

~~Gateway Youth Services~~

PARENT ~~guide~~

Gateway Youth

Parents,

Welcome! We are so excited for your student to go to camp with us! We created this Parent Packet for you because we believe parents are our greatest partners in ministry. One of our core values is to prioritize parents—you—by treasuring your trust. This Parent Packet is our way of honoring that trust. Inside, you'll find everything you need to know about YouthCAMP—from schedules and expectations to safety measures and leadership details. Then, you can feel confident, knowing your student will experience a fun, safe, Spirit-filled week. Thank you for trusting us with your student. We are honored to walk alongside your family.

Jacob Gonzalez
Central Youth Pastor

Gateway Youth

YouthCAMP 2026

LOCATION: LAKEVIEW CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

ADDRESS: 5128 FM 66, WAXAHACHIE, TX 75167

In the event you need to get in touch with someone on site, please call this number:

GATEWAY SECURITY DISPATCH: 817-552-5850

We value communicating with parents. Please opt in for YouthCAMP updates through the links below. This will enable us to text you updates regarding arrival and departure times:

Dallas | YouthCAMP '26 | Middle School – opturl.com/mdX1QGZK

Dallas | YouthCAMP '26 | High School – opturl.com/MZPo8vdn

Frisco | YouthCAMP '26 | Middle School – opturl.com/Bw9gXqZ0

Frisco | YouthCAMP '26 | High School – opturl.com/PZBz9rZ0

Grand Prairie | YouthCAMP '26 | Middle School – opturl.com/oZYNOL4R

Grand Prairie | YouthCAMP '26 | High School – opturl.com/XZD8AAZB

Justin | YouthCAMP '26 | Middle School – opturl.com/0dN10jwo

Justin | YouthCAMP '26 | High School – opturl.com/JdMX68wQ

North Fort Worth | YouthCAMP '26 | Middle School – opturl.com/AdINA24K

North Fort Worth | YouthCAMP '26 | High School – opturl.com/m4QbWJwP

North Richland Hills | YouthCAMP '26 | Middle School – opturl.com/P48yXWw2

North Richland Hills | YouthCAMP '26 | High School – opturl.com/Gdan0YZ0

Plano | YouthCAMP '26 | Middle School – opturl.com/PZAnza47

Plano | YouthCAMP '26 | High School – opturl.com/z4e06bZ7

Prosper | YouthCAMP '26 | Middle School – opturl.com/rZ7yXNwK

Prosper | YouthCAMP '26 | High School – opturl.com/8ZV0LXwz

Southlake | YouthCAMP '26 | Middle School – opturl.com/qwKjrD40

Southlake | YouthCAMP '26 | High School – opturl.com/6wR20YwB

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Middle School Check-In + Pick Up

YouthCAMP MIDDLE SCHOOL | February 6–8, 2026

CHECK-IN: Friday, February 6, Starting at 4 pm

Dallas Registrants: Dallas Campus | 12123 Hillcrest Rd, Dallas, TX 75230

Frisco Registrants: Frisco Campus | 7125 Legacy Dr, Frisco, TX 75034

Grand Prairie Registrants: Grand Prairie Campus | 2404 N Carrier Pkwy, Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Justin Registrants: Justin Campus | 1225 TX-114, Justin, TX 76247

North Fort Worth Registrants: North Fort Worth Campus | 4209 Basswood Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76137

NRH Registrants: NRH Campus | 7501 Davis Blvd, North Richland Hills, TX 76182

Plano Registrants: Plano Campus | 2801 E President George Bush Hwy, Plano, TX 75074

Prosper Registrants: Prosper Campus | 4331 Prosper Trail, Prosper, TX 75078

Southlake Registrants: The King's University | 2121 E Southlake Blvd, Southlake, TX 76092

Check-in will begin at 4 pm, and buses will depart from the campuses at 5:30 pm.

If you will be late, please call your campus youth pastor. If there is no answer, call Gateway Security Dispatch at 817-552-5850. If the bus is missed, drop-off at Lakeview will be required.

We will have dinner for all students at check-in, arriving on time will ensure plenty of time for students to check in and eat dinner before loading the buses.

All camp payments must be completed prior to check-in.

PICK UP: Sunday, February 8, at approximately 2:30 pm.

