

NYI CAMP HANDBOOK

The Florida NYI

Welcome to Teen Camp

We are so glad you are joining us at Lake Yale Baptist Convention Center for Camp. We have prayed and prepared for this week with great expectation, believing that God will use our time together in incredible ways.

This year’s theme is CONNECTION. Our prayer is that students will grow closer to God, build genuine relationships with one another, and discover that following Jesus was never meant to be done alone.

Throughout the week, we will worship together, participate in workshops, enjoy games, make memories and connections that students will take with them long after camp. More than anything, we want camp to be a place where every student feels welcomed, known, supported, and open to what God wants to do in their life.

Students, come ready to participate, meet someone new, ask honest questions, and listen for God’s voice. Sponsors, thank you for giving your time and energy to lead with patience, wisdom, and Christlike love. Your presence makes this week possible.

We are excited to experience all that God has prepared for us. Let’s come ready to connect, grow, and follow Jesus together.

Pastor Jeremy & Pastor Matthew

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The Heart of Camp

Camp is a place where students can step away from everyday routines and move toward Jesus—the One who knows them fully and loves them deeply.

Through worship, teaching, prayer, activities, and meaningful relationships, students are invited to listen for God's voice, discover their identity and purpose in Christ, and experience the belonging found in God's family. Camp creates space for honest questions, spiritual growth, lasting friendships, and life-changing encounters with God. Our prayer is that every student will leave knowing that their life matters, their story is still being written, and God is faithfully inviting them to become part of His greater story.

Our Mission

Camp exists to create a safe, Christ-centered community where students encounter Jesus, grow in faith, build meaningful relationships, and discover how God is inviting them to live faithfully as part of His greater story.

Our Vision

We envision a generation of young people who know they are fully known and deeply loved by God, find belonging within the Church, and return home equipped to follow Jesus with courage, serve others with compassion, and live out their God-given purpose in their churches, schools, families, and communities.



CONNECTION

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CONNECTION

God created us for connection—with Him, with one another, and with the purpose He has given us. Yet busy schedules, distractions, loneliness, division, and fear can leave us feeling disconnected from God and from the people around us. Throughout camp, students will be invited to reconnect with Jesus, develop genuine relationships, and recognize that they belong within the family of God. Our theme, CONNECTION, reminds us that faith was never meant to be lived alone. As we worship, learn, serve, play, and share life together, our prayer is that every student will experience the love of Christ and return home prepared to build stronger,

It is our prayer that Camp will be a place where students connect more deeply with God, build meaningful relationships, and know they belong in the family of God. We pray that every student will feel seen, valued, and loved; that sponsors will lead with wisdom and compassion; and that our time together will make us more like Jesus.

Adult Sponsors' Covenant

Love and Shepherd Students

We will care for every student with the patience, compassion, and dignity of Jesus. We will learn their names, listen to their stories, notice those who feel left out, and remind them that they are seen and valued. Even when students are difficult to reach, we will remain patient and will not take rejection personally.

Lead By Example

We will model the attitudes and behavior we expect from students. We will follow the schedule, respect camp guidelines, participate fully, and remain flexible when plans change. We will lead with humility and honesty, recognizing that we are still growing in our own relationship with Christ.

Protect and Communicate

We will take responsibility for the physical, emotional, and spiritual safety of every student. We will maintain appropriate boundaries, avoid being alone with a student in a private location, and respond promptly to unsafe behavior or concerns. We will communicate clearly with camp leadership and other sponsors so that students receive consistent and responsible care.

Pray and Follow the Spirit's Leading

We will pray for our students, fellow leaders, speakers, staff, and the work God desires to do at camp. We will remain attentive to the Holy Spirit and approach each conversation with wisdom and discernment. Our goal is not simply to manage students, but to help create space for them to encounter Jesus and take their next faithful step.

Students' Covenant

This covenant helps us create a place where everyone feels safe, respected, welcomed, and free to grow closer to God. The choices each person makes affect the whole community. By being present, showing respect and making smart choices, we help one another experience the meaningful connections, joyful moments, and spiritual growth that camp is meant to provide.

