

About Summer Camp

Letter to Parents

and

FAQ

#SC2025 Camp Theme

----- **FOR ALL THE SAINTS** -----

Summer Camp at Camp All Saints is a time for young people and the adults who care about them to grow in their knowledge of and relationship with Christ; through experiencing Christ as they explore his creation and the love he has for all of us shared through new friends made at camp.

Our Mission at Camp All Saints is to share the glory of God in creation and the love of Christ in word and deed.

Activities that young people will enjoy while at Summer Camp include:

- archery
- arts and crafts
- campfires
- daily chapel and Bible study
- dance and cheer
- fishing
- hiking
- low and high ropes courses
- making new, lifelong friends
- mountain biking
- swimming

This summer we are offering a new “mini” camp - **A Taste of Camp** - and 3 one week sessions.

A Taste of Camp is for our youngest campers - ages 6-8 years (rising 1st-3rd graders).

Full Sessions:

Week 1 June 8-14 for rising 3rd through 7th graders;

Week 2 June 15-21 for rising 3rd through 12th graders;

Week 3 June 22-28 is Teen Week – rising 8th through 12 graders.

At Camp All Saints safety is our top priority for your child(ren). Whether it be at the waterfront, climbing high to enjoy the big swing, hiking in the wilderness with all God's creatures, hanging out around the campfire, or slumber time in their cabin, we want you to know the safety of your child will always be our top focus. In addition to thorough background checks, our staff will go through extensive training on issues posing safety threats to our children and subsequent safety practices and procedures.

Age groups - Elementary vs Middle School vs High School - will be separate for all activities except for morning worship, dining, and to some extent evening activities. We are aware of concerns regarding having all ages assembled for the same week of camp and are taking serious precautions to ensure everyone's safety. We consider last year to be a success in ministering to the various age groups at the same time.

Checkin:

A Taste of Camp: Campers will arrive on Thursday, June 5 between 1:00PM - 2:00PM. They will check in, go through a brief health screening, obtain cabin assignments, take their belongings to their cabins, and meet their cabin counselors.

****Parents attending A Taste of Camp will follow the same procedures.**

Full Weeks Sessions:

Campers can checkin between 3:00PM - 5:00PM on the Sunday of their respective session. They will check in, go through a brief health screening, deposit money with the camp store, obtain cabin assignments, take their belongings to their cabins, and meet their cabin counselors.

Upon arriving at camp, campers will be given their cabin assignments and unload their luggage. We will be conducting swim tests to determine who is eligible to partake in our water activities. Please know ahead of time, some campers WILL NOT PASS the swim test. We have to make sure your camper is a strong enough swimmer to handle lake swimming. Not passing the swim test will not prevent or preclude your camper from having fun in the water. It just means they will be required to wear an approved life jacket AT ALL TIMES while in the water. They also will not be able to swim in the "deeper" area of the swimming area. EVERYONE will be required to wear life jackets while canoeing or kayaking.

Departing:

A Taste of Camp: Campers (and parents) will depart on Friday, June 6 at 3:00PM.

Full Weeks Sessions:

Check out will begin around 11:30AM on the Saturday of their respective session.

The concluding activity for each week is a Eucharist on Saturday morning beginning at 10:00AM. Parents/guardians are invited to attend this service.

Check out will begin at the conclusion of the service (around 11:30). Campers will be able to return to their cabins and claim their luggage which will be on the front porch of their cabin. Once campers are checked out by their cabin counselors accompanied by their parent(s), they are free to leave campus unless they need to collect medications from our nurse. In that case, campers and parents will visit the Health Lodge to collect medications.

Prior to camp, parents will have an opportunity to participate in a parent meeting via Zoom. Three (3) meetings will be held prior to the first session of camp – see details below. The purpose of these meetings will be to address logistics (scheduling, cabin assignments, handling behaviors), safety protocols, and answer questions not previously addressed. Please send Deacon Katie an email at cassummercampdirector@gmail.com if you would like to participate in this meeting.