Dallas Registrants: Dallas Campus | 12123 Hillcrest Rd, Dallas, TX 75230

Frisco Registrants: Frisco Campus | 7125 Legacy Dr, Frisco, TX 75034

Grand Prairie Registrants: Grand Prairie Campus | 2404 N Carrier Pkwy, Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Justin Registrants: Justin Campus | 1225 TX-114, Justin, TX 76247

North Fort Worth Registrants: North Fort Worth Campus | 4209 Basswood Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76137

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Southlake Registrants: The King's University | 2121 E Southlake Blvd, Southlake, TX 76092

Please make sure your student takes home all belongings.

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High School Check-In + Pick Up

YouthCAMP HIGH SCHOOL | February 13–15, 2026

CHECK-IN: Friday, February 13, Starting at 4 pm

Dallas Registrants: Dallas Campus | 12123 Hillcrest Rd, Dallas, TX 75230

Frisco Registrants: Frisco Campus | 7125 Legacy Dr, Frisco, TX 75034

Grand Prairie Registrants: Grand Prairie Campus | 2404 N Carrier Pkwy, Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Justin Registrants: Justin Campus | 1225 TX-114, Justin, TX 76247

North Fort Worth Registrants: North Fort Worth Campus | 4209 Basswood Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76137

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We will have dinner for students at check-in, arriving on time will ensure plenty of time for students to check in and eat dinner before loading the buses.

All camp payments must be completed prior to check-in.

PICK UP: Sunday, February 15, at approximately 2:30 pm.

Dallas Registrants: Dallas Campus | 12123 Hillcrest Rd, Dallas, TX 75230

Frisco Registrants: Frisco Campus | 7125 Legacy Dr, Frisco, TX 75034

Grand Prairie Registrants: Grand Prairie Campus | 2404 N Carrier Pkwy, Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Justin Registrants: Justin Campus | 1225 TX-114, Justin, TX 76247

North Fort Worth Registrants: North Fort Worth Campus | 4209 Basswood Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76137

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YouthCAMP Code of Conduct – 2026

Gateway YouthCAMP is meant to be a fun, safe, and meaningful experience for everyone. Camp gives students space to build friendships, grow personally, and experience God in new ways. To make sure YouthCAMP is a great experience for all students and leaders, we ask both students and parents to partner with us by agreeing to the expectations below.

What We Ask of Our Students

As a student attending Gateway YouthCAMP, I agree to:

- Listen to and follow the instructions of my YouthCAMP leader, Gateway Youth staff, and volunteers. They're here to care for me and help camp run smoothly.
- Set the standard by treating others with kindness and respect in my words, actions, and attitude.
- Take care of Lakeview Camp & Retreat Center and respect the space we're using.
- Not bring alcohol, drugs, vape devices, or tobacco products to camp.
- Turn in all medications (prescription and over-the-counter) to the Gateway Youth staff at check-in.
- Leave weapons and unsafe items at home including fireworks, knives, or anything that could cause harm.
 - If any of these items are discovered during bag search at check-in, they will either be given to a parent/legal guardian or disposed of by our security team.
- Follow Gateway Youth's phone policy, including turning in my phone on the bus ride to camp.
- Stay in my assigned cabin after lights out.

If Expectations Are Not Followed

If a student chooses to not follow this Code of Conduct, consequences may include:

- Being sent home from camp.
- A follow-up conversation with Gateway Youth staff after camp.
- Possible restriction from future Gateway Youth events.
- Responsibility for any damage caused.

If a student is sent home early, parents or guardians will be responsible for transportation home.

Our Heart

These guidelines aren't about limiting fun. They're about creating a safe and positive environment where every student can fully enjoy their camp experience. We're grateful to partner with parents to help make Gateway YouthCAMP a great weekend for everyone.

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Packing List

Clothes

- There are no events that require formal attire. Students are encouraged to wear weather-appropriate, casual clothing. Although services are inside, we are outside much of the day; dress appropriately for the ever-changing Texas winter weather. Avoid expensive clothing. Bring clothes you don't mind getting dirty.
- It is a good idea to pack a jacket or sweatshirts in case it rains.
- Dress Code: Clothing must be modest. Please avoid wearing shirts and shorts that are revealing. Many dress to support their District Colors (see next page).
- Shoes: Free time and "district wars" require closed-toe shoes for safety.

