

Note to Parents and Students

Hey! It is our great hope and desire that Encounter Youth Camp 2026 would be a powerful and life-changing week for our students! We hope to have a great time of worship this week as we dive into God's Word. As we go to camp, it is our hope to create an atmosphere and environment that is full of the love that God gives to us each and every day. The rules and guidelines laid out in this packet/handbook are in place to help create this type of atmosphere and environment. We are praying that students will walk away from camp either coming to know Christ in salvation for the very first time or growing closer to Christ than they ever have before. If you have any questions about any of the information in this packet, please don't hesitate to reach out to me!

In Christ,
Greg Alderdice
Youth Pastor

Camp Information

Encounter Youth Camp 2026

Cost: \$225

Deadline and Money due by: June 7th

Dates: June 22-26

Theme: The Pursuit (a study on the book of Jonah)

Location:

Encounter Cove Camp and Conference Center

1650 Koehler Drive, Roach, MO 65787

Leaving FBC on June 22nd at 8:00 AM sharp. Please arrive at 7:30 AM to load luggage.
Returning to FBC on June 26th at approximately 5-6 PM.

Emergency Contact Information

Greg Alderdice – 731-514-4752 (Cell Phone)

Encounter Cove – 573-832-3330 (Office Phone – Emergency Use Only)

Encouragement

If you would like to send notes of encouragement to be given to students during the week of camp, please bring them to me before we leave for camp. Just make sure it has your student's name on it as well as the day of the week you'd like for them to get it. ***We have done e-mail versions of this in the past, but it is not easily done with the facility we go to, so we will not be able to do e-mail notes this year – only ones written prior to camp.***

Camp Schedule

Monday

5:30 – Camp Orientation
Dinner to Immediately Follow
7:15 – Evening Encounter
8:45 – Small Groups
9:30 – Quiet Time with Accountability Partner
11:00 – In Rooms/Lights Out

Tuesday

8:30 – Breakfast
9:05 – Quiet Time with Accountability Partner
9:30 – Morning Encounter
10:30 – Free Time
 • 10:30-12:15 – Pool
12:30 – Lunch
1:00 – Rec Time
3:00 – Free Time
 • 3:30-4:45 – Challenge Course
 • 4:45-5:30 – Water Kickball
6:15 – Dinner
7:00 – Pray with Accountability Partner
7:15 – Evening Encounter
8:45 – Small Groups
9:30 – Evening Activity
11:00 – In Rooms/Lights Out

Wednesday

8:30 – Breakfast
9:05 – Quiet Time with Accountability Partner
9:30 – Morning Encounter
10:30 – Free Time
 • 10:30-12:15 – Pool
12:30 – Lunch
1:00 – Rec Time
3:00 – Free Time
 • 3:30-5:30 – Lake Wibits, Coveside Beach,
 Field Water Sports, Pool, Turbo Chute,
 3-Story Slide, Water Volleyball
6:15 – Dinner
7:00 – Pray with Accountability Partner
7:15 – Evening Encounter
8:45 – Small Groups
11:00 – In Rooms/Lights Out

