

Southwest church of Christ

Summer Bible Camp 2023

Dear Camper and Parent/Guardian,

The Southwest church of Christ is once again privileged to host our annual Bible camp this coming June. The date for this year's session is June 11-16. Camp is designed for those who have completed grades 3 through 12 at the end of this school year.

Camp will be held at the Hensel Camp, located at 7819 Singleton Bend Road, Marble Falls, Texas 78654. Campers can receive mail at that address that will be passed out daily.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to sponsor this event for another year. Several good brethren have been working hard and are continuing to do so to ensure spiritual growth, fun, and safety are the focus of the camp session. This is always a busy time, but we are excited about this year's session.

Please read all of the information in this packet carefully for more important details.

Camp check-in time is 3:00 p.m., Sunday. Parents are responsible for arranging rides to and from camp. Please come directly to the camp cafeteria building to check-in first before taking your camper(s) to the cabin area. Campers must bring a sack lunch for the Sunday evening meal; drinks will be provided. Worship will be held Sunday evening at the camp amphitheater, so appropriate attire is requested.

New pick up time will be 12:00 p.m., Friday. Campers or counselors will not be permitted to leave early unless approved by the director. Everyone will be required to stay at camp until released. If your child needs to be picked up early, please inform the director at registration on Sunday.

For several reasons, cell phones are not permitted for campers during the session and will be collected and returned on Friday. Parents are asked not to call the camp unless there is an emergency, as this may cause the youth to become homesick. In the case of an emergency, contact the camp co-director Jamie Harris, (512) 595-2939.

Hensel Memorial Camp requires fees from all visitors to the facilities, be it a day pass or an overnight pass. Visitors are welcome at camp, but an appropriate fee will be assessed. This does not include drop-off and pick-up times.

Enclosed you will find most of the information you should need for camp, including Letter of Spiritual Intent and Rules and Regulations. The fee this year for camp will be \$210.00 for

each child. Online registration should be completed as soon as it is available, as camper spots are assigned on a first-come first-served basis determined by completing the online portion. Camp t-shirts will be provided and included in the camp fees. Please make checks payable to Southwest Youth Activity Fund and mail to 8900 Menchaca Rd, Austin, TX 78748 Attention: Hensel Camp.

Donations are accepted and welcomed to help defray the cost of camp and to provide additional funds for youth who desire to attend but do not have the financial means. Please send any donations to the same place and in the same name that camp fees are sent, please mark "donation" on the check.

If there are questions not addressed by this packet you can also contact the church office at (512) 282-2486 or by emailing camp@swcofc.org. We look forward to a wonderful week at Hensel Camp!

Regards in Christ,
Jamie Harris, Co-Director

Spiritual Intent

While we intend to provide recreation and have fun, the primary emphasis of our camp is teaching the Bible. Our Bible class teachers and staff are committed to teaching the plan of salvation found in the New Testament, in passages such as Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:6, Acts 2:38, Matthew 10:32, and Romans 6:1-4. While at camp, a young person may decide to obey this gospel plan of salvation and become a Christian. We would like parents to be aware that the staff will use Biblical principles to first determine:

- Whether or not this young person is a valid candidate for baptism
- Whether or not this young person has reached the age of accountability
- Whether or not this young person understands the New Testament teaching of salvation
- Whether or not this young person is making an honest response and not one based purely on emotion or "following the crowd"

If it is decided that the camper is indeed a valid candidate, we will first make every effort to have the camper contact his or her parents to inform them of their decision. However, please be aware that our priority will be to carry out the camper's wishes to be baptized.

Please discuss this subject with your children before they come to camp. While we understand that parents may want to be present for this important event in their children's life, we also want to avoid situations where we delay something as serious as salvation.

Please contact us if you have any questions concerning this matter.

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Please read all information found in the Hensel Camp Information Packet 2023 below.

****Note that spots are assigned on a first-come/first-served basis. We will send a confirmation email to let you know that we have received your application and that your camper(s) have a spot for the year, or to let you know that they have been placed on the waiting list if the session becomes full.**

Rules and Regulations for Campers

Parents, please ensure that your youth understands and complies with these rules and regulations and instructions regarding what to bring or what not to bring. Misbehavior could result in dismissal from camp. If you have questions about specific items call the church office at (512) 282-2486 or email camp@swcofc.org.

All campers must submit a fully completed application form and release of liability form signed by the parent(s) or legal guardian and must pay an appropriate registration and camp use fee as established by the camp directors prior to admission to camp.

Campers must always abide by all rules and arrive at camp with the proper attitude.