Be Present

I will participate fully in worship, teaching, reflection, activities, and community life. I will limit distractions, including unnecessary phone use, so that I can listen to God and be present with the people around me. I will encourage others and will not interfere with what God may be doing in someone else's life.

Show Respect

I will treat students, adult leaders, camp staff, facilities, and belongings with kindness and dignity. I will follow instructions, respect the schedule, care for my room, and avoid fighting, bullying, pranks, inappropriate language, or behavior that harms another person.

Make Smart Choices

I will remain in approved areas, follow curfew, and use the pool, pond, spring, and other activities only at designated times. I will not bring alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, vapes, weapons, fireworks, or other prohibited items. If I am hurt, feel unsafe, or become concerned about someone else, I will tell an adult.

Be Present

I will respect the personal and physical boundaries of others. I will not enter an unauthorized dorm room, enter an opposite-sex dorm, or place myself or another person in a compromising situation. I understand that violations may lead to activity restrictions, parent or church-leader contact, or dismissal from camp.

Meet The Team



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TNU Worship

Camp Schedule

Sunday PM

3:30-4:30 Registration - RAINTREE
4:45 Adult Leader Meeting - RAINTREE
5:30 Student Orientation/NYI Convention - RAINTREE
6:00-7:00 Dinner - MAGNOLIA
6:30-7:00 Sanctuary open for prayer
7:00-8:30 Evening Chapel - RAINTREE
8:30-9:15 9:00 Group reflection time
9:00-10:30 Night Time Activity time RAINTREE
10:30 Return to rooms
11:30 Lights out

Monday — Wednesday

7:00-8:00 Personal Devo Time / Coffee Shop open
7:30-8:00 Adult Leader Meeting (Classroom near bunks)
8:00-8:55 Breakfast MAGNOLIA
9:00-10:30 Chapel RAINTREE 10:30-12:30 SMT Team/Paint Wars
*required
12:30-1:30 lunch MAGNOLIA
1:30-2:30 Workshops CLASSROOMS TBD *Mission workshop
only offered Monday
2:30-5:30 Activity Time - Pool, Soccer, Basketball, Pickleball, other
games
5:30-6:00 Clean up
6:00-7:00 Dinner MAGNOLIA
6:30-7:00 Sanctuary open for prayer
7:00-8:30 Evening Chapel RAINTREE
8:30-9:00 Group reflection time *take as long as needed
9:00-10:30 Night Time Activity time RAINTREE (SMT)
10:30 Return to rooms
11:30 Lights out *strict / nobody outside cabins

Thursday (Wear Your Camp Tshirt)

7:00 Rise and shine, pack rooms and move out of bunks *dorm
check before released to eat
8-9:00 Breakfast MAGNOLIA
9:15-11:00 Baptismal Service / Chapel RAINTREE
11:00 GO HOME AND KEEP LOVING JESUS AND EACH OTHER

DAILY SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

HOW DO RESPONSE TIME AND LATE NIGHT WORK?

Evening worship and response time are central to the purpose of camp and should never be rushed simply to begin Late Night Games.

After response and church-group reflection, students must go directly to the designated Late Night location. They may not return to their rooms to change clothes, shower, retrieve belongings, or spend time with friends.

Sponsors should remain with their students, confirm that everyone has arrived at Late Night, and supervise the transition back to lodging when the activity ends. Students who need bedtime medication should report directly to the nurse before returning to their rooms.

HOW SHOULD I HANDLE THE DRESS CODE?

Review dress expectations with students and parents before leaving for camp. Address concerns involving students from your own church calmly, privately, and respectfully. Concerns involving students from another church should be brought to Pastor Richard or the designated camp leader.

Camp clothing should be casual, modest, appropriate for the activity, and free from offensive words or images.

- Wear casual clothes
- Midriffs covered and undergarments not be exposed
- No clothing that sends inappropriate messages, in written or picture form
- No spaghetti straps
- No strapless tops
- No pants that sag and show underwear
- Guys must wear sturdy trunks (no speedos)
- Guys must wear shirts at all times except while swimming.
- Ladies are required to wear one piece swim suit or tankini, otherwise a dark T-shirt is required

HOW DO WE CARE FOR OUR ROOMS?

