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Adventure Camps



**GROUP CAMP
PARENT PACKET**

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We are excited to have your student attend camp this summer, and we hope this packet serves as a helpful resource as you prepare to send them!

Our goal is to present your student with opportunities to interact with the truth of scripture in new ways, inspiring Christ-like change while they learn more about who they are and who Jesus is.

We can't wait to see what the Lord will do!

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CONTACT US:
groups@glorieta.org
(505) 757-6161 ext 4

Letter from the Director

Hi! My name is Brita and I manage Glorieta's Group Camp program.

At Glorieta, we exist to inspire Christlike change through outdoor adventure, authentic relationships, and biblical truth. We seek to fulfill this mission by providing a quality camp experience to groups and individuals from all over the country and are thrilled that you have decided to allow your child to take part in what God is doing here. We are excited about this opportunity and it is not one we take lightly. Our college-aged summer staff are thoroughly trained and possess the skills necessary to ensure that your child's week of camp is as fun and safe as possible.

As an organization, our desire is to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus and to partner with the local church. Our activities are very team-oriented and are designed to press groups out of their comfort zones to a place where they are more receptive to the truth of the Gospel, while experiencing a unique adventure. Through Group Camp, our hope is that students form deep bonds with their counselors and life-long friendships with their peers, leading to life-changing conversations and Gospel transformation. Shared experiences will challenge and grow students in their understanding of who Jesus is, who they are, and what He is calling them to, so that they continue to benefit from camp long after they are back home.

One of the most commonly used terms here at camp is "experiential learning." We believe that when students are given the opportunity to interact with the Gospel in a hands-on way, they are more likely to grasp and retain the information they are being introduced to. While we will always include Biblical teaching and daily communal worship, there will also be different experiences each day that provide opportunities for students to uniquely engage with the Gospel. These experiences could range from a full-on carnival, to sharing life stories around a campfire. In all things, we are driven by our desire for people to know Jesus and we strive to provide a camp experience that is unique and valuable to the local church.

Our counselors are handpicked from all across the nation and undergo three weeks of intensive training before our guests arrive. As mentioned before, we believe that the most effective form of learning is through experiences, so this is how we train our staff. One week of their training is spent as campers being led through the Bible studies, group games, and experiences that they will be leading all summer long. The desire behind this week is that they would learn from the camper's perspective before they ever stand in front of a group.

We are incredibly excited for your child to experience camp this summer! We hope that you will join us in praying for physical, spiritual, and emotional safety for the thousands of students attending camp in the beauty of God's creation in the Southern Rocky Mountains!

In Christ,
Brita Sjogren



Before Camp

Parent Checklist

- Carefully review this Parent Packet
- Complete and sign the Waiver and Health History form online by June 1st
- Pay your camp fee balance via your church's group leader
- Add camp credit to your student's account by logging in online

Registration Management

To register your student for camp, you will receive an email invitation or event code from your group leader (Youth Pastor or Administrator). For instructions on each of the registration steps, go to the "Student Registration Instructions" PDF found at glorieta.org/group-camp-leader-resources.

PAYMENTS

All group registration fees will be paid directly to your group leader, but items such as allergy meal add-ons or camper credit will be processed through your individual registration.



CAMPER CREDIT

If you'd like to eliminate the hassle of having your student keep track of cash during their time at camp, you can put spending money directly on their account! You have the ability to monitor and add additional credit to your camper's account at any point in the week. Any camp credit not used by the end of your camper's session, however, will be donated to our scholarship fund and help bless another student with a week of camp!



Packing Tips

PACK WITH YOUR CAMPER

Packing with your camper provides a great opportunity to build excitement about what is ahead and learn about what your camper might be anxious or concerned about. Plus, you can ensure that they pack everything that they need to bring, and leave behind the stuff that should stay at home. Use the packing list found on the next page!

LABEL EVERYTHING

In permanent marker, be sure to mark the first and last name of your camper on their items. If something is lost, it will be easier to return the item if it is marked with this information. Unclaimed items will be disposed of or donated two weeks after your camper's session ends.

PACK APPROPRIATE CAMP ATTIRE

Be sure that the clothing that is packed should be comfortable and suitable for outdoor play. Clothing that has the potential to get wet or dirty is preferred. There should be nothing packed that is suggestive, revealing, or promotes alcohol, tobacco, drug use, sexual behavior, or inappropriate language.

PACKING MEDICATIONS

All medications that are brought to camp should be packaged in their original container, placed into a Ziploc bag with the camper's name written on it, and turned over at check in. These medications will remain with and be administered by our medical staff until they are returned on closing day.