Campers must always dress in a manner consistent with Biblical teachings and Christian ideals. The appropriate attire for boys is pants or shorts that extend to the knee, knit, sport, or t-shirt. The appropriate attire for girls is pants or shorts that extend to the knee, blouse or t-shirt, or dresses that extend below the knee. All items of clothing should not fit tightly to the body or be seen through. Shirtsleeves must extend over the shoulder. Yoga pants, halter tops, sleeveless shirts, tight shirts, tank tops, fishnet tops, dresses above the knee will not be allowed. The camp directors will resolve any questions about appropriateness of camper attire.

Campers must always stay on the campgrounds unless approved to leave by the camp director, or the camp nurse.

Campers should always strive to keep the proper mood and spirit of the camp. This refers to proper conduct, observing reverence during Bible classes and devotionals, and showing respect to other campers and the camp staff. Attendance at all devotionals, Bible study periods, and Bible discussion activities is mandatory, unless approved by one of the co-directors.

Campers will not be permitted to keep their cell phones with them during the camp session. Counselors will gather cell phones at the beginning of camp and return them on Friday prior to checkout. In case of an emergency your camper may be reached during the session by contacting the camp co-director Jamie Harris, (512) 595-2939.

Fireworks, guns, knives, or weapons of any kind will not be allowed on the premises, including inside vehicles located on the premises.

Tobacco products, alcoholic beverages and illicit (illegal) drugs are not allowed on the premises, including inside vehicles located on the premises.

Prescription and non-prescription (legal) medications must be given to the camp nurse during registration/check-in for safekeeping. The camp nurse will establish a schedule for dispensing of all medications.

Pets and off-road vehicles are not allowed on the premises. This includes bicycles, scooters, etc.

Automobiles brought to camp will be parked in the parking lot and will not be moved during camp unless approved by the camp director or the co-director. Exceptions: The camp directors may designate emergency vehicles, and vehicles used for occasional transport of campers to designated areas of the camp.

Boys are not allowed in the girls' area or cabins at any time. Girls are not allowed in the boys' area or cabins at any time. Violation of this rule will automatically result in dismissal from camp!

Campers are not allowed outside cabins after lights out unless authorized by a counselor.

Affection toward the opposite sex will be limited to holding hands and "three-second" hugs.

Profanity, abusive language or fighting will not be allowed.

Campers must always keep his/her bunk and surrounding cabin area neat and clean.

Littering of campgrounds and facilities is prohibited. Causing damage to or destruction of campgrounds, facilities, or natural features of the camp in any way is prohibited.

Campers will participate in all clean-up activities in cabins, the cafeteria (including KP duty) and campgrounds in general, as directed by counselors and camp staff.

Campers must observe personal hygiene, including showering with soap each day. Swimming does not count as bathing.

All injuries no matter how minor must be reported immediately to the camp nurse, camp director or co-director.

Visitors are allowed on the camp premises only with the permission of the camp director or co-director. Visitors must register at camp headquarters, sign a release of liability form, and may be subject to pay an appropriate camp use fee as determined by the camp directors, or they will not be allowed to remain on the premises.

Visitors are considered campers and are expected to abide by all camper rules as established herein. Parents of campers who bring their children to camp or pick up their children from camp are expected to abide by all camp rules established herein. This includes the rule regarding dressing in a manner consistent with Biblical teaching and Christian ideals.

What to Bring and Not to Bring

What to Bring:

Bible (King James, New King James, ESV, or ASV 1901 preferred), paper and pen or pencil

Two (2) twin bed sheets and one (1) light quilt or blanket or lightweight sleeping bag

Towels and washcloths for five (5) days

Appropriate shoes

Appropriate (*modest*) swimwear

Laundry bag

Flashlight

Insect repellent

Sunscreen

Fold-up (*Camper's*) Chair

Changes of clothing*, including undergarments for five (5) days. *There are no exceptions to this rule.*

What Not to Bring:

Immodest clothing of any kind

Tobacco, alcohol, or illicit drugs of any kind

Guns, knives, axes, fireworks or any such like item

Magazines, inappropriate material of any kind

Cell phones. Cell phones have been found to be a distraction to what we are trying to accomplish with the camp session. If brought it will be collected and returned on the last day of camp.

Anything too questionable

Optional Items:

Radios, iPod, or other MP3 players will be allowed only in the cabins, at the counselor's discretion so long as they do not disturb others. No loud or inappropriate music will be allowed.

Musical Instruments for recreational purposes only (no electric amplified instruments), will only be allowed during approved times.

Indoors board games and recreational equipment such as gloves, balls, bats, fishing gear, etc.

Small electric fan and extension cord.

Clothing hangers