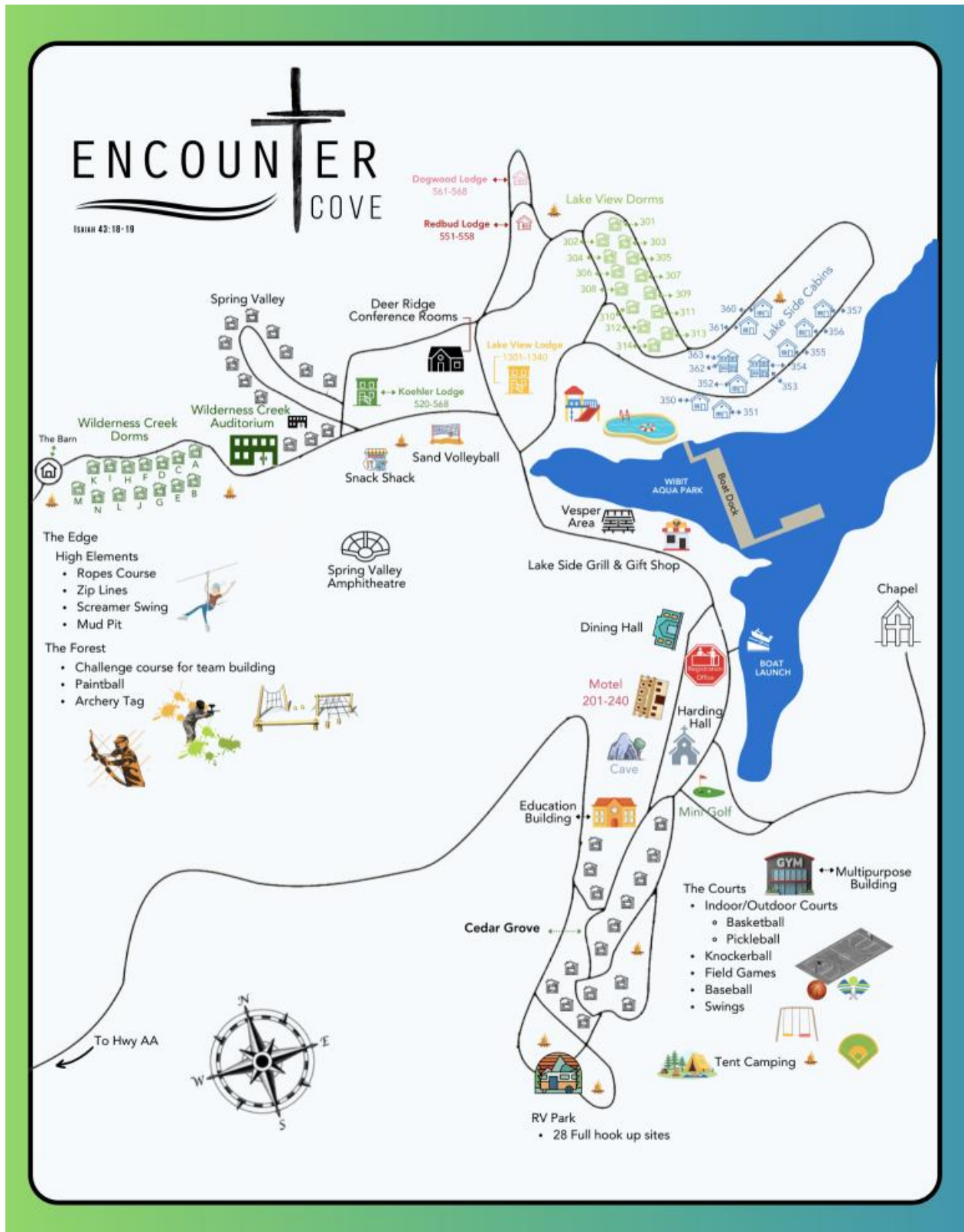
Thursday

8:30 – Breakfast
9:05 – Quiet Time with Accountability Partner
9:30 – Morning Encounter
10:30 – Free Time
 • 10:30-12:15 – Pool
12:30 – Lunch
1:00 – Rec
3:00 – Free Time
 • 3:30-4:45 – High Ropes Course/Zipline
 • 4:45-5:30 – Archery Tag/Paintball
6:15 – Dinner
7:00 – Pray with Accountability Partner
7:15 – Evening Encounter
8:45 – Small Groups
11:00 – In Rooms/Lights Out

Friday

8:00 – Clean/Load Luggage
9:00 – Breakfast
Leave After Breakfast

Encounter Cove Map



To Start . . .

We will be stopping at a Love's Gas Station for lunch (with fast food options) both on the way to camp & on the way home from camp. Make sure your student has money for this.

New This Year . . .

In previous years, we have typically housed 7–8 students per room. However, Encounter Cove has updated its housing policy for this year, limiting each room to a maximum of 6 students. To make the best use of the available space, students will still be able to choose their roommates as they have in the past, but room assignments will be capped at 6 students per room. Because every room will need to be filled to capacity, some students may not be able to room with all of their friends. Students are typically only in their rooms to sleep each night, so the room students are in typically do not raise a lot of concern.

Cell Service + Wi-Fi

Encounter Cove has cell service, but it is spotty in certain areas. There is also Wi-Fi, but if everyone in our group is trying to use it all in the same time, it's reliability isn't consistent. With all that being said, if you're trying to contact your student in an emergency situation, please contact me if you cannot reach your student. If I do not answer, leave me a voicemail or a text message, and I will respond as quickly as I can.