YouthCAMP Themes

Friday Night | YouthCAMP Rally Night/Western Night: Students are encouraged to bring hats, boots, and/or a western shirt. If this is not possible, students can wear their free camp t-shirt that will be provided before we arrive at camp.

Saturday Afternoon | District Wars: Wear your district colors (see next page).

Accessories

- Water Bottle
- Bible
- Pillow, Sheets/Blanket, or Sleeping Bag (Camp beds are twin bunk beds—camp provides only the mattress. No bedding is provided.)
- One Towel for Showers
- Toiletries/Soap/Shampoo
- Sunglasses/Sunscreen
- Flashlight
- Every student will receive a free t-shirt this year for YouthCAMP! Gateway ALL IN will have a limited merch store. If your student would like to purchase Gateway ALL IN merch, we would recommend sending \$40.

Luggage

- All items must be packed in a duffel bag or suitcase.
- Luggage tags will be provided at check-in. Bags should have a handle that allows a tag to be placed around it.
- Packing in trash bags will be prohibited this year.
- There is a limit of one large bag and one small bag per person. You may bring a backpack for the bus.
- Items such as bedding, towels, and pillows must be packed in luggage.

What Not to Bring

- Expensive Items
- Recording devices: The Gateway YouthCAMP Social Team will be happy to take any photo or video requested. These can be found on our [camp photo link](#).
- Cell Phones: Cell phones will be collected by YouthCAMP leaders and held for them during camp in a secure location. We will pass out phones on the bus ride home.
- Other Electronics: tablet, speakers, TVs, electronic games, laser pointers, etc.
- Snacks Containing Nuts: While snacks are encouraged, please check to ensure they are allergy friendly.
- Nicotine, Tobacco, or Vape Products (Including matches or lighters)
- Explosive Devices: Fireworks or any other explosive/fire-making devices including snap pops.
- Illegal Drugs (Including marijuana, THC pens or THC gummies)
- Alcohol
- Weapons: Firearms, knives, or any other device intended to harm others.

All luggage and backpacks will be inspected by team members at check-in. Discovery of items that violate the Code of Conduct or included in the list above may result in dismissal from camp. If a student is dismissed from camp for Code of Conduct violations, refunds will not be issued.

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DISTRICT WARS: What to Wear

We are excited about District Wars! To help build unity and make it easy for students to jump in, we're assigning district colors and themes.

There's no need to buy anything new—simple color coordination is just fine! Students can wear a t-shirt, jersey, or themed graphic that fits their district color. Costumes are *not* required but fun if your student already has something that works. Costumes must not cover the face.

Here's a breakdown to help you plan:

HEROES DISTRICT

Southlake & Plano

Wear RED. Think classic heroes!

Examples: Spider-Man, Iron Man, Captain America

Red shirts, superhero graphics, or anything bold and heroic fits right in.

KIDS DISTRICT

Justin, North Richland Hills & Dallas

Wear BLUE. Fun, playful, and nostalgic vibes.

Examples: Bluey, Backyardigans, SpongeBob

Any blue shirt, hoodie, or cartoon-style shirt works great.

GAMERS DISTRICT

Frisco & Grand Prairie

Wear GREEN. All things gaming and competitive.

Examples: Minecraft, Fortnite, Mario Kart

Green shirts or gaming graphics are perfect for this district.

CANDY DISTRICT

Prosper & North Fort Worth

Wear YELLOW. Bright, energetic, and sweet.

Examples: M&M's, Skittles, Reese's

Yellow shirts or candy-inspired graphics bring this district to life.

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ADDITIONAL INFO

Is there a nurse available?

Yes. Multiple nurses and EMTs are on site all weekend and will contact you if your child requires medical attention.

How are medications administered?

Medications will be administered by the Medical Team (Nurses, EMT's, etc.). Medication will be checked in at the medication station during the camp check-in process at your campus. Medication must be brought in its original container. Please bring all containers of medication in a Ziplock bag (if you don't have a bag available, the Gateway Youth team will have some available at your campus for check-in on Friday). The Ziplock bag needs to include the student's first name, last name, and grade legibly written on the outside of the Ziplock. Please only send the number of doses needed for each day at camp. Keep extra medicine at home.

