



**CAMP**  
B A L D W I N

**Leaders' Guide  
2025**



*A Ministry of the Baldwin Baptist Association*

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## STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe fully that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the only written record of God's revelation of Himself to man.
2. We believe the teachings of the Bible are relevant to today's society and to traditional family values.
3. We believe salvation is a gift of God through faith in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.



## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Camp Baldwin, as a ministry of Baldwin Baptist Association, is a facility that exists for the purpose of providing a place where the churches, associations, and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention can empower kingdom growth by doing evangelism and discipleship in the name of Jesus Christ.

The goal of Camp Baldwin is to provide an environment in its facilities and activities that encourages development in spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical areas.

Camp Baldwin does permit other Christian denominational groups, and nonprofit groups whose purpose and objectives are compatible with those of Camp Baldwin to use the facilities, as space is available.

In keeping with the purpose of Camp Baldwin, the Camp Director has the authority to schedule or refuse use of the facilities. Any group using the facilities must agree to abide with rules and regulations, safety procedures, and the Statements of Faith and Purpose.

# CAMP BALDWIN AT A GLANCE

(EFFECTIVE DATE 08/01/2025)

**Please read this Leader's Guide thoroughly and understand that the group leader is responsible for all guests under his or her supervision. The group leader (as per your contract) agrees to follow all policies listed in the Leader's Guide and in the Guest Information Sheet.**

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## *CAMP BALDWIN CAMPUS*

Tours of the camp facilities are welcomed.

Please call **251-987-5100** to set-up a day & time.\*

\*Tours are unavailable during Summer Months.

66 acres on beautiful Wolf Bay just off the Gulf of Mexico

Within a 15 mile radius of Camp Baldwin are beautiful beaches, an outlet mall, golf courses, Waterville, OWA and other recreational activities.

### **BUILDINGS** All buildings are temperature controlled.

#### **Pine Lodge** Capacity 64

4 units with 16 beds & a bathroom in each unit

Large conference room (27' x 43') with kitchen area

Flat Screen TV Mounted in Conference Room

Screened porch & separate lodging for speaker

#### **Bayview Lodge** Capacity 64 **\*Not available in Summer months**

2 rooms of 12 beds; 4 rooms of 10 beds

1 adjoining conference room (50' x 36')

#### **Oak Lodge** Capacity 80

8 units with 10 beds & a bathroom in each unit

Large conference room (36' x 49') with kitchen area

Small conference room (29' x 27') with kitchen area

Flat Screen TV Mounted in Conference Area

#### **Magnolia Lodge** 33 units

During Summer Months: total max capacity is 239

26 units with 8 bunk beds & a bathroom – capacity of 208

7 motel units (1 handicap accessible unit)

All months except summer – total max capacity is 129

30 motel units with 2 extra-long full-size beds & a bathroom

3 handicap accessible motel units - 1 extra-long full-size bed, 1 single bed & a bathroom.

#### Conference Rooms:

Front Conference Room – 51' x 52'—8' x 16' stage

Back Conference Room – 40' x 66'

Bayside Motel Guest Lodge \* --32'x 42'

\*Conference room only during Summer Months

## **Cypress Lodge**    12 units

During Summer Months – total capacity is 92

11 rooms with 8 bunk beds and a bathroom- capacity of 88

1 motel room with 2 queen beds

All months except summer – total capacity is 48

12 motel units – 2 queen beds and a bathroom

Large Conference Room (44' x 60') – 8' x 16' stage

**Chapel** - seating capacity of 150 (75' x 45')

Equipped with a stage and podium.

## **Hickory Hall**

**Dining Hall** - Entrance on west end of porch

**Gym** – available for all groups by reservation only

3 small conference rooms upstairs in Gym (approx. 400 sq. ft. each)\*

\*Rooms available for reservation, at an additional cost

**Camp Store** - Hickory Hall Porch

Souvenirs, snacks, and toiletries.

Ice Cream available during summer months

**Game Room**

Available by reservation

## **Camp Office**

Located in brick building by camp entrance

## **OUTDOOR AREAS**

### **Gazebo**

Shaded seating area for group devotions or for individual relaxation, meditation, or bay watching

### **Pavilions** (Bayside and Lakeside)

Shaded areas for devotions, crafts, play or fellowship

### **Prayer Garden**

Peaceful area by the bay for small group or individuals

### **Amphitheatre**

Stage with seating at the cross by the bay.

