

**“Clueless without Christ”  
Girls Discipleship Camp  
June 14-17th, 2023**

**Director of Youth Auxiliaries:**

**Mrs. Lane Flynt**

**1059 Hwy 532 Mount Olive, Mississippi 39119**

**National GMA website: [www.nationalgma.org](http://www.nationalgma.org)**

**Where? Daniel Springs Baptist Encampment, Gary, Texas**

**When? June 14-17, 2023**

**Register at: [danielspringscamp.com](http://danielspringscamp.com).** Click on the tabs at the top to find the registration information, camp chaperone details as well as the required medical release forms that every camper must complete! **Early registration until May 27<sup>th</sup> is \$165** after **May 27<sup>th</sup> the cost is \$200**. Daniel Springs shirts will be included in registration, shirt size is required with registration; this will be for camp t-shirts, GMA shirts are extra (see GMA t-shirt order form). **Late REGISTRATION starts May 28<sup>th</sup> with the cost of \$200** and does not include the regular camp t-shirt. All Chaperones must complete the mandatory background check before they can attend retreat: this is **yearly** and must be done at least one week prior to camp; cost is \$6. The safety video is every **two years** and the cost is also \$6. This is Texas state law! To find this information, click on the **Camp Chaperone** link. Shot records are no longer required for camp. However, there is a place on the **Medical Release** form to mark if the camper is up to date on immunizations. This form is located under **Registration**. **Release forms are to be notarized.**

**2023 Retreat Theme:** “Clueless Without Christ”

**Camp Pastor:** Todd West, Pastor of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church in Plummerville, AR

**Theme Verse:** Colossians 2:10a

**Theme Song:** “Who You Say I Am” by We Are Messengers

**Daily Themes for Retreat:**

Wednesday: Sinner- Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8, 1 Timothy 1:15

Thursday: Believer- John 3:16, John 1:12, Romans 10:9

Friday: Follower- John 10:27, Matthew 4:19, John 12:26

Saturday: Ambassadors- 2 Corinthians 5:20, Matthew 28:19-20

**Project for 2023:** 95% Missionary AJ: Unreached People Group Missions (UPG), 5% GMA General Fund.

Please send project money to Mandi Townsend by May 15th.

- **Mandi Townsend:** 6 Broadmoore Drive, Conway, AR 72034  
[mandi.townsend@yahoo.com](mailto:mandi.townsend@yahoo.com) Cell:501-697-0823

**New Camper Fund:** We can help! If you are a new GMA group and would like to attend camp for the first time, we have funds available to help with part of the registration. Contact Mandi Townsend as soon as possible if you would like more information.

**Mission Trip Fund:** If you have a GMA girl that will be making a BMAA affiliated mission trip this year, we still have funds available to help with expenses. Girls should apply as soon as possible! The application is included at the end of this letter. Contact Mandi Townsend for more information.

**“AfterGlow”** will be held again this year on Thursday night after services; this is always a fun time, but this year there will be a twist! The national officers are hosting “glow games” this year that are sure to be a blast! Make sure you bring neon to wear and glow sticks!

**Queens’ Day:** Cheyanne North is planning an exciting day for Queens and any girls in 9th-12th grade on Wednesday. Girls should wear comfortable clothes and shoes. If you are participating in Queens Day, please sign up on the sign up form (see form information under Breakout Sessions below).

**2023 National GMA Coronation:** If your girls are on their Queen step or higher in the GMA curriculum and want to participate in Coronation Thursday night, you must send the form located at the end of this letter by **May 15** to:

- **Mrs. Charlotte Johnson** 1044 South Mimosa, Gilmore, TX 75644  
(903) 790-1385 Email: [chj1054@etex.net](mailto:chj1054@etex.net)

**Miss/Jr. Miss GMA Presentation:** State Jr Miss and Miss GMA packets need to be sent to Lisa Rust by **April 15th**. Presentation ceremony will be Thursday night of camp on June 15th.

- **Lisa Rust:** P.O. Box 453 Greenbrier, AR 72058, Email: [lisarrust@gmail.com](mailto:lisarrust@gmail.com) Cell: 501-450-0242

**Breakout Sessions:** Breakout Sessions at Retreat have been coordinated for both girls and adults. To give our session leaders accurate headcounts, there is a form to sign up for sessions on the Retreat Overview page of the National GMA website. Please complete the online form by **May 31st**. Go to the page here: [Retreat Overview](#)

Girls Breakout Sessions include:

- **Basic Training** with Valarie Fish  
The “how to” for basic Bible study. Get tips on how to study the Bible for yourself.
- **Crafts** with Tara Almand  
Have fun with your fellow sisters in Christ and GET CRAFTY!
- **Music** with Loren Rust  
Explore worship around the world and incorporate rhythm and songs.
- **Witness** with Kelly Johnson  
Learn tips and tools to help you share Christ with others.
- **Service** with Tasha Foshee  
Learn to be the "hands and feet" of Christ and participate in a service project.
- **Techno Tips** with Charlotte Johnson  
Technology is growing in our world and with it brings many challenges and concerns. Learn to keep Christ in the Center of a techno world and not give the devil a place to stand.
- **Time Out**  
Learn to stop and listen through prayer and journaling.
- **Drama Queen**  
Get creative through drama and create short skits to share Christ.
- **Don't Be Clueless**  
Learn how to defend your faith and defend yourself.
- **Truth**  
Equip yourself with God's word and learn ways to help memorize scripture.
- **Barnabas**  
Let your light shine and learn to be an encourager.

