

Dear 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders and Parents,



Preteen Camp is June 10-14, 2019. Preteen camp is for students that will have completed 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade at the end of this school year. We are going to Mt. Lebanon Baptist Encampment just south of Cedar Hill, TX. This five-day, four-night retreat is a great way for kids to grow in community with one another and a wonderful time for them to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Friends, who will have completed 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade at the end of this school year, are allowed to attend with your camper as long as camper spots are available. Once again, you will need to complete registration with CampDoc. See **"How to Register for Camp"** for step-by-step directions to register your child.

**By April 29, complete the online registration form at [app.campdoc.com/register/mt-lebanon](http://app.campdoc.com/register/mt-lebanon) with payment due to MacArthur Blvd on or before May 20.**

The cost of the week for each child is \$225 and will cover all meals, lodging, and activities. We do have scholarship funds available upon request. It is not necessary to send any other money. We will hold a camper and parent meeting on June 2 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at MacArthur Blvd to finalize instructions and answer questions one week before camp.

The theme, Identity, and the Bible studies we do as a church group will be driven by 1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." Jesse Joyner will be serving as Camp Pastor with worship being lead by Dreds and Company.

Arrive at the church on Monday, June 10 at 8:00 a.m. and pick up Friday, June 14 by 10:45 a.m. Camp days are full of activities and fun. Each day campers have 2 camp wide services as well as rotations between games, swimming, crafts, Bible study, and the challenge course. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be eaten in the cafeteria; the Mt. Lebanon staff serves a variety of healthy foods.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at the church or by email.

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# Packing List

Kids will often wear multiple sets of clothes in a day due to the heat, activities, or weather. Please, pack extra clothes.

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| ___ casual clothes (shorts must be modest, no spaghetti straps or halter tops) | ___ Bible, pen, carrying bag     | ___ pillow                                |
| ___ 2 pairs of tennis shoes (shoes must be worn at all times)                  | ___ rain clothes in case of rain | ___ sleeping bag, bedroll, or bedding     |
| ___ water shoes/flip flops for Splash Games and the pool                       | ___ underclothes                 | ___ toothbrush/toothpaste                 |
| ___ swimsuit (modest 2 pieces allowed)   | ___ socks                        | ___ deodorant                             |
| ___ swimsuit cover-up  | ___ beach towel                  | ___ soap                                  |
|  | ___ towels/washcloths            | ___ shampoo                               |
|  | ___ sleeping clothes             | ___ hairbrush/comb                        |
|  | ___ flashlight                   | ___ water bottle                          |
|  | ___ hat                          | ___ Care Package—see attached explanation |

## \*\*\*PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH CHILD'S NAME\*\*\*

**Sleeping Bag, Bedroll, or Bedding** – All the beds have plastic covers on them. Twin sheets & a blanket will stay on the bed better than a sleeping bag. Put your complete sleeping bag, bedroll, or bedding in a large thick trash bag with your child's name marked on it. Send an extra trash bag for when we come home since the first one usually gets ripped open on Monday.

**All clothes** should be appropriate for the camp setting. **Shorts** are to be modest and must be fingertip length. **T-shirts** with inappropriate logos are unacceptable. **Dresses or shirts** with spaghetti straps or halter-tops are not allowed.

**Do not bring** cell phones, media players, video games, water guns, etc. If you have to ask, you probably shouldn't bring it.

**No additional money is required for camp.** Please do not allow campers to bring and keep money with them; it tends to get lost. If you would like for your child to be able to buy a CD of the band or a memento from the speaker, you can give that money to one of the church sponsors. These extra items range from \$5-20. Please, put it in an envelope labeled with your child's name and the amount.

**All medication** needs to be submitted and checked against the camper's **Medication Chart** from CampDoc. All medications are given at the medical clinic by Mt. Lebanon medical staff, so this can be a lengthy process especially in the evening.

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**Complete and return the Attitude Contract and Photo Policy.**

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Where do you stay while you're at camp?** We stay in our own lodge. We will have two bunk areas and a large meeting room as well as a kitchen.

**Are you attending camp with other churches?** Yes. Other churches will be at the camp participating in activities with us during the week. Total attendance ranges from 800-1000 kids.

**What is the Zip Line? What if my child does not want to take part?** The Zip Line Tower is optional. It is 55' high structure. The professionally trained staff instructs the children, properly secures harness equipment, and talks them through the steps. If your child does not want to take part, they will not be pressured into doing so.

**Who are the adult sponsors?** Our sponsors are usually a combination of Children's Workers accustomed to working with this age group, parents of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders attending the camp, and junior counselors from our church youth group. If you are interested in going, please talk to Jamie Brooks. We will need to have a Volunteer Application on file for you with consent for a background check.

**What if my child takes medication routinely?** Only medications listed in CampDoc will be administered. All medicine must be submitted in its original container in a quart sized baggie with your child's name on the bag. I will add the camper's **Medication Chart** from CampDoc. All medications are given at the medical clinic by Mt. Lebanon medical staff, so this can be a lengthy process especially in the evening.

**How are the children transported?** Children will ride in a charter bus.

**My child has never spent the night away from home, what if they get homesick?** Our experience over the years is that children are so excited the first day that by bedtime they are too exhausted to think about it. Each day remains extremely busy and leaves many campers looking forward to sleep at night. Nonetheless, we would definitely call you if there were a significant problem.

**Why will you be taking and posting pictures on Facebook?** Pictures will be taken throughout the event and uploaded to the "Children at MacArthur Blvd" page as able. This is a private Facebook page, so members must be approved by one of the assigned page administrators. It's a fun way for you to keep up with your child and see what is going on during the event.

# The Care Package

By Thursday night at camp your child will be missing you! For some of the children attending, this will be their first time away from home. We would like for them to have a little something special from home on that last night. A Care Package is a great way to let them know you are thinking about them and praying for them.

If your child has gone to camp before, they will be looking forward to the Thursday night care package with anticipation. This has been a longstanding tradition at Preteen Camp that seems to be as much fun for you to put together as it is for your son or daughter to receive.

Suggestions for care packages are:

- A letter or note from each family member at home
- A note from the family pet (be creative)
- A note from grandparents or other close relatives
- A favorite snack and/or drink
- A neat pen, pencil, or small collectible

Place items in a brown, paper sack or decorative bag; staple the top together so nothing falls out. Put your child's name clearly on the outside of the package. We know your child will be thrilled Thursday night by your thoughtfulness. Remember, the care package is just a fun, tangible way for you to say "I love you" to your child right before they return home; there's no need to pack the entire candy aisle or a life size teddy bear. As always, it will be fun to see how excited they are when they receive their special package.

The Care Package can be dropped off at the camper and parent meeting on June 2 or dropped off the morning we depart on June 10.