Students may enter only their assigned rooms. Males may not enter female lodging areas, and females may not enter male lodging areas, including adult sponsors. Follow Lake Yale's procedures for keys, room access, and locked doors.

Help students keep their rooms clean and report damage immediately. Encourage them to organize their belongings each evening and allow enough time to tidy their rooms before leaving in the morning. Sponsors should model respect by keeping their own areas neat.

DAILY SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

HOW DO I MAKE SURE STUDENTS ARE AC-

Be with the students in your care and know where they are expected to be throughout the day. Check that everyone is present when moving between meals, workshops, games, worship, and lodging. Clearly communicate with another sponsor whenever supervision changes. If a

HOW SHOULD I LEAD AT MEALS?

Eat with students and use meals to build relationships. Include anyone sitting alone, model gratitude and good manners, and make sure students clean their tables. Encourage students to refill their water bottles and stay hydrated throughout the day, especially before outdoor activi-

WHAT IF I HAVE A CONCERN?

Report medical, behavioral, emotional, or safety concerns promptly to the appropriate camp leader. Do not wait until the end of the day if a student may be at risk. Sponsors should not independently contact parents, administer consequences, or investigate serious concerns un-

WHAT ARE MY EVENING RESPONSIBILITIES?

Help students arrive at evening worship on time and ready to participate. During worship, response, and reflection, remain attentive and avoid conversations or phone use that may distract students.

Camp Activities

HOW WILL MORNING GAMES WORK?

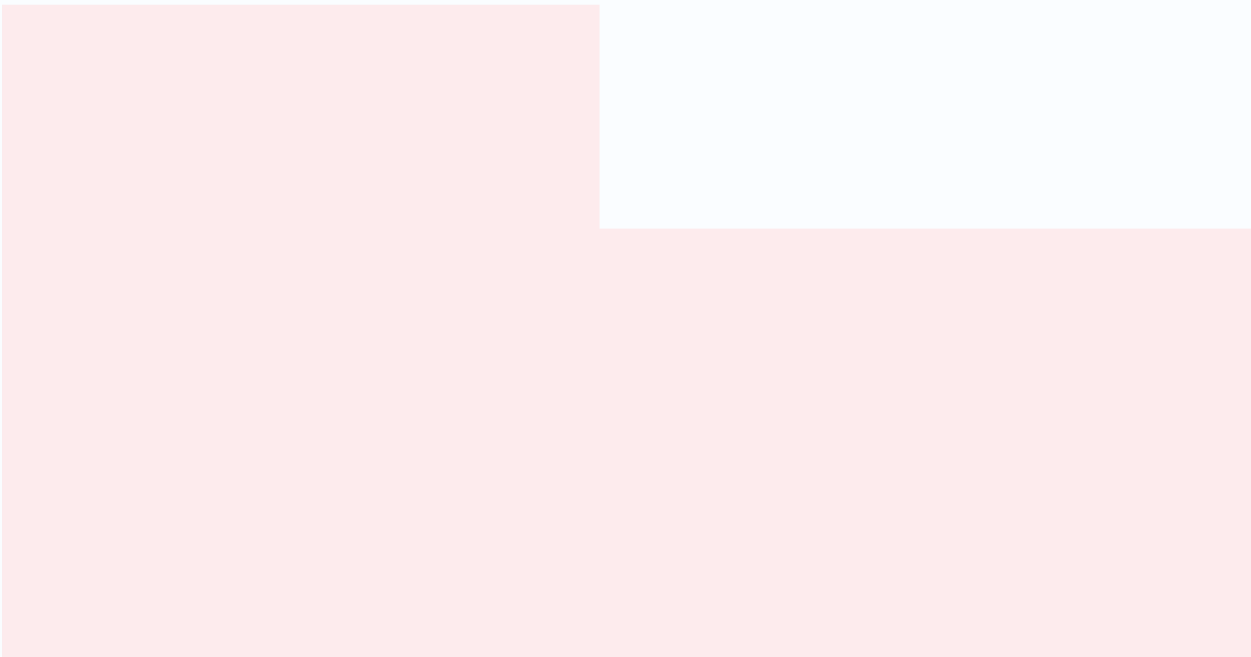
Trevecca’s Summer Ministry Team will lead required morning games Monday through Wednesday. These games are designed to build connection, teamwork, participation, and camp spirit.

