

MIDSOUTH COVENANT CAMP

August 5 - 11, 2018

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Philosophy and Purpose

The Midsouth Covenant Camp Ministry's primary goal is to expose each camper to the love, knowledge, and saving power of Jesus Christ. While having fun in the outdoors, campers also have the chance to reflect on God's beautiful creation. These opportunities, coupled with the love and sharing of Bible truths by the staff, offer an occasion for each camper to know Jesus Christ in a real and personal way.

The Camp

Frontier Camp is situated on 75 acres of the scenic East Texas Piney Woods and is laced with trails for hiking and horseback riding. The camp has air-conditioned cabins, a cheerful dining hall, meeting room, chapel, Trading Post, large athletic field, stables and corral, rodeo arena, and outdoor gym. A beautiful beach with a large campfire circle is on the shoreline of Houston County Lake. Frontier Camp is conveniently located between Dallas and Houston. It is licensed by the Texas Department of Health and is accredited by the American Camp Association.

The Midsouth Covenant Camp Ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church's Midsouth Conference has again contracted with Frontier Camp for this summer session.

Recreation and Activities

While at Frontier Camp, campers can participate in:

Water weenie	Campfires	Crafts
Kayaking	Horseback riding	Water slides
Tubing	Rope swing	Archery
Wake boarding	Nature walks	Riflery
Swimming	Climbing wall	Sports
Canoeing	Zip line	Rodeo
Paddle boats	Volleyball	

General Information

Campers are placed in one of three Divisions determined by the school grade they will be **entering** in the fall semester of 2016. The Divisions are comprised of 2-4 graders, 5-6 graders, and 7-9 graders.

Camp begins on Sunday, August 5, with registration and ends the following Saturday, August 11, after the closing program. In addition to recreation, the week is filled with daily activities including chapel, Bible studies, and evening devotions. Campers also have ample free time for building friendships.



Midsouth Camp Staff

Counseling staff is made up of volunteers who are recruited and approved by the Midsouth Covenant Camp Ministry. All staff members attend a training session before camp begins and receive instruction in the camp's purpose and procedures as well as general counseling and safety techniques.

Staff applications are available online or by contacting:

Dale Lusk, Midsouth Minister of Camping
(956) 458-9568
Email: dale.lusk@covchurch.org

Counselor applications are due to Dale Lusk by April 30, 2018. CILT applications are due by June 1, 2018. Positions are limited, so apply early. Counselors do not pay any fees to attend camp. Camper fees may be partially reduced if parents attend training and are camp staff.

Theme: "COLORS" The Story of Joseph: Family Matters

Genesis 50:20-21 "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. Don't be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children." So Joseph spoke kindly to his brothers. The story of Joseph reminds us how hard and how wonderful family life can be. Campers will travel through the life of Joseph; how families can hurt each other, but also be a source of great joy. When we submit to God, even in the most difficult circumstances, He can do incredible things through us, even for our families. Only in God can families find forgiveness, love, peace and joy.

Registration Fees, Payments, and Deadlines

The 2018 camp registration fee is \$475. All registration forms must include a \$50 deposit to reserve a place for each camper, and can be submitted by mail, FAX or scan. Early registration price is \$425 with a \$50 deposit and completed registration forms postmarked by June 15, 2018. All campers who register by July 15, 2018 will receive a t-shirt upon arrival at camp. Additional t-shirts may be ordered for \$10 each. A waiting list will be maintained for registrations received after cabins are full. All camp balances are due by August 5, 2018. Payments can also be made online at www.midsouthcov.org. Registration paperwork and payments can be mailed to:

Midsouth Covenant Camp
302 S. 20th St., Suite A
Rogers, AR 72758
479-631-1212 (phone) or 479-202-4678 (fax)
kim@midsouthcov.org

Campers are to bring...

Bedding - sleeping bag or sheets, blanket, and pillow. If your camper is a bed wetter, please bring several sets of sheets.

