

# CAMP SYCHAR

## PARENT AND YOUTH INFORMATION

### Parents and Youth please read them carefully!

There is a deep purpose behind the very existence of Camp Sychar. We pray that youth attending Camp Sychar will share in a deeper walk with Jesus Christ, and a special time of fellowship with other Christian youth. We look forward to meeting you!

When youth are at home, they are the parents' responsibility, but when youth come into the Youth Program they become partly our responsibility. We take this privilege seriously. The Youth Staff are all adults, dedicated Christians, and committed to ministry among youth during these days. In order to carry out our responsibilities to provide fun, fellowship, and a safe and secure environment while youth are at Camp Sychar, we have included here some rules and information:

- **Age for Youth Program:** Youth ages 12 (by August) to 19 years old are eligible. We recognize that 18 years old is the great age of adulthood. However, all youth receiving the benefits of the youth program must agree to abide by the same rules, regardless of age.
- **Work Program and Costs:** The major portion of the cost of the youth program is underwritten by faithful people who donate to Camp Sychar. The only cost to youth for the ten days is a \$110 registration fee and their willingness to work on a cafeteria crew with the other youth. (Late registration after July 5<sup>th</sup> is \$120 or \$12/day.) The fee covers housing, food, insurance, and special evening youth activities like pizza, and wiener roasts.
  - All youth are assigned a shift to assist the cafeteria staff after arrival.
  - Tractor crew and cafeteria counter positions may be requested by youth who have been in the program the prior year. The tractor crew and counter girls must be at Camp FULLTIME!
- **Can Youth Attend Camp Sychar Part-time?** Camp Sychar is a residence camp of ten days. We understand that youth may have other commitments during Camp, such as for school programs. Please note these on the application.
  - If you pre-register as a part-time camper, the cost is \$12.00/day. We want youth to be at Camp as much as they can, when they can, and we work with the school schedules. If youth are required to leave Camp for an activity like medical or school functions, the Youth Directors need a written permission note from the parents at registration.
- **Sign –Out Policy During Camp:** A major issue each year is youth wanting to temporarily sign out of the program for various reasons (other than school or medical). **Temporary sign-out is limited as it is our responsibility for safety of youth in our care, the program is not set up to constantly monitor youth coming and going from the program and it is unfair to other youth whose parents are not on the grounds!**
  - **If parents want to take youth off grounds for a meal, plan it at lunch if it is not their working shift. All sign-outs AND sign-ins are required to be with both the registrar.**
  - **NO youth in the program is permitted off the grounds after dinner.**
  - **Youth are not permitted to leave the grounds with a minor.**
- **Housing Policy:** Youth in the Program must stay in the youth housing, agree to be responsible to the Youth Staff, and follow the Youth Program rules.
  - If a youth has a parent staying on the grounds, they have to make a choice to stay with parents or to stay in Youth Program.
  - Youth in the Program are not permitted inside other Camp residences, cabins, rooms, tents, or trailers, even if it belongs to a parent or relative! We cannot see them in these residences, do not know where they may be, and cannot be responsible for unknown activities or persons in these residences. We appreciate the parental consideration and assistance with this policy.
  - YOUTH and PARENTS need to decide before completing the Application if the youth is mature enough, and able to adjust to the ten day youth schedule. The youth staff is more than willing to work with a youth to arrange rest time during the afternoons. If however, the youth decides he/she cannot handle the schedule and chooses to sign-out of the program and stay in parents lodging, we hope they will still come to youth services, choir and recreation.
  - Please be aware that if youth sign out of the Youth Program they cannot still work in the cafeteria and will forfeit their meal ticket and registration fee.
  - Only the legal parent/guardian can sign out a youth.
  - **Girls Housing:** In Andrews-Gallagher Dormitory or the second floor of the Annex Dorm. Girls may request a roommate with the paid application; rooms are assigned according to age grouping.
  - **Guys Housing:** In “The Barn” which is barracks-style.

