

# YOUTH CAMP



# CAMP LEADER'S GUIDE

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# THE BASICS



## REGISTRATION

1. Visit our website and register your church for the specific week you're interested in.
2. After January 1st, Group leaders will receive a link to create an online account through Camp Doc+ once a deposit has been paid.
  - o 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 \$30 per camper for Youth and Trek Camp, and \$10 per camper for Mini Camp. **Deposit payment should be received by May 1st.**

## LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Camp Copass organizes Youth Camp Leadership Meetings in the spring to assist you in preparing for camp. During these sessions, we go over available resources, the schedule, the registration system, and provide you with the necessary tools for the camp experience. These meetings are available for attendance either in person or via Zoom. The Program Director will send out an email to registered churches informing them of the meeting dates.

## COUNSELORS

This camp requires one 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 2025 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.**

## 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.

## 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.

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## 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.

## ADULT COUNSELOR CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING AND BACKGROUND CHECKS

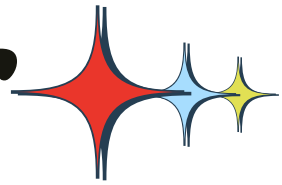
All adult participants are required to complete Child Protection Training and undergo Background Checks. Refer to the Background Checks FAQs for additional information.

- 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 \$10 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.

# WHAT'S THAT



## GROUP COLORS

Red Green Blue

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

## 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.

## ROPES COURSE

All campers and counselors who intend to take part in the challenge ropes course must ensure they complete the Ropes Course Release Form. It's important to note that access to the Obstacle Course at the Ropes Course is exclusively available during GIG Times for those who have signed up for the class. Furthermore, all campers engaging in this activity must wear closed-toe shoes at all times.

## REC

Recreation will be led by the Rec Team. Water games will be scheduled for Thursday. Please remind your campers to bring appropriate attire to participate during outdoor recreational activities: play clothes & closed-toe shoes.

## GIG TIMES

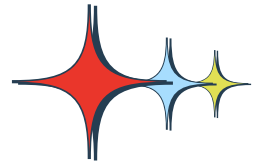
Campers will have several activities to choose from. Sign-up forms are completed through the registration system. GIG choices should be completed online TWO WEEKS PRIOR to arrival.

## GIG LEADER SIGN UPS

GIG Time activities are facilitated by three groups: the Copass staff, hired instructors, and volunteer church leaders/counselors. If you or a fellow counselor are interested in leading a class, and would like to know additional details, please reach out to Jessica Keller, the Program Director, at [jessica@campcopass.com](mailto:jessica@campcopass.com)

Camp Copass extends heartfelt gratitude to those who generously contribute their time and talents to lead these activities for our campers.

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## 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.\**

## CAMPER MAIL & MAIL PICK UP

Family members and friends can easily send letters to campers through the camp website. Simply scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on the button to write a letter. All mail is delivered to the camper's church mailbox by noon each day.

For campers receiving physical mail, please ensure that the sender includes the church name of the camper so we can accurately route it to the intended recipient.

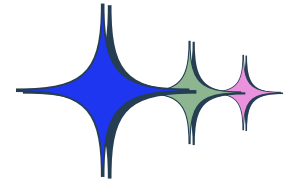
Group Leaders will be able to pick up camper mail from their church mailbox located at the Camp Office.

## 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 place 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.

# SCHEDULE



## DAILY COUNSELOR MEETINGS

Counselor meetings will be held Monday through Thursday at 9 am in the Tally Retreat Center. Join the Program Director to go over daily announcements, review the schedule, and participate in a Q&A session.

## QUIET TIME

Upon registration on arrival day, you will be provided with a Daily Devotional Booklet for all your campers. Each morning, your students will engage in their personal quiet time before breakfast, with the flexibility to do it as a group or individually. This devotion will be thoroughly discussed during the Bible Study rotation.

## BIBLE STUDY

A Bible study leader will be provided for the daily Bible study rotation. It's essential for a leader to accompany their students during this rotation, as the Bible study leader may request the formation of small groups that a church leader may need to lead.

## CHURCH TIME

This is an opportunity for church groups to meet together, fostering a sense of unity, and reflecting on the day's events and messages. Each church has the responsibility of guiding their own group during this time. Leaders will receive a Church Time Guide, which they can utilize if desired and if they need help structuring this time. The guide includes questions from the camp pastor about each evening service, enabling you and your group to delve deeper into the sermon's content.

## BASKETBALL/ FOOTBALL/ VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS OPEN NOW!

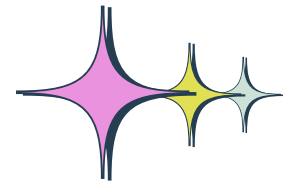
From 3:15 PM to 5:00 PM, Tuesday through Thursday, the Rec Team will host daily sports tournaments.

Campers can form their own teams and sign up during lunch with the Rec Team. The action kicks off at 3:15 PM on the designated sports court each day!

## "GUATEMALA DAY" WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, Camp Copass is hosting "Guatemala Day," where we'll shine a spotlight on our Guatemala Camp Ministry. We'll share updates from the Guatemala camps and illustrate how camper donations have impacted this vital ministry. During the Wednesday evening service, there will be an opportunity to make an offering to support this ministry in the upcoming year.

# NITE LIFE



Monday	Fireworks Show	<p>Everyone will meet behind the Love dorm at 9:00 pm. Popsicles will be served by staff. The show will begin at 9:30pm, and will last for 15min. Dance songs will play after the show.</p>
Tuesday	Glow-in-the-Dark Silent Disco	<p>Everyone will meet at the Rec pavilion at 9:00 pm. The summer staff will be passing headphones to each camper. Campers will have the option of choosing between three different playlists to listen to. Those include dance songs, worship, and a surprise playlist.</p>
Wednesday	Game Night/ Church Night	<p>While Camp Copass will have activities that will be going during the night, this is a time for Churches to connect and fellowship with their kids.</p> <p>Camp Copass will provide a camp-wide Scavenger Hunt, Dodgeball, Volleyball, 9-square, GaGa Ball, and mini golf during this time, but churches do not have to participate and are welcome to make their own game night plans.</p> <p>If you need supplies for a game night activity that you would like to do for game night, let us know and we would be happy to get them for you.</p>
Thursday	Carnival	<p>What's available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multiple Inflatables, zipline, pool, face painting, crazy hair, concession stand, putt-putt, DJ</li> <li>- Free food: Cotton candy, Snow cones, popcorn</li> </ul>





# 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](mailto:Jessica@campcopass.com) or call our office at (940) 565-0050.