Links to the parent Zoom Meetings:

Tuesday, April 22

@ 7:00pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81958564954?pwd=BxpYmedVVmFT0gl1kabH8b3dTxEmNN.1>

Tuesday, May 6

@ 7:00pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81500365333?pwd=A3hbhRx8AKxyQFbw8L9aqkpWtlbTr3.1>

Monday, May 19

@ 7:00pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87579829828?pwd=fh7J9LCboM3KYc3FO5xiy4XW6EjrHn.1>

Saturday,

May 24 @ 10:00am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83376681824?pwd=Ou8VQDbgb0L8c8kuxRMj7tzwgGzdoT.1>

Saturday,

May 24 @ 2:00pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86185754473?pwd=Esou3lknaaE5XchKkkaiTgZwDCDxX8.1>

Saturday,

June 7 @ 10:00am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89851758721?pwd=3mT9ak0gLBTaBSsgg9vVLFaBC0l1Ow.1>

FAQ Summer Camp 2025

Read below the latest news and updates about our Summer Camp 2025!

What do I need to pack for camp?

Bedding

- Sleeping bag (or sheets and blankets)
- Pillow
- Bath Towels

Toiletries

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Comb/Brush
- Personal Items (Deodorant, etc.)

Clothing

- Shorts
- Jeans
- T-Shirts
- Pajamas
- Underwear
- Socks
- Hat, cap, or visor
- Raincoat or poncho
- Close-toed shoes (2 pairs)
- Watershoes
- Sweatshirt/Jacket
- Bathing Suit+
- Beach towel
- Shower shoes/flip flops
- Nice outfit for dance party (optional)
- Theme days:
 - Hawaiian/tropical
 - College
 - Tie Dye
 - Sports teams

- Western
- Twin/Triplet

[It is a great idea to mark your camper's clothing, bedding, and swimwear with their name.]

[Pack enough clothing for every day plus one extra that your child will be at camp. Please pack clothing that is appropriate for outdoors, knowing that it will get dirty

+Girls swim suits need to be either one piece or a tankini]

Miscellaneous

- Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle (Refillable)
- Disposable camera
- Flashlight with batteries (red lights for night activities)
- Money for the Camp Store
- Trash bag (for dirty clothes)
- Props for talent show (if applicable)
- Letter writing supplies
- Snacks (enough to share with your camper's entire cabin – about 12)
- Musical instrument if you'd like to join the music team for the week.

[Please do not bring electronics or valuables. Camp All Saints is not responsible for any broken, lost, or stolen items.]

Can campers bring snacks to camp?

Campers are allowed to bring snacks to camp when they check in with the stipulation they bring enough to share with their entire cabin – 8-14 persons. All snacks will be stored in the cabin's "common" space and counselors will determine snack times.

Please make sure that snacks are "nut" free.

Beginning this year, we no longer accept "care packages" during camp sessions. This is for a number of reasons.

How do I get to Camp All Saints?

Directions to CAMP ALL SAINTS

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/418+Stanton+Way,+Pottsboro,+TX+75076/@33.8092294,-96.7725271,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x864ced402c293fbb:0xe52bcfe9bf8e45ba!8m2!3d33.809225!4d-96.7703384>

- From HWY 75 (also known as Central Expressway)
- take the Hwy 82 Exit and go West Head west toward Pottsboro
- Take the 289 Exit and turn right or North onto Hwy 289
- Follow Hwy 289 to the blinking light and 4 way STOP
- coming from East and West directions and turn left or West onto Hwy 120W
- Remain on HWY 120W for 5.5 miles, this road turns into Cooks Corner Road.
- Turn left at on to Locust Road and continue 2.2 miles
- (there is an All Saints WHITE and BLUE sign at this turn)
- At the only STOP SIGN, turn right on Mill Creek Road
- (Note the small grocery/gas station in front of you)
- All Saints gate is 1/2 mile on right, look for the giant orange colored "A's"

Camp fees, scholarships, refund policy, and homesickness

When do I pay the balance of camp fees?