What To Pack

1. Bible, Pen, Notepad, etc.
2. "Safari Day" attire (Tuesday) – Break out your khaki, animal prints, explorer gear, and wildest safari style for a day of adventure!
3. "USA Day" attire (Wednesday) – Dress in the good ol' red, white, and blue and show off your American spirit!
4. "Neon/Color Day" attire (Thursday) – Wear your favorite color (or as many bright colors as possible) and help light up camp!
5. Clothes for each day of camp.
6. Closed-toe shoes (would be great for rec and any activities; these must be worn for the high ropes course)
7. No bedding is needed. Linens are provided. However, if students want, they can bring their own blanket or pillow.
8. Towels, hygiene items (shampoo, soap, etc.), and other toiletry items. *Some towels will be provided for the rooms, but they need to be used for showering only. The towels provided do not need to be used for swimming, makeup, mud, dirt, etc.*
9. Snack foods for the week (if student wants to bring that)
10. Beach towel, bathing suit and sunscreen.
 - a. For Guys – swimming trunks with no shirt is acceptable. ****Males must wear a shirt when not in water.****
 - b. For Girls – one piece bathing suits are acceptable; bathing suit must have shoulder straps.
 - c. **Sidenote** – In addition to the pool, there is a lake. So, students may want to wear a dri-fit type of shirt because they will be required to wear a life vest. The life vest may rub the shoulders if they don't have a shirt on.

11. Extension Outlet Cord – outlets are limited so if a student wants to plug in multiple things, bringing a small extension with multiple outlets would be beneficial.
12. Money
 - a. There is a Gift Shop and a Café/Grill where ice cream and food is sold. Students are not required to bring money for this, but if they want to purchase anything, they will need some money for that.
 - b. They will need some money for a fast food meal both on the way there and on the way home.

What Not To Pack

1. Spaghetti strap shirts (sleeveless shirts and tank tops are okay as long as they cover the side of the student's body completely)
2. Short shorts (the typical shorts girls wear is acceptable – if there are any questions, feel free to ask)
3. Any clothing with inappropriate sayings (it will ultimately be decided by Greg if clothing is deemed inappropriate)
4. Any illegal substances or weapons

Rules and Guidelines

Some of these rules should go without saying and probably seem obvious, but here they are, anyways:

1. Treat every leader and student with respect and kindness. There will be no fighting or inappropriate language at camp.
2. Do not, under any circumstances, go into the lodging area of the opposite sex.
3. Do not leave your room without being fully clothed.
4. Be where you are supposed to be on time.
5. There will be no use of cell phones allowed during Morning Encounter, Evening Encounter, or Small Groups. Bring your Bible so that you do not have to use the Bible App on your phone. If you do not have a Bible, please let Greg know, and one will be given.
6. You must, at all times when not in the lodging area, be in groups of at least 3 people.
7. Two students of the opposite sex should not be alone under any circumstance.
8. Treat the property and all items belonging to Encounter Cove with care and respect. Any items broken by students will be expected to be paid for and replaced by the student.
9. Under the event that a student creates a dangerous situation or puts anyone in the group in danger, the student will be sent home. Parents will be responsible for the student's transportation should that happen.

Things to Do at Camp

1. Aqua Park (Lake Inflatables), Kayaks, Paddle Boats, Canoes, Indoor Gym, Pool, 3-Story Slide, High Ropes Course/Zipline, Archery Tag, Paintball
 - a. These things can only be done with a Rec Pass
 - b. These events will be scheduled & can only be done at the scheduled times.
2. Gaga Ball
3. Hiking
4. Sand Volleyball
5. Disc Golf
6. Mini Golf
7. Fishing (license must be purchased)

Camp Rules of Conduct (Encounter Cove)

1. Guests are financially responsible for damages and excessive cleaning costs.
2. Rooms (lodging as it pertains to students) must be left the way they are found, especially as it relates to furniture being moved around.
3. Confetti, glitter, face & body paint, and temporary hair dyes are strictly prohibited.
4. Cliff jumping from the bluff is strictly prohibited.
 - a. There is a rock formation (the cliff) off of a walking trail.
 - b. Students are not to jump off of this cliff under any circumstances.
5. More guidelines can possibly be given at camp.

Dress Code

1. Students will be expected to change with no argument if there are any questions about the appropriateness of an outfit.
2. Spandex, leggings, or any other “tight” pants must be modest and appropriate.
3. Shirts and shorts (or pants) must be worn at all scheduled events.
4. Swimsuits must meet expectations previously stated in the What to Pack section.

Cell Phones

As previously stated, cell phones will not be allowed to be used in our morning and evening Encounter sessions, small groups, or any time where we are having a worship/group setting. Otherwise, cell phones are allowed during any other time as long as it's not becoming a distraction to the rest of the group.

Also, as previously stated, there is cell phone service (limited in spots) where we are going, as well as Wi-Fi (though the wi-fi isn't the best with 80+ people on it at once).

Medical Attention

In the event that students face a medical emergency, parents will be notified immediately. If students are taking any medications or have any allergies, please make sure that is on file with the medical forms and put on the online registration.

Necessary Forms

- First Baptist Church Permission Form
- First Baptist Church Medical Form

**** Make sure these forms are on file in the church office and that your insurance is up to date on the medical form. ****