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Camp Sumatanga

Sumatanga Camp & Conference Center
Gallant, Alabama

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About iStand Survivor Camp 2023

iStand Survivor Camp connects IPCA survivors through a vibrant, fun summer camp experience. Through outdoors experiences, arts enrichment, excursions, team building activities and therapeutic community, Survivor Camp will help youth survivors heal and make lifelong friendships and awesome camp memories. This co-ed camp is open to IPCA survivors aged 8 - 21.

F.A.Q.s

Why did the Survivor Camp location change?

We had an absolute blast during our first Survivor Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. Some might say we even “glamped” at our hotel accommodations. It was super fun, but we want survivors to have a true, authentic outdoors camp experience, complete with campfires, camp songs and marshmallows!

Camp Sumatanga Camp and Conference Center is a breathtakingly beautiful property, with a 55-acre lake, abundant trails, swimming pool, archery, and outdoor amphitheater and more! Not to worry, though. Our accommodations have wi-fi!

How many youth survivors are coming to camp?

We’re excited to welcome 7-8 boys and 7-8 girls for Survivor Camp 2023.

Where will we stay?

We have reserved Camp Sumatanga [Retreat Centers](#) 1 and 3.

Campers and camp counselors will stay in Retreat Center 1. Each room has double occupancy, full-sized beds and a private bathroom. We will assign roommates for the camp by gender, and to match new campers with returning campers.

Volunteers, staff and accompanying parents will stay in Retreat Center 3.

Is the camp co-ed?

Yes. Survivor Camp is co-ed. We will have male and female camp counselors on staff.

How much will it cost?

We are committed to offering Survivor Camp at no cost to any youth participant. Survivor Camp includes six nights’ lodging, all meals and all camp activities. **Each registered camper’s family is required to pay a non-refundable \$100 security deposit per camper by May 1, 2023.**

Is travel assistance available?

Last year we were able to assist with some travel through the generosity of the Raymond B. Preston Family Foundation and generous patrons. We are actively seeking sponsorships to offset travel costs, but ***we cannot yet guarantee that we can cover travel expenses to Survivor Camp.*** Please indicate in your registration form whether travel assistance is needed and we will certainly do all we can to help!

How do we pay the deposit? When is the deposit due?

The per-camper \$100 non-refundable security deposit is due May 1, 2023. We will provide you with a secure payment link in your registration confirmation.

What will campers do every day?

We will have *amazing* events planned, including exploring and hiking, swimming, archery, fishing, a low ropes challenge, arts & crafts, a talent show, campfires, and more! We are planning a fun mid-week excursion, too! We are also bringing back “Brave Space”— a time for youth to share their experiences in a safe, peer-based environment. No parents allowed! There is plenty of time too, for building friendships and connections to last a lifetime.

Who are my camp counselors?

We will have male and female camp counselors on site. We will introduce them to you closer to the start of Survivor Camp.

What if there are medical emergencies?

Two camp counselors are CPR-certified. Parents will complete a medical history questionnaire, share emergency contact information and agree to be available by phone at all times during Survivor Camp.

Are cell phones allowed?

Yes. Although, sometimes it might be best to leave them in the room when we’re hiking or swimming!

Are parents allowed at camp?

Yes. We understand (completely!) that you may want to accompany your child to Summer Survivor Camp. You are welcome to attend. We do ask parents to pay an additional \$100 deposit to help offset the cost of your accommodations and participation. Please be mindful that you may have to share a room with another parent or volunteer. You can also rent your own room at your own expense. We can provide information for that option.

We also request parents serve as volunteer chaperones and camp assistants at various times through the week. There will also be occasions in which we ask parents to allow your survivor children to participate in activities in which parents are not present. Parents are encouraged to plan activities for themselves as well, since we have access to most of the campgrounds.

What happens after camp is over?

Survivor Camp may end after a week, but the connections will continue! Part of the camp’s activities involve some pre-planning for the 2023 iStand Conference Youth Track, September 27-30, at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington DC. We hope there will be a survivor camper reunion at the iStand conference!

What do we do now?

Stay tuned for the camp schedule to be released and for special pre-camp challenges to earn points toward camp badges! We will also set a date for a mandatory pre-camp meeting for all registered and confirmed campers and parents!

How do I register for Survivor Camp?

The e-registration is on a password-protected page of our website. Please email survivorcamp@istandparentnetwork.com to request registration access.

Do you accept donations?

Yes! We gladly accept donations and sponsorship to offset the cost of camp. Please suggest this donation opportunity to your family, friends, co-workers, churches and civic groups. We welcome all contributions to istandparentnetwork.com/campsponsor

What if we have more questions?

No problem. Send your questions to survivorcamp@istandparentnetwork.com!

We hope to see you at Camp Sumatanga, Alabama for the iStand Survivor Camp 2023: Island Explorers!