The balance of camp fees is due 14 days prior to arrival at camp. We are unable to guarantee a place for your child if the balance is not paid when due. Families and parent(s)/guardian(s) may also request financial aid. Scholarships are granted on a "first come first serve basis" and are available only so long as the funds last. This summer, scholarships for multiple sessions may not be available.

To request financial assistance contact Summer Camp Director, Deacon Katie Gerber at Camp All Saints at: cassummercampdirector@gmail.com and she will respond to your request.

What is the camp policy on refunds?

A camp registration deposit of \$50.00 is non-refundable. All deposits are applied to the total session fee. There is no deduction for late arrival or early departure and ***no refund for campers who do not complete a registered session.*** The balance of camp fees may be refunded or credited only under very exceptional circumstances, usually involving

illness, with written verification from a physician. It should be clearly understood that homesickness, or a change in plans are not sufficient grounds to warrant a refund.

Dealing with homesickness

Parents who are worried about their camper having a successful week at camp may wish to consider several strategies to help their camper succeed. These might include strategies such as pre-packing some self-addressed, stamped letters for home. Sending your camper to camp with a favorite book. Plan several “short” overnight experiences with friends before coming to camp. See if there is a friend they can attend camp with. These are just a few ideas to help your camper succeed. Please do not promise your camper they can come home early if they are still homesick later in the week. Often this becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

When should I arrive for camp?

Full week Youth sessions open on Sunday with check in from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. All campers should plan to arrive by 3:00 p.m. and allow some time to go through registration. When campers arrive staff will guide vehicles to parking areas & help campers move to Beck Center where we will check campers in. At registration, we confirm: balance of fees paid in full, Health History Form, Texas Elks Waiver, receipt of medications (all prescriptions and over the counter medications must be in their original container) and conduct a brief Health Care Screening (including lice check) prior to admitting a camper to camp.

When does camp begin?

Once campers have moved through the registration process in the Beck center, campers move to their cabin and meet their counselor. The expectation is that cabin groups will be assembled no later than 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. After cabin groups are assembled cabins will have “orientation meetings” to go over protocols, safety, and under what circumstances campers will be sent home.

After these meetings, counselors begin moving their cabin group to different parts of the camp with their campers as part of camper orientation. To have a successful week it is important for campers to become familiar with the camp and learn what opportunities there are for the week. Because cabins move as a group and must visit a variety of areas prior to dinner, the cabin group will begin on time. Late arrivals will be connected to their cabin group & we will do our best to help a camper catch up on what they have missed. For this reason we recommend planning on arriving early (much like you would for the airport) to insure a smooth check in.

Health care screening

Our Camp Health Care Officer is responsible to check campers health prior to check in. It is important to us that campers arrive healthy and do not pose a risk to themselves or others while they are at camp. Campers who arrive with any medical issue deemed by the camp nurse as a health issue placing the camper or others in the camp community at risk, will not be checked into camp.

Parents and guardians should plan to stay with their child(ren) until they connect with their counselor. Emergency contacts needs to be verified and available.

Medical care and insurance for your child

Camp will have a Health Care Officer for the duration of our youth programs. This person oversees all aspects of the care given to campers while they are at camp. Our counseling staff are all certified in First Aid and CPR and work hard to make sure campers are safe at all times. In addition, our full time Program Staff are all certified high ropes facilitators. Should any major or minor accident or illness occur at camp, the parents or guardians will be notified immediately by the Camp Health Care Officer or Camp Director and camp health care procedures will be followed. Camp reserves the right to send a child home if needed. If you plan to be away from home for a few days, please notify camp of a temporary address and telephone number, where you can be reached.

How are cabin assignments made?

The camp management takes responsibility for the assignment of campers to their cabins. We will try to honor up to one request for a bunkmate of the same age, gender, and grade range (i.e. elementary, junior high, senior high) when indicated on the registration form.

