



Mini Camp LEADER'S GUIDE

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ABOUT US

Camp Copass is a Christian retreat center that is open year-round for conferences, retreats and summer camps! We are equipped to host groups of all sizes with a wide range of facilities to meet your needs.

We exist primarily for the purpose of providing an environment conducive to Christian worship, training, discipleship, evangelism, and recreation.



Our Statement of Faith

We believe that the Bible is the holy and inspired Word of God and that it is of supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. We believe the teachings of the Bible are relevant to people today and serve as the authoritative guide for life and ministry.

We believe that salvation is a gift of God through faith in His only Son, Jesus Christ.

We believe that marriage is between one man and one woman (Gen.1:27, Matt. 19:4-5). We value every person and desire to love people as Christ loves us and to serve others in Jesus' name.



Our Vision

Camp Copass exists primarily for the purpose of providing an environment conducive to Christian worship, training, discipleship, evangelism, and recreation.

Camp Copass encourages the use of its facilities and properties by all Christian groups, denominational agencies, and collegiate organizations whose purposes and objectives are compatible with the statements of beliefs and purposes of Camp Copass.

Camp Copass allows non-profit groups, schools, and service organizations who agree to observe the rules and policies of Camp Copass to use its facilities.

In keeping with the purpose of Camp Copass, the encampment administrator has the authority to schedule or refuse the use of Camp Copass' facilities.



CAMP RULES

Camp Copass is a Christian camp and all rules are in place to govern our conduct which should reflect Christ. The leadership of Camp Copass urges you to become familiar with and abide by these rules. By respecting these guidelines and assisting in the enforcement of them you will assist in making everyone's camp experience enjoyable and Christ-centered. Your example in following these rules will also serve as an example to those around you (1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7).

- Respect ALL camp properties. We ask you to assist in keeping the grounds clean of trash. Cans are provided throughout the camp to dispose of debris.
- Illegal drugs, alcohol, any form of tobacco, fireworks, firearms, knives, or weapons of any kind are not allowed. Immediate removal from the camp grounds will occur.
- Students should not be in possession of mp3 players, electronic games, cell phones, walkie-talkies, or any kind of electronic devices. Scooters and bicycles are not allowed. Skateboards, rollerblades/skates may only be used in the designated area and helmets are required.
- Camp attire for campers & counselors: Shorts are permitted but may be no higher than 5" above the knee. For very tall girls mid-thigh is acceptable. Sleeveless shirts may be worn if they are squared at the shoulders with a 3 finger width spread. No spaghetti straps or midriff revealing garments will be allowed. No muscle shirts or body shirts that are open at the armpits are allowed for boys. Clothing advertising alcohol or tobacco products or of a suggestive nature may not be worn. Closed toe shoes are safest and are required for the ropes course.
- Swimwear: Girl's swimwear must be one-piece (tankinis are permitted as long as the entire midriff is covered) and modest or a dark colored t-shirt must be worn over it. Boys are to wear modest trunk-style swim suits and a t-shirt must be worn to and from the pool. The lifeguard may eject anyone wearing inappropriate attire. Swim shoes or flip-flops are recommended for swim times.
- Attendance is required by students at all scheduled sessions and activities unless they are ill or are accompanied by a sponsor.
- Vehicle usage is not permitted by students during the week of camp. For safety purposes we ask that counselors refrain from using their vehicles to transport students around the camp grounds.
- No public or private displays of affection will be tolerated.
- Unauthorized use of the ropes course is not permitted. Only trained staff may operate the ropes equipment. Please make prior arrangements if you desire to use the ropes course.
- Meals must be taken in the dining hall without prior approval from the camp manager. Please pay for any visitors that may be dining with us. Special dietary needs should be made known to the Food Service Director at least one week prior to arrival.
- Students may not leave the camp without notifying the acting camp director.
- Expenses incurred from lost or damaged recreational equipment will be billed to the responsible party.
- No swimming is allowed in the lake. Keep a safe distance away from the water unless accompanied by a waterfront instructor.
- Shaving cream fights, water fights, etc. must be pre-approved by the camp manager. Any expense incurred as result of damage to camp property as a result of such activities will be passed along to the responsible parties.
- Nametags must be worn by students and counselors at all times for identification purposes in the event of an emergency.

GENERAL INFO

Registration

1. Visit our website and register your church for the specific week you're interested in.
2. Starting in February, Group leaders will receive a link to create an online account through Camp Doc+ once a deposit has been paid.
 - Payment Options: Submit your deposit by mailing it to 8200 E. McKinney Street, Denton, TX 76208, or opt for the convenience of online payment through our camp website. The deposit cost is \$10 per camper for Mini Camp.
 - **Deposit payment should be received by May 1st.**

Counselors

This camp requires one adult counselor per 10 students, at least 1 male and 1 female for a co-ed group. Counselors are expected to attend ALL camp activities with the students. See Group Leaders Section on our website for required documents (includes CPT, Pastor Reference Form, No Visitor Policy, Background Checks) - all of these forms are to be completed to Camp Copass 2 weeks prior to your camp start date.

