



GENERAL INFO

Dates: June 6-10, 2022

Location: Riverbend Retreat Center, Glen Rose, Texas (RiverbendRetreat.org)

Speaker: Oza Jones

Worship Leader: The Gladsome Light

Cost: \$320

INSTRUCTIONS

To register for camp, go to fbclufkin.org/youthcamp and click on the registration link. We have a new registration system this year, so please reach out to us if you have any issues.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

- Online Student Registration will redirect to FBC Arlington's Registration Page (link can be found at www.fbclufkin.org/youthcamp)
- Copy of your insurance card
- Payment for camp (www.firstlufkin.org/youthcamp)

*** contact Dan for scholarship information*

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PARENT MEETING

We will have a mandatory Pre-Camp Parent Meeting as we prepare for Encounter Week 2022. At least one parent for each student needs to be present! This meeting will help you to know how to prepare for camp, how to pray for your student and for camp, and will allow us the chance to square away paperwork, balance, etc..

Pre-Camp Parent Meeting

- Sunday, May 15 at 5:00PM
Youth Room

WHAT TO BRING

- twin size sheets/blanket or sleeping bag & pillow
- Bible & pen
- appropriate, comfortable clothing for 5 days
- athletic clothing for recreation (a Rec shirt will be provided)
- shoes/sandals (closed toe shoes required for some activities, including recreation)
- toiletries (throw some insect repellent in there!)
- towels (a couple would be great)
- swimsuit (check dress code before packing!)
- Money for lunch going to and returning from camp (fast food style restaurants)
- extra cash for the canteen & camp store (snacks, Encounter Week shirts, water bottles, etc.)
- a friend who doesn't go to our church or another church
- sunscreen (because you'll be in the sun a lot)
- a good attitude that will last all week!
- a watch
- flashlight (it gets dark at night)
- a camera (you will not have your phone to take pictures)
- softball glove (if you are so inclined)

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- cell phones**
- any prank stuff
- drugs, alcohol*, tobacco products & e-cigarettes
- roller blades, bikes, scooters, H3's, ATV's, motocross bikes
- any type of weapon (firearms, guns or knives)
- fireworks or anything explosive
- cell phones**, MP3's, iPod's, CD players of any kind (take a break)
- bikinis or speedos
- whiney, grumpy, complaining attitude
- anything else that would take the focus off of what you are at camp for!

**possession of alcohol or illegal drugs will result in immediate dismissal from Encounter Week 2022*

****A Note on Cell Phones:**

Please **DO NOT BRING A CELL PHONE** with you. Cell phones are a needless distraction. Telephones are available at the camp, or from adult leadership, if you need to make a call home. Parents, if you need to contact your camper, please reach out to me and I can make the connection. Also, you can call Riverbend and a message will be delivered to the student. Our goal is to help create an environment with as few distractions as possible for all of our

students, to allow them to fully participate in gospel community and to focus on what God teaches them throughout the week.

If your student has a phone, we'll hold on to it for them until we get back to the church on Friday. Riverbend has asked that we help them in protecting our campers by not allowing cell phones with internet availability on campus. The following is a statement from their insurance provider:

The effort to protect a single camper from the reaction to a devastating text-message, or a photograph of an unsuspecting camper placed on the internet is reason enough to prohibit Internet availability of cell phones at camp. Parents who trust you and value your program will comply.

Thank you for helping us to provide the best possible atmosphere for our camp as well as to protect all of our campers. If you have specific questions regarding cell phones, please contact Dan Venzin.

THINGS WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING ABOUT

PLEASE READ OVER THIS LIST, GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF EACH ITEM, AND BE PREPARED TO FOLLOW THE EXPECTATIONS OF ENCOUNTER WEEK...

1. All Campers and Sponsors must keep a good attitude. Attitude is the key to everything else!
2. All Campers must be ON TIME and participate in all services, activities and meals (unless permission is given by a Dean or Camp Executive Staff).
3. If you aren't sure where to go or what to do... ask a sponsor!
4. Campers must remain in their dorms from "lights out" until 6:00am (unless permission is given by a Dean or Camp Executive Staff).
5. No girls in guys' cabins/no guys in girls' cabins! No exceptions! Groups of guys and girls will only meet in the middle of each cabin during Family Group Time.
6. Students are expected to read and follow the dress code. Please respond quickly and cheerfully if a Dean or sponsor asks you to change clothes.
7. Shoes should always be worn outside the cabin.
8. Stay off of the cliffs! Climbing on the rocks can result in serious injury!
9. No food should be taken from the Dining Hall. Please do not eat in the dorms - it creates a mess and attracts insects.
10. You are responsible for keeping all of your belongings ON or UNDER your bunk. You will be expected to keep your dorm and bathroom clean. Take care of your stuff and respect other campers' property.
11. Campers are NEVER allowed in the river. No exceptions!
12. There will be no rough play permitted in the cabins, cafeteria or worship center. Any property damage will be paid for by the student(s) responsible and his or her family.
13. A Camp Nurse will be available 24-hours-a-day for minor accidents and illnesses. If you feel sick or become injured, please tell a sponsor immediately.
14. Limit the use of shaving cream, toothpaste and toilet paper to the restroom area. Do not administer these items to anyone or anything other than yourself. If you make a mess, clean it up.
15. The following items are not allowed at camp: cell phones, tablets, computers, knives, fireworks, firearms, radios, personal stereo devices, video games, illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, water balloons, airsoft guns, or water guns. These will be confiscated upon detection. Leave the games, weapons, and technology at home! ONLY Adult Sponsors are allowed to have cell phones at camp.
16. Campers should not have any medicine in the cabins. All medicine should be checked in at the Nurse's Station on Monday before we leave the church and will be given out by the Nurse.
17. Couples, please maintain a "hands off" policy and avoid any PDA (public display of affection). Save it until you get home.

