

Welcome to CAMP JESUS 2019

June 10-14th

REGISTRATION 2019:

Children entering 1st through 6th Grades for the 2019-20 school year may attend as Campers. Children entering 7th and 8th Grades will be Child Care helpers, and Students entering 9th-Graduation will be Counselors.

Previous Counselors are encouraged to return as ALUMNI Adult Volunteers.

Online Registration opens on April 1st. Your child is fully registered when 1) the online form is completed, 2) the liability release form for each camper and 3) camp fees are received.

Please send the forms and checks to:

CAMP JESUS c/o CCGD P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, TX 75222

Registration will close as soon as the camp is full or May 27th, whichever is sooner. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS DATE due to staffing and supply purchasing needs.

ONLINE REGISTRATION FORMS:

Use the following link: <https://parishplus.com/CCGD/camp.htm>

Links for the Liability Release and Volunteer Registration are at the bottom of the online registration page. (Please note: The liability release forms no longer require notarization!)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT:

ALL volunteers 18 years or older must have a background check and Safe Environment Training. Many of you will already have this through your Parish, school or maybe even your work. Please have them send me an email (campjesus.ccgd@yahoo.com) verifying that you are current. Training/renewal must be dated since June 9, 2018. Please get started on this today. Every parish has SE links on their web page. You may take the class at ANY parish. ****Do not delay in seeking this training.****

COSTS:

The true cost of running Camp Jesus is approximately \$100 per camper and we ask you to pay this amount if at all possible. We realize this may cause a hardship on some families and have set a minimum of \$100.00 for one Camper, \$150.00 for two Campers and \$175.00 for three or more Campers from the same immediate family. **Checks must be payable to CCGD, with**

Camp Jesus in the Memo Line. There will be a limited number of scholarships; if you need help, contact me and do not delay in letting us know. (*If anyone is knowledgeable as to creating an online payment system for Camp Jesus, please contact us.)

Camp Fees for Child Care Helpers and Counselors are \$25.00 each to cover the costs of t-shirts, snacks and drinks.

CAMP TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Please arrive a little early so we can begin and end on time. The playground will be supervised beginning at 8:20AM. It is so important that your Campers are here to join in the prayer and praise session that starts each day in the gym. (Do not leave your children unattended before 8:20.)

DAILY PICK-UP:

We encourage you to carpool with those in your area. However, if you need to have your child picked up by someone who is not on the release form (i.e. - relative, neighbor); please send a written note with a phone number for confirmation to identify them. We will not release a child to someone we do not know without a note signed by the same person who signed the Liability Release form. **All Campers will be in the gymnasium for the closing songs at the end of each day. They will stay inside the gym until a parent or other adult comes to escort them to their vehicle.** Please do not send a younger sibling in to initiate the pickup or tell your youth to come out on their own. REMEMBER- PICKUP IS at 3:45PM. We do not have any afterhours care, please be on time.

CLOTHING:

Wear loose, comfortable play clothes, tennis shoes and socks. No sandals or open toed shoes please; the only exception is a pair of flip-flops to wear to and from the water slide. Your child has the option of wearing their swimsuit all day with clothes over it or changing before and after the water slide. If you want your child to change, put their extra clothes or swimsuit in a LABELED plastic bag and seal it. Also, please label all clothing and towels with your name; especially label socks, underwear and backpacks. Counselors are not responsible for your child's belongings; it is your child's responsibility to take home everything they bring. Wednesday is Carnival

Day and we suggest the kids come in clothes you won't mind getting wet. (NO two- piece swimsuits).

MEDICATION:

If your child needs medication, you must complete written instructions on the medication form. Note it on the online camper form. Please bring your child's medication to the Nurse's Station/Clinic to verify the dispensing directions. The clinic will be locked overnight each night should you prefer to leave a week's worth of medications/epi-pen/inhaler in the Clinic.

WATER SLIDE:

Swimsuits are required to use the water slide. Please be sure the swimsuits are modest; TWO PIECE SWIMSUITS ARE NOT ALLOWED, REGARDLESS OF AGE, EVEN IF THE TOP IS SUPPOSED TO COVER THE BOTTOM (i.e., tankini.) EVERYONE IS INCLUDED IN THIS RULE: CAMPER, COUNSELORS, CHILD CARE AND ALL VOLUNTEERS. Don't forget to send a dry towel every day!! Please Label Everything.

LUNCHES:

Everyone needs to bring a sack lunch every day, properly labeled. (See exception for sixth graders only on Thursday as stated below.) We provide a drink at lunch time, but your child may bring one if you wish. We also provide a healthy mid-morning snack each day. If your child has food allergies remember to provide something for them during snack time and Tuesday & Thursday's cooking class. Be sure it is properly labeled for your child and take it to the Kitchen/Cooking room each morning.

SUNSCREEN:

Please apply waterproof sunscreen before they arrive at camp. You may put sunscreen in their clothes bag if you wish.

INCOMING SIXTH GRADERS:

Next year's sixth graders will have a pizza party on Thursday to celebrate this being their last year to be a Camper. On Thursday (only) they do not need to bring a lunch. Again, this is for next year's sixth graders only.

COUNSELORS & CHILD CARE:

In the past, all Counselors and Child Care helpers were chosen from youth actively participating in CCGD's Junior High or High School Ministries. While this is of extreme importance, we recognize the opportunity Camp Jesus offers to minister to older youth as a place of service in a Catholic Christian

environment & want to encourage hard work, personal prayer life and character as a Counselor or CC helper. We are willing to consider youth who are recommended/referred by current active families following an interview and approval. ***Chosen counselors MUST attend Camp Prep meetings in April & May (dates to be announced.)** We will have work/prep meetings as well as social events for the counselor teams to build relationships prior to serving their campers. **During Camp, Counselors need to be at MSM no later than 8:00 AM each day of camp. After camp is over, Counselors have a brief meeting to review the events of the day. We will try to be finished by 4:15 PM. Please do not ask Counselors to leave before our meeting ends.** Child Care helpers need to be in their room at 8:20 a.m.

***Dress Code for all Child Care helpers and Counselors:** Shorts MUST be finger-tip length with shoulders relaxed and hands at their sides **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Shorts may need to be purchased “just” for Camp. If your child attends in shorts that are not finger-tip length, shorts will be purchased for them at Walmart and the child will incur the expense. Parents, please take this burden off of the staff of Camp Jesus and ensure your children are appropriately dressed!

*****PLEASE NOTE: No track shorts, Nike shorts, etc... allowed for CC & Counselors