



Camper Handbook

2021

We are so glad you have chosen to spend time at

Daniel Springs Baptist Camp

DSBC was established in 1965 by the Baptist Missionary Association of America.

Our purpose... To provide an age appropriate opportunity for all youth to experience the presence of God through prayer, Bible study, small group and fellowship, and recreation.

Our program... To provide a Bible-based program designed to help all youth grow in their relationship with Christ and to equip them to do the work of their ministry. To provide recreation that will challenge them to work with their peers as a team in a way that will bring honor to God.

Our promise... To do everything possible to bring all campers to a one-on-one relationship with Jesus Christ. To encourage students to be strong in their commitment to Christ in three areas; personal life, family life and church life.

Our facilities... DSBC is located in Gary, Texas on 54 acres. Our current accommodations include 19 air-conditioned cabins that can accommodate between 20-24 campers each, and 3 air-conditioned and heated dorms that can accommodate between 30 to 48 campers per unit. We also have a retreat center with two bunk style rooms that sleep 50 each and a large meeting space that will easily accommodate 100. The retreat center includes a kitchen making it a great all-in-one space. Small tabernacles are scattered around the campgrounds for small group time and Bible study groups.

For recreation we have a large swimming pool, softball/baseball field, basketball court, grass volleyball court, ping-pong tables, gaga pits, human foosball, snookball, yard games, archery tag, paddleboats, and fishing areas.

Registration... Camp registration begins weeks, even months before camp starts. All registration is due in full two weeks before your chosen week to attend. All fees are payable through our website at www.danielspringscamp.com. All registrations are non-refundable, but may be transferred to an alternate camper or to another event within the same calendar year. Please visit the website for the fee associated with your event. All late registrations will incur an additional \$15 late fee per camper and t-shirts will not be guaranteed. Lodging requests will be considered but not guaranteed.

What to bring... Bible, toiletries, mask, towel, shower shoes, bedding (twins sheets or sleeping bag & pillow), umbrella, swim suit (one piece), camera, ball glove, flashlight, notebook, clothes for the week, medical release form and spending money. Dress for the week is casual.

Dress code... Shoes must be worn at all times. No tank tops or revealing clothes are to be worn. T-shirts and hats cannot promote alcohol, tobacco, drug use or undesirable messages. Shorts may be worn during the day, but capris, pants, jeans or knee length or longer skirts are most appropriate for evening worship. All shorts must be within one hand's width of the top of the knee. Hats should not be worn in the worship center or cafeteria. Males are expected to wear a t-shirt at all times except in the pool or in their cabin. Females must wear a cover-up to the pool and must wear a t-shirt in the pool if in a two-piece swimsuit.

Canteen & Gift Shop... Both the canteen and the gift shop will be open during posted times each day except the day of departure. Soft drinks, snacks, candy, chips, ice cream and bagged ice are available for purchase at the canteen when open. Drink machines are located beside the canteen and available throughout the day. T-shirts, stuffed animals, sunglasses, toiletries (limited), jewelry, novelty items, drinks and candy are available for purchase at the gift shop. Credit cards are welcome in the gift shop for purchases over \$5.00. All sales are final.

***Please see note we have many new added protocols for COVID-19 precautions.**

Visitors... We are a closed campus and do not allow visitors on site during the week for the safety and protection of both our campers and staff. The only visitors allowed per se are delivery drivers of camp goods, necessary maintenance contractors and state health inspectors. These visitors will check in at the administration office. Social distancing should be maintained at 6 feet apart. Hand sanitizer will be available in the office and at entry to buildings. If a church group must have a visitor escort their group to camp to help deliver them, they must remain in their vehicle at all times while on campgrounds.

Check in... Check-in will begin at 1:00PM on your scheduled day for all summer camps. Both sponsors and campers will arrive and remain in their vehicles and follow instructions along road to tabernacle to be screened for any COVID-19 symptoms and to establish a baseline health status and to identify any health problems. Sponsors and campers will need to wear face masks that cover both their nose and mouth except while eating or drinking, showering, swimming, or sleeping based on current Governor mandates in the State of Texas. During check-in, medical release forms will be turned into the Health Care Manager or Health Care Assistant along with all medication (including over the counter) in their original containers.