When does camp end? Can campers spend the night between sessions?

Camp closes on Saturdays after Eucharist.

All families are invited to this special service that begins at 10:00 a.m. All campers should be picked up no later than 11:30 a.m. The Camp Director must approve of any deviation from the checkout schedule well in advance. When the program is concluded campers will need to check out with our staff prior to departure. Specifically, the camp needs a record of when the camper has left and who has picked them up. We ask for this information when campers are dropped off and we need to verify who we are releasing a camper to prior to our letting them go. Campers who have medications will

need to check out with the Camp Health Care Officer. Remaining campers will be able to check out with their counselors who will have a sign out clip board for each camper group.

Adherence to this schedule enables the camp staff to plan an orderly conclusion to your child's session.

Can campers stay overnight between sessions?

No, between camps we receive new staff and prepare for the next session.

What are the main activities at camp?

Exploring and experiencing the Christian faith has been the central theme at Camp All Saints since 2004. Each program week, clergy work with the camp theme, tying the program to the central event of Holy Eucharist at our beautiful chapel. Campers enjoy an assortment of outdoor recreation activities including swimming, kayaking, fishing, mountain biking, archery, hiking and our 660+ acres along the shores of Lake Texoma. Many of the games teach life skills and teamwork. Arts, crafts, songs, the Digital Discipleship Ministry (multimedia program), low and high ropes course (age appropriate), music, and skits allow for creative expression. All of our programs are age appropriate and led by qualified staff.

Can campers bring their cell phone or other electronics?

A note to parents about cell phones: **Cell phones are not permitted at camp.**

Camp is a time for our children and youth to “unplug” and “disconnect” from the surrounding culture that drags them down. Camp is where our campers learn to connect with God and each other in real relationships which can only happen face-to-face. Camp is a gift from God to learn how to reconnect with others without using “screens.”

The restriction on screens is also to help our campers and staff relax and disconnect from the stress and anxieties our cell phones create.

When is it OK to have a cell phone:

It is not OK for campers to have cell phones. All parents will have access to the Summer Camp Director, Asst Director, and camp nurse at all times. Should parents need to communicate with their campers, they will go through these channels. **ALL ELECTRONICS ARE PROHIBITED AT SUMMER CAMP.**

Setting your camper up to fail:

If you permit your camper to keep their phone you are setting up your camper to be in conflict with the camp. Specifically, the cabin counselor, other campers (who do not have their cell phones) and the directors of the camp. Since cell phones are very expensive the camp will NOT take any responsibility for broken, damaged, lost or stolen phones even if our office is holding them for you.

Please take your camper's phone home with you. Campers found with cell phones not previously authorized, will be taken away and the Director will notify the parent of this action and then keep the phone until the camper is picked up at the end of camp. If you have any questions about cell phones I would be happy to visit with you and your camper(s) prior to your leaving.

Thank you for your time and support of the camp's position on cell phones and other electronics.

Can campers be reached quickly by telephone?

The phone number at camp is (469) 446-3536.

If you call this number we will be able to take a message and route it to your camper(s).

You may reach the Summer Camp Director at this number or e-mail her at

cassummercampdirector@gmail.com.

What is the best way to keep in touch with my camper?

Many of our younger campers experience receiving mail for the first time at camp. It can be a special memory and a great affirmation to get a letter from home. There are two ways to send correspondence to your camper. You may send them an e-mail at cassummercampdirector@gmail.com **with their full name as the subject line**. These will be printed and distributed daily. You can mail letters to them via the postal service as well. Please send a cheerful note to your camper(s) but avoid mentioning “**how sorely he or she is missed.**”

PLEASE ADDRESS MAIL AS FOLLOWS:

Camper's Name

C/O Camp All Saints

418 Stanton Way

Pottsboro, TX 75076

We encourage you to send camper can bring stamped, self-addressed cards or envelopes with them so that they may send out mail as well.

