

# PARENT INFORMATION ABOUT FALLS CREEK 2017

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## WHAT IS FALLS CREEK?

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Falls Creek is the largest Christian camp in the world. Nestled in the Arbuckle Mountains in southern Oklahoma, Falls Creek has been in operation since 1917. It is a distinctively Christian camp, upholding high moral standards and challenging students to follow Christ every day.

Falls Creek is unique in that it is a place where over 100 churches come each week to hold their own camp week. Each church secures a cabin, provides its own sponsors and meals, enforces the dress code and camp code of conduct and teaches its in-cabin devotions. The focus of our teaching in 2017 will be on understanding that believers are a people of God's own possession. The focal verse is Psalm 33:12 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance."

If you would like to look in or listen to some of the camp services, you may go to [www.skopos.org/falls creek/media](http://www.skopos.org/falls creek/media) for audio of the services from past summers. We also provide a live stream of the Evening Worship Service during the summer on weeknights from 7:30pm-9:00pm, available at [www.skopos.org/falls creek/livestream/](http://www.skopos.org/falls creek/livestream/).

You may also see copies of the provided camp Bible studies at [www.skopos.org/resources](http://www.skopos.org/resources).

### HOW TO PRAY THIS WEEK

Your students need to know that you and your church are praying for them as they spend the week at camp. We encourage you to pray each day specifically for your child and at least one other student on the trip. You may want to meet once during the week as parents to pray specifically for the group. Please pray for the safety of the camp, camp leadership, sponsors, and for the specific daily events as they happen.

### RECREATION

Volleyball, softball, kickball, horseshoes, zip lines, high and low ropes course, challenge elements, skateboarding, hiking, running, kayaks, lake park, water slides, and swimming are scheduled for the week of camp. In addition to these camp-wide recreation options, each church designs its own recreation plan for its cabin. If you would like more information about Falls Creek recreation, you can go to [www.skopos.org/falls creek/around-grounds](http://www.skopos.org/falls creek/around-grounds) or e-mail [youth@bgco.org](mailto:youth@bgco.org).

### INSURANCE & FIRST AID

Accident and illness insurance is provided for all those attending Falls Creek Baptist Conference Center. Most injuries or illnesses that occur during the week of camp are covered by insurance. Accident and illness insurance benefits are limited and payable up to a certain amount.

The insurance coverage includes accidents and illnesses that occur during regularly scheduled activities on the grounds of Falls Creek. The insurance coverage also includes the time spent traveling directly between the Conference Center grounds and the camper's residence. Day trips or other activities off the Conference Center grounds are not covered. To apply for accident and illness insurance benefits, a claim report must be completed and submitted to the insurance provider. The claim report form may be obtained at the First Aid Station at Falls Creek. For claims submitted to the accident and illness insurance company, the injured/ill person is responsible for making payment to the medical provider (hospital, ER, doctor, etc.). If coverage applies, the insurance company will issue reimbursement directly to the injured person, parent or guardian, as the case may be, for approved claims.

### A RELEASE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH CAMPER AND SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

This information is helpful to the camp physician in ministering to an injured or ill person.

Most minor injuries or illnesses are taken care of in the church cabin. However, if medical attention should be required, the sponsor (or an adult appointed by the sponsor) should come with the patient to the First Aid Station. If the illness or accident should be of a serious nature, patients may be sent to a hospital or doctor in a nearby town.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

### MONDAY

1:00-4:00pm	Registration (North tabernacle entry)
5:45pm	Dinner
6:30pm	Seat Reservations (South tabernacle entry)
6:45pm	Invitation Training (Chapel exterior doors open at 6:30pm) repeats on Tuesday
6:55pm	Tabernacle Doors Open
7:00pm	Pre-Session Entertainment/Camp Orientation
7:30pm	Evening Worship Service
10:15pm	Evening Cabin Devotional
11:45pm	Inside Cabins

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:15-7:30am	Daybreak (Tuesday Only)
8:00am	Breakfast
8:45am	Quiet Time
9:20am	Staff/Sponsor Daily Update (Chapel doors open at 9:00am)
9:25am	Doors Open for MWS (All campers, same seats as the night before)
9:45am	Morning Worship Service
10:10am	Middle School (MS: 7-8) dismissed to Event Center High School (HS: 9-12) remains in tabernacle auditorium Next Chapter (Graduates) dismissed to Chapel
10:25am	MWS teaching begins for all age groups
11:10am	MWS dismisses
11:45am	In-Cabin Bible Study
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Recreation & Free Time
4:30pm	Seat Reservations (South tabernacle entry)
5:45pm	Dinner
6:45pm	Sponsor Seating (South tabernacle entry)
7:00pm	Tabernacle Doors Open
7:30pm	Evening Worship Service
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### SPENDING MONEY

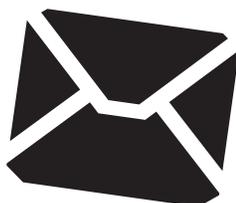
Extra spending money is suggested for each student who attends Falls Creek. Pop, ice cream, and other refreshments will be sold between sessions and in the evening throughout the week. T-shirts, devotionals, journals, and many gift items are available at the Falls Creek Gift Shop. All of these are optional expenses.