Group Camp Packing List

PROGRAM:

Your group will be assigned a particular country this summer. Bring some clothes to represent your country's colors!

SLEEPING:

- Sleeping bag or twin sheets and blankets
- Pillow
- Plug in fans if you get hot

CLOTHING:

- T-Shirts - bring several that you do not mind getting dirty. Please do not bring shirts with anything inappropriate on them. When in doubt, leave it at home.
- Shorts - Please bring athletic/hiking shorts that you do not mind getting dirty. Do not bring short shorts.
- Shoes - Hiking/athletic shoes are necessary. Bring back up shoes, because if it rains, we will keep playing. Close-toed shoes are required at all times, but flip-flops are great for around the lake or showers.
- Socks and Underwear - Bring extras of both. It's Adventure Camp!
- Rainwear - At least bring a jacket/poncho.
- Hat / Bandana
- Swimsuits - You may want two swimsuits since we do a lot of water activities. You may also have to hike in your swimsuit at times. Ladies, please bring one-pieces or full coverage tankinis. Gentlemen, please bring regular-sized swim trunks.
- Jacket / Long Sleeves / Sweatpants - Mornings and evenings can get cold!
- Nice Clothes - Do not bring anything you are not willing to get dirty, but ask your youth leader if there will be any times to dress up a bit.

BATHROOM:

- Toiletries - toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, soap...the usual.
- Tote or Toiletries Bag - To take your items to and from the shower.
- Towels - One for the shower and one for the lake.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Bible, Notepad/Journal, Pen
- Water bottles - One large bottle is required. We sell these in our Camp Store.
- Flashlight or Headlamp - You may want extra batteries
- **More than one mask!** You won't want to wear a dirty one all week!
- Insect Repellent
- Backpack
- Spending Cash or Camp Credit - for the Camp Store and Snack Shop
- Camera
- Medications - No prescription meds can be kept in your room. Please put these in a ziplock bag, in the original packaging, with your name on the outside and turn them into your Group Leader who will turn them into our Medical Staff.
- Earplugs - If you're a light sleeper.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- Cell Phones
- Car Keys
- Walkie-Talkies
- Knives or anything sharp
- Pets - Not even little cute pets.
- Tobacco Products
- Alcohol or drugs
- Your Own Harness / Helmet
- iPods and other electronics

At Camp

Curriculum

We believe that the gospel is present in all of Scripture, and we want to equip campers to study and encounter the Lord in the Old and New Testaments alike. Our curriculum is designed around a seven year cycle, giving students an opportunity to delve into a different section of Scripture each year, and even go through the entire Bible if they attend camp throughout middle and high school. For an overview of this year's specific curriculum, please visit the Leader Resources page on our website.

Camper Communication

CAN I SEND MY CAMPER MAIL?

We would LOVE to be able to make your camper's day by handing them a letter from home! If you choose to mail a letter, just make sure to take into account that unless you send mail the first day or before your student arrives, it may not reach them in time. If you are worried about timing, feel free to send the letter with your church group leader before departure. Leaders can give letters to our counselors, who can then "deliver" them to your camper on day 2 or 3 of camp. Another option would be to send an email to your camper at groups@glorieta.org and we will be sure to print that email and deliver it to your student! If you would like to send your camper a care package, please be mindful of how long it may take for the package to be delivered, and please avoid sending food and candy. Food tends to encourage critters to get into things and can complicate a situation where another camper has a food allergy. Below are the addresses to send mail!

Regular Mail

Glorieta Group Camp
Attn: [Student Name, Church Name]
11 State Route 50
Glorieta, NM 87535

Packages

Glorieta Group Camp
Attn: [Student Name, Church Name]
PO Box 8
Glorieta, NM 87535



2021 Theme:
STORY

CAN I CALL MY CAMPER?

During camp, we work hard to build a sense of community among campers. We design the program, activities and experiences for campers so that they can “get away” from the distractions and “busyness” of the everyday world, be in a place that they can connect with the Holy Spirit in nature. Camp is also a time of self-discovery and testing out one’s independence. Experience has shown us that allowing campers to have telephone contact with friends or family in the “real world” detracts from the camp experience, is counter-productive to our mission goals, and disrupts our ability to build community at camp. For these reasons we do not permit campers to carry cell phones or make or receive phone calls (unless accompanied by a staff member after consultation with the director). Know that if a situation involving your child arises that warrants parental involvement, be it severe homesickness, a behavior issue, or a healthcare concern, we will contact you as soon as possible. If you have an emergency and you need to contact your camper, please call the camp office at 505-257-5216 ext.4.



