

SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Church Ministries & Discipleship Department

CAMP INFORMATION

- Kid's Camp 2017 is sponsored by the

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- The price of camp is determined when the application and deposit have been received. If we have only received the deposit, the final camp price will not be determined until we receive the application. ****No exceptions****
- A fee of \$35.00 will be accessed for each return check.
- Camp Dates and Tuition:
 - **Camp #1 – June 26-29, 2017 (Monday-Thursday)**
Evangelist: South Texas District Children's Pastors
Phillip Geesey, Julie Trotti, Trey Wilborn, & LeAnne Sallee
Cost \$145 if postmarked before April 1, 2017, \$155 if postmarked April 2 – May 1, 2017, and \$165 if postmarked May 2, 2017 – first day of camp
 - **Camp #2 – July 7-10, 2017 (Friday – Monday)**
Evangelist: National BGMC Directors-The Boyds
Cost \$145 if postmarked before April 1, 2017, \$155 if postmarked April 2 – May 1, 2017, and \$165 if postmarked May 2, 2017 – first day of camp
 - **Camp #3 – July 12-15, 2016 (Wednesday – Saturday)**
Evangelist: National BGMC Directors-The Boyds
Cost \$145 if postmarked before April 1, 2017, \$155 if postmarked April 2 – May 1, 2017, and \$165 if postmarked May 2, 2017 – first day of camp
 - **Volunteer Staff Tuition** – All Volunteer Staff positions **must be** approved by the Church Ministries and Discipleship Director. There is no tuition fee for staff; however, each church group is limited to **one female per nine girls** and **one male per nine boys** as dorm leaders. There are some other staff positions available for other adults who wish to attend, but they are limited. **If you bring fewer than nine campers for each staff, other churches without a staff volunteer will be in your room.** Once our limit is achieved, there will be a charge for additional staff.
 - A criminal background check will be performed on all staff.
- **Refund Policy:** The \$70 deposit is refundable or transferable two weeks prior to camp. After this time, deposits (\$70) are non-refundable or transferable.
- **Arrival & Departures:**
 - Registration for all camps begins at **NOON ON REGISTRATION DAYS.** Camp activities end at **9:30 AM on dismissal days.** All campers must leave by 10 AM. **No lunch is served on registration or dismissal days.**
- **Directions:** From Houston, Follow I-10 West to Kerrville; Take the Harper Road Exit (#505) and follow circle exit ramp to Harper Road; turn left and go approximately 3 miles; the camp is on your right.
- **Correspondence:** If you wish to send cards or letters to campers, send c/o Hill Country Camp, 1325 Harper Road, Kerrville, TX 78028. **Send Early to be included in "Mail Call".** Cards and letters that arrive late will be marked return to sender and placed back in the mail. To email a note – kidscamp@stxagchurchministries.org. **Always use the child's full name.**
- **Phone & Visits:** Phone calls and visits are **not** allowed because it promotes homesickness and are against Texas State Guidelines. **Only Children's Pastors and Senior Pastors will be approved for visitation at evening service only.** If a visit is necessary, arrangements must be made in advance and approved by the **Church Ministries & Discipleship Director.** If a visit is pre-approved, all visitors must obey all camp rules. The phone number for emergency use only is 830-792-7051.

OTHER CAMP INFORMATION

MEDICINE

No camper will be allowed to stay at camp without a signed medical release form located on the bottom of the camp registration form.

- If your child requires medication at the time of camp, please fill out the **Medication Form** located on our website under Kid's Camp. www.stxagchurchministries.org
- Fill out the form and place it in a zip lock bag along with the medication in its **original labeled** container.
- All medications will be turned in and dispensed by the camp first aid attendant.
- **Please have medications out and ready to give to the camp first aid attendant when arriving at camp.**
- **ALL MEDICATION NEEDS TO BE IN ITS ORIGINAL CONTAINER WITH A VALID PRESCRIPTION ATTACHED.**

HEALTH POLICY

Due to very close living conditions, major disruptions occur when there is a health problem. Students or staffs with contagious health problems, i.e. impetigo, head lice, fever, rashes, etc. will be sent home. It will be the **parent's responsibility** to provide transportation home if necessary. It is recommended that these situations be monitored before leaving for camp. Camps may have random or complete health checks before registration takes place. Please help us avoid embarrassing or upsetting situations of having to either not admit or send a camper home.

Insurance: In case of medical treatment and/or expense, the camper or staff's personal medical coverage will be the primary carrier. Parents need to make sure insurance information is complete on camper's registration. If no insurance is available, then the South Texas District Council Insurance and the church that you attend with insurance will be secondary to the camper/staff's personal coverage. There is **no** coverage provided for illnesses. Expense occurred due to illness will totally be the camper's parent's or staff's responsibility.

