



KIDS CAMP 2024 Registration Instructions

STEP 1

Group Registration & 1ST Deposit: **REGISTRATION OPENS: DECEMBER 6, 2023**

Reserve spaces online through TicketSpice by completing the Group Registration information and submitting a **non-refundable** deposit of \$30 per camper/sponsor.

After your Group Registration Form & 1st deposit is received, you will receive a confirmation email that contains the instructions for individual online registration.

STEP 2

Confirmation & 2ND Deposit: **2ND DEPOSIT DEADLINE: APRIL 10, 2024**

Your camp spaces must be **CONFIRMED** by paying the 2nd half of the deposit (\$30 per spot) by **April 10, 2024**.

You will be sent an email with a link to the confirmation form and can pay the 2nd deposit by check or debit/credit card.

NEW INFO! ↓

After midnight on April 10th, any incomplete deposits will be forfeited. Those spots will be opened up for churches on the waiting list. Forfeited deposits are non-refundable and cannot be applied towards the final camp balance.

STEP 3

Individual Online Registration: **INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION OPENS: FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

Every camper and sponsor (adult leader) from your church must fill out an individual registration form prior to the dates below.

A minor's camper registration form **MUST** be filled out by a parent or legal guardian.

Individual Registration Deadlines:

- May 29th (Sessions 1 & 2)
- June 12th (Sessions 3 & 4)

LATE REGISTRATION FEE = \$25

If an individual registers after the dates above, the price per spot increases from \$220 to \$245.

CAMP PAPERWORK:

ALL ADULT DOCUMENTATION MUST BE COMPLETED AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE START OF YOUR CAMP SESSION. You will receive an email reminder in the spring with instructions and links to complete your adult documentation – Ministry Agreement and Child Protection Training.

1. **MINISTRY AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTEER SPONSORS** (included in this packet – PAGE 4)
 - o Please make sure BOTH the group leader AND lead pastor of your church sign this form.
2. **CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING:** Each and every adult sponsor attending with your group **MUST** have this training completed **BEFORE ARRIVAL AT CAMP.**
 - o This training is valid for 2 years. You will receive an email in the spring with an updated list of who is current on their training and who needs to complete the training.
 - o The Child Abuse Prevention curriculum is available at this link - <https://www.campzephyr.org/child-protection-training>.

NEW INFO! ↴

FOR 2024 – CAMP ZEPHYR WILL RUN ALL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ADULT SPONSORS / LEADERS. THERE WILL BE NO ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE BACKGROUND CHECKS.

A consent for running the background check will be included in the individual registration form. The background check will include the Sex Offender Registry check that is required by the State of Texas.

Certain convictions will preclude an adult's eligibility as a sponsor.

From the Texas Youth Camp Code, Subchapter B, Rule 265.12:

Very Important Information!



"Youth camps shall not employ paid or unpaid staff members or volunteers at a youth camp, or permit any person to have unsupervised contact with campers other than their own children if the person has the following types of criminal convictions or deferred adjudications: a misdemeanor or felony under Texas Penal Code, Title 5 (Offenses Against the Person), Title 6 (Offenses Against the Family), Chapter 29 (Robbery) of Title 7, Chapter 43 (Public Indecency) or §42.072 (Stalking) of Title 9, §15.031 (Criminal Solicitation of a Minor) of Title 4, §38.17 (Failure to Stop or Report Aggravated Sexual Assault of Child) of Title 8, or any like offense under the law of another state or under federal law."

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

REGISTRATION OPENS / 1ST DEPOSIT DUE➤ DECEMBER 6TH

CONFIRMATION / 2ND DEPOSIT DUE➤ APRIL 10TH

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION DEADLINES

SESSIONS 1 & 2 – MAY 29th

SESSIONS 3 & 4 – JUNE 12TH

ADULT DOCUMENTATION and MINISTRY AGREEMENT DEADLINE

10 DAYS BEFORE CAMP BEGINS

CAMP ARRIVAL / CHECK-IN LIST:

Check-In will open at 2:00 p.m. and will be located in the Dining Hall Extension

– only one leader should enter to check in your group

CHECK-IN

- Finalize camper and sponsor list with Zephyr staff
 - o Please make sure when you arrive that you have an accurate count and list of attending students & leaders.
 - o Each camper AND adult sponsor must have an individual registration form submitted online **BEFORE ARRIVING AT CAMP.**

PAYMENT

- Turn in final camp payment
 - o **We will only accept a church check, money order, cash or combination of these three. No personal checks.**
 - o Use the Payment Worksheet (included in this packet) to calculate amount due.
 - o You will also be emailed a completed Payment Worksheet the Friday before camp with the most up-to-date information we have on file.

LODGING

- You will receive your lodging and meeting space assignments and be given highlighted camp maps with your assigned spaces.
- If you have reserved a hotel room or golf cart, you will receive the keys for those items at this station.

