



## **Travers Reservoir-Year End Adventure and Overnight Trip**

Another year is coming to a close, and thus the year-end trip is quickly approaching! This year we will be returning to The Fort at SABC (Southern Alberta Bible Camp). The Grade 7-12 students will attend from May 6th - 8th and the Grade 2-6 students will attend from May 8th-10th.

This is not a mandatory trip but it is a great way to celebrate an amazing school year! If your child does not feel comfortable participating in an overnight trip, there will be teachers at the school to support students with their learning. Students can choose between attending the year end trip or attending school. Please take a moment to read the following information regarding the year end trip and if your child would like to participate, please complete the permission form and return it by April 26th, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding the year end trip, please feel free to reach out.

We are looking forward to having another great trip!

Sincerely,

Brad Masterson and Tracey Forrester

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### **Form to be returned:**

- Permission Form (completed by parent/guardian)
- Student Conduct Form (to be completed at school)
- Camp Counsellor Form (Only if you are interested in helping with the Grade 2-6 students from May 8th-10th)

**NOTE: Please complete and return the forms listed above by April 26<sup>th</sup>**

## **FAQ's**

### ***1. Where is SABC?***

Southern Alberta Bible Camp (SABC) is located on the Travers Reservoir (Lomond, AB) which is approximately 1.5 hours southeast of Okotoks. We will be staying at "The Fort" at SABC, not in the main lodge.

### ***2. What are the facilities like?***

The Fort has a large dining room, kitchen and comfortable areas. Students will be separated into boys and girls cabins. There are lots of activities for students including hiking in the back country, canoeing, archery, laser tag, and a giant swing.

### ***3. What kind of supervision is there?***

Students will be supervised by Summit West staff while at SABC with a ratio of 5:1 plus there will be camp counsellors leading students in games and activities. Students will share dormitories with their camp counsellors and teachers. We do not allow parents to attend the year end trip as this is an opportunity for students to gain independence and courage while building self-confidence away from their family.

### ***4. Do you serve meals?***

We will bring all of the food necessary to make three meals per day. Students will help their camp counsellors cook meals and clean up after cooking. It is recommended that students bring snacks for times when they are hungry between meals.

### ***5. Is there cell phone reception?***

Yes, there is cell phone service/wifi at the Fort, however, we encourage students spend time with their friends enjoying the great outdoors! If students are utilizing their cell phones, we reserve the right to check their devices if we have suspicions of misuse such as sending inappropriate messages or taking inappropriate pictures.

### ***6. SABC is a church-based camp, how will that impact the year end trip?***

The facility is owned and operated by a faith-based group, however, we are renting the space with our own staff, activities, and food. There will be no religious activities or events for our students.

### ***7. What are the accommodations like?***

The facility has two "motel-style" buildings, one for boys and one for girls. They are heated and groups use them year round. There are flush toilets and showers, however some students might just come home dirty and have a bath at home.

### ***8. Is my child able to drive to SABC?***

Due to a number of reasons, students cannot drive themselves to SABC for the year end trip. If your child is required to leave early, please connect with Brad or Tracey with potential solutions.

## **Important Information**

- We will check bags and review policies and procedures before the bus departs at 10am.
- We anticipate arriving back to school at approximately 2:00 pm.
- Students are welcome to take the bus to and from school as per usual, however, space is limited in the van so they may need to put their bags on their laps.
- The students will be sleeping in shared, dorm-style rooms. Boys and girls will be separated and the student to adult supervision is at a ratio of 6:1.
- Students will be responsible for keeping their room tidy and cleaning up any messes after meals. All food is provided by Summit West and prepared by staff & students.
- The students will ensure appropriate behaviour (as per the code of conduct form - attached), be respectful to SABC staff and Summit West staff.
- There are lots of activities to choose from at SABC: canoeing/kayaking, swimming, archery, giant swing, basketball, 9-square, rock climbing, escape room, hiking, billiards, playing board games or just hanging with your friends. All activities are optional and students are welcome to participate or just relax before exams in June.
- Our trip home includes lunch at either A&W, Subway, or Dairy Queen. Students will either need money to purchase food or to bring their own lunch.