## **RECREATION AREAS**

### **Gym**

Indoor full court gym - Year round

Basketball, volleyball, foosball, and other indoor games

### **Fishing**

(catch & release) In Wolf Bay from pier (salt water) and in

Freshwater lake (designated areas only)

### **Game Room \*\*\***

Foosball, air hockey, dual shot arcade basketball, shuffleboard, ping pong, bumper pool, as well as an area for table games.

### **Nature Trail**

Various walking trails are available on property.

### **Challenge Course \*\*\***

Low ropes with traverse climbing wall

### **Pavilions**

table tennis, carpet pool, picnic areas

### **Outdoor Sports Areas**

basketball court

volleyball courts

soccer field

Frisbee Golf (4 holes)

Miniature golf course

recreational fields

octoball

### **Campfire \*\***

Fire ring areas located by the bay and the lake

### **Summer Water Sports\*\*\*    *No swimming in the bay***

(May 26-August 3)

Lifeguard assigned areas

2700 square foot swimming pool

Fresh Water Lake with:

Designated swim area w/ turbo slide

100 foot water slide

Water zipline

Canoes, pedal boats, & kayaks

\*Lifejackets must be worn in Lake at all times

\*Limited Availability to water activities in non-summer months

\*\*\* must request day & time before arrival- requires camp staff supervision

\*\* must request day, time and location before arrival

## **ADDITIONAL CAMPUS INFORMATION**

**Ice**                      available on Hickory Hall Porch (\$1 per bag)

**Sports Equipment**    available to check out at office/camp store/game room

**Lost and Found:**        located in Camp Baldwin Office

**Additional Restrooms** Hickory Hall Foyer, Lake Pavilion (during Summer Afternoon Recreation), and on the back of Bayview

**Wireless :** *Adult leaders are welcome to use our wireless internet connection. You may request the WEP key in the office.*

## FOOD SERVICE

Meals are **promptly** served at starting time. We ask that guests come as a group to the dining hall at the assigned time.

**January 1-May 18/August 11-December 31 Meal Times:**

**Breakfast 7:30am Lunch 12pm Supper: 5:30pm\***

**\*Friday night supper is at 6pm.**

**Summer (May 26 to August 3) Meal Times:**

Meal shifts will be assigned by camp staff, to group leaders in **Spring 2025.**

**If any guest has food allergies or requires a special diet, the group leader must make the office aware via final count/allergy form at least 14 days prior to arrival. Camp Baldwin is NOT a Certified Gluten Free Kitchen.**

## RESERVATIONS

Contact camp office for available dates. After dates and details have been confirmed, Camp Baldwin will issue you a Reservation Contract Packet. The signed contract, certificate of liability insurance, and deposit check will be due on or before the designated date as stated on the contract.

**One month before arrival**, your completed Request Form and a copy of your camp schedule will be due.

**Two weeks before retreat date**, the camp should be notified of your final number of guests, any food allergies or other restrictions as well as any adjustments to your requested activities. If a set-up team would like to arrive early, please contact the camp office. Any changes to number of guests after this date will result in charges for unused meals. A billing statement will be prepared for you and final payment is due, at check-in. Any decreases after check-in will not be adjusted on the invoice.

**Upon arrival**, the Group Leader should check-in with the office, located near the camp entrance. All guests (students, adults, leaders, etc.) must sign the Liability Release waiver before attending any event at Camp Baldwin. Anyone under the age of 19 must have a parent/guardian signature as well. This must be given to the group leader and turned in by the group leader upon arrival at camp. In order to best meet these conditions, we suggest collecting these before your retreat date. In consideration of our guests' safety, each group will be assigned specific colored wrist bands to be worn while at camp. Wrist bands are used for the purpose of identification, recreation and meals. A representative of Camp Baldwin will give a brief (about five minutes)

welcome and orientation. This is only for groups with a majority of children and youth.

**Before departure**, motel room keys should be turned into the office. Return any equipment (such as golf clubs, extension cords, cables, etc.) to the office. Inspect all rooms for unclaimed objects, trash or damage. A Camp Representative and the Group Leader will inspect rooms *prior* to departure.

