

FAQ's - Softball Youth Challenge

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How does the Christian mission of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes shape the way camp is run?

Our staff takes care of your children in a respectful, caring and God-honoring manner. We share life and baseball lessons by integrating character in competition. We seek excellence in all that we do as a way of honoring God.

What is the typical age/skill level at the College Softball Youth Challenge?

Ages range from 5-14 and it is open to girls only.

Who will Coach my Child?

We put on a quality and unique camp experience with talented players and coaches from the college level.

Do you have a registration deadline? How many openings do you have available for campers to attend?

Yes. We strive for excellence in our camps and therefore have to limit how many campers can attend. We want to make sure we have a good ratio of coach to camper. This camp has grown to the size where we have to limit how many can participate and why we highly encourage you to register as soon as possible.

How are the kids grouped? What if my child is more advanced for his/her age?

The campers are grouped by age level: 5 & 6 years, 7 & 8 years, 9 & 10 years, 11 & 12 years and 13 & 14 years. The coaches are good at challenging kids at their own level. Regardless of skill level, campers need to practice fundamentals and this is emphasized. If a parent feels they're child should be in a different age group they should contact FCA Staff Rigo Lopez prior to the event.

Can my camper be placed in a group with a friend/sibling?

Absolutely. Campers are placed in groups by age. If they are the same age, you can request that they be put into the same group. If they are not the same age, then we can place them in a different age group with your permission. Groups are formed about one week from the start of the camp and requests should be made prior to this time.

What does the softball camp schedule look like?

Camp starts out with a Welcome and Introduction of Coaches followed by a Skill Stations rotation in their age groups. In these stations they focus on skill and drill instruction to reinforce fundamentals necessary in game competition. The camp breaks for water periodically throughout the skill instruction period. The afternoon session consists of a fun game competition and finishes with an inspirational panel with some of the college athletes and coaches.

Do you offer scholarships?

Yes. Contact FCA Staff, Rigo Lopez 408-300-0744 or rigolopez@fca.org for more information about requesting or providing scholarships.

Do I need to stay at the camp? How do I pick up my child at the end of the day?

You are not required to stay but are welcome to watch and observe from the stands. Each camper is asked to stay on the premises until a parent or guardian picks them up. Also, during registration please give the names of those people who have permission to pick up your child at the end of the day if you are unable to do so.

What do I wear the day of camp?

Campers should wear softball attire (ie. shirt, softball pants, cleats and hat). Shorts are not recommended. Campers must have their own glove and they are encouraged to bring their own bat and helmet if they have one.

What should I bring to Camp?

Please have your child bring water or a sport's drink to have during our break times. Sunscreen is also highly recommended. Campers may refill their water bottles from our water coolers if they run out. Campers are also encouraged to bring snacks for themselves to help them get through the afternoon. We will also provide snacks as well during one of our stations.

What happens if I need to cancel my camp registration prior to camp?

If something comes up where your child cannot participate and you notify us prior to the start of the camp we will refund you a portion of your fee. We will deduct a \$15 processing fee from your deposit.

What happens if it rains and the camp is canceled due to poor field conditions?

Once you are registered, your fees are non-refundable. We do our best to keep costs low and reasonable so families of all economic backgrounds can afford to attend (scholarships are provided for families in financial hardship). There is a lot of time and organization that takes place into putting on this type of quality camp. We have been blessed with good weather over the years to be able to host this camp in the Fall.

What is shared during the inspirational time?

We choose college athletes and coaches to share who are outstanding role models. They share about their life experiences in softball and how to be the best competitor they can be on and off the field. We encourage our coaches to speak about character, education, sportsmanship and their faith. Some of our coaches share their personal testimonies of how God has impacted their lives. We highly encourage all parents and families to attend this portion of camp. We aim to begin this portion the final 45 minutes of camp and finish with fun prizes, give-aways and autographs.