

GENERAL INFO

Dates: June 10-14, 2019

Location: Riverbend Retreat Center, Glen Rose, TX (<https://www.riverbend.camp>)

Camp Office: (254)897-4011

Speaker: Timothy Ateek and Sean McDowell

Worship Leader: Justin and Sarah Kouba

Registration Ends May 29th (there are limited spots so please sign up ASAP)

Cost:

- **Early Bird - Before April 1:**
 - o \$160 per student
 - o \$310 Maximum Family Rate
 - o Students who register during the EARLY BIRD period will receive a free BRAND NEW Encounter Week T Shirt upon receiving at least their \$50 nonrefundable deposit. This shirt is in addition to this year's camp shirt.
- **Regular Registration - April 1- May 15:**
 - o \$170 per student
 - o \$330 Maximum Family Rate
- **Late Registration - May 16-Ends May 29:**
 - o \$180 per student

**NO FAMILY PRICING AVAILABLE AFTER May 15.*

**With each student registered there is a \$50 (included in full price) nonrefundable deposit to guarantee their spot at camp.*

www.602ministries/encounter

INSTRUCTIONS

To register for camp, go to www.602ministries.com/encounter. If you do not have access to a computer, you are absolutely welcome to use the computer at the church office!

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (all online)

- Student Registration Form (This needs to be done first)
- FBC Graham Health and Registration Form (only needed once a year)
- Payment for camp and/or Scholarship Application – can be done online or in person.
- Food Allergy Form (if applicable)

PARENT MEETING

There will be a Camp Parent Meeting prior to camp. This meeting will provide the information to help you to know how to prepare for camp, how to pray for your student and for camp and make sure you have everything turned in and ready to go!

Pre-Camp Parent Meetings

- Wednesday, June 5th at 6:00pm
Student Ministry Meeting Area

WHAT TO BRING

- sheets/blanket or sleeping bag & pillow
- Bible & pen
- appropriate, comfortable clothing
- athletic clothing for recreation (you might get dirty during this, so plan for that)
- shoes/sandals (closed toe shoes required for some activities)
- toiletries (throw some insect repellent in there!)
- towels (a couple would be great)
- swimsuit (check dress code before packing!)
- extra cash for the camp store (food, drinks, shirts)
- a friend who doesn't go to our church or another church
- Flashlight, sunscreen, bug spray
- a good attitude that will last all week!

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Cell phone**
- any prank stuff
- drugs, alcohol*, tobacco products & e-cigarettes
- any type of weapon (firearms, guns or knives, airsoft guns, etc.)
- fireworks or anything explosive
- MP3's, iPod's, CD players of any kind (take a break)
- bikinis or speedos
- whiney, grumpy, complaining attitude
- anything else that would take the focus off of what you are at camp for!

**possession of alcohol or illegal drugs will result in immediate dismissal from Encounter Week 2019*

****A Note on Cell Phones:**

Please **DO NOT BRING A CELL PHONE** with you. This is different than the years in the past. Telephones are available at the camp, or from adult leadership, if you need to make a call home. Parents, if you need to contact your camper, please call Riverbend and a message will be delivered to the student. Our goal is to help create an environment with as few distractions as possible for all of our students, to allow them to fully participate in gospel community and to focus on what God teaches them throughout the week.

If your student has a phone, we'll hold on to it for them until we get back to the church on Friday.

Riverbend has asked that we help them in protecting our campers by not allowing cell phones with internet availability on campus. The following is a statement from their insurance provider:

Thank you for helping us to provide the best possible atmosphere for our camp as well as to protect all of our campers. If you have specific questions regarding cell phones, please contact Caleb.

