

MIDSOUTH COVENANT CAMP

July 28 - August 3, 2019

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Philosophy and Purpose

The Midsouth Covenant Camp Ministry's primary goal is to expose each camper to the love, knowledge, and saving power of Jesus Christ. While having fun in the outdoors, campers also have the chance to reflect on God's beautiful creation. These opportunities, coupled with the love and sharing of Bible truths by the staff, offer an occasion for each camper to know Jesus Christ in a real and personal way.

The Camp

Frontier Camp is situated on 75 acres of the scenic East Texas Piney Woods and is laced with trails for hiking and horseback riding. The camp has air-conditioned cabins, a cheerful dining hall, meeting room, chapel, Trading Post, large athletic field, stables and corral, rodeo arena, and outdoor gym. A beautiful beach with a large campfire circle is on the shoreline of Houston County Lake. Frontier Camp is conveniently located between Dallas and Houston. It is licensed by the Texas Department of Health and is accredited by the American Camp Association.

The Midsouth Covenant Camp Ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church's Midsouth Conference has again contracted with Frontier Camp for this summer session.

Recreation and Activities

While at Frontier Camp, campers can participate in:

Water weenie	Campfires	Crafts
Kayaking	Horseback riding	Water slides
Tubing	Rope swing	Archery
Wake boarding	Nature walks	Riflery
Swimming	Climbing wall	Sports
Canoeing	Zip line	Rodeo
Paddle boats	Volleyball	

General Information

Campers are placed in one of three Divisions determined by the school grade they will be **entering** in the fall semester of 2019. The Divisions are comprised of 2-4 graders, 5-6 graders, and 7-12 graders. CILT (Counselors in Leadership Training) is for students entering 10-12 grades. CILTs receive special training and assist adult counselors with camping activities.

Camp begins on Sunday, July 28, with registration and ends the following Saturday, August 3, after the closing program. In addition to recreation, the week is filled with daily activities including chapel, Bible studies, and evening devotions. Campers also have ample free time for building friendships.

Midsouth Camp Staff

Counseling staff is made up of volunteers who are recruited and approved by the Midsouth Covenant Camp Ministry. All staff members attend a training session before camp begins and receive instruction in the camp's purpose and procedures as well as general counseling and safety techniques.

Staff applications are available online or by contacting:

Dale Lusk, Midsouth Minister of Camping
(956) 458-9568
Email: dale.lusk@covchurch.org

Counselor applications are due to Dale Lusk by April 30, 2019. CILT applications are due by June 1, 2019. Positions are limited, so apply early. Counselors do not pay any fees to attend camp. Camper fees may be partially reduced if parents attend training and are camp staff.

Theme: "If Rocks Could Talk"

Our theme comes from Luke 19:39-40 "The Pharisees among the crowd said, 'Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!' Jesus replied, 'If they kept quiet, the rocks along the road would burst into cheers!' Camp lessons will explore the ideas of how we are special to God, the worship and celebration of Jesus, God's forgiveness and judgment, and how we are called to ministry and leadership.

Registration Fees, Payments, and Deadlines

The 2019 camp regular registration fee is \$500. All registration paperwork must include a \$50 deposit to reserve a place for each camper, and can be submitted by mail, FAX or scan. Early registration price is \$450 if completed registration forms and \$50 deposit is postmarked by June 15, 2019. All campers who register by July 15, 2019 will receive a t-shirt upon arrival at camp. Additional t-shirts may be ordered for \$10 each. A waiting list will be maintained for registrations received after cabins are full. All camp balances are due by July 28, 2019 at camp check-in. Payments can also be made online at www.midsouthcov.org. Please help the Midsouth Camp save processing fees by choosing the "electronic check" payment option at checkout. Registration paperwork (forms 1-4 & shot record) and payments can be submitted to:

Midsouth Covenant Camp
302 S. 20th St., Suite A
Rogers, AR 72758
479-631-1212 (phone) or 479-202-4678 (fax)
kim@midsouthcov.org



Campers are to bring...

