



Adult Sponsor Packet

June 28 - July 1, 2021

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First Things First



Thank You!

We'd first like to thank you for considering participating as an Adult Sponsor at Camp Renu this year. This is a big responsibility, and your desire to provide students with the opportunity to attend camp is awesome!

We depend on our adults to be **present** with their campers in (at least) two different ways.

First, be present **physically**. Be **WITH** your campers at **ALL TIMES - 24 hours / day**. Yeah, that's going to be tiring at times, but dig deep and jump in with both feet! They will **LOVE** it, and the joy they have will give you an extra shot of energy.

Second, be present **spiritually**. Make sure you spend a little time (we've built some into the schedule for you) to connect with **GOD** and ask Him to help you lead your campers spiritually. **GOD changes lives at camp**. What a privilege it would be if He uses **YOU** to make a difference in the life of a camper!

Camp Theme

Kids often hear they should "do **GOD's** will," but what does that really mean for a 4th grader? Or even for us as adults? For some, it can mean trying to come up with **GOD's** ten-year plan for their lives. But more often than not, finding **GOD's** will comes down to one simple idea: **Do The Next Right Thing**. So that's what we will be looking at! Characters in the Bible that were faced with a choice and chose to **Do The Next Right Thing**.

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Camp Basics



Camp Cost: \$150 / person attending

Camp Dates: June 28 - July 1, 2021

Required Forms

Please complete, sign, and turn in the following forms to your **Church Group Leader**. You are NOT registered to attend camp unless each of the following are completed in full.

Adult Sponsor Responsibilities

Background Check

If you have had a background check in the last two years, please make a copy available to your Church Group Leader. If not, please complete the enclosed Background Check Form and give it to your Church Group Leader.

Medical Release

Leading Us



Russ Bingham - Camp Pastor: Russ is the Minister of Athletics at Grace Evangelical Church in Germantown, TN. He and his wife, Amy, have been married for 15 years and have four children. He loves being Dad to his kids and Husband to his wife. Russ has led camps, including World Changers, and often leads chapel and various schools around Memphis, TN. We are very excited for the opportunity to have Russ once again lead as camp pastor and know he will be used by GOD in a big way.

Derek Miller - Worship Pastor: Derek serves as the kids worship pastor at Fellowship Bible Church in West Little Rock, where he leads kids pre-K through pre-teen in worship each Sunday. Derek loves hunting, the outdoor, and any project working with his hands. Fun fact- he and his wife Gracen are expecting their first child due just one month before camp starts! *(He's a trooper for taking on camp so soon after a newborn! Or he's coming to try to get some extra sleep!)* Derek led us in 2019, and we are looking forward to more fun times of song and great times of worship with Derek leading once again.



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Rules are Made to Be... Followed



Dress Codes for All Attendees

Shorts: Shorts are fine at camp. Excessively short length or tight fit will not be tolerated. When hands are extended to the back, side, or front, fingertips must touch fabric.

Shirts: Beware of any offensive or insensitive material printed on t-shirts. You may roll the sleeves up and sleeveless may be worn, but no thin-strapped tank tops or midriffs are allowed. Also, t-shirts may not be split significantly down the sides (no muscle shirts - you don't impress us). No part of undergarments should ever be seen.

Shoes: Some games require closed-toe shoes. These will be notated on your recreation schedule. You will not be able to participate in these events without proper footwear.

Swimsuits: One-piece suits only. Boys: No speedos (gross). Girls may wear tankinis, as long as very little midriff shows. Shirts or coverups are to be worn to-and-from pool area.

Rules of Conduct

Christian conduct is expected at all times. Threatening or demeaning behavior toward others will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to, fighting, cursing, and harassing and/or making negative comments about others.

Campers should be with adult sponsors at all times. The students will be under your care for the entirety of their trip to CampRenu. This includes slide and pool time.

Campers must be in their rooms by 10pm, and lights out is at 10:30pm. You will need your rest...it's going to be a long week!

Wear your lanyard at all times.

No Purple! In case you don't know this phrase... Boys are "blue", girls are "pink" - when those colors touch, they become purple... No PDA!

