

# CAMP SYCHAR

## YOUTH PROGRAM

Dear Parent,

The Camp Sychar Youth Staff has been praying and planning for your youth's arrival for months. As we begin the 147th year of ministry at Camp Sychar, we know that God is in this place. Please be praying for your youth these ten days that their relationship with Jesus will be strengthened and refreshed, and that they may know how much God loves them. This letter is to request your help in some specific areas of concern to both youth staff and parents. These issues relate to the health and safety of youth while at Camp.

- **If your youth is on prescription medication,** both the parent and youth must meet with the Camp Nurse on arrival. Also, the **parent** must pick up any extra medication from the nurse at the end of Camp.
- **Policy for Personal Electronics:** Parents & youth take responsibility for risk of having cell phones or any electronic devices at camp. We are not responsible if they are lost, damaged, stolen or left at camp. Youth may not use cell phones in any worship service. If a cell phone is used in service, it will be confiscated for 24 hours, and the parent will be notified to call the Youth Superintendent in an emergency.
- **Youth cannot go off the grounds anytime** unless they are accompanied by staff members, as in during the recreation times.
- **The only exceptions to the "NO off-campus rule"** are for youth who have written parental permission to attend work or required school programs. Youth must sign-out and back in with the designated registrar anytime they leave, even if it is with a parent's permission.
- **If parents want to take youth off grounds for a meal,** plan it at lunch if it is not their working shift in the cafeteria. **No youth are permitted to be off the grounds after dinner.** The big deal is staff ability to monitor where the youth are (on or off grounds) and fairness to other youth whose parents are not on the grounds!
- **Youth are not permitted inside any camp residences,** i.e., cabins, trailers or non-youth rooms, even if it is with a relative. Last year, only 1/4th of our youth had a parent on the grounds. Obviously, we cannot have different rules for youth with parents on the grounds than for youth whose parents are not. We cannot see into the cabin/room and we do not know what person may or may not be in the residence, or what may occur. We appreciate your parental cooperation and please remind youth of this rule for everyone's safety!
- **The youth have scheduled "sleep-in" mornings** and afternoons, which we will do our best to encourage! Encourage your youth to "take a nap" when they can!
- **At the end of Camp,** parents please sign-out and pick-up your youth between 1:30- 3:00pm on the last Sunday. Do not come before as they will still be in a worship service (which we don't want to disrupt), or serving in the cafeteria! Youth clean and vacuum their area, and have it checked by their counselor before they leave. Ten days is a long time and "stuff" collects!

**To reach your youth in an emergency,** you may contact Zach Riggs at (614) 313-8475

In His Service,  
Zach Riggs, Camp Sychar Youth