THINGS WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING ABOUT

PLEASE READ OVER THIS LIST AND UNDERSTAND EACH ITEM

1. All Campers and Sponsors must keep a good attitude. Attitude is the key to everything else!
2. No drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, weapons or any of the things listed on the *What Not To Bring* list (you have until worship to dispose of them or give them to an adult).
3. All Campers must be ON TIME and participate in all services, activities and meals (unless permission is given by an adult). Be where the schedule says you are supposed to be at all times.
4. If you aren't sure where to go or what to do... ask an adult!
5. Campers must remain in their dorms during "sleeping" hours.
6. No food in the beds and cabins.
7. No girls in guys' cabins/no guys in girls' cabins! No exceptions! Groups of guys and girls will only meet in the middle of each cabin during Family Group Time.
8. You must wear shoes of some sort outside of the dorms
9. Students are expected to read and follow the dress code. Please respond quickly and cheerfully if an adult asks you to change clothes.
10. Shoes should always be worn outside the cabin.
11. Stay off of the cliffs! Climbing on the rocks can result in serious injury!
12. You are responsible for keeping all of your belongings ON or UNDER your bunk. You will be expected to keep your dorm and bathroom clean. Take care of your stuff and respect other campers' property.
13. Campers are NEVER allowed in the river. No exceptions!
14. Limit the use of shaving cream, toothpaste and toilet paper to the restroom area. Do not administer these items to anyone or anything other than yourself. If you make a mess, clean it up. Pranks are not a part of camp.
15. The following items are not allowed at camp: cell phones, tablets, computers, knives, fireworks, firearms, radios, personal stereo devices, video games, illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, water balloons, airsoft guns, or water guns. These will be confiscated upon detection. Leave the games, weapons, and technology at home! ONLY Adult Sponsors are allowed to have cell phones at camp.
16. Campers should not have any medicine in the cabins. All prescription and non-prescription medication must be checked in at the Nurse's Station, in its original packaging, on Friday before we leave the church. A "dosage card" must also be filled out on every camper taking prescription meds. These dosage cards will be available June 20 at the parent meeting and on June 22 at check in. You are responsible for managing to get yourself to the Nurse when it is time for you to take your medications.
17. No PDA (Private or Public Display of Affection).
18. Do not leave the camp grounds without the permission of Caleb (this includes leaving with your parents). Exploring the woods and other boundaries are prohibited. Leaving the campus without permission could result in the camper's immediate dismissal from camp.

DRESS CODE

We have established a dress code (similar to the Graham ISD Dress Code) at camp. Please keep the following guidelines in mind when shopping and/or packing for the week. Students who choose to violate these guidelines will have the choice of changing clothes or putting on something that is provided for them.

The dress code can be summarized with several key points:

- Dress appropriately for the occasion
- We ask that your shirts, dresses, etc. have straps that are two fingers wide
- One-piece swimsuits or two-piece with a colored t-shirt covering
- If your clothing is distracting to others around you, you will be asked to change

SHIRTS AND BLOUSES:

Please do not wear shirts that have questionable or potentially offensive pictures, logos or statements on them. It's not the best way to draw attention to yourself.

Wear appropriate shirts for daytime activities. Tank tops may be worn during the day. A tank top is considered a sleeveless shirt with a strap width 2 fingers-wide or more. Changes to your team recreation shirt must stay within dress code. If you cut your sleeves out, do not cut down the side of the shirt or you will be asked to wear a shirt underneath.

Shirts or blouses must have an appropriate neckline and cover the entire torso at all times, even in movement. No offense, but we don't want to see your stomach or undergarments at any time.

SHORTS, SKIRTS AND DRESSES:

Appropriate short length for daytime activities – no extremely short-shorts. No tight shorts; no "sagging" - we don't want to see your underwear.

*If you have to ask, it's probably too short.

SWIMSUITS

Please wear one-piece swimsuit; two-piece swimsuits that do not cover the stomach will require a dark colored t-shirt over it. Swimwear is only to be worn in the lake area. Students must be fully clothed when traveling to and from the lake front.

These guidelines are intended to help everyone have the best possible experience at Youth Camp. If you have any questions about the dress policy, please call Caleb. We appreciate your help with this!

A FINAL WORD

I cannot express how excited I am that you have chosen to join us at Encounter Week. We believe this will be one of the most important, exciting weeks of the year! Camp will be here before you know it and we want to help make sure that you are prepared. We will do everything we can to make sure that everyone has a great week – so show up on June 10 ready to have fun, meet new people, and learn more about following the Jesus Way.

Remember, this is a Christian camp. We don't expect everyone who participates to have a close, personal relationship with Jesus Christ, but we do expect everyone who participates to respect our commitment to Christ and follow the guidelines. A positive, flexible attitude is essential! While we want each individual to have a good experience, our greater responsibility is to the larger group.

The week of camp is full of all sorts of excitement – here is an overview of the schedule for the week:

Wednesday, June 5:

6:02pm Camp Parent Meeting – This meeting will provide the information to help you to know how to prepare for camp, how to pray for your student and for camp and make sure you have everything turned in and ready to go!

Monday, June 10:

Time TBD WE LEAVE FOR CAMP!! Check in at the check-in table so we can make sure everyone is there and to turn in your medications.
*** Eat lunch before you come.**

Friday, June 14:

Time TBD Return from camp. Look for updates on social media on a more precise timing of our return.

I hope you will plan to be part of all of Encounter Week this year! This week has the potential to be a life-shaping event for each of us. Begin asking God now to prepare your heart for what He has for you.

I realize that this is a lot of information to absorb, so let me know if something does not make sense or is not clear. I am here to help as you prepare for Encounter Week and make sure to call the Church Office at (940)549-2360 or my cell at (817)304-4523 if you have any questions!

In Him,

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