

Parent Information about Falls Creek 2011

What is Falls Creek?

Falls Creek is the largest Christian camp in the world. Nestled in the Arbuckle Mountains in southern Oklahoma, Falls Creek has been in operation since 1917. It is a distinctively Christian camp, upholding high moral standards and challenging students to follow Christ every day.

Falls Creek is unique in that it is a place where over 100 churches come each week to hold their own camp week. Each church secures its own cabin, provides its own sponsors and meals, enforces the dress code and camp code of conduct and teaches its in-cabin devotions. This year's camp theme is "Consumed." The entire week is designed to teach students about the sufficiency of Christ in their lives.

If you would like to look in or listen to some of the camp services, you may go to www.skopos.org/fc-archives for audio of the services from past summers. We also provide a live stream of the Evening Tabernacle Experience during the summer on weeknights from 7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., available at www.skopos.org/fc-live. You may also see copies of the provided camp Bible studies at www.skopos.org/fc-print.

How to Pray this Week

Your students need to know that you and your church are praying for them as they spend the week at camp. We encourage you to pray each day specifically for your child and at least one other student on the trip. You may want to meet once during the week as parents to pray specifically for the group. Please pray for the safety of the camp, camp leadership, sponsors, and for the specific daily events as they happen.

Recreation

Volleyball, softball, basketball, horse-shoes, high and low ropes course, challenge elements, skateboarding, hiking, running, kayaks, lake park, water slides, and swimming are scheduled for the week of camp. In addition to these camp wide recreation options, each church designs its own recreation plan for its cabin. If you would like more information about Falls Creek recreation, you can go to www.skopos.org/fc-rec or e-mail youth@bgco.org.

Insurance & First Aid

Accident and illness insurance is provided for all those attending Falls Creek Baptist Conference Center. Most injuries or illnesses that occur during the week of camp are covered by insurance. Accident and illness insurance benefits are limited and payable up to a certain amount.

The insurance coverage includes accidents and illnesses that occur during regularly scheduled activities on the grounds of Falls Creek. The insurance coverage also includes the time spent traveling directly between the conference center grounds and the camper's residence. Day trips or other activities off the conference center grounds are not covered.

To apply for accident and illness insurance benefits, a claim report must be completed and submitted to the insurance provider. The claim report form may be obtained at the First Aid Station at Falls Creek. For claims submitted to the accident and illness insurance company, the injured/ill person is responsible for making payment to the medical provider (hospital, ER, doctor, etc.). If coverage applies, the insurance company will issue reimbursement directly to the injured person, parent, or guardian, as the case may be, for approved claims.

A RELEASE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH CAMPER AND SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN. This information is helpful to the camp physician in ministering to an injured or ill person. Most minor injuries or illnesses are taken care of in the church cabin. However, if medical attention should be required, the sponsor (or an adult appointed by the sponsor) should come with the patient to the First Aid Station. If the illness or accident should be of a serious nature, patients may be sent to a hospital or doctor in a nearby town.

Other Camp Info

Falls Creek Code of Conduct

The code of conduct for Falls Creek is intended to assist the many diverse churches and students at camp to have a safe and enjoyable camp experience, while growing in their faith. Falls Creek is designed to help students and adults know and follow God, so the code of conduct prioritizes issues related to a student's faith development in Jesus.

Falls Creek youth weeks are planned for youth (those who have completed 6th through 12th grade).

After 10:15 p.m., all students should be inside their cabin and should not be outside their cabin without a sponsor until after 6:30 a.m. Groups are allowed to meet around the perimeter of their cabin during late night devotional times, but a sponsor should be with the group at all times and extra care should be taken so other groups are not disturbed. Groups/individuals need to be inside their cabin by 11:45 p.m. If a particular group needs to meet outside their cabin after 11:45 p.m. for spiritual counsel, a sponsor must be present and the group must move inside the cabin as soon as possible.

No bands or instrumental groups are allowed to perform outside their cabin walls, except for groups that are an official part of the weekly programming for the whole camp. Headset listening devices and sound systems may be used only inside cabins. Excessive volume from a cabin is not permitted since it can disturb other cabins. No product sales are allowed at Falls Creek unless they have secured a contract through the Falls Creek Office. Students are required to attend both the Morning Tabernacle Experience and the Evening Tabernacle Experience each day.

Sponsors from each church are responsible for enforcing the code of conduct and camp dress code for their students and adults and for handling discipline issues. At all experiences, church groups must sit together. If the group is too large to find a single location for everyone, the group should divide into smaller groups with adult sponsors in each group. Students will not be permitted to leave the grounds unless accompanied by a sponsor.

Believing that modesty extends beyond the dress code, Falls Creek asks that students refrain from PDA (Public Displays of Affection). Church sponsors should be diligent to communicate this guideline to their students.

It is strongly suggested that churches limit or prohibit their students' use and possession of cell phones and two-way radios. These items can quickly become a distraction to the goals of the week of camp.

