

MPulse 2013

Pre-Camp Information for Parents & Campers

Arrival & Departure:

Check-in for all camp sessions will be from **3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** on Sunday. Boys will check in at Mabee Hall, girls in Gardner Hall. There will be no one available to check-in or care for campers prior to these stated times. Please make your plans to arrive within the stated time frame for check-in. Arriving late will cause your camper to miss important introductory activities. To help make check-in a **SPEEDY** process, we ask that you leave your luggage in your vehicle until you have completed check-in.

Camp ends at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, after the closing ceremonies at 10:30 a.m. Campers will return to their residence hall at 11:00 a.m. & will be supervised until they are picked up by a parent.

Payment of Account:

Each camper's balance is due by May 1st. Please contact the camp office if you have an outstanding balance.

Emergency phone numbers:

Please limit any calls to emergencies only. Remember, we will be very busy making sure your camper & others have a great experience! If you have an emergency & need to get it touch with your camper between 8am & 5pm, please contact the Camp Office. For after hour emergencies, please call the emergency line listed below & a head counselor will assist you.

Camp Office: 325-674-2033 – Emergency Number: 325-261-0620

2013 Release Form:

A completed 2013 Release Form is **required** for each camper. **This form must be received prior to camp.** This form should be signed online as part of camper registration as well as any medically related. Please notify the Camp Office of any changes or updates regarding your camper's medical conditions before arrival.

Personal Spending Money:

Free time each day allows campers time to choose from a variety of items in the newly created Camp Store, located in the lobby of each dorm. A reasonable amount for each camper is \$5 per day, depending on their interests & snacking habits. **Campers are responsible for keeping up with the security of their personal spending money.**

Medications:

Any over the counter & prescription medication to be taken at camp should be kept in the original packing and prepared in the following manner: **1)** placed in a plastic bag with specific instructions, **2)** clearly labeled with camper's name, & **3)** turned in to a camp medical representative at check-in.

Leaving camp facility:

Once camp begins, campers must remain on campus unless with an approved off-site camp activity or with permission from the Camp Director. No camper will be released to anyone other than his/her parent or youth worker without written confirmation. This is for the safety & protection of each camper.

Visitation:

Visitation by family members or non-camper friends is discouraged during camp sessions because it distracts from camp programming. **No visitors are permitted in residence halls during camp sessions.** This includes parents, siblings, friends, & other interested parties.

Contacting your Camper:

You will help your child have more fun at camp if you prepare him/her to relax into the camp setting with limited expectations of contact with you. Campers are involved in camp activities all day long; even during free time many campers enjoy doing things with their new friends. Here are some aids to help you to set expectations for your child:

Mail: Campers (especially the younger ones!) love receiving mail from home. It makes them feel special, yet does not distract them from any camp activities. We deliver camper mail each evening of the camp session. There are three ways to send mail to a camper:

1. Sign up for Circuitree's email service:

- Login to your account at acucamps.com
- Select View Itineraries
- Select the camper you would like to email
- Select Send Emails

2. U.S. Postal Service: Address letters or packages to:

[Camper's name]
[Camp Session]
ACU Leadership Camps
10 McGlothlin Campus Center
ACU Box 28108
Abilene, TX 79699

3. Purchase a Bucket of Fun! full of goodies to be delivered early in the week.

Cell phones: We ask parents & campers to leave cell phones at home. We want campers to be free from the constant pull of technology, (whether a cell phone, a computer, or a video game) so that they can listen to messages that God has for them during the week at camp. In the event that a camper chooses to bring a cell phone, it must remain in their room in the residence hall so as not to distract camp programming. Cell phone use is limited to residence halls only, & during free time. Any camper who does not honor this policy risks having their cell phone taken up by camp staff, to be returned at the end of the week.