**CAMP RATE GUIDELINES**

***PLEASE CALL CAMP OFFICE FOR DAY GUEST RATES***

Check-in time is 2 hours before the start of the first meal and checkout time is 3 hours after the start of the last meal. One night pricing applies to a 3 meal window. Additional meals may be added in advance, dependent on availability. Early check-in and/or late checkout may be arranged in advance, if available (an additional fee will apply).

Children, attending with parent/guardian will be charged as follows:

0-2 years of age: no charge; 3-5 years of age: half price; six years and older: full price.

**DORMITORY NIGHTLY PER GUEST RATES**

**(Bunk-style lodging includes meals)**

Linens, towels, pillows, paper towels and hand soap are **NOT** furnished for Bayview, Pine, Oak, Magnolia or Cypress bunkrooms.

The dormitory nightly per guest rate includes 1 night’s lodging, up to 3 meals, a conference room, and seasonal recreation areas. Other meeting rooms may be available at an additional charge.

**Dorm Deposits** are **Nonrefundable AND Nontransferable** and based on the number of guests you believe will attend camp. First deposit is 20% of the minimum number of guests multiplied by camp rate) and due 2 weeks after contract is issued. (For summer months, the second deposit is 20% of the adjusted minimum number of guests multiplied by the camp rate and due at a time between the 1<sup>st</sup> deposit and camp arrival date, as stated on the reservation contract.)

**Pine, Oak, Cypress, and Magnolia Lodges**

**Pine**

***Summer Rates (May 26-August 3)***

***Speaker’s Room\****

\$60.00

\$65.00

**Pine, Oak and Bayview Lodges**

**Pine**

***Winter Rates (Jan 1-May 18/Aug 11-Dec 31)***

***Speaker’s Room\****

\$57.00

\$62.00



\*Towels and bedding are furnished for Pine Speaker's room

## MAGNOLIA AND CYPRESS MOTEL UNITS

### NIGHTLY PER GUEST RATES

**Nightly rate (does not include meals)**

**Meals are \$10 per meal per person**

**Towels and bedding are furnished for all motel units.**

The motel nightly per guest rate includes 1 night's lodging, a conference room and seasonal recreational areas. If available, an extra meeting room may be reserved at an additional cost.

**Motel Deposits** are based on the number of motel units you wish to reserve (# units x # nights x \$20). **Deposit is nonrefundable AND nontransferable for units reserved but not used.**

**\*There is a \$15 charge per unreturned motel key**

Number Guests per Room	Rate per Guest
1	\$64
2	\$44
3	\$39
4	\$35

## GUESTS' POLICIES

### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

**Smoking is not permitted on camp property. Damage charges may apply.**

Parking allowed only in designated areas. **Please do not drive on grass, as it could damage septic systems.** To reduce the risk of injury to guests, driving on campus should be limited to arrival and departure only and a speed limit of **10 mph** at all times. **Due to an unavoidable insurance increase, we are now charging a \$25 per stay charge per golf cart used on camp grounds by guests.** There is also an additional waiver to be signed by the drivers of the vehicle.

Camp Baldwin reserves the right to assign meeting room(s), bunk style units and motel units according to the needs of all groups present. Your group will be notified of these assignments before arrival.

Please don't remove tables or chairs from meeting rooms, motel rooms or dorm rooms.

Water balloons, shaving cream, sidewalk chalk, etc. are discouraged. But if used, they **MUST** be approved, used only in the designated area assigned by Camp Staff and cleaned up immediately after use. Please immediately remove any tarps used for activities in the field so that grass is not damaged.

Facilities are to be clean and in order prior to departure. Each group is **responsible for damages** resulting from negligence. **Please do not put any tape, command strips, push pins, staples, or nails on doors or walls.** Signs may be taped to room windows. We recommend a daily inspection of dorms.

**All Merchandising Sales** not directly associated with Camp Baldwin are subject to approval prior to retreat date.

A complimentary **Group Picture** will be emailed to your group leader. Pictures/videos of you or your group may be used on our website or other promotional publications. If you prefer for us not to use your picture(s), please bring this to our attention.