Bedding - sleeping bag or sheets, blanket, and pillow. If your camper is a bed wetter, please bring several sets of sheets.

Bible - a readable translation (which includes Old and New Testaments), pen/pencils, and notebook or paper.

Clothes – *clothing reflects the mission of the camp.* Male campers are required to wear shirts at all times (except at the beach) and no sagging pants or shorts. Female campers may not have low cut, halter or spaghetti strap tops; and no bun hugger shorts are allowed. Campers should have enough shirts, shorts, jeans, pajamas, underwear, socks, and the like, to last for the week. Older clothes are recommended, as the campers will be involved in many outdoor activities. Jeans are required for horseback riding.

Shoes - athletic-style shoes, other shoes that withstand the out-of-doors, or comfortable boots. Sandals are permitted for the beach. Closed-toe shoes are **required** for horseback riding and climbing wall.

Swimsuits – *female campers may wear one-piece suits, or a color T-shirt (not white) over a two-piece suit.*

Toiletries and etc. - bath towel, beach towel, dirty clothes bag, insect repellent, sun block, and personal hygiene items.

Campers are NOT to bring...

Electronic devices such as cell phones, CD/DVD players, computers, boom boxes, MP3 players, video games, radios, or televisions; pocket knives, weapons, or firearms of any type; comic books; expensive jewelry; tobacco or other illegal substances. Please do not send an abundance of snacks. Open food in the cabins always attracts ants and other insects.

Spending Money

Campers are allowed to have funds deposited at registration with the Frontier Camp Trading Post. Each family can decide which amount is appropriate, but \$20 is average. The cost of items purchased at the Trading Post will be deducted at the time the camper buys them. Any remaining balance will be refunded to the camper during the last morning of camp.

Midsouth Covenant Camp Video & Facebook

Group and candid pictures and videos will be taken during the week and posted on the "Midsouth Covenant Camp" Facebook page. Midsouth photos *will not* be available on the Frontier Camp website. Families will be able to view the Facebook page during camp. Pictures and posts will be updated periodically so that families do not need to contact counselors for news about their campers. After camp is completed, a video link will be posted on Facebook.

Camper Medications

Please limit prescription drugs and medications to those your child will absolutely need. **ALL** medications must be turned in to the Frontier Camp health care provider (HCP) at registration in the original packaging or container. The HCP will dispense medications as directed on the Camper Medication Form.

Insurance

Midsouth Covenant Camp provides **limited** insurance for accidents and illnesses that may occur at camp. Any claims which exceed these limits must be covered by the camper's personal insurance.

Camper Arrival and Departure

Check your camper in Sunday afternoon, July 28, from 3 to 5 p.m. Please do not arrive before 3 p.m. to check-in. Pick your camper up on Saturday, August 3, after the "Parent's Celebration," which begins at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel and ends at 11:00 am. Families are encouraged to attend this ceremony. Light refreshments are provided afterwards. Please do not arrive earlier than 9 a.m. to pick up your camper. *Each camper must have the Transportation Release Form filed with the registrar by July 28th in order to leave camp.*

Mail for Campers

Send mail early, even as early as the Friday before camp begins (allow for three days delivery time). **Do not** send mail to the Midsouth Camp Registrar. Mailing address for Frontier Camp:

Your Camper's Name
c/o Midsouth Covenant Camp
131 Frontier Camp Road
Grapeland, TX 75844

Emergency Communication Procedure

In the event of an emergency at camp, Midsouth Camp staff will contact parents/guardians at the emergency contact phone number listed on the registration form. A copy of the emergency contact list will also be located at the Midsouth Conference office. If for some reason camp staff is unable to contact parents/guardians, the Midsouth Conference office will make contact. *Counselors are not allowed to give out cell phone numbers, so call the Camp Director for emergencies.*

Frontier Camp Location and Directions

Frontier Camp is located on the north shore of Houston County Lake in East Texas, about 3 hours from Houston or Dallas and about 4 hours from Austin. Directions can be obtained from the Frontier Camp website at www.frontiercamp.org. Please do not pay for camp on the Frontier Camp website.