Adult Breakout Sessions (tentatively) include:

- **GMA Basics** - Robin Clark
- **District and State Promoters** - Shelia Polk and Karen Magee
- **Missions and Lifeword** - Holly and Sydney Meriweather
- **Discipleship and Mentoring** - Mandi Townsend
- **Sunbeam Counselors** - This year our Sunbeam Counselor's Class will be taught by National Sunbeam Promoter, Sandra Kizer. This session is for Sunbeam Counselors or anyone interested in using the Sunbeams program. The Sunbeam program is a program used to teach, train, and disciple younger children in the truth of Jesus Christ.
- Prayer Meeting with Laurie Hicks - Join us for a special prayer time for our girls.

For any questions, please contact Kim Cade, Breakout Session Coordinator.

- **Kim Cade:** Cell: 903-343-3173, Email: [6caderanch@gmail.com](mailto:6caderanch@gmail.com)

**Silent Auction:** This year, we are asking that you bring a “gift basket” for the silent auction. Create a basket, large or small, full of goodies!

**Program booklets** will be **\$2.00** this year. They will be available at registration.

**Project Fundraising at Retreat this year:** Officer Competition, Grab Bags and the officers have challenged each girl or each GMA group to decorate a board game box and fill it with money! Be creative! Enlist your church to help fill it with loose change for the National Project! These items will be judged at retreat!

This year, for the silent auction we are asking GMA groups to create a “gift basket” filled with goodies. The basket can be themed such as a “movie basket” or “spa basket” and it can be big or small! Have fun with it!

**Project Nominations:** Please pray about our 2023-2024 National GMA Project! If you have a nomination, please submit it by **1:00 Thursday afternoon** to Mrs. Lane Flynt. Each nomination should be signed by a counselor and should include the name of the church and the cabin number.

**Retreat T-Shirts** will be sold for **\$15.00**. They will be light blue with a magnifying glass, the camp theme, and National GMA Camp on the front. Order forms are at the back of this packet.

**Evangelism Area:** Mrs. Valarie Fish and Mrs. Laurie Hicks will have Evangelism tips and activities, so we encourage girls and counselors to stop by their area! We will also need ladies to serve as counselors during the invitation times at retreat. There will be a meeting Wednesday night at 6:30 for those who feel led to serve as invitation counselors.

#### **Rule Reminders:**

1. The camp does not permit fireworks, firearms, water pistols, balloons, alcoholic drinks, drugs for abuse, or tobacco in any form.
2. No one is allowed to remain in the cabins during services or class time. Anyone who is sick will be in the hospital during this time.
3. A counselor must go with any girl who must leave the tabernacle during a service.
4. The dress codes are important. Please insist that all abide by these codes at all times.
5. Medical release forms for each person should be turned in with registration. (Insurance covers accidents and illnesses while on camp grounds up to \$3,000. This does not include pre-existing accidents or illnesses.)
6. Campers are required to remain in the cabins after lights out.
7. It is mandatory that a counselor be at the pool with your girls during their swimming session!

#### **National GMA Retreat Dress Code:** (Applies to campers and chaperones)

1. Clean, neat pants or knee length shorts may be worn until after supper.
2. Appropriate shirts should be modest, no tank tops or sleeveless shirts, showing no cleavage, and no inappropriate messages.

3. Appropriate short length is measured by the girl's palm width above her knee. Skirt length (including slits) should be knee length.
4. Dresses, dress pants or dress capris are to be worn for all night services, unless otherwise announced by the Advisory Council. On Tuesday night, t-shirts and jeans or capris may be worn, but no shorts. (Wear GMA t-shirts: local, district, state, or national.)
5. Bathing suits are to be modest, one piece suits or a two piece covered by a **non-white** t-shirt. A cover-up for bathing suits is to be worn when going to and from the pool. Not just a towel. (a robe or sundress or long t-shirt would be appropriate.
6. Sundresses may be worn, but t-shirts must be worn under spaghetti strap and sleeveless dresses.

**NATIONAL GMA OFFICER NOMINEES:** Girls should prayerfully consider serving as a National GMA Officer! Those who want to be nominated must have the approval of their family, counselor, and pastor before coming to retreat! Nomination Forms should be turned in upon arrival to camp at registration.

