose dress or appearance is not honoring to Cascade Christian Schools' mission, purpose and stated expectations will be subject to the stated camp discipline procedures. Campers will remain out of their classes until they secure a change of clothes. The dress expectations apply in the classroom and building on camp days and at any camp-sponsored activities. ***Parents are responsible to see that their children are dressed properly when they leave for camp.***

## Payments

Camp tuition is paid in advance. *Enrichment class* tuition must be paid in full before attending the first day of class. **THRIVE SUMMER BLAST!** tuition is due two weeks in advance. Subsequent billing is every two weeks. Early payments are always welcome!

Part-time students must complete a weekly “anticipated attendance” sheet. To make a schedule change, pick up an ADD/DROP form in the school office.

For absence due to illness, please call the camp office by 8 a.m.

**Minimum Enrollment:** three days per week.

## Late Pick-Up

Late pick up is anything after 6 p.m. Late pick-up incurs a fee at a rate of \$1.00 per minute per child.

## Sunscreen

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that their children arrive at camp with a long-lasting, waterproof sunscreen already applied. **For reapplication of sunscreen**, send the bottle to camp marked with your children's full name. Sunscreen will be kept in the classroom for use as needed.

**Complete a sunscreen authorization form for reapplication at camp.**

**NOTE:** Campers will apply sunscreen themselves. Campers may request assistance in reapplying sunscreen from other campers.

## Medications

No medications will be administered to campers at **THRIVE SUMMER BLAST!** with the exception of students on *individual health plans*. Please schedule an appointment with the Site Coordinator to establish an *individual health plan* if needed.

## Illness

Campers who are ill should not attend camp. A fever or any contagious disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox) is considered an illness.

A camper, who becomes ill during the day, will be sent home. If a parent cannot be reached, the emergency contact person indicated on the child's registration form will be called.

**Keep your emergency contacts up to date!**

## Medical Emergencies

The protocol at camp for a serious emergency:

- Call 911, if necessary.
- Notify the parent/guardian, or emergency contact person.
  - The injured child will be transported by ambulance to the nearest emergency room if deemed necessary.
  - Camp personnel will continue to attempt to reach a parent/guardian or emergency contact person.

## Lunch & Snacks

Lunch & Snacks will be provided for each registered camper. The menu varies weekly and is posted in the camp newsletter, in the camp classroom, and in the front office. A child with food allergies is welcome to bring a sack lunch and snacks that will be stored until the appropriate time.

## Discipline

In order to have a safe, fun environment for all students, we have developed the following Campers Code of Conduct:

- A good camper always listens and obeys the camp counselors and staff.
- A good camper always respects other's feelings, property, and personal space.
- A good camper always respects the classroom, building, and grounds.
- A good camper always uses the buddy system on the camp grounds and while on field trips.
- A good camper is always safe.
- A good camper is always honest.
- A good camper always tries their best and never gives up.

Counselors review and explain this code of conduct in an age-appropriate manner each week as well as whenever it is needed.

### CCS Discipline Policy/Probation/Suspension

Most students have a positive attitude toward camp and their Christian responsibilities regarding conduct and activities. However, a minority of students, fail to accept their responsibility. The following policy pertains to those times a child goes to the office because the counselor has reached that step in their discipline plan or the child's behavior is severe, either in the classroom or on the playground.

1 <sup>st</sup> office referral	Parent contact & recess detention
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3 <sup>rd</sup> office	referralParent/student/administrator conference
Fourth time to office	One-day suspension
Fifth time to office	Three-day suspension
Sixth time to office	Expelled from the program without refund

Some behaviors that may result in one of the above actions:

- Failure to observe school rules
- Building/property damage
- Disobedience
- Profanity
- Fighting/hitting
- Rudeness/disrespect
- Excessive loudness
- Unkind actions—in words or deeds

## Lost and Found

Some items may get separated from their owner. To help prevent this, please mark all items such as towels, extra clothing, sunscreen, etc. with the student's full name. Lost items not marked can be claimed at the front desk. All items not claimed at the end of **THRIVE SUMMER BLAST!** will be donated to a local charity.

## Phone Usage

The office will call out students for telephone calls only in cases of extreme emergency. If it is essential that a camper receive a message from parents during the school day, call the office.

Campers need to take care of all business and other arrangements before or after camp. Office telephones are only for use in cases of emergency, with permission from the Site-Coordinator.

## What to Bring to Camp:

- Sunscreen
- Towel (for water play days)
- Change of clothes
- Extra shoes
- Bible

## What Not to Bring to Camp:

- Electronics *including cell phones*
- Money (unless specified by a counselor)
- Anything of value that you don't want to lose.

## Non-discrimination

We will not discriminate against any person's race, creed, color, national and ethnic origin, or sex. This policy is in affect in all aspects of the summer program operations such as practices, policies, and activities.



AUTHORIZATION FOR SUNSCREEN LOTION

Sunscreen is considered an over-the-counter (otc) medication.

Campers need to arrive at camp with sunscreen already applied to their skin.

Time to reapply sunscreen is built into the schedule before afternoon outdoor time. All reapplication of sunscreen is the camper's responsibility (campers may request assistance from another camper).

The signed **Sun Screen Permission** below is required before a camper can be allowed to reapply sunscreen. Only products listed below or supplied by parents will be administered. CCS adheres to the instructions listed on the manufacturer's label for dispensing.

Sunscreens from home remain in the classrooms for the summer. Each child at camp needs their own product, labeled with their name.

**My child has permission to reapply sunscreen at THRIVE Summer Blast!**

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

If no sunscreen is provided, Cascade Christian THRIVE Summer Blast will provide Banana Boat Baby SPF 50 or Coppertone Water Babies SPF 45. I understand that should I not provide my own sunscreen my child could have an allergic reaction to any substance.

**Parent/ Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Clearly)

**Parent/ Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_