What medications will the nurse have available?

Over-the-counter medicines (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Pepto, bandages, triple antibiotic, ACE bandages, etc.).

How are camp Cabin Leaders screened?

YouthCAMP leaders are selected by Gateway Church pastoral staff. All Gateway Youth leaders and staff going to camp have gone through camp training, child protection training, and have cleared a background check.

What happens if my student is injured?

In the event your child is injured at camp and requires a hospital visit, the on-site medical team will assist in coordinating care and transportation, as outlined in the waiver completed during the online registration process.

Are students allowed to keep their phone at camp?

No. Every year, we see the Lord move in the hearts of students at camp in a special way during this phone-free weekend. We desire that students hear from the Lord and engage in genuine relationships with others during camp. Should you have questions about this, please reach out to your campus youth pastor.

What are the sleeping arrangements?

Cabins assignments are by gender, campus and grade groupings. Multiple leaders are assigned to each cabin.

What if my student needs to leave early?

If your student needs to be picked up early, please coordinate the details with your campus youth pastor or coordinator. Once your student leaves camp, they may return if prior arrangements are made. Camp is a closed campus. Please call before you drive to camp for any reason.

How is food served?

The Lake View camp staff serves food in a buffet format, and students choose their own seating at the round tables for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Students are welcome to bring nut-free snacks in their luggage.

Does my student need money?

Optional. Every student will receive a free camp t-shirt. There will be limited quantities of Gateway ALL IN merch available for purchase. The estimated cost of these hoodies is \$40.

ALL FOOD ALLERGIES

If your student has any food allergies, please make sure you have filled out this form: [Dietary Restriction Form](#). There will be a separate line during meals for students with food allergies.

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SCHEDULE

Friday

4:00 pm - Check-In
5:30 pm - Buses Depart from All Campuses
7:30 pm - Session 1 | Dubose
9:00 pm - Outside Rally | Tabernacle
10:30 pm - Head to Cabins
11:00 pm - Cabin Curfew
12:00 am - Lights Out

Saturday

7:00 am - Devotional Time
8:00 am - Boys' Breakfast | Dining Hall
8:30 am - Girls' Breakfast | Dining Hall
9:15 am - Session 2 | Dubose
11:00 am - Campus Time
12:00 pm - Girls' Lunch | Dining Hall
12:30 pm - Boys' Lunch | Dining Hall
1:00 pm - Free Time
2:45 pm - District Wars
5:30 pm - Boys' Dinner | Dining Hall
6:00 pm - Girls' Dinner | Dining Hall
7:00 pm - Session 3 | Dubose
9:00 pm - Late Night Hang
9:45 pm - Head to Cabins
11:00 pm - Cabin curfew
12:00 am - Lights Out

Sunday

6:30 am - Cabin Clean-Up
7:00 am - Devotional Time
8:00 am - Boys' Breakfast | Dining Hall
8:30 am - Girls' Breakfast | Dining Hall
9:15 am - Session 4 | Dubose
11:00 am - Campus Time
12:00 pm - Girls' Lunch | Dining Hall
12:30 pm - Boys' Lunch | Dining Hall
1:00/1:30 pm - Load Buses & Depart Xamp
2:30/3:00 pm - Buses Arrive to All Campuses

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PRAYER GUIDE

Preparing Hearts

As camp approaches, we encourage parents to pray for their student's camp experience. Pray about what's going on in their world right now. Some students head into camp eager and expectant. Others come unsure, guarded, or simply worn out.

Ask God to meet your student exactly where they are and to make them open to what He wants to do during camp. Pray as well for the youth camp leaders who will be serving throughout the weekend.

Moments That Matter

Our hope is that camp would be more than just fun memories. We pray that students would encounter God in a meaningful way. It's our desire that students also feel seen, known, and valued. Our team members will be looking for opportunities to not only engage with students but to facilitate connection with their peers.

A Fresh Start

Every student is in a different place emotionally and spiritually. Some are curious, some are confident, and some may be struggling or discouraged. Pray that camp would be a chance for your student to let their guard down and encounter the Lord.

Carrying It Home

Pray that what your student experiences at camp wouldn't end when they come home. We believe the heart change that takes place lays the foundation for a lifelong, intimate relationship with the Lord.

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