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What to Bring to Camp



- Bible (with your name inside)
- Pen or Pencil
- Flashlight
- Bottled Water & Healthy Snacks
- Pillow, Twin Size Bedding or Sleeping Bag
- Bath Towels and Wash Cloths
- Toiletries and Hygiene Items (toilet paper is provided)
- Hair Dryer (if needed)
- Shower shoes or flip flops
- Tennis Shoes (camp ground is hilly and rocky)
- Clothing that is appropriate for camp. (see clothing guidelines)
- Bring 2 sets of clothing per day if possible.
- Swim suit (one piece only), Swim suit cover up (must be worn to and from pool/slide)
- Beach Towel
- Sunscreen
- Umbrella or Rain Jacket
- Dirty Clothes bag(s)
- Money for snack shack
- Medication (List all medications on medical release form.)

Additional Suggestions

- Alarm Clock
- Night Light
- Fan
- Ant Spray
- Over door hooks (work well on side of bunk beds and on shower rods)
- Hand Soap and Sanitizers
- Ice Chest
- Clothes Line Rope
- Cell phones are fine, but please use them only when necessary. **Do not use them during scheduled activities.**

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Before coming to camp, we want you to be informed and prepared as much as possible. To help us all be on the “same page”, we have put together this list of helpful information for several aspects of camp. We are asking all adult sponsors to **read, understand and sign this letter**. Please bring it with you and turn in at registration.

Morning Quiet Time / Devotions:

Adults need to be in cabins with campers going through the devotions listed in the campers’ books. The adult sponsor guidebook will have information to help with these. If you get done early, go deeper into spiritual conversation. This is great time to build some **relationships** with the kids.

Worship Celebrations:

Please sit among your kids. This will not only help with behavior, but also help you get some insight into parts of the message that resonate with the kids. And, again, this will help build **relationships** as you hang out before service, worship together, etc.

Recreation Times:

Be with your kids. Be with your kids. That’s not a typo – it’s just really important! Camp Staffers (high-schoolers, etc) are **NOT** at camp to keep your kids out of trouble. They are there to lead them around and to interact with them. **You are responsible for discipline**, etc. However, this is only one reason to be with the kids at recreation time. The other is TO HAVE FUN! Get in and play with the kids. Goof off. Act nutty. Your kids may flip out at this – PERFECT! They need to see that being a Christian man or woman does NOT mean you have to give up fun. And, once again, it’s a great way to build **relationships!**

Another aspect of Recreation Time is the need for some adult volunteers to help with paddle boats, water slide, etc.... Obviously this will take some of your time and energy, but camp can’t go on without it! Please plan on volunteering for an area.

Church Group Devotions:

Pick a member of your adults each night to lead this time. It might be the same person each night, or a different one each night. Make this time about reflecting on the day and seeing how God has shown up and how lives have changed. Make it count!

If you have any questions, please check with a member of the committee!

Printed Name: _____

Signed: _____

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Background Check Request

REFERENCE RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION FORM

Authorization to Obtain Personal Information. I, _____, have applied for a volunteer position with _____ in _____ AR, (hereinafter “the Church”). I hereby authorize the Church acting through its duly appointed agents to inquire into my background with prior churches, employers, schools, personal references or any other person or entity that may have material information on me. This authority extends without limitation to obtaining any information from churches, associates, schools and colleges, residential management agents, current or prior employers, criminal justice agencies, or individuals, relating to my activities. This information may include, but is not limited to, academic, residential, achievement, performance, attendance, personal history, disciplinary, arrest, and conviction records.

Authorization to Release Information. I authorize and direct anyone who receives a verbal or written request for information from the Church to give any information (including opinions) that they may have to the Church as to me, my character and fitness for Christian work, specifically including, without limitation, working with children or youth. Recipients of such a request from the Church are authorized to answer any of the Church’s questions and to release any requested documentation, forms or information to the Church, whether the information is oral or in writing.

Release of Liability. Of my own free will and intent, I release any individual, church, company, agency or other person with whom the Church conducts an inquiry, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for any damages, attorney’s fees and costs, of whatever kind or nature that I, my heirs, or family may allege happened to, or were suffered by, me at any time on account of their conveying information about me in their compliance or attempt to comply with said request for information pursuant to this authorization.

I have carefully read this Release and Authorization and sign it as my own free act with the intent that it be relied upon by any person or entity that receives it from the Church. A photocopy of this Release and Authorization shall be as effective as an original. The Release and Authorization is not limited as to time but shall not be used for other than as required for church protection and safety.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Witness: _____

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