- **Cars, Driving Policy:** This policy applies for all youth in the program, even those 18 years and older. During the ten days of Camp, youth will be required to park their car and not move it, except for a Youth-Director-Approved emergency.
  - In the event of school, work or medical related activities, a written permission note from the parent/guardian is required for the youth to drive their car off camp grounds.
  - ABSOLUTELY NO YOUTH may ride in the car of another youth without written permission from BOTH SETS OF PARENTS. This is for the protection of all involved.
- **Drugs, Smoking Policy: Use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or tobacco in any form is not permitted.** Therefore, a youth who cannot follow a NO SMOKING POLICY should not apply to attend Camp Sychar. If a youth is found smoking, a parent will be notified. If a youth is found to be in possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, Camp Security, local authorities (Police) and the parent will be notified.
- **Security, Anti-Bullying Policy** No person shall threaten or cause injury to another camper, or purposely damage another camper's personal property, or any Camp Sychar property. We have a zero tolerance policy for all forms of bullying.
- **Off Campus Activities:** One day during Camp, the youth group may walk about a mile to a local facility for a mission outreach project. If physically unable to walk, youth may travel with staff in private cars for the activity, with parental permission. Youth are not permitted to drive while at Camp. The Community Swimming Pool across the street from Camp Sychar, is a Water Park, with slides and other fun features! The Water Park cost will be about \$5.00 and the staff plan for this activity on a couple days during the recreation time.
- **PDA:** At Camp Sychar youth will meet some interesting people from all over. Some will naturally be more interesting than others! We are not opposed to new relationships, but we have a concern with Public Display of Affection. We believe you and your companion will have a better relationship with each other and those around you when it is based upon mutual respect. If you need a quiet time to talk or pray together, the Main Tabernacle is an appropriate place. Areas beyond the Dorms/Barn are considered remote areas of the campgrounds and strictly off-limits.
- **Arrival and Departure:** It is the parent's responsibility to make proper arrangements for transportation to and from Camp. If the youth is to be dismissed to someone other than the parent, written instructions must be provided to the Youth Directors at registration.
- **Check-in:** Will take place in the Cafeteria. Everyone will receive room assignments, ID bracelets and orientation materials. The dorms will open and registration begin on Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Youth who arrive in the morning will be assigned lunch cafeteria duty assignments.
- **Checkout:** Is from 1:30-3:00 p.m. on the last Sunday. Camp ends after the noon meal cafeteria work shift. Youth help is greatly needed and appreciated in the cafeteria! Youth need to clean their area, and have it approved by a staff person before departure. Parents or a designated adult must sign youth out with the staff, and pick-up medications from nurse. Parents please arrive on time. All youth should be picked up by their parents by 3:00 pm

## **WHAT TO BRING**

**All youth should bring closed toe shoes while working in the cafeteria and tent crew!**

- **The Dress Code for All:** Modesty is our motto and calling as representatives of Christ. Do not bring secular t-shirts that are offensive or not in good taste. Shoes must be worn at all times for your safety. AND, don't forget some "grungy" clothes and shoes to wear for painting or messy games!
  - **Girls:**
    - Bring shirts, slacks, dress shorts, or jeans for during the day. Shorts may be worn at anytime but dressier slacks or dress or skirt is nice for evening services and Sunday.
    - NO short-shorts or skirts: these should be to finger tip length
    - Sleeves please! No spaghetti strap tops or tube-tops, no bare midriffs. Tank tops can be worn if two-finger width. Tank tops cannot be worn in evening service unless covered with a jacket or sweater.
    - Avoid revealing cleavage, NO low-cut necklines.
    - Bring a MODEST swimsuit, please no bikinis. If your suit is low-cut, wear a dark t-shirt.
  - **Guys:**
    - Bring shirts, casual slacks, shorts or jeans for during the day. Shorts can be worn anytime, but a collared shirt (may be polo/golf-type, etc.) and slacks or jeans are nice for evening and Sunday services.
    - Sleeveless shirts or tank tops are allowed only during the daytime, not at evening service.

- **Other Gear:**
  - FANS!!
  - Twin-size sheets
  - Sleeping bag
  - Pillow
  - Warm Jacket
  - Towels
  - Hygiene items
  - Swimming gear
  - Bible
  - Extra shoes (it always rains!) and flip-flop sandals to wear to the shower.
  - Bring your music and instrument with you if you are willing to share your talents in a youth band/jam time!
- **Other Important Notes:**
  - Laundry facilities are on the campgrounds.
  - Youth may want spending money for the Sychar Bookstore and Snack Shop!
  - Youth and parents accept the risk if they bring electronic devices (no electronics in service) such as cell phones or tablets, or musical instruments. Bring a Bible & notebook!
  - **Camp Sychar is not responsible for any belongings, clothing, money, electronic devices, phones or instruments that may be lost, damaged, stolen, or left at camp.**

Visit [www.campsychar.org](http://www.campsychar.org). Click “programs” tab. Check for information about Camp Sychar or to register online!

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