What about packages from home including food/candy?

Packages of food from home, we know, are a symbol of love and intended to please the camper. This summer (2025) our package policy has changed. The only time campers can have packages is when they are dropped off at camp. See above policy.

Any packages received during the week, will be kept in the director's office and returned to the camper and parents at pick up time.

Who are the staff at camp?

The Summer Camp Director is Rev Deacon Katie Gerber Each week we have a group of clergy/lay ministers who love children and will be responsible for their spiritual journey during their week at camp. They will lead daily worship and an afternoon bible teaching. They will also interact with campers all week showing them the love of Christ we want all campers to experience during their time at summer camp.

A Taste of Camp

- The Very Rev Robert (Rob) P. Price
- Laura Weeks

Week 1:

- The Very Rev Robert (Rob) P. Price, Dean and Rector St. Matthew's Cathedral, Dallas
- The Rev David Halt, Rector St. James, Texarkana
- The Rev Lilian Kamau, Assisting Rector St. Philip's, Frisco
- The Rev. Andy Golla, Deacon, Church of the Epiphany, Richardson

Week 2:

- The Rev Noe Mendez, Vicar Santa Natividad, McKinney
- The Rev Susana Williams, Deacon San Marcos, Mount Pleasant
- Joy Zapata
- The Rev. Erica Andersen, Deacon, St. Andrew's, McKinney
- Ivan and Kate Colina, St. Paul, Prosper

Week 3

- The Rev Jacob Nichols, Rector St. Luke's, Denison
- The Rev Jonathan Melton, Rector St. James, Dallas
- The Rev Perry Mullins, Rector St. Peter's, McKinney
- Angela Urick, Director for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, St. James Episcopal Church, Dallas

Joe Roberts is our Summer Camp Assistant Director and Worship Leader for the summer. Joe has many years experience as a camper and counselor at Summer Camp and also has previous experience as music director. Campers will enjoy singing and dancing to worship music all week.

Melissa Turner is our returning arts and crafts director.

We have a staff of camp counselors who are eager and ready to receive and lead your camper on an amazing week at summer camp. These counselors know how impactful this time is for campers and are ready and eager to help them grow in their faith, make life-long friends, and have tons of fun.

Is there a need for spending money?

Yes, there is a camp store. It has camp souvenir items, a few games/toys, and drinks and snacks that may interest your camper. The store will be open occasionally during the week. Any spending money brought to camp remains the responsibility of the camper. Our camp store allows for deposits to be made at the time of check in that campers can access throughout the week. Remaining balances will be refunded to parents at check out. Camp All Saints is not responsible for any cash a camper may have.

A note to parents about luggage coming home

*A note about bed bugs

To finish a great week of camp we are working to raise awareness of taking safety all the way home. Orkin has ranked the Dallas area in the top six cities in the nation with bed bugs. With that understanding part of any travel experience in today's fast pace world is the possibility of encountering bed bugs.

While we don't anticipate there is any reason to have concern, we advise all visitors/guests follow the best practices listed below regarding your luggage. While we work hard to keep our cabins free of bed bugs we can't avoid the reality of new groups of people arriving with luggage/sleeping bags coming on and off the property every week.

As a precautionary measure, whenever you return from a trip....

- Place all clothing and bedding items directly into the dryer as soon as your student arrives home. Any item that can be placed into the dryer needs to be included—backpacks, duffel bags, jackets, hats, gloves, etc.
- Dry all items on the highest heat setting for a minimum of 45 minutes.
- After you have dried the clothing, wash with hot water and dry as usual.
- If you have items that cannot be placed into the dryer, leave them outside your home in a garbage bag until it can be treated. On large items like a suitcase you may use a hair dryer to force bed bugs out of hiding places. The "high" heat from a blow dryer will kill bed bugs and eggs after 30 seconds of continuous contact.

Rev Katie Gerber,
Summer Camp Director

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