Sponsors should participate when appropriate, encourage their students, model good sportsmanship, and help include students who may be hesitant or unable to participate fully. Specific games, clothing needs, and locations will be announced each day.

WHY ARE WORKSHOPS IMPORTANT?

Workshops are an important part of the camp experience and are not optional free time. They give students an opportunity to explore their faith, relationships, gifts, creativity, service, and calling in smaller settings.

Workshops will be held Monday through Wednesday from 1:30–2:30 p.m. The missions workshop will be offered only on Monday. Workshop titles, leaders, locations, and sign-up information will be provided separately.



Camp Activities

HOW WILL MORNING GAMES WORK?

After evening chapel, students will meet with their church groups for reflection. Groups should take the time they need and should never rush a meaningful response simply to get to Late Night.

When reflection ends, students must go directly to the designated Late Night activity. They may not return to their rooms to shower, change clothes, retrieve belongings, or spend time with friends.

SMT will lead Late Night activities Sunday through Wednesday. Wednesday’s Late Night will include a campfire. Sponsors remain responsible for knowing where their students are, supervising transitions, and helping everyone return to lodging at 10:30 p.m.

Lights out is strictly observed at 11:30 p.m. No student may leave the lodging area after lights out. Violations will be reported to camp leadership and may result in parent or

HOW WILL MORNING GAMES WORK?

The camp coffee shop will be open during announced morning and afternoon hours. All drinks are \$2 and may be purchased with cash or Venmo.

Students should visit only during approved times. Coffee-shop purchases should not cause anyone to miss breakfast, chapel, games, workshops, or another scheduled activity. Camp leadership is not responsible for lost cash or personal purchases.

Camp Map



Packing List

Bedding

- Twin Fitted Sheet
- Blanket or Sleeping Bag
- Pillow

Shower Supplies

- Towels/Wash Cloths
- Soaps/Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Other Personal Hygiene Items (Girls pack feminine hygiene items-you never know if you will need them)

Skin Care for Outdoors

- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Aloe for Sunburn

Shoes

- Tennis shoes
- Flip flops/Water Shoes

Swimsuits

- Non Revealing Swimsuits (One piece or tankini preferred but if you don't have one then a darker colored shirt will be required to wear over it)
- Swim/Beach Towel

Clothes (Enough for 6 days in case extras are needed)

- Shorts
- T-Shirts (a white one for paint wars)
- Socks & Underwear
- Pajamas
- Sweatshirt or Jacket
- Rain Jacket (if you want)

Miscellaneous

- Bible
- Pens
- Notebook/Journal
- Garbage Bag (for Dirty Clothes)
- Hanger (to dry towels & swimsuits)
- MORE DEODORANT!!
- Money for snack shop (they take Apple Pay but wifi is sketchy sometimes so cash is good) \$15 is plenty
- Money for The Coffee Shop
Each coffee is \$2 and they are open twice a day. They take Venmo or cash.
- Snacks IN SEALED ZIPLOC BAGS to avoid bugs
- A refillable water bottle
- Ear plugs (NOT ear buds or head phones) for music time if you are sensitive to noise

Things NOT to Bring To Camp

- Computers (Laptops or tablets) or Hand Held Electronic Games
- Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, Vape Pens, Fireworks, Matches, Lighters, Knives, Guns or Weapons
- Obscene Materials or Graphic Clothing
- Campers may not have personal vehicles at camp.
- No pets allowed on camp property.
- All students must display a respectful attitude towards all staff, adults and other students. Any students that disrupt the camp experience will be sent home!