Camp Rules & Guidelines

1. The Golden Rule is our primary camp rule. Treat others as you desire to be treated.
2. No one is allowed to run, scuffle, etc., in the halls, rooms, cafeteria or tabernacle. No behavior likely to result in injury or damage is to be allowed anywhere on the camp property at any time. **All damage is your financial responsibility.** No pranks allowed!
3. **NO ONE** is to enter another person's cabin when occupants are not there. **NO Boys/Men in the girl's dorms, NO Girls/Women in the boy's dorms!**
4. No visitors during the week unless pre-approved by the Church Ministries and Discipleship Director. Only children's pastors and senior pastor will be approved. The phones are for emergency use only.
5. **ALL campers** are required to remain with their group for all activities unless given **specific permission by the camp director.** This includes mealtime and recreation time.
6. All campers are under the authority of the camp staff during their camp stay.
7. **NO ONE** leaves the campgrounds without permission of the camp director.
8. A banking service is provided as pre-purchased money cards. The cards are kept by the camper's dorm leader. The remaining balance may be redeemed at the close of camp. The camp is not responsible for money cards or cash that is lost or stolen.
9. Fireworks, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, drugs or weapons are not allowed and **will be** removed and destroyed.
10. Except for law enforcement officers, no person shall carry or possess a weapon of any kind on Hill Country Campgrounds or its facilities while attending a Hill Country Camp Youth or Children event.
11. Campers should not bring electronic games or devices, shaving cream, expensive watches or jewelry, cell phones, laptops etc. They will be removed and returned at the end of camp.
12. **No** food or drinks will be allowed in cabins, dorms, the chapel or the craft building.
13. **No** fires are allowed.
14. **Every child will be assigned a buddy. They must be within 20 feet at all times.**

Water Safety

- Lifeguards are on duty, but **all** dorm leaders are to keep a watchful eye on the campers
- No playing with the lifeguards
- The decisions of the lifeguard are final
- The lifeguard will require everyone to take a swim test before swimming in the deep end of the pool. If caught in the deep end without lifeguard approval, the camper will lose pool privileges for the remainder of the day or longer as the lifeguard feels necessary. Only swimmers will be allowed in the deep end. (See state guidelines for more details.)
- Everyone in the paddle boats/kayaks, floating slide, and lake slides **must** wear a life jacket
- Life jackets are available at all swimming areas to be used as needed
- Do not run the paddle boats/kayaks into each other or jump off them into the lake
- Shoes and cover-ups must be worn to and from the pool and lake areas
- No one is to enter the pool without permission of the lifeguard
- No running around inside pool fence or jumping or diving off the sides of the pool
- No throwing or dunking anyone
- No jewelry in the pool
- All swimmers must shower off before getting into pool
- Campers must stay with their buddy. Campers must check in and out of swim areas with Dorm Leader.
- Non-Swimmers are able to swim in the shallow area of the pool and roped areas of the lake. They are limited in which slides they are able to use at the lake.

How Should I Dress?

- Campers/staff will need to bring two changes of clothing per day. It is suggested that due to the terrain and summer heat, children and staff wear clothing that protects the body and arms from the sun's heat. Clothing that is durable, cool, comfortable and modest. Recreation at camp is messy! Keep this in mind when you are planning what clothes to bring. You will want to bring casual/play clothes and shoes for the daytime activities
- Shoes must be worn at all times—Due to the camping terrain, sandals are not a good choice
- Daily clothing for campers and all staff should include the following:
 - No short shorts, no short skirts or abbreviated attire. (No half shirts, no tank tops, No spaghetti straps, etc.)
 - Proper attire will include knee length shorts and skirts, shirts with at least 2" shoulder straps
- Modest swimwear (a one-piece is suggested). Also a swimsuit cover up must be worn by girls **and** boys outside of the pool fence. Cover up should include a shirt with at least a 2" shoulder strap and shorts
- Mark clothing and other articles with the child's name when packing for camp. The Church Ministries and Discipleship Department **will not** be responsible for lost or stolen items.

Other Items To Bring To Camp

- A Bible, pen or pencil and note paper
- Towels, wash clothes, a pillow and full size sheets or sleeping bag
- Toiletries, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, spray on sunscreen, spray on bug repellent, and lifejacket.
- **Snack Bar and Camp Store:** Campers will want to bring \$5 to \$10 per day for spending money. T-Shirts will be \$15 and DVDs are \$5 each. Camp store sells items such as backpacks, visors, flashlights, fans and small toys. Snack breaks will be taken throughout the day and snacks are available for sale from the snack bars located throughout the camp. Meals are provided in the tuition and water is always available. **Please have money and all medications out of luggage and have it ready to turn in upon arrival at camp.**
- **Kids in Ministry:** Come prepared to present your ministry in "Kids in Ministry" by bringing your music and props. Some good suggestions of "Kids In Ministry" to do at camp are singing, human video, drama, sign language, object lesson, short sermons, Bible memorization, instrumental or choir.