### MAIL & PHONE CALLS

Incoming mail is sorted and delivered to cabins daily.

#### Mail sent to campers should be addressed:

Camper Name  
Church Name/Cabin Name  
Falls Creek Baptist Conference Center  
6714 HWY 77D  
Davis, OK 73030-8002



**All packages containing medications should be addressed to the First Aid Station and a nurse will deliver the medication to the student.**

### FALLS CREEK OFFICE PHONE NUMBER

(580) 369-2101

Please use this number for emergency only.

### VISITING FALLS CREEK

If you drive in for a day at Falls Creek, there will be a \$3.00 charge per person for the day or individuals may purchase an activities pass for \$10 (BGCO) or \$16 (Non BGCO). An activities pass will be required to participate in walk-up recreation activities (tournament play is not included). Each driver will also be required to present a valid driver's license for entry into camp. These are day charges only. Any visitor staying overnight will be subject to additional charges including the cost of a mandatory background check. A reminder, all guests visiting Falls Creek must adhere to the Dress Code.

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Owned and operated by the  
Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma  
3800 North May Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73112  
Falls Creek Conference Center website, [www.fallscreek.org](http://www.fallscreek.org)  
Falls Creek Program website, [www.skopos.org/fallscreek](http://www.skopos.org/fallscreek)

## FALLS CREEK CODE OF CONDUCT

### GENERAL PURPOSE

Falls Creek youth weeks are planned for students who have completed 6th through 12th grade.

The code of conduct for Falls Creek is intended to assist the many diverse churches and students at camp to have a safe and an enjoyable camp experience, while growing in their faith. Falls Creek is a Christian camp designed to help students and adults know and follow God, so the code of conduct prioritizes personal encouragement and issues related to a student's faith development in Jesus. Falls Creek does not condone or encourage any activity on grounds that would humiliate any camper, including initiation, hazing, and/or pranks.

### MODESTY / PDA

Believing that modesty extends beyond the dress code, Falls Creek asks that students refrain from PDA (Public Displays of Affection). Church sponsors should be diligent to communicate this guideline to their students.

### CURFEW

At 10:15pm, all students should be back at their cabin and should not be outside their cabin without a sponsor until after 6:30am. Groups are allowed to meet around the perimeter of their cabin during late night devotional times, but a sponsor should be with the group at all times and extra care should be taken so other groups are not disturbed. Groups/individuals must be inside their cabin by 11:45pm.

## VEHICLES

- Recreation vehicles for living or sleeping purposes are permitted only in designated areas and must register in advance with the Conference Center.
- Unnecessary and careless traffic is prohibited on Falls Creek grounds.
- Only Conference Center operated golf carts, utility carts, or low speed vehicles (LSVs) are permitted.
- Delivery trucks are not permitted during summer camp weeks except to supply Conference Center-owned concessions.
- All passengers must be seated in a vehicle according to its designated capacity—no passengers are allowed in pickup beds or in the back of vehicles with hatch doors raised.
- All cycles (uni-, bi-, or tri-) are prohibited on the grounds. Violation of this policy could result in confiscation of equipment. Motorcycles may only drive to and from the gate to their cabin or meeting place.

## CELL PHONES

Falls Creek asks that church leaders make determinations regarding their students' use and possession of cell phones.

*NOTE: The majority of group leaders limit the time students are allowed to use their cell phones each day in order to cause less distraction from the camp experience.*

## CAMP REQUIREMENTS

- Students are required to attend both the morning and evening worship service each day.
- Sponsors from each church are responsible for enforcing the code of conduct and camp dress code for their entire group (students, sponsors, and guests) and for handling discipline issues within their group.
  - » Courtesy Crew will be on duty 24 hours per day. Courtesy Crew, when called upon, will assist the adult leadership of any cabin in dealing with discipline problems that may arise. Although the Courtesy Crew is specifically assigned to the duty of enforcement, all Falls Creek staff members are authorized to enforce the code of conduct, dress code, and policies of the Conference Center. Please respect all Falls Creek staff.
- Church groups must sit together at all worship services. If the group is too large to find a single location for everyone, the group should divide into smaller groups with adult sponsors in each group.
- All guests are required to show proof of registration or ID to enter or re-enter the Conference Center grounds. Day guests should leave grounds by midnight.