## CHAPERONES

Every effort should be made to ensure chaperones of children and youth are properly screened to protect guests from acts of abuse. This screening might include but is not limited to background checks, criminal record checks, interviews and fingerprinting. **Adult Leaders (18 and older) are expected to accompany and supervise children and youth at all times (especially around water).** Activities such as challenge course and water events cannot begin until adult supervision has arrived. A buddy system is highly recommended.

**By 11 pm curfew, all campers and leaders are to retire, quietly, to their assigned dorms or motel rooms or group conference room.**

There should be adult chaperones assigned to each dorm room. For the safety and wellbeing of our minor aged guests, the adult leaders are responsible to see that children and youth do not leave the dorms during the night without an adult.

## NON REGISTERED GUESTS

**All** visitors (non-registered guests) are required to sign-in and receive Guest ID or Day Pass in the camp office. Arrangements for any meals must be made with the Group Leader and the camp be notified prior to retreat date. Payment for day pass and/or meal(s) should be made in the camp office. Please call the camp office for day and meal rates. **Guests/Day Pass IDs must be worn at all times.**

## ITEMS NOT PERMITTED

Pets, chewing gum, skateboards/scooters, heelys (skate shoes), silly string, glitter, fireworks, alcohol, knives, tobacco (in any form), guns, and illegal drugs. If found, these items should be confiscated by group leader. T-shirts, caps, etc., that advertise alcohol or tobacco, or are of a suggestive nature should not be worn. Wax candles are not permitted (LED candles only).

**Swimwear:** No 2 piece swimsuits allowed unless a dark colored t-shirt is worn as a cover. Cutoffs, swim shoes, jewelry, hair extensions or hair clasps of any type are not allowed in the pool because they could damage the pool.

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

If a family member needs to contact a guest, first call the group leader on their cell phone. You may also call the camp office at 251.987.5100 and leave a message. Messages will be delivered to the group leader as soon as possible.

## INSURANCE AND ACCIDENTS

**Each group is expected to have adequate insurance coverage for their guests.** A Certificate of Liability insurance stating Camp Baldwin as Certificate Holder must be provided with signed contract. **Camp Baldwin does not assume any responsibility for medical expenses incurred as a result of accident or illness while guests are using its facility.**

A first aid kit is available in the Camp Office for the group leaders to treat minor injuries. More serious problems will need to be referred to a physician or hospital emergency room at the discretion of the group leader. We cannot administer medications. **In case of emergency, the nearest hospital, Baldwin Health, is located north on Highway 59 in Foley; 251.949.3400. There is also the Baldwin Health - Freestanding Emergency Department located south on Highway 59 in Gulf Shores; 251.215.4853.**

## SEVERE WEATHER

The reservation contract is subject to termination by Camp Baldwin without notice for Act of God or extreme natural disaster. Camp Baldwin will remain open unless under a mandatory evacuation.

## **Camp Baldwin is located on Wolf Bay between Foley and Gulf Shores.**

Traveling Interstate 10 take the Loxley Exit 44 and travel south on State Highway 59 through Summerdale or take exit 49 onto the Baldwin Beach Express. Either way, turn left onto the Foley Beach Express. Stay south. Turn left onto County Road 20 (McDonald's on the right). Go east 3 miles to the Marathon Station. Turn right and continue on County Road 20 one mile to Baptist Camp Road. Turn right and follow this road until you see the Camp Baldwin entrance.

Traveling Interstate 65 take exit 37 to Hwy. 287. Continue on Hwy 287 to the Hwy 59 junction then travel South on Hwy 59 (Gulf Shores Parkway). (You may also from I-65 take exit 34 directly to Hwy. 59.) Travel south on 59 through Summerdale & follow directions listed above.

Traveling US Hwy 98 from Pensacola at traffic light before entering Elberta turn left onto County Road 95 and travel 3.6 miles to junction County Road 20. Turn right onto County Road 20 and travel 2.5 miles to Baptist Camp Road. Turn left and follow on to the campus.

Traveling Beach Express from Orange Beach north, go 6.4 miles. Turn right onto Mifflin Road/CR-20. Go 3.0 miles. Turn right onto CR 20 (at Marathon Station – formerly BP), go 1.2 miles. Turn Right onto Baptist Camp Road. Go 1.1 miles; enter Camp Baldwin, 8749 Baptist Camp Road, Elberta, AL.