Bible - a readable translation, which includes Old and New Testaments, pen/pencils, and notebook or paper.

Clothes – *clothing reflects the mission of the camp.* Male campers are required to wear shirts at all times (except at the beach) and no sagging pants or shorts. Female campers may not have low cut, halter or spaghetti strap tops; and no bun hugger shorts are allowed. Campers should have enough shirts, shorts, jeans, pajamas, underwear, socks, and the like, to last for the week. Older clothes are recommended, as the campers will be involved in many outdoor activities. Jeans are required for horseback riding.

Shoes - athletic-style shoes, other shoes that withstand the out-of-doors, or comfortable boots. Sandals are permitted for the beach. Closed-toe shoes are **required** for horseback riding and climbing wall.

Swimsuits – *female campers may wear one-piece suits, or a color T-shirt (not white) over a two-piece suit.*

Toiletries and etc. - bath towel, beach towel, dirty clothes bag, insect repellent, sun block, and personal hygiene items.

Campers are NOT to bring...

Electronic devices such as cell phones, CD/DVD players, computers, boom boxes, MP3 players, video games, radios, or televisions; pocket knives, weapons, or firearms of any type; comic books; expensive jewelry; tobacco or other illegal substances. Please do not send an abundance of snacks. Open food in the cabins always attracts ants and other insects.

Spending Money

Campers are allowed to have funds deposited at registration with the Frontier Camp Trading Post. The cost of items purchased at the Trading Post will be deducted at the time the camper buys them. Any remaining balance will be refunded to the camper during the last morning of camp.

Midsouth Covenant Camp Video & Facebook

During check-in on Sunday, campers may purchase a Midsouth 2018 Camp Video for \$8. Group and candid pictures and videos will be taken during the week and put into DVD format. The DVD will be distributed the last morning of camp. Midsouth photos *will not* be available on the Frontier Camp website. Families will now be able to view the 2018 Midsouth Covenant Camp Facebook page during camp. Pictures and posts will be updated periodically so that families do not need to contact counselors for news about their campers.

Camper Medications

Please limit prescription drugs and medications to those your child will absolutely need. **ALL** medications must be turned in to the Frontier Camp health care provider (HCP) at registration in the original packaging or container. The HCP will dispense medications as directed on the Camper Medication Form.

Insurance

Midsouth Covenant Camp provides **limited** insurance for accidents and illnesses that may occur at camp. Any claims which exceed these limits must be covered by the camper's personal insurance.

Camper Arrival and Departure

Check your camper in Sunday afternoon, August 5, from 3 to 5 p.m. Please do not arrive before 3 p.m. to check-in. Pick your camper up on Saturday, August 11, after the "Parent's Celebration," which begins at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel and ends at 10:30 a.m. Families are encouraged to attend this ceremony. Please do not arrive earlier than 9 a.m. to pick up your camper. *Each camper must have the Transportation Release Form filed with the registrar by August 5th in order to leave camp.*

Mail for Campers

Send mail early, even as early as the Friday before camp begins (allow for three days delivery time). **Do not** send mail to the Midsouth Camp Registrar. Mailing address for Frontier Camp:

Your Camper's Name
c/o Midsouth Covenant Camp
131 Frontier Camp Road
Grapeland, TX 75844

Emergency Communication Procedure

In the event of an emergency at camp, Midsouth Camp staff will contact parents/guardians at the emergency contact phone number listed on the registration form. A copy of the emergency contact list will also be located at the Midsouth Conference Office. If for some reason Camp Staff is unable to contact parents/guardians, the Midsouth Conference office will make contact. *Counselors are not allowed to give out cell phone numbers, so call the Camp Director for emergencies.*

Frontier Camp Location and Directions

Frontier Camp is located on the north shore of Houston County Lake in East Texas, about 3 hours from Houston or Dallas and about 4 hours from Austin. Directions can be obtained from the Frontier Camp website at www.frontiercamp.org. Please do not pay for camp on the Frontier Camp website.

