

Discovery & Junior Camps @ Texoma Christian Camp June 21-24, 2018

Dear Campers and Parents,

We have assembled a great staff who has been preparing a week of fun and learning. We will be looking Beyond Belief and into a lot of 'What if...' questions.



Wendy Sparks (Purcell FCC), Kathy Standridge (Sulphur FCC), & Travis Carlson (Cyril, FCC) will be directing this year's camp; each have been involved with youth and church camp for 10+ years each.

**Camp begins Sunday, June 21st at 6:00 pm with check-in at Cabin A1\***. Please do not plan to arrive any earlier than 5pm for check-in, as your counselors will still be making final preparations for a very exciting week (note: previous camp will not be cleared until 1pm, wo the time in between will be very critical to the counselors in making transition and having a chance to rest)s. This year will not only have a different check-in place, but we will have a unique style of day-to-day scheduling. Please check-in with medications in original packaging, (\$10.00) money for canteen, donation or offering of your choice to support our camp, cell phones, camp forms, etc. Once check-in is completed, you will get your cabin assignment. Please be very swift in making your bunk and putting your suitcases away. We will need to begin promptly at 6:30 in the Lodge.

With this letter, you will find:

- A list of things to bring and not to bring to camp.
  - Photo Release

#### **Check-In Process**

- When you arrive at camp look for signs directing you to Cabin A1; not in the Lodge as in the past.
  - Leave Luggage in Vehicle

#### **Bring with you to Check-In Area:**

- ✓ Prescription Medications the campers will take during the week. These will be given in the original bottles. Please include dosage instructions.
- ✓ Photo Release
- ✓ A week of camp is best experienced if it is unplugged. Please do not bring cell phones. If it is necessary, they will be gathered at check-in until the end of camp time.
- ✓ Money for Canteen account (\$10). Campers may choose 1 snack item and 1 drink per day.
- ✓ Offering money for closing worship. This will be collected and placed in an envelope anonymously and at your discretion.

#### **Important things to note as you pack:**

- ✓ We are having a "Texoma's Got Talent" Show, so bring anything you might need to share your talent and gifts with the camp. (It will be indoors, therefore musical instruments, dance props, etc. are welcome, but keep in mind that space may be limited at camp. If you are in doubt that

your talent showcase is appropriate for camp, feel free to contact one of the directors for clarification. All talent showcases will have to obtain approval for safety and integrity purposes.)

- ✓ **Swimsuits** are to be modest (read the attached packing list for more details.) You may be asked to put a t-shirt or other coverup on if you fail to prepare for this. Options will be given for those that do not wish to swim any or all of camp time.
- ✓ **ALL SHORTS/SKIRTS** will be required to be no shorter than fingertip length when standing. In years pasts, we have had campers that have not had appropriate and/or modest clothing; it does not promote a healthy, safe, and Christ-like environment. This also **includes pants/shorts** to be worn at the waist and not excessively baggy & shirts to be full length. Tank tops are okay; just use good judgement. We will ask campers to change, if guidelines are not met.
- ✓ *Each camper NEEDS TO BRING: **Bible** (any translation is fine, but we will be utilizing scripture from NRSV), **Flashlight** with fresh batteries, **CLOSED TOED SHOES** (sandals and flip flops will be allowed for swim time and shower time only. No exceptions! All of God's creatures enjoy coming to church camp, too, so safety is of utmost importance), **Sunscreen & Insect repellent** (again, a safety thing).*

If you plan to send mail to your camper, we suggest you begin that no later than Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>; experience tells us it will be delivered after camp ends 😞. We like to make mail time fun for everyone, so the more the better 😊. (You can also avoid the snail mail faux pa, by having predated letters upon check-in...This works out really well and saves time and stamps.) Mail will be picked up and delivered every day at camp. Letters from family and friends should be addressed:

(Camper's Name)

c/o Texoma Christian Camp

4558 Texoma Christian Camp Rd

Kingston, OK 73439

**Camp will end Sunday, June 24th at 12noon. We will have our closing worship at 11:00am at the Chapel. Parents and/or whomever is picking you up are WELCOME & ENCOURAGED to join us. Please plan to be at the Dining Hall between 10:30 and 10:45, but not earlier, as we will still be setting up.**

Lastly, please make sure your camper has eaten supper prior to dropping off at camp Sunday evening. We will have a snack that evening, but not a full meal.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give any of us a call. We look forward to learning about Reconcile with you at Chi Rho Camp!

Wendy Sparks (405)574-2112—Kathy Standridge (580)618-0349—Travis Carlson (405)933-0461

Please note that cell service is not guaranteed 100% at the camp ground, but we will return any calls/texts as soon as possible. If it is an **emergency** and the above numbers are not helpful, contact camp caretakers, Marsha or Gene at (580)564-2630.



The counselors, directors, Texoma Christian Camp, nor the Christian Church in Oklahoma are not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen personal items. Please plan accordingly.

Time to get packing for camp!!

HIGHLY Suggested Packing List (Please label ALL items—Bolded items are “Must-Bring” items):

- **Pillow, sheets, blanket, or bed roll** (bunks have mattresses)
- Small personal fans, if needed to sleep (outlets available)
- Cooling towels for daily use (ex. Frogg Toggs chilly pads)
- **Pair of socks per day**
- **Change of clothes per day** (shorts, jeans, T-shirts)
- Clothes and/or accessories for talent show & theme nights
- **Change of under garments per day**
- **Comfy, Closed-Toed Shoes (2 sets)**
- Light jacket or hoodie
- Hat and/or cheap sunglasses
- 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
- **Cover- up t-shirt or trash bag** (may get paint, or stained--to be worn during lakeside event)
- Tissues for allergies and discussion time
- **Bath towel** (no more than 2)
- Beach Towel or Swimming Towel (1)
- **Personal Toiletries** (shower shoes, soap in a container, shampoo, toothpaste, brush, etc.)
- **Insect repellent**
- **Sunscreen**
- Robe & pajamas (showers and toilets may be a short walk from the cabin)
- **Smiles** (camp is no place for crabby people)
- **Flashlight**
- **Bible** (suggested NRSV, but any version is good to have 😊)
- **Water Bottle!!!**
- **Small backpack/tote for daily use**
- Letters-to-home kit (paper, envelopes, pen, & stamps)
- **Money: Canteen** (cokes, fruit drinks and candy bars are sold). Offering to help with a charity/mission project. {All \$\$ will be collected at check-in}

**\*\*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. 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

PARENTS, we would like to take photos throughout the week. We need your permission to utilize these photos for communication and advertisement purposes for Texoma Christian Camp and the Oklahoma State Regional Christian Church. This release will be good for all photos taken while at camp all camps during the 2018 Summer Camps and the release authorizes use indefinitely.

- YES! Signature\_\_\_\_\_
  
- Not this time. Signature\_\_\_\_\_