- **Jr. Counselors:** Camp Copass welcomes Jr. Counselors to act as additional supervision for campers. These counselors must be of High School age, 14-17 years old. *They do not count as adult counselors.*

Adult Counselor Child Protection Training and Background Checks

By Texas Youth Camp Laws, all adult participants are required to complete Child Protection Training and undergo Background Checks. Refer to the Background Checks FAQs for additional information.

- Child Protection Training: Child Protection Training Certifications are good for two years. If you did the training last year, and the certification does not expire before your camp's end date, you may use this certification.
- Background Checks: You have the option to utilize your church background check, or alternatively, you can opt for the Camp's background check service. The background check must be within 12 months of your arrival date at camp. If you choose the Camp Background check, there is a \$12 fee associated. Access it here: <https://campcheckusa.com/campcopass/>

Dress Code

Girl's swimwear must be a modest one-piece (tankinis are allowed as long as the entire midriff is covered). Boys are to wear modest trunk-type suits and a t-shirt to and from the pool. The lifeguard may eject anyone wearing swimwear that is not in good taste. Clothing advertising alcohol or tobacco products or are of a suggestive nature may not be worn. No spaghetti straps, tube tops or halter tops will be allowed. Modest shorts are permitted, but may not be higher than 5" above the knee.

Camper Pick-up/Drop-off

Please do not allow parents to drop their kids off at camp individually. A charter bus or some other form of transportation is required.

Camp Vans, Buses & Trailer Parking

For camper safety we require all vans and trailers to be parked across from our maintenance shop on the far side of the ropes course.

Golf Cart Policy

Camp Copass offers golf carts for rent on a first-come, first-served basis.

To ensure the safety of the many children walking around campus, we kindly ask that you refrain from bringing personal golf carts or renting golf carts to bring onto the campus.

Visitor Policy

To ensure camper safety, Camp Copass has a strict **NO VISITOR POLICY** during summer camps, effective since June 1, 2019. This policy was implemented due to security concerns and requires that all staff, volunteers, and leaders undergo background checks and Child Protection Training.

Pastoral staff may visit, but must:

- Pre-arrange the visit by calling the camp office at least one day in advance.
- Check in with a driver's license and background check form.
- Wear a nametag and leave by 10:00 PM.
- *Visitors accompanying pastoral staff are not permitted.*

Medical Release Forms & Medications

Each camper and counselor must complete a Health Form that is available online. Counselors will turn in all camper/counselor medications to the camp nurse during registration. **ALL MEDICATIONS AND OTC MEDS ARE TO BE TURNED IN AT REGISTRATION-NO MEDS ARE TO BE KEPT IN DORMS.**

All medications for your campers must be in ORIGINAL CONTAINERS with camper's name. It then needs to be placed in a plastic bag with their name and church name. The Camp Copass Medical Team will take it and store it in a locked place.



WHAT'S THAT?!

Group Colors

Red Green Blue

Each church is assigned into a color group. This color group is used for Team Time, Meal Rotations, and Auditorium Seating.

Camp Bag

Each church will be provided with a Camp Bag upon check-in on the camp's first day. This bag will include camp shirts, a daily devotional booklet, and a schedule badge for every participant.

Lost and Found Locations

Camp Copass has multiple lost and found locations around campus. These include the Dining Hall, Camp Office, Camp Store, Pool, and the Auditorium

Water Locations

Campers will find four hydrating stations conveniently located around the camp for refilling their water bottles. These stations are situated at the Rec Field, Rec Pavilion, East side of the Auditorium, and near the GaGa Pits. Additionally, there are water fountains available in the foyer of the auditorium and outside of the camp store.

Camp Gift Cards

Parents have the option to buy a camp gift card for their camper, which can be utilized at the camp store and concessions stand. Purchased gift cards will be delivered to the church mailbox by lunchtime each day.

Please inform parents that merchandise and devotionals sold by the Pastor, Rec Team, and Camp Bands cannot be purchased with camp gift cards. Campers may require cash if they wish to buy items from the band, rec team, or pastor booth.



CARNIVAL



Friday Night

Get ready for an evening of carnival excitement! Friday night promises to be a blast with a splash of wet and wild fun, featuring inflatables, popcorn, sno-cones, face painting, crazy hairdos, a live DJ, and much more!

Counselors, it might be helpful to bring a large bag or wagon to assist campers in keeping their belongings together.

We recommend considering packing a sack lunch OR snacks for your children to enjoy during registration. It can be quite a stretch between lunch and dinner, especially for the little ones.

Additionally, we'd like to remind everyone to bring a bit of spending money for the concessions trailer or the Camp Store. Let's make this carnival a memorable and enjoyable experience for all!

CONTACT US

Thank you for your commitment to making camp an unforgettable experience for your students. At Camp Copass, we're here to help you breeze through the registration process, so you can focus on the exciting journey ahead.

For any camp-related questions, feel free to reach out to Jessica Keller, our Program Director, at Jessica@campcopass.com or call our office at (940) 565-0050.