CAMP NURSE

- The camp nurse will be present at registration to receive medication and answer any questions.
- Medication
 - o A reminder & more detailed instructions will be emailed to parents and to the church group leader as your camp date approaches.
 - o ALL medication must be turned in to the Camp Nurse.

CAMP GEAR

- At Check-In, you will receive registration bags with the following:
 - o Kids Camp Booklets
 - o Name Tags (including camp schedule)
 - o Wristbands for Elevate
 - o Wristbands for campers with food allergies
 - Allergies must be noted on registration form in order to be accommodated.
- Camp t-shirts will be given out at the camp office on the 3rd day of camp.



ZEPHYR BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT MINISTRY AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTEER SPONSORS

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHURCH ORGANIZATION:

_____ PHONE: _____

_____ LEAD PASTOR: _____

(please print)

FULL NAME	DATE OF BIRTH
1.	
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ATTESTATION by the pastor and church leader:

It is agreed that the above named individuals are known to us, and we can attest to the character, integrity and ability of each to serve as a sponsor. We know of no reason why any of them should not serve as a sponsor for children and youth under the age of eighteen. We recommend them to you as persons who will represent our church or organization in the supervision of our young people.

We also attest to the fact that we have conducted criminal background checks on all sponsors attending. Certain convictions will preclude an adult's eligibility as a sponsor. We have also checked each of these sponsors against the Texas Sex Offender database. Results from this search would disqualify these adults from serving as camp sponsor. Also, each sponsor attending camp has also gone through an approved Child Protection safety course in the last two years and we will provide documentation to that fact.

Furthermore, it is understood that the group leader and adult sponsors from this church are responsible for following and enforcing Zephyr guidelines, both written and verbal. This will be done to protect our campers, the ministry of Zephyr, and the integrity of our local church body.

_____ Date

_____ Date

Please make sure this form is signed by **BOTH** the group leader & the lead pastor



PAYMENT WORKSHEET

KIDS CAMP 2024

CHURCH NAME: _____

GROUP LEADER: _____

To find out what you owe:

Total number of campers registered before
deadline* _____ x \$160.00 (\$220 - \$60 deposit) =

Box 1

Total number of campers registered AFTER
deadline* _____ x \$185.00 (\$245 - \$60 deposit) =

Box 2

Hotel Rooms _____ x \$100.00 =

Box 3

Balance due upon arrival = _____

DEPOSIT INFORMATION:

- Complete deposits confirmed prior to midnight, April 10th are non-refundable, but are transferable within your group.
- **Confirmed deposits for campers not attending will be forfeited and cannot be used towards the final camp balance.**
- Each camper can only have ONE deposit applied to their balance

PAYMENT IS DUE WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Please make checks payable to: Camp Zephyr

* Registration Deadlines: May 29th for Sessions 1 & 2 / June 12th for Session 3 & 4

CAMP ZEPHYR GUIDELINES

Each attending camper & sponsor will read and sign these guidelines while filing out a registration form online.

This copy is for reference only.

SPONSOR GUIDELINES

- Sponsors must be at least 18 years of age.
- All Sponsors must carefully follow and encourage the following of all *CAMPER POLICIES* and *SPONSOR GUIDELINES*.
- While we discourage campers from bringing cell phones, sponsors are permitted. However, the goal of camp is to avoid distraction so please use cell phones only when necessary.
- All Sponsors must be listed on the *MINISTRY AGREEMENT FORM* (included in this packet) which must be signed by their pastor to indicate that each sponsor has been checked against the Texas Sex Offender database, been checked for past criminal history and has completed the one hour child abuse prevention training course that is mandated by the state.
- Sponsors will be expected to take a leadership role throughout the day as they participate in recreation activities. Encourage a cohesive, Christ-like spirit.
- There will be a scheduled church group quiet time each morning & each evening after the worship service. This is a time for the group leader to talk with your students and is ideally used for discussion and teaching. Curriculum for this time will be sent to the group leader 30 days before camp and the location for this meeting will be given at check-in.
- Sponsors must attend all scheduled activities and insure the attendance of their group as well.
- Encourage cooperation between church groups in all areas of camp (especially cabin sharing, clean up, etc.), and approach any violation of policy in positive manner. Report any damage done to facilities to the Camp Director.
- Due to insurance reasons, our Blob is closed to all sponsors at our camps.
- Kids Camp makes no provision for non-camp age children. Non-camp age children are not permitted to attend the camp with and/or stay in cabins or hotel rooms with church groups. This policy includes, but is not exclusive to, children of Sponsors.
- It is strongly recommended that each church sending campers purchase accident insurance for the camps you are participating in and for travel to and from camp. This type of coverage can be purchased from your church insurance company.
- FINALLY – In all that you say and do, love and encourage all campers and fellow Sponsors with the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

