



iStand Summer Survivor Camp!

July 17 - 23, 2022

Huntsville, Alabama - Rocket City U.S.A.

About Survivor Camp

Survivor Camp connects IPCA survivors through a vibrant, fun summer camp experience. Through arts enrichment, cool excursions, teambuilding games and other activities, 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?

Initially, we'd planned to host Survivor Camp in Brooklyn, New York. However, safety is our primary consideration for all campers and camp staff. We've decided to host Survivor Camp in Huntsville, Alabama, which is a smaller, safer and more accessible location. Five of the camp counselors reside in Huntsville and can facilitate a safe, easily navigated camp experience for all.

It's also financially prudent to host Survivor Camp in Huntsville instead of New York. Huntsville is within driving distance from several of the campers' families who've expressed interest in attending. Some campers may use airline travel to attend, but we can reduce the potential costs of travel scholarships by hosting it here.

Finally, Huntsville also boasts world-class attractions for all ages, including the internationally known U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Lowe Mill Arts & Entertainment, the Orion Amphitheater and a host of family-friendly attractions. And....U.S. News and World Report just ranked Huntsville as the most livable city in America! What a great place for Survivor Camp!

Are the dates still the same?

Save the date! Survivor Camp is scheduled for July 17 - 23, 2022.

How many youth survivors are coming to camp?

We expect six to eight survivors at our first camp.

Where will we stay?

We are making final arrangements for housing at a local hotel or on the campus of the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

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. We are seeking resources and support from multiple sources to fund the camp experience. **Each camper's family is required to pay a non-refundable \$100 security deposit per camper.**

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

The \$100 non-refundable security deposit will be due July 10, 2022. We will provide you with a secure payment link.

What will campers do every day?

We have *amazing* events planned, including a trip to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, a design-your-own superhero project, a healing hike and a trip to an amusement park. We'll also spend some down time in a relaxing environment and build friendships and connections to last a lifetime.

Who are my camp counselors?

Logan Adkins is the Camp Coordinator and Head Counselor. She is a youth services worker with years of experience working with middle school and high school aged youth and trauma survivors. Rysa Lee is a sibling of a returned youth. Angela Munson is a longtime volunteer for children and youth activities. We also plan to have at least one male counselor on board.

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. We encourage campers to keep their cell phones with them at all times. We'll even play some mobile-phone based games as we connect during camp and make connections for after camp concludes.

Are parents allowed at camp?

Yes. We understand (completely!) that you may want to accompany your child to Summer Survivor Camp. You are welcomed to attend. **We do ask parents to pay an additional \$100 deposit to help offset the cost of your accommodations and participation.** 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. We'll also schedule a parents' outing during camp week for you too!

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 next iStand Conference Youth Track. Campers will also have periodic e-meetings throughout the year to keep connections going strong.

Will we still have a youth track at the iStand Conference?

Yes! In 2022, the iStand Conference will be held virtually on October 1, 2022. There will be a special breakout session for survivors to chat and catch up. In 2023, the Youth Track will coincide with iStand's 10 year Diamond Conference Celebration. The Youth will help plan their own track and special events!

What if we have more questions?

No problem. Email logan@istandparentnetwork.com with any questions.

What do we do now?

Attend the mandatory camp meeting on Sunday, July 10 at 3 pm CST. Pack for camp! Get ready for a great time!

We hope to see you in Huntsville July 17 - 23 for the first iStand Survivor Camp!