18. Do not leave the camp grounds without the permission of the Deans or Camp Executive Staff (this includes leaving with your parents). We must know if you are planning to be picked up early via the *Camper Excused Release Form*. Leaving the Riverbend campus without permission will result in the camper's immediate dismissal from camp.
19. Please do not tamper with the air conditioning controls. You can cause a problem for everyone! Turning the thermostat too high or too low can result in the unit malfunctioning.

DRESS CODE

Out of respect for Christ and each other, and as a result of fashion trends, we have established a dress code at camp. Please keep the following guidelines in mind when shopping and/or packing for the week. The Deans of Women and Deans of Men will help make sure we are all following this agreement. Students who choose to violate these guidelines will have the choice of changing clothes or putting on something that is provided for them by the Camp Staff.

The dress code can be summarized with several key points:

- Dress appropriately for the occasion
- We ask that your tank tops, shirts, dresses, etc. have straps that are two fingers wide
- One-piece swimsuits or modest, appropriate two-piece
- If your clothing is distracting to others around you, you will be asked to change

SHIRTS AND BLOUSES:

Please do not wear shirts that have questionable or potentially offensive pictures, logos or statements on them. It's not the best way to draw attention to yourself.

Wear appropriate shirts for daytime activities. Tank tops may be worn during the day. A tank top is considered a sleeveless shirt with a strap width 2 fingers-wide or more. *Changes to your team recreation shirt must stay within dress code. If you cut your sleeves out, do not cut down the side of the shirt or you will be asked to wear a shirt underneath.*

Shirts or blouses must have an appropriate neckline and cover the entire torso at all times, even in movement. No offense, but we don't want to see your stomach or undergarments at any time.

SHORTS, SKIRTS AND DRESSES:

Appropriate short length for daytime activities – no extremely short-shorts. No tight shorts; no "sagging" - we don't want to see your underwear.

Please be sure that any shorts, skirts, or dresses are at least the length of fingertips when

fully extended by your side. **If you have to ask, it's probably too short.*

SWIMSUITS

Please wear an appropriate swimsuit that is secure and comfortable for water activities (diving, the Blob, etc.). Swimwear is only to be worn in the swimming pool area. Students must be fully clothed when traveling to and from the swimming pool or lakefront. If you have questions, please contact Dan Venzin.

These guidelines are intended to help everyone have the best possible experience at Youth Camp. If you have any questions about the dress policy, please call the Youth Office. We appreciate your help with this!

LATE NIGHTS

Each night at camp we end the day with a themed "**Late Night**" activity:

Monday – Game Day

Show us your school spirit as we finish off the first night of camp with inflatables, tons of games, and a lot of fun at Rec Point and the Rec Fields.

Tuesday – Luau Night

Dust off that Hawaiian shirt and let's party at the pool with our "King/Queen/Monarch of Pain Contest" (aka: belly flop contest), some great outdoor games.

Wednesday – Silent Disco

We'll have glowsticks, blacklights, and Silent Disco so wear your best neon gear and be ready to party!

Thursday – Illuminations & Street Party

On the last night at camp, our students gather with their Family Group around a fire and share about what God has done in their lives during the week. We follow that up with our Street Party with ice cream!

A FINAL WORD

I cannot express how excited I am for Encounter Week 2022! This is our first year attending this special camp. Youth camp has been one of our best ways for students to form bonds with one another and grow in their faith together. We really do love camp and we are grateful to give students this opportunity.

Above all, I trust this will be the most important, exciting week of the year! Camp will be here before you know it and we want to help make sure that you are prepared. We will do everything we can to make sure that everyone has a great week – so show up on June 6 ready to have fun, meet new people, participate as part of a team, and learn more about following the Jesus Way.

Remember, this is a Christian camp. We don't expect everyone who participates to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, but we do expect everyone who participates to respect our commitment to Christ and follow the guidelines for Encounter Week. A positive, flexible attitude is essential! While we want each individual to have a good experience, our greater responsibility is to the larger group.

Please look over and be familiar with *Things We Have an Understanding About* before we get to camp. These are not just "suggestions", they are requirements! Also, please look over the Dress Code and keep it in mind when you are shopping and packing for camp.

This year you will **complete all paperwork, including signatures, Time Away, etc. online**, with the exception of one church form. This will streamline our registration process and should make registering for camp much easier for you. If you have a **food allergy or special dietary need**, please visit **BendFoodAllergy.org** *no later than May 20* to submit an allergy form and retrieve a copy of the planned menu. You no longer have to turn a form in with your registration.

The week of camp is full of all sorts of excitement – here is an overview of the schedule for the week:

Monday, June 6:

10:00am Arrive at FBC Parking Lot on 2nd Street with luggage. Bring money for lunch stop!

Friday, June 10:

12:00pm Stop for lunch (bring money for lunch stop!)

3:00pm Return to FBC. Parents pick up.

Sunday, June 12:

10:30 Worship Service in the Sanctuary (wear your camp shirt)

This week has the potential to be a life-shaping event for each of us. Begin asking God now to prepare your heart for what He has for you. Be open to new people and new experiences. Expect God to do something miraculous in your life!

I know this is a lot of information to absorb, so let me know if something does not make sense or is not clear. Let me know how I can help you as you prepare for Encounter Week 2022. Call if you have any questions!

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