## CAMP PROHIBITIONS

- Students will not be permitted to leave the grounds unless accompanied by a sponsor.
- No bands or instrumental groups are allowed to perform outside their cabin walls, except for groups that are an official part of the weekly programming for the whole camp.
- Headset listening devices and sound systems may be used only inside cabins.
- Excessive volume from a cabin is not permitted since it can disturb other cabins. Please check with the Falls Creek office, located in the Jordan Welcome Center, if there is an issue.
- No product sales are allowed at Falls Creek unless they have secured a contract through the Conference Center.
- Use or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco of any type is not permitted on the grounds. This includes e-cigarettes or other facsimiles.
- The possession of offensive weapons of any sort is prohibited at Falls Creek. Falls Creek Baptist Conference Center reserves the right to perform a random drug and weapon search at any time and confiscate items that distract from the camp goals or that violate the code of conduct of the camp.
- Open flame items (other than grills) such as campfires, tiki torches, etc., are not permitted on grounds, unless prepared and supervised by the Conference Center.
- Pets/animals (other than service dogs), fireworks, rock throwing, water fighting, laser pointers, and shaving cream fights are prohibited on the grounds.
- Masks or any other disguise over the face cannot be worn by anyone outside of their cabin.
- For the safety of all guests, skates, roller-blades, and skateboards are permitted only in the SwiftSkate Park area and only at designated times.
- No wading or swimming is allowed in the creeks or lake unless there is a Falls Creek lifeguard present. No swimming/wading pools are allowed at cabins.
- No camera drones or remote controlled flying devices may be operated on grounds without expressed permission from the Director of Conference Centers and the Falls Creek Program Director.

# FALLS CREEK DRESS CODE

The intent of the Falls Creek dress code is to provide an equitable dress code for all campers that will encourage modesty above legalism. Parents and church leaders are urged to see that only clothing which meets the policies and regulations of the conference center is brought to Falls Creek.

**CAMPERS: PLEASE BRING CLOTHING TO FALLS CREEK WHICH FULLY COMPLIES WITH THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:**

## MODESTY

SINCE FALLS CREEK IS A CHRISTIAN CAMP WITH A DISTINCTLY CHRISTIAN ATMOSPHERE, THE NEW TESTAMENT PRINCIPLE OF MODESTY SHOULD ALWAYS BE THE STANDARD FOR DRESS AT FALLS CREEK. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SPONSORS FROM EACH CHURCH TO MODEL THE STANDARD OF MODESTY AND ENFORCE THE CAMP DRESS CODE.

### GENERAL APPEARANCE

Apparel may not display or promote:

- tobacco
- alcohol
- controlled substances
- inappropriate language or pictures.

No apparel that exposes the midriff.

No extremely tight-fitting clothing including:

- leggings
- jeggings
- spanx
- compression shorts



All apparel must cover the shoulder.

No pants or shorts with writing on the back.

Shorts must have at least a 5" inseam or longer.

*The brand or style of short cannot be used to determine their appropriateness. For instance, if NIKE shorts do not have a 5" inseam they are not permissible.*



Dresses must include accessory wear under or over any straps that do not cover the shoulder.

All shorts and dresses should be modest in length.

Dresses and skirts must be no shorter than 4" above the knee.

Dress and skirt slits should be modest in length.

### SHIRTS and SHOES



Tank tops are not allowed at Falls Creek. **X**

Sleeveless shirts are acceptable, but must go from the neck to the shoulder seam and not split down the sides.

Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times outside cabins, except when swimming.

### SWIMSUITS and SWIMWEAR



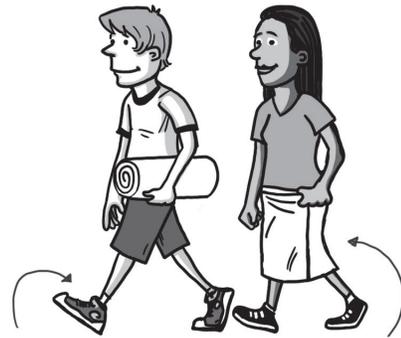
Only modest swimsuits are acceptable while swimming.



Girls must wear dark t-shirts over two-piece swimsuits.



Guys should not wear tight-fitting swimsuits.



While traveling to and from swimming areas: Campers must wear shoes. Guys must wear a t-shirt and girls a long covering over swimsuits.

# WHAT TO SEND

- Modest clothing (see dress code)
- Athletic clothing for sports activities (Dress Code still applies during rec)
- Closed toe shoes for the ropes courses
- Swimsuit (if two piece, bring a dark t-shirt)
- Skateboard, helmet, and pads (Falls Creek provides pads if needed)
- Bible
- Notepad
- Pen or pencil
- Spending money for concessions or gift shop
- Optional:
  - » Umbrella
  - » Flashlight
  - » Camera
  - » Rain jacket
- Recreation items
  - » Softball glove
  - » Basketball
- » Volleyball (Balls for games are provided)
- » Fishing tackle
- » Ping pong paddle
- Cabin Items:
  - » Pillow
  - » Bedding
  - » Towels
  - » Hygiene products
  - » Sunscreen
  - » Bug Spray