



Dear 3rd, 4th, and 5th Parents,

Preteen Camp is June 14-18, 2021. Preteen camp is for students that will have completed 3rd, 4th, or 5th 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 understanding of God, Jesus, and self. Friends or relatives of your kids who will have completed 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade at the end of this school year are welcome to attend with your camper.

Return the registration form before May 10.
Complete payment is due before June 7.

The cost of the week for each child is \$250 and will cover all meals, lodging, and activities. We will hold a camper and parent meeting the week prior to leaving to finalize instructions and answer questions before camp.

The camp theme is Lost and Found, and the Bible studies we do as a church group will be driven by Luke 19:10, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Shane Wilbanks will be serving as Camp Pastor with worship being lead by the Joshua Bryan Band.

The COVID-19 protocols the camp is planning to use include reduced attendance, daily health checks, face coverings in the Worship Center and dining hall lines, and smaller activity groups.

Arrive at the church on Monday, June 14 at 8:00 a.m. and pick-up Friday, June 18 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.

Jamie Brooks

Family Pastor for Children at MacArthur Blvd. Baptist Church

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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.

___ casual clothes (let modesty guide)	___ Bible, pen, carrying bag	___ pillow
___ daily face coverings	___ rain clothes in case of rain	___ sleeping bag, bedroll, or bedding
___ 2 pairs of tennis shoes (close-toed shoes are required for children)	___ underclothes	___ toothbrush/toothpaste
	___ socks	___ deodorant
___ blue MacArthur shirt (email me if your child needs one)	___ beach towel	___ soap
	___ towels/washcloths	___ shampoo
___ water shoes/flip flops	___ sleeping clothes	___ hairbrush/comb
___ swimsuit (modest 2 pieces allowed)	___ flashlight w/batteries	___ water bottle
___ swimsuit cover-up	___ 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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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 with us during the week. Total attendance usually ranges from 800-1000 kids; however, they are reducing capacity this year.

What is the Zip Line? What if my child does not want to take part? The Zip Line Tower is optional as are the other challenge structures. 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 forced to do so.

Who are the adult sponsors? Our sponsors are a combination of Children's Workers accustomed to working with this age group and parents of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders attending the camp. If you are interested in going, please talk to Jamie Brooks. You will need to complete the Safety Application process including a background check and training.

What if my child takes medication routinely? Only medications listed on the health form can be administered. All medicine must be submitted in its original container in a quart sized baggie with your child's name on the bag and a copy of the camper's **Medication Chart**. 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 or the morning we depart on June 14.

Attitude Contract and Photo Policy

Attitude Contract

This contract hereby states my full agreement and desire to maintain unity and group encouragement throughout our Preteen Camp by choosing a right heart attitude. I do now commit myself to respond to my group leaders, shepherds, Mt. Lebanon staff, and fellow campers with actions and words that display respect and consideration. I will avoid arguing, complaining, and grumbling at all times during the whole week for the cause of Christ. (Note: You will never be asked to perform anything that the requester himself or herself would not be willing to do.)

Understanding that arguing, complaining, and grumbling (even about food) are unattractive, unnecessary, and most definitely un-Christlike, I have decided to do away with them completely by maintaining cheerfulness, obedience, and encouragement through my actions, attitudes, and words.

Camper's signature:_____

Parent's signature:_____

Date signed:_____

***** Photo Usage Policy *****

Children are photographed while participating in children's events with MacArthur Blvd. Baptist Church. Photographs are made available for your viewing convenience through the closed Facebook group "Children at MacArthur Blvd" during and after most events. If you DO NOT want your child's individual pictures posted in this manner, you must complete and sign the statement below.

I, _____, DO NOT want individual pictures of my child to be made available for viewing on the closed Facebook group.

Signature_____Date_____

email to Jamie Brooks or return to the offices of MacArthur Blvd.