Use or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco of any type is not permitted on the grounds during any week of camp. The possession of offensive weapons of any sort is prohibited at Falls Creek. Falls Creek Baptist Conference Center reserves the right to perform a random drug and weapon search at any time and confiscate items that distract from the camp goals or that violate the code of conduct of the camp.

Pets/animals (other than service dogs), fireworks, rock throwing, water fighting, laser pointers and shaving cream fights are prohibited on the grounds. Masks or any other disguise over the face cannot be worn by anyone outside of their cabin. For the safety of all guests, skates, rollerblades and skateboards are permitted only in the SwiftSkate area and only at designated times. All cycles (uni-, bi-, or tri-) are prohibited on the grounds. Violation of this policy could result in confiscation of equipment. No wading or swimming is allowed in the creeks or lake unless there is a Falls Creek lifeguard present. No swimming/wading pools are allowed at cabins.

All guests are required to show proof of registration or ID to enter or re-enter the conference center grounds. Day guests should leave grounds by midnight. Courtesy Crew will be on duty 24-hours per day. Courtesy Crew, when called upon, will assist the adult leadership of any cabin in dealing with discipline problems that may arise. Courtesy Crew is authorized to enforce the code of conduct and policies of the conference center.

Unnecessary and careless traffic is prohibited on Falls Creek grounds. Only conference center operated golf carts, utility carts, or low speed vehicles (LSVs) are permitted. Delivery trucks are not permitted during summer camp weeks except to supply conference center-owned concessions. Motorcycles may only drive to and from the gate to their cabin or meeting place. Recreation vehicles for living or sleeping purposes are permitted only in designated areas and must register in advance with the Falls Creek Office. All passengers must be seated in the vehicle according to its designated capacity—no passengers are allowed in pickup beds or in the back of vehicles with hatch doors raised.

Falls Creek is a Christian environment that promotes personal encouragement and spiritual development of every camper. Falls Creek does not condone or encourage any activity on grounds that humiliate any camper, including initiation, hazing, and pranks.

Dress Code

The intent of the Falls Creek dress code is to provide an equitable dress code for all campers that will encourage modesty above legalism. Parents and church leaders are urged to see that only clothing which meets the policies and regulations of the conference center is brought to Falls Creek. Please do not allow clothing you sense would be questionable for a Christian camp setting.

Since Falls Creek is a Christian camp with a distinctly Christian atmosphere, the New Testament principle of modesty should always be the standard for dress at Falls Creek. It is the responsibility of the sponsors from each church to model the standard of modesty and enforce the camp dress code.

While on Falls Creek grounds, campers may not wear apparel that exposes the midriff, is extremely tight fitting, or has writing on the back of pants or shorts. Apparel may not display or promote tobacco, alcohol, controlled substances, or inappropriate language or pictures. All shorts and dresses should be modest length. At Falls Creek, modest shorts are generally defined as shorts that have at least a five inch inseam or longer and dresses and skirts should be four inches from the top of the knee or longer. Slits in dresses and skirts should also be modest in length. Shirts/tops must have at least three inches across the shoulder. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times outside cabins, except while swimming.

Modest swimming suits are appropriate while swimming. A dark t-shirt must be worn over two-piece swimming suits. Males should not wear tight fitting swimming suits. While going to and from the swimming areas, all campers must wear shoes; males must wear a t-shirt and females must wear a long covering over their swimming suits.

Daily Schedule

Monday

5:45 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Evening Tabernacle Experience
10:15 p.m. Cabin Wrap-Up/Evening Cabin Devotional
11:45 p.m. Inside Cabins

Tuesday – Friday

8:45 a.m. Breakfast
9:30 a.m. MS Morning Tabernacle Experience
10:05 a.m. HS Morning Tabernacle Experience
11:30 a.m. In-Cabin Bible Study
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Recreation & Free Time
5:45 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Evening Tabernacle Experience
10:15 p.m. Cabin Wrap-Up/Evening Cabin Devotional
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Spending Money

Extra spending money is suggested for each student who attends Falls Creek. Pop, ice cream and other refreshments will be sold between sessions and in the evening throughout the week. T-shirts, books, trading pins and many gift items are available at the Falls Creek Gift Shop. All of these are optional expenses.

Mail & Phone Calls

Incoming mail is sorted by the cabin name and can be picked up by a sponsor each day at the Falls Creek Post Office.

Mail sent to campers should be addressed:

Camper Name

Church Name/Cabin Name

Falls Creek Baptist Conference Center

6714 HWY 77D

Davis, OK 73030-8002

Please do not send large packages since the Falls Creek Office cannot sign for them. All packages containing medications should be addressed to the First Aid Station and a nurse will deliver the medication to the student.

Falls Creek Office Phone Numbers

(580) 369-2101 or (405) 942-3000 ext. 3221

Please use these numbers for emergency only.

Visiting Falls Creek

If you drive in for a day at Falls Creek, there will be a \$7.00 charge per person before 5:00 p.m. and \$3.00 charge per person after 5:00 p.m. Each driver will also be required to present a valid driver's license for entry into camp.

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