Apply Online

Camp is open to students who have finished the 6th grade through 12th grade seniors (including those who graduated this year). Apply online:

https://karnschurch.org/leadershipcamp

Parents must complete & sign the following:

1. Application
2. Medical release form
3. Photo/video release form

Campers need to digitally sign a **student agreement**, which is part of the same online application.

In **case of an emergency**, campers will be treated at the most convenient hospital for any injury incurred. We will always try to notify a parent or guardian first. Although the medical form is detailed, it is for the purpose of ensuring your child's safety while under the care of the Southeast Leadership Camp.

The deadline to submit the online application is May 17, 2026 @ 4PM

Director & Oversight

The Southeast Leadership Camp is directed by Christian Frans (Youth Minister for the Karns Church of Christ) in partnership with the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies and overseen by the elders of the Karns Church of Christ.

Location & Contact Info

Southeast Leadership Camp is located at the Karns Church of Christ and the onsite Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies. We are in the heart of the Karns community and a 20 minute drive from downtown Knoxville. You can find us easily on Google or Apple Maps.

Karns Church of Christ
6612 Beaver Ridge Rd
Knoxville, TN 37931

youth@karnschurch.org
www.karnschurch.org

Drop Off and Pick Up Information

Please arrive at the Karns Church of Christ building by 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time for orientation and set up for VBS May 30th. A meal will be served that morning for campers, parents, and staff.

Camp concludes on Sunday, June 7th following our 10 a.m. worship service.

Register Now

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SOUTHEAST LEADERSHIP CAMP

Training Young Men and Women to be Leaders in the Church

Saturday, May 30 - Sunday, June 7, 2026
6th-12th Grades
Karns Church of Christ

Hosted by

KARNS CHURCH OF CHRIST

SOUTHEAST INSTITUTE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MAKING PREACHERS

Our Purpose

In Luke 2:52, the Bible teaches Jesus grew in “wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and man.” We have endeavored to create an environment where young people can reproduce this same kind of growth in their own lives, with an emphasis on service and Christ’s church.

As a function of this mission, campers will:

- Grow in their relationship with the Lord.
- Develop leadership skills to effectively serve local congregations.
- Develop the ability to apply God’s Word in their daily lives.
- Prepare a lesson to present on Sunday.

What to Bring

- A paper copy of the Bible
- Notebook, pens, or pencils
- A sleeping bag and pillow
- Towel, washcloths, and toiletries
- Swimming trunks/suits for separate swim time on Saturday afternoon.
- A set of clothes that you don’t mind getting wet and muddy for water day.
- Young men are encouraged to bring a coat and tie for the Sunday morning service on May 31st and June 7th. Appropriate casual clothes are fine for the day. However, please bring jeans or other workable pants to serve in for VBS.
- Young ladies should wear dresses (knee length) or dress pants with a blouse (no low-cut or sleeveless) for worship settings.
- Casual clothes — tennis shoes, jeans, shorts, etc. for daily activities. Shorts must be knee-length and no sleeveless or low-cut shirts please.

Cost & Lodging

There is a $10 cost for the camp. All meals and material costs will be provided by the Karns Church of Christ. Additionally, all of those who attend the camp will stay in the homes of members of the Karns congregation. There are costs associated with attending Dollywood. See the “Dollywood” section for more info.

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Class Topics

- Sermon Preparation
- Church Leadership
- Song Leading
- Youth Ministry
- Evangelism & Missions
- The Minister & His Work
- Teaching Bible Classes
- Apologetics & Worldview
- Bible Study Methods
- Technology in Ministry
- Planning Ladies’ Events
- Doctrinal Issues
- Visiting & Encouragement
- Service in the church
- And many more...

Activities

- Morning Chapel
- Daily classes on leadership
- Field trips (fun and service-driven) & fun activities (swimming, bowling, etc)
- VBS Prep and Execution
- Sunday Service led by the young men & Bible classes taught by the young ladies.

Dollywood

We will go to Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, TN. The cost for this trip is $70 which includes supper. You can pay the $70 online when you register. If you have a Dollywood Season Pass, the cost is only $10. This trip is optional so please indicate your plans when you register.