## **Contact Information:**

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Brad Masterson - (403) 809-6384

SABC Main Office - (403) 792-3644

## **Other staff attending:**

Logan Robbins

Heather Thomas

Keeli Francis

Emilee Mitchell

## **PACKING LIST**

All clothing should be items you are willing to get dirty/torn. Please bring clothes for warm and cold weather as it is cold in the morning and at night but may be warm in the afternoon). Uniforms are not required for the year end trip.

***Please pack items in a backpack or duffle bag, not a suitcase as it is more difficult to fit on the bus. All bags will be CHECKED before loaded on the bus so please review the “DO NOT PACK” list and ensure none of the items are in your personal belongings.***

- 2x Pants
- 2x Shorts
- 3x Socks and Underwear
- 2x Hoodie or Sweatshirt
- 2x T-shirt
- 1x Long Sleeve shirt (optional but good if it is extra cool outside)
- Durable and Waterproof rain gear (optional)
- Flashlight or headlamp (with new batteries)
- Indoor slippers or shoes
- Mosquito repellent
- Pillow (with pillow case)
- Sleeping Bag
- Outside shoes (optional pair of water shoes)
- Personal toiletries (soap, shampoo, towel, toothbrush and toothpaste, etc.)
- Sun hat, cowboy hat, or baseball cap
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Water bottle (can be refilled)
- Swimwear, including beach towel (life jackets are supplied)
- Toque and gloves (hats keep body heat in)
- Warm jacket (for windy days and/or chilly evenings)

**Please note: Beds only have a mattress, no bedding is provided**

## WHAT “NOT TO PACK” LIST

Please review the following list and ensure you are not bringing any of these items. The staff at Summit West will check all bags and reserve the right to check bags or personal belongings at any time during the year end trip. If any of these items are found in your belongings your parents/guardian will be asked to pick you up immediately.

Prohibited Items:

- Clothing with inappropriate messages or images
- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Cigarettes
- Vapes
- Perfumes
- Body Spray (ex-the-axe)
- Bear Spray
- Knives
- Fireworks
- Nail Polish
- Nail Polish remover
- Hair dye
- Laser Pointers
- Weapons of any sort
- Glitter
- Slime
- Curling Irons
- Inappropriate reading materials
- Pets
- Edmonton Oilers Jersey
- Candles/Matches

**To sum it all up, we are asking you to pack responsibly. You only need the basics that are included on the packing list. Please do bring extra items.**

**SABC YEAR END TRIP  
PLEASE READ & ACKNOWLEDGE**

The year end trip is a privilege, and participating students are expected to behave in a manner that best represents our school community. A school administrator will be contacted immediately in cases of inappropriate behaviour. Violations of policies, the Student Code of Conduct, or any items listed below may result in a student being sent home.

1. Valuables should be left at home. School officials are not responsible for personal items.
2. All students bags and personal belongings will be searched prior to being loaded for the trip and at any time during the trip if an administrator has reasonable suspicion that the item contains prohibited items of any kind. This includes cell phones if an administrator believes it was used to send inappropriate messages or take inappropriate pictures. Inappropriate cell phone use may result in confiscation.
3. Students will follow the instructions of the adult chaperones at all times.
4. Students will not deface or otherwise damage property. Any damages to property or furnishings will be paid for by the individual student and/or his or her parents.
5. Students will spend the night or nights in their assigned rooms, except in the case of emergency. Students will remain in their rooms after curfew.
6. Students must be in their assigned rooms and quiet at the curfew set by administrators.
7. School activities and trips are to be tobacco-free, alcohol-free, drug-free, and weapon-free. Students are prohibited from possessing, using, or conveying alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, prescription drugs not prescribed to the student, tobacco products, and weapons on school trips. The presence of any of the items listed above in a student's luggage, personal effects, or hotel room may be considered to be possession of the item, regardless of whether the student actually uses the prohibited substance or weapon. If a student wishes to bring a carving knife for the purpose of making marshmallow sticks (or the like), they must notify Mr. Masterson and hand in their knife upon arrival to school.
8. Foul or inappropriate language will not be tolerated. Students will receive a warning and, if they are unable to control their language, they will immediately return to school for the remainder of the trip.
9. Disrespectful behaviour will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to, knocking on cabin doors after curfew, climbing on buildings, and disrespecting property.
10. In case of illness or injury, parental permission will be sought before seeking medical care.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules pertaining to the SABC year end trip. We understand that any violation of these rules, or any other misconduct, may result in the student being sent home immediately.

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Student Name (print)

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Student Signature

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Date