CAMPER POLICIES

- **PERSONAL CONDUCT AND COURTESY** – Each church Sponsor will be responsible for the conduct of campers! Lack of cooperation with camp policies may necessitate a camper returning home at church's expense. Zephyr Baptist Encampment rules prohibit conduct unbecoming a Christian, which includes: irreverence, disturbance of services, immodest dress and/or use of alcohol or tobacco in any form.
- **CAMP DRESS POLICY** – Youth need to bring casual clothing for four days (shorts and t-shirts are great). If clothing is deemed inappropriate or revealing, you will be required to change. No clothing advertising alcohol, tobacco, or suggestive sayings. No spaghetti straps or strapless tops. Shorts should be a modest length (fingertip length or longer). We do this to protect as well as to train students in godliness.
- **SWIMMING** – Swimming will be at scheduled times only. Lifeguards retain full authority to remove any camper from the water sites. Campers must wear t-shirts and shoes while traveling to and from the water sites. Swimsuits - Girls - modest one-piece. If a girl must wear a two-piece a colored t-shirt must be worn over it. Boys — no Speedos.
- **LEAVING ENCAMPMENT GROUNDS** – Insurance prohibits all but emergency departure from the campground. Permission to leave the grounds must be secured by the camper, through the local church Sponsor, or from the Camp Director.
- **SCHEDULE** – Scheduled activities are not optional. Everyone is expected to attend all scheduled activities unless you have a completed and signed medical excuse from the camp nurse for illness. Cabins will remain empty during all scheduled activities. At the time indicated on the schedule, you should be at the activity location. Campers should not return to their cabins during scheduled activities without a Sponsor. Sponsors are to attend all activities. No one is permitted on the ropes course, paintball, swimming pool, pond, or waterfront except during designated times.
- **SPONSORS** – Churches must provide one Sponsor for every ten campers of the same gender (i.e. 1 man to 10 boys or less; 1 woman to 10 girls or less). Sponsors are to remain on the campgrounds for the entire duration of the camp – afternoons included.
- **CAMP HOUSING** – Churches will be held financially responsible for damage to any property. All buildings and grounds must be left clean. Do not remove anything from the building. Under no circumstances is shaving cream to be used for any purpose other than shaving. Campers should NOT be in cabins of opposite sex campers. No guys in girls' cabins; no girls in guys' cabins.
- **TECHNOLOGY, GADGETS & TOYS** – Please leave all cell phones, T.V., mp3, ear buds, video games and other technological devices at home. These are distractions we do not need at camp. Other items not allowed on camp: skateboards, bikes, scooters and any type of motorized vehicle. No noisemakers before 6:00 a.m. (hair dryers, etc.)
- **CURFEW** – For your safety, campers need to remain in cabins after curfew.



KIDS CAMP PACKING LIST

- **Casual clothing for four days**
 - *No spaghetti strap, midriff baring or strapless shirts.*
 - *No clothing advertising alcohol, tobacco, or suggestive sayings.*
 - *Shorts should be fingertip length.*
 - *If clothing is deemed inappropriate or revealing, a camper may be required to change.*
 - *Water shoes are recommended to participate in kayaking at the waterfront.*
 - *Some groups do prefer to bring nicer clothes for evening worship, but this is not required.*

- **Swimsuit and beach towel**
 - *Girls and boys must wear t-shirts and shorts over their swimsuit when traveling to and from water sites.*
 - *Girls need to wear a modest one-piece swimsuit. If a girl must wear a two-piece, a colored t-shirt must be worn over it at all times. Tankinis are permitted but must cover midsection.*
 - *Boys swimsuits must be trunk type (no speedos).*

- **Tennis shoes**
 - *Flip flops are helpful for the pool but do not work well for rec due to stickers and ants.*

- **Pillow and bedding suitable for a twin bunk bed**
 - *A pillow, sheets, a blanket and/or a sleeping bag.*

- **Towels and toiletries for three nights**

- **Bible and pen for worship**
 - *Each camper will be given a manual at registration that has a space for taking notes.*

- **Sunscreen/Bug Spray**

- **Flashlight**

- **Spending money for the Snack Shack and Camp Store**
 - *Snack Shack items range from 50¢ to \$2. Items in the Camp Store start out as low as \$1 while some items are priced at \$40. Happy's coffee and non-coffee drinks range from \$3 - \$5.*
 - *Credit/debit cards and ApplePay are accepted at the Camp Store. The Snack Shack is cash only. Vending machines take cash and credit cards.*
 - *All other camp activities are included in the cost of camp.*

- **Snacks**
 - *Personal snacks can be brought but must be kept in a sealed container to prevent bugs.*
 - *While we do offer some peanut-containing snacks in our Snack Shack, we ask that NO peanuts/peanut butter snacks be brought to camp or be allowed in the dorms due to potential camper allergies from other groups.*
 - *A water bottle is recommended.*
 - *Locations to fill these water bottles will be available on site throughout the week.*

- **Clothing/gear in your groups' team color is recommended but not required**
 - *Groups often embrace their team color with clothing, props, face paint, etc*
 - *This team color will be assigned by Zephyr and given to the church group leader 30 days before scheduled camp*