Once your group has been screened, they will receive their lodging assignments. When you arrive at your cabin or dorm, we ask that each camper or sponsor sleep alternating, head to toe in the bunks. Please seek clarification from staff if

you do not understand this request. As some facilities may be under maintenance, we insist that you check in before heading to any cabins or dorms. No church is to arrive on campus before noon as preparations will still be underway. Staff will not be in place to begin screening for registration until 1:00pm. We ask that you be mindful of social distancing, and maintain a 6 foot distance from individuals not in your group. Individuals should bring their own face coverings.

Please also keep in mind that lunch is not served on the day of arrival. The first meal will be dinner that evening.

Illness... In cases of illness, campers should inform their sponsor and then visit the first aid building. The camper will be assessed for prevailing symptoms by the Health Care Manager or Health Care Assistant. If the first aid staff deems necessary, the camper will be referred to a doctor at the hospital in Carthage, 10 miles north of the camp. All daily medications of a camper will be dispensed by the first aid staff and logged per dose.

All sponsors will be responsible for bringing a thermometer for their cabin with them to camp. Temperatures will need to be taken and symptoms monitored each morning before breakfast for all sponsors and campers. A log will be provided for documentation purposes. This documentation must be submitted each morning before Morning Celebration to the first aid building. If an individual exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, they will immediately be isolated and leave camp. If the individual tests positive for COVID-19, all parents and guardians will be notified of fellow campers that were in group with that individual. It is recommended by the CDC, but not mandatory, that anyone who attends a camp self-quarantine for 14 days afterwards.

Camp Rules

Conduct- Every camper is expected to conduct themselves in a Christian manner and obey all the rules.

Lights out- This time will be specified on each camper's daily schedule and no camper is to be outside their cabin after this time.

Building use- Any damage done to the buildings will be assessed by the camp director and the group responsible will be charged for repairs. Each cabin must be swept and cleaned on Friday before departure.

Swimming pool- No night swimming allowed. Swimming is only allowed at designated times. Do not enter the pool area until permission is granted by the lifeguard. No running, no food or drink containers inside the pool area. Swimmers must be covered while walking to and from the pool. Every swimmer, including sponsors, will obey commands of lifeguard or forfeit swim time. All swimmers must submit to a swim test and receive a swim band as appropriate.

Lake- There is absolutely no swimming in the lake. Lake activities include fishing (with your own equipment- catch & release) and paddle-boating. You should not be at the lake except during scheduled waterfront times, typically 2-4pm each day. Paddleboats may not be untethered or taken down to the dock except by trained staff. Paddleboats and fishing are only to be done while a lifeguard is on duty. All paddleboat riders **MUST** wear a lifejacket. There is absolutely no standing or leaning over the paddleboats. Misuse of equipment will result in forfeiture of allotted time and lake privileges.

Out of bounds- Boys are not permitted in the girls' area of the camp and girls are not allowed in the boys' area except during loading and unloading your group.

Cafeteria- Please make sure to use the hand sanitizer station upon entering the cafeteria. No meals will be eaten outside the cafeteria. There will be no salad bar this year for safety. After eating, each camper must remove plates and cups and silverware to the garbage area on the south side of the cafeteria. Styrofoam cups must remain at garbage area. Food is not to be taken back to your cabin. Tampering with food items will not be tolerated. The cafeteria will continue to be disinfected thoroughly after each meal.

Attendance- All campers are required to attend all Bible study classes and services at the worship center. Attendance is taken to ensure camper safety. No one should be in the cabins during class or worship. If ill, camper is expected to be at the first aid building.

Sponsors- There must be one responsible adult (over 18 years old) for every 10 campers from your group. The sponsors are responsible for discipline and dress of their group. No church will be registered without qualified sponsors who submit to a background check annually and receive training in Child Abuse Awareness through TrainRight.

Use of autos- Parking around cafeteria is limited; try to leave your vehicle at your cabin. Do not exceed the posted speed limit signs. Do not ride on outside of autos or vans or on tailgate of trucks. Camp golf carts are strictly for personnel usage.

Prohibited- Laser pointers, firearms, fireworks, water pistols, water balloons, drugs and alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the campgrounds. Use of tobacco in any form is not allowed. All pranks are prohibited and if caught pranksters will be sent home immediately.

Privacy- Respect the privacy of others. Use of radios, iPods, and cell phones is discouraged. Take the time to get away, unplug, and draw closer to God!

Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion from the camp. Choosing to not comply will result in a forfeit of camp fees and camp privileges.