

DDD Frequently Asked Questions 2022

Our family is new to DDD. What do I need to know?

Registration is VERY competitive. Most tickets are gone within 10 minutes of registration opening. By tickets, we mean Day Camper (attending 9:30- 4:00), Commuter (attending 9 a.m.-9 p.m.) or male or female resident (overnight in the dorm) options. There is a Waiting List ticket which is free; it allows you to indicate class preferences, but means you are open to taking any of the above tickets should they become available.

Each ticket holder indicates their top three class preferences for the morning and the afternoon. Please do not list the same class option for all your preferences. We will assess availability once most tickets are sold, and let you know in May in which classes you are enrolled. We do our best to get students in at least one of their first or second choices.

When does registration open?

Registration opens at 10:00 a.m. CDT on Tuesday, April 12. All registration is online at www.dordt.edu/ddd. The “Register Here” button goes live at exactly 10 a.m. You can register more than one child at a time.

What do I need to have ready for registration?

- You need your student’s 3 class choices (in order of preference) for both the morning and afternoon time slots.
- Your child’s t-shirt size (adult sizes only)
- a parent email address so we can communicate camp details with you
- Alternative adult contact
- Your child’s preferred roommate (please confirm they plan to attend)
- a credit card for payment

What if my student doesn’t have a roommate?

Many students come without a roommate. If you leave that blank on your registration or say potluck, we will put your child with someone their age. Resident students are placed in groups of eight to ten with a college-aged counselor to make sure students settle in and adjust well to activities.

What about medical forms?

Students cannot attend camp without a completed medical form. We have a link online for you to send it electronically by May 1 and we will send a reminder email to parents following April 12 to those that are registered for camp. Any students who have not submitted the form cannot be guaranteed a spot at camp.

Can more than two students stay in a room?

Sometimes three students can be assigned to one room if they request it. Realize that one student will sleep on a mattress on the floor. We do not have capacity to offer single room housing at this camp. We cannot change room assignments once campers have checked in to camp and moved in.

What if I need to cancel?

If you cancel before May 10, all but \$25 of your deposit will be refunded. To cancel, contact Dianne.dewit@dordt.edu

Is there financial assistance for camp?

A very limited number of grants will be awarded to students who show financial need. Grants are awarded first come, first served with a standard grant covering half of registration costs. Confirmation of need must also be submitted by a second party (school/church). Students can submit applications until April 10. To apply, contact dianne.dewit@dordt.edu. Expect to make full payment when you register knowing that some of it may be refunded by the end of April if a grant is awarded.

How do I make arrangements for my child's special dietary needs?

Special dietary needs should be listed on the registration form where it asks if there for any health or dietary concerns. You may also indicate needs and concerns on the medical form. Your child will be responsible to make their needs known to dietary staff when they come to meals.

I've registered. What's next?

Watch for an immediate email that confirms we have received your registration. It will list the top three choices your student has indicated, your roommate preference and your payment. This does NOT confirm that you are IN these classes. That comes later. Keep this for your records.

In May, you will receive class and/or roommate confirmations. We will send you an email asking you to sign our liability form and medical form on our website, which must be completed by May 1 to secure your spot in camp.

What healthcare is available to my child at camp?

We will have a camp nurse on campus. Students must handle their own medications and be responsible for their safe keeping. Any medical emergencies will be handled by calling 911 or your student will be transported to the local clinic/hospital by camp staff.

Can local students go off campus during the week for other activities such as ball games or appointments?

We strongly discourage making any dentist or other appointments during the week or taking your students off campus for any reason. Written parental consent is necessary for students to leave campus.

How much spending money should I send with my student?

We provide morning, afternoon, and evening snacks for your child so they do not need extra cash for food. They may wish to go to the pool after the afternoon class (cost is \$6/time) or purchase something at the Campus Store. There is no need for them to have lots of cash.

What should my student bring?

Students should bring:

- personal items
- swimsuit and towel
- comfortable clothes for class (No short shorts, bare midriffs or inappropriate necklines)
- grubby clothes for some evening activities
- tennis shoes
- minimal cash
- over-the-counter pain relievers (if needed)

Residents

- Pillow and a sleeping bag or twin-size bedding
- Towels, shampoo, and soap

Each room has a set of bunks; each wing has a shared bathroom.

Some instructors may contact you via email to bring something special for their class. Watch for that in June.

What should my student NOT bring to camp?

DO NOT bring:

- dorm refrigerators
- cases or coolers with pop

- Wii or Xbox
- excessive snacks or power drinks
- scooters or skateboards
- sound systems

Note: Cell phones must be used appropriately. We request they are turned off during class or organized activities.

What if my student loses something?

The Information Desk in the Campus Center serves as our lost and found station. Also, lost items will be shown in morning announcements where students may claim them easily. Dordt University is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Residents must lock their dorm rooms at all times.

When can students move into the dorms?

Students may move into the dormitory Covenant Hall on Monday morning at 7:30 a.m. Move in should be completed before 9 a.m. when our first session begins.

Where do we go when we arrive the first morning of camp?

- Residents should do directly to their dorm. Shirts, nametags, and other information will be in the dorm.
- Day Campers and Commuters can go to the West Commons (look for the building with the flag pole in front) to pick up their t-shirts, nametags, and other information.

All campers and their families can have breakfast at the commons

9 a.m.- All report to the Campus Center (lower level) for our kickoff, announcements, and introduction to instructors. Families are welcome to join.

9:30 a.m.- Classes begin.

I need a campus map. How do I find my way around?

Find our campus map at <http://www.dordt.edu/campus/>.

Where should day campers and commuters be picked up and when?

Drop off/ pick-up location for Commuters and Day Campers is the Campus Center. Pull up at the circular drive out front. Day campers are on campus from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily (breakfast is not included in your package). Commuters are on campus from 9 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (breakfast is not included in your package). A secure location for Day Campers and Commuters to leave personal items is the Information Desk located near the main entry of Campus Center.

What's my student's schedule for the week?

8:00-8:30	Breakfast in the commons for residents
9:00	Devotions/announcements- Campus Center
9:30-12	Morning class
12:00-12:30	Lunch, Commons
12-1:30	Free time: Game Room, Quiz bowl, or Rec Center
1:30-4:00	Afternoon class
4:00	Day Campers leave campus. Pick up spot: Campus Center
4:00-6:30	Free time. Pool open from 4:00-5:30, cost \$6. Game Room open 4:00-5:30.
5:30-6:00	Supper, Commons
6:30-8:30	Organized group activities- Meet at Campus Center
9:00	Commuters leave campus. Pick up spot: Campus Center
9:00	Praise and Worship, small group devotions
10:00	Residents in dorm!
10:30	Lights Out!

How do I contact camp directors or get messages to my student?

Alicia Bowar: 605-216-5165 (cell) or Alicia.bowar@dordt.edu

Josie Faber: 712-578-8742 (cell) Josie.Faber@dordt.edu

How can I keep up with what's going on during the week?

Watch our Dordt Discovery Days Facebook page for pictures and updates.

When does camp end and resident students need to check out on Friday?

Camp ends at 4 p.m. Resident Check out time is 4:00-5:00 pm. Keys MUST be turned in to the counselors in the dorm lobby. Buildings will be locked at 5 p.m.

