



First Baptist Church
Big Spring, TX

August 21, 2018

Dear Parent or Guardian:

I know it seems early but we need to talk about youth camp for 2019! We have chosen once again to go to Glorieta Fuge Camps during the week of **June 29-July 3** (Saturday-Wednesday). The Camp Pastor for the week is Eric Reed and the Worship Leader is Nick Thurmond. We have had both of these guys in years past and both are TREMENDOUS.

We **DO NOT** pass around a camp sign-up sheet. A student signs up for camp by paying the \$100 deposit and we will accept camp deposits beginning today! Please note, the discount mentioned below for 2nd children in the family **ONLY** applies to balance payments. Every student needs to pay the full \$100 deposit. These camps fill up fast so I cannot guarantee a spot for your student until the deposit is paid. The camp costs \$310, but the church and youth budget this year is automatically covering \$30. Other opportunities to offset that cost are discussed below, but the full price if your student does not participate in any of those opportunities is \$280. Once again we will offer a \$25 discount for families with multiple children going to camp.

You might be thinking, how can I afford to send my student to a camp that costs \$280? Not to worry. Students can earn up to **\$155** in scholarships by simply attending Sunday School, helping at the fundraiser lunch on Sunday, October 7th, and helping at the church Fall Festival on October 31st.

Below is an explanation of how the scholarship and payment process will work this year:

The Sunday School attendance scholarship credit will be offered for 20 weeks between September 9, 2018 and -February 24, 2019. The following Sundays the scholarship earning is not offered due to Holidays and events. November 25th (Thanksgiving), December 23rd, December 30th, and January 6th (Christmas) and February 10th.(DNOW) Sunday School attendance is worth **\$5 X 20** Sundays – max of **\$100**.

Helping at the Fundraiser Luncheon October 7th: \$25

Helping at Fall Festival Oct 31st – up to \$30 (\$10 per hour, max of 3 hours)

The maximum amount of scholarship credit available is \$155. That is lower than in years past, but please remember the church is giving everyone \$30 off the actual cost. (see page 1) If students earn the full amount of scholarship available, camp will only cost **\$125** this year.

Details for making payments: Last year we implemented a new “drop-box” system for paying for any youth events. There are two “drop-box” locations to place payments. First, on the wall just outside the youth room there is a locked metal box with envelopes next to it. A second box is located just outside the youth hallway next to the parent’s resource table close to the middle stairwell coming up from children’s department. Pick up an envelope fill in your student’s name and the event (Youth Camp) and place your deposit in the slot.

We have offered as much flexibility as possible. The refundable dates and deadlines are directly tied to dates that Fuge Camps requires us to make non-refundable payments to them.

Camp Payment Timeline

\$100 deposit payable beginning today to sign up.

*****To receive any refund, you must contact Jonathan before the dates below.*****

\$75 is refundable before January 27

\$40 is refundable between January 28 and April 28

No refunds of deposits after April 28.

All balances are due May 12.

No refunds of deposits or additional balance payments made after June 10.

We encourage you to **NOT** pay your camp balance until after Spring Break. This will allow us to calculate scholarship earnings from Sunday School attendance. Parents will receive postcards in the mail in December as well as the week of Spring Break updating you payment and scholarship amounts.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please feel free to give me a call. As always we look forward to your student being involved in all the activities at First Baptist.

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