

Hello CYF camper!

This is your welcome and information letter for CYF Conference 2018 at COCC in Guthrie, Oklahoma, June 25-29. We are so excited to see you in a few weeks for camp, where we will laugh, learn, worship, and connect through Christ. Here's what you need to know to get ready for a great week of camp.

1) Please arrive no earlier than 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25. We will not be ready to register you before this time. Camp will end on Friday, June 29 at 11:45 a.m. You will need to contact the Regional Office if you plan on leaving any time other than Friday at 11:45 a.m. Please note that for safety reasons, you will not be able to come and go unless prior approval has been given.

2) See the attached list for what to bring to camp. Remember to bring closed toed shoes—this will protect your feet from snakes, scorpions, and spiders.

3) Items not to bring: alcohol or tobacco, illegal drugs, firearms, knives, inappropriate reading material, fireworks, bad attitude, or anything else that you do not want lost or stolen.

4) Our cell phone policy has changed. Campers will have an hour each day, Tuesday-Thursday, during free time to access their phones. Phones will still be collected on Monday at check in. If you continue to hold on to your phone, you will be sent home. The collection on Monday is your only warning. We want you to be present at camp as much as possible, but we also understand the realities of technology in your lives. We thank you for your cooperation and adherence to this new policy.

5) Extra items to bring: There will be a "CYF's Got Talent" talent and lip sync one evening. If you have something in mind, please bring with you what you need to make it happen. All acts must be appropriate for camp and will be approved. The theme for the dance will be "Super Heroes!" Feel free to bring church-appropriate clothing to fit the theme of the dance.

There may be an opportunity to do service work at the camp, so make sure to bring clothing that can get dirty, paint covered, etc.

Should you need to get in touch with us for any reason before camp, feel free to do so.

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With grace and peace,

Drew Kirtley and Shannon Cook
Directors



Packing for Camp

Suggested Packing List

- Pillow, sheets blanket or bed roll (bunks have mattresses)
- Extra pair of shoes
- Pair of socks per day
- Change of clothes per day (shorts, jeans, T-shirts, dress up clothes not needed)
- Change of under garments per day
- Closed Toe Shoes
- Light jacket
- Hat (optional)
- Camera
- Swimsuit: Intentional Christian community requires persons to think of others as we make choices. Your young person may be comfortable in a speedo, or revealing swimsuit at the pool or waterfront, but others may be uncomfortable with that attire. Please consider modesty when packing appropriate swimwear for camp.

- Rainy-day clothing
- Tissues or handkerchiefs
- Bath towel (no more than 2)
- Beach Towel or Swimming Towel (1)
- Personal Toiletries (soap in a container, shampoo, toothpaste, brush, etc.)
- Insect repellent & Sunscreen
- Robe and pajamas (showers and toilets may be a short walk from the cabin)
- Smiles (camp is no place for crabby people)
- Flashlight
- Bible
- Drinking Cup / Water Bottle
- Letters-to-home kit (paper, envelopes, pen and stamps)
- Money: Some camps offer Canteen (cokes, fruit drinks and candy bars are sold). Some camps receive an offering to help with a mission project.

Leave at Home

- Consider camp as a short “digital sabbatical.” **Digital connections have become a distraction at our camp experiences.** Church camp experiences are meant to be time away. Parents, if your child or youth are homesick or having difficulties at camp, one of the camp directors will contact you to help resolve the situation. We understand that many use their phone as an alarm clock. Our adult volunteers will make sure campers are awake with plenty of time to prepare for the day each morning.

- **We ask that Junior and Discovery Campers leave phones at home.**

- **Cell Phone Policy for Chi Rho Campers and CYF Campers:** Campers will have thirty minutes to an hour each day, Tuesday-Thursday, during free time to access their phones. Phones will be collected on Monday at check in. If a camper holds on to their phone, that camper will be sent home. The collection on Monday is your only warning. We want campers to be present at camp as much as possible, but also understand the realities of technology in your lives. Thank you for your cooperation and adherence to this new policy.

Directors will lock phones in a safe place for the week and return them at the end of camp.

- Computers or Tablets
- Electronics (hand held gaming systems)
- Fireworks
- Prescription Drugs: Unless listed on registration form and Director is informed.
- Illegal Substances, Alcohol, or Tobacco, Smokeless Tobacco. All camps are tobacco free zones.
- E-Cigarettes / Vapor Cigarettes
- Knives or Weapons of any kind are against camp regulations and you will be sent home at your own expense if you have them in your possession.
- Pets
- Expensive Jewelry
- Junk Food (including candy)
- Large Sums of Money

Directors may have other requests for what to bring/not bring items that will be listed in the camper letter.

The Christian Church in Oklahoma is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen personal items.