Health & Safety

FOOD SERVICE & FOOD ALLERGIES

Our kitchen staff serves 6 meals a day for thousands of guests. Because of that high volume, we can't accommodate every food allergy. Our culinary team is able to work around many allergies with prior communication, so please let us know about food allergies before sending your child to camp. We do provide a gluten-free meal option for \$2 extra per meal. You can select this option as an add on during your online registration process. If your student has a different allergy need, we provide a fridge and microwave in the kitchen for guests who bring their own food. If you have questions about allergies please email us at group@glorieta.org.



HEALTH & MEDICATIONS

Make sure to review and edit your student's health form before their session! If they have new medications since you originally filled out the form, please update that information through your account in our system. Please send all medication with your group leader in their original packing, with the original instructions and doctor's name intact. We ask that you place each medicine bottle in its own Ziploc bag with your student's name, dosage and the times they need to take them.

LICE & BED BUGS

As a camp that serves thousands of guests, we work hard to prevent lice and bed bugs in our dorms through off-season professional treatment and deep cleans and inspections between each group. Make sure to help us out by educating your students on proper hygiene and reminding them that it can be risky to share pillows, hairbrushes, hats and other items while they are here.



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Our organization has always taken the protection of our youth very seriously. And because we diligently seek the highest standard of child care in the youth serving industry, in 2012 we implemented a new Child Protection Policy in an effort to take a 360 approach to their safety. The start of that 360 circle begins with you. Because you know your child better than anyone, we ask that you discuss our organization's Code of Conduct (on the next page) with them before they arrive. Help us educate your child on what is acceptable and unacceptable behavior for staff and/or youth. This effort will not only help protect them, but our staff and other youth as well. While we DO NOT discuss sexuality as part of our curriculum, it is important that they have an age appropriate discussion with you before they come. Educating your child is empowering them to make the right decisions. We seek to provide an atmosphere of Christ-like relationships at our organization and your involvement can only serve to promote our efforts.

STAFF AND VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

We will ALWAYS be above reproach when interacting with campers both in and out of camp. Unfortunately, our world has become so stained that people are quick to jump to conclusions and assume inappropriate behavior. Our actions and intentions must always be pure and honoring to Christ. The subject of physical contact is so fragile with kids and should be taken with the utmost concern and seriousness by every staff member. The following are guidelines for appropriate/inappropriate conduct with campers:

TOUCH

Appropriate

1. Handshakes and high-fives
2. Side, short, congratulatory or greeting hugs
3. Arm around the shoulders
4. Piggybacks with young campers

Not Appropriate

1. Private back rubs, arm tickles, massages, etc.
2. Touching of private parts (no exceptions!)
3. Touching out of anger, disgust, or frustration
4. Frontal hugs (do your best to avoid and not initiate)
5. Sexual embraces
6. Lap and leg sitting
7. Kissing
8. Intimate wrestling
9. Tickling
10. Walking hand-and-hand with same gender

TALK

Appropriate

1. Verbal praise for achievement or behavior
2. Verbal encouragement
3. Biblically based teaching (non-sexual)
4. Normal, healthy conversation

Not Appropriate

1. Compliments or questions relating to physique or body development
2. Sexual jokes, homosexual innuendos, or bathroom humor
3. Swearing or vulgar language
4. Verbal harassment or abuse
5. Individual secrets or special gifts
6. Sexual coaching or conversation

TERRITORY

Appropriate

1. Public one-on-one interaction
2. Group or public environments


Not Appropriate

1. Sitting or lying on a bed with a camper
2. Private one-on-one interactions

Resources

Leader's Resource Page

Our Leader's Resource Page has all kinds of information for Parents and Leaders to prepare well for camp. Check it out at the link below for the following items:

 glorieta.org/group-camp-leaders-resources

- Parent Packet
- Registration instructions
- Curriculum preview
- Promo posters & videos
- Photos of camp
- What to Expect



Service Team

We're looking for high school students to volunteer this summer!

As a Service Team member, students serve in our dining hall and elsewhere around camp while being disciplined by college-age summer staff and building friendships with peers from around the country! It's a lot of hard work, but an incredibly memorable and spiritually formative experience that gives high schoolers a glimpse into the lives of our summer staff. Lots of Group Camp campers have come before or stayed after their session of camp to participate in Service Team, which we love! All meals and housing are covered by camp for this 2.5-3 week program, and the experience is unbeatable!

Check out glorieta.org/service-team for session dates, how to apply, and more.



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