



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

We are excited about Camp Refuge 2025! Here's a few things about camp that we want to go over to help prepare your camper to have a great week:

-*Spiritual emphasis.* The theme is "Living God's Story." We want our kids and teens first to understand the great story that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From Creation to the second coming, God is writing a grand story in the history of the world that teaches us about his power, his goodness, and his purposes. And we are very much a part of this story. This story of the Gospel informs us about our purpose in this world, what we ought to do and not do, but, more importantly, what we are to become, who we belong to, and where we are headed. We pray that this week of camp helps your children identify their lives with this great story against all the competing stories in their world today.

-*Health & Safety.* We want to provide an emotionally and physically safe environment for your kids. We have a ratio of about 3 campers to 1 staff member. We have at least 4 staff members assigned to each cabin that has campers. All staff are required to pass background checks and complete child safety training. We also have a superb medical team including an experienced pediatric nurse and pediatric physical therapist. Several of our staff members have masters level degrees and field experience in counseling. The camp has certified lifeguards for our swim and canoeing times.

-*Phone policy.* Camp Refuge has not allowed electronic devices (phones, tablets, etc.) for campers since its inception. This policy is strictly enforced. The goal in implementing this policy is to create a safe and unplugged environment for all campers, freeing them from distractions to focus more fully on Christ and to foster the development of healthy relationships. We ask that you have your camper leave their electronic devices at home. If they are brought to camp, they will need to be turned in upon arrival at the campgrounds to be locked in the safe and returned on Friday at check-out. If parents need their child to check in with them, they may use a staff member's phone to call. If there is an emergency we will contact you. If you need to get in touch with your child during the week, please call a Director at their contact information below.

-*Dress code.*

Girls: No low cut tops. No spaghetti straps. If sleeveless, the band/straps should cover bra straps. When you raise your arms you shouldn't be able to see your stomach.

Boys: Shirts - No "wife-beaters", cut-off's, or tanks with the wide-open armholes.

Shorts: Girls and Boys are expected to wear long shorts. We recognize that it is difficult for some girls to find longer shorts. So, here's the compromise: Shorts must be modest and come at least to mid thigh. We should not be able to see your underwear at any time- from the top or bottom.

-*Payment.* If you only put down a deposit, be sure to pay the remaining balance.

If you have young campers:

- Prior to camp, work with your kids to learn basic organization and hygiene skills.
- Send each day's clothing in individual gallon-sized ZipLock bags with each day written on them.
- Write the camper's name with a permanent marker on toiletry items (shampoo bottle, etc.) and towels (on the tag).

Packing List & Tips

- Bible
- Bedding (sleeping bag, pillow, blanket, etc.)
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, etc.)
- Bring a carrier or toiletry bag to carry back and forth to bathhouse
- Towels & washcloth for showering (pack extra in case one doesn't dry out enough)
- Separate towels for swim time
- Swim Gear (bathing suit & anything you need for daily swim time)
- Bug spray
- Clothes (enough for 6 days & pack a little extra to be safe)
- Bring an extra bag or hamper for dirty clothes
- Shoes (closed toe shoes and sandals/flip flops)
- Flashlight
- Bedside fan if you get hot at night (cabins are air conditioned but can still get warm)
- If you send snacks, make sure they are in resealable bags or containers because these can attract unwanted critters.

Transportation:

Each congregation has a contact person if you need information about transportation.

Hunter Hills - Will Collins (337) 356-4466

Inner City - Dustin Villarreal (281) 948-3224

Landmark - Hannah Vest (334) 224-0656 or Rob Sellers (334) 220-6809

Park View - Hope Austin (334) 669-7342

Vaughn Park - Lindsey Greenwood (256) 466-4920 or John Mark Stephenson (334) 301-3649

We appreciate your cooperation and support to help make Camp Refuge 2025 a great week to help your camper grow closer to the Lord!

In Him,

Will Collins (337) 356-4466

Rob Sellers (334) 220-6809

(Refuge Directors)