



VISITOR POLICY

In order to ensure the safety and security of our campers, Camp Copass has implemented a **NO VISITOR POLICY DURING ALL SUMMER CAMPS** (effective 6/1/19)

The Camp Copass Board of Directors felt it necessary to implement this policy because of unpredictable violent events against innocents in our country and in our churches.

We require every staff member, volunteer, counselor/sponsor, worship/band leader, etc. to be background checked yearly and to have completed the Child Protection Training as required before being allowed on the campgrounds. It would be irresponsible and negate all of our efforts if we allowed visitors.

We understand that this has been something that has been enjoyed over the years, and it saddens us to have to initiate this rule. However, just as our schools and churches are tightening security, we have to do the same. **The protection of our campers is our #1 priority at Camp Copass.**

Since pastoral staff are an integral part of sending their children/youth to camp, they are encouraged to attend as a support to their counselors. The following are the requirements for pastoral staff to come on the campgrounds while their church is here:

- Pre-arrange their arrival on campus by calling the camp office at least 1 day ahead at 940.565.0050.
- Church pastoral staff members can see their group between the hours of 8:30 am and 10 pm
- Check in at the camp office with driver's license and **completed** criminal background check form between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm
- Wear a nametag while on campus and leave by 10 pm.
- Parents, family, friends, etc. are not permitted as guests "with" pastoral staff members.