Rules of Eligibility:

- Girls entering 9th grade and who have not graduated from high school nor married may be nominated.
- Nominees must have attended National GMA Retreat at least once before the year she is nominated, but should be faithful in attendance to all levels of GMA meetings.
- Nominees must have completed a forward step or YLA objective during the past year.
- Nominees must be present at this Retreat to be eligible for election and must be willing to fulfill the duties of the office for which she is nominated.
- Nominees must be willing to attend two National GMA Officer Planning meetings.
- Nominees are asked to meet in the Tabernacle with members of the Advisory Council on Thursday afternoon at 4:30 P.M. If a nominee has a conflicting activity, she should see Mrs. Lane Flynt or Mrs. Katy Nix prior to the meeting or her name will not appear on the ballot.

Nominees will be announced Thursday before dinner. The vote will be by secret ballot on Friday afternoon. The announcement will be Friday evening and the installation will be Saturday morning. Officer nominees will eat breakfast with the National GMA Officers Thursday morning. The new officers will meet Thursday night with the outgoing officers.

## NATIONAL GMA OFFICER NOMINATION SURVEY

Office you feel God would have you serve \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following survey if you are interested in serving as a national GMA officer. This will help the National GMA Advisory Council Nomination Committee determine if you are qualified and trained for the office for which you wish to serve. Each office requires that you participate in planning meetings and correspondence during the year. Please, prayerfully consider the duties of the office for which you are to be nominated.

***"All girl officers shall be elected from girls who will be in at least the 9th grade next year and who have not graduated from high school nor married."***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_

City State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last step completed \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you have been in GMA \_\_\_\_\_

How many National GMA retreats have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_

Rate yourself for attendance in GMA with 10 being at all meetings:

Local \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ National \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us about your abilities, talents, experiences, leadership opportunities, artistic and musical abilities, etc.

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***Parent, Counselor and Church Consent***

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1. She should be present at all planning meetings during the year. She will have duties to perform during the year. Some of those duties are dictated by the office, others will be assigned to her by the president or advisory personnel.
2. Travel expenses to officers' meetings are not provided. If the officers take a trip together during the year, those expenses are not provided. An adult officer will plan the trip and supervise the girls.
3. She will need support to help her in fulfilling the duties of her office with letters, postage, meeting and mailing deadlines.

We the parents/guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ do support her as she seeks to be elected as a National GMA officer.

Signed by Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I/we her Counselor and Pastor pledge to support her as she seeks to be elected as a National GMA Officer.

Signed by her Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Girls Discipleship Retreat T-Shirt Order Form

**Retreat T-Shirts** will be sold for **\$15.00**. Shirts will be stone blue with a magnifying glass and camp theme on the front. A sample of the shirt will be posted on the national gma website. The money raised from shirt sales goes toward our National project.  
 \*These are the same as the shirts that go with registration to Daniel Springs.

Orders are due **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Send order forms to:

Lane Flynt 1059 Hwy 532 Mount Olive, MS 39119

Quantity	Size	Unit Price	Total
	Youth 10-12	\$15.00	
	Youth 14-16	\$15.00	
	Adult Small	\$15.00	
	Adult Medium	\$15.00	
	Adult Large	\$15.00	
	Adult XL	\$15.00	
	Adult 2 XL	\$15.00	
	Adult 3 XL	\$15.00	
Total #			Total Due:

Checks should be made to: National GMA

Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: T-Shirt orders will be available for pick-up at the back of the Tabernacle Wednesday afternoon.



**2023 National GMA Retreat Coronation Registration**

Thursday, June 15, 2023

Send to: Mrs. Charlotte Johnson 1044 South Mimosa, Gilmore, TX 75644

(903) 790-1385 email: chj1054@etex.net

Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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**Receiving Awards**

Name	Award Receiving	Award Bearer
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Please mail completed form by **May 15** to: **Mrs. Charlotte Johnson (address above)**

**National GMA Funds**  
**Summer Student Missionary Trip Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Church Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Year you started in GMA \_\_\_\_\_ Step completed \_\_\_\_\_

Are you still active in GMA at all levels? \_\_\_\_\_

What country or state are you planning to serve this summer? \_\_\_\_\_

What BMAA church or group are you traveling with? \_\_\_\_\_

List the person in charge of the trip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to go to a mission field? \_\_\_\_\_

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Signatures: Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

If funds are granted, I understand in accepting these funds, that if I do not go on the mission trip or the trip is canceled, the money will be returned to the National GMA.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail application to National GMA Treasurer:

- **Mandi Townsend:** 6 Broadmoore Drive, Conway, AR 72034  
[mandi.townsend@yahoo.com](mailto:mandi.townsend@yahoo.com) Cell:501-697-0823

**Guidelines for applying for funds:**

1. **Girls must be in grades 7-12 to apply or may apply for summer after graduation from high school.**
2. **Girls must be active at all levels of GMA work.**
3. **Girls must have completed a Forward Step in the year they apply.**
4. **Girls must be going on a BMAA-affiliated mission trip to apply.**
5. **Receipt of funds will depend on funds available.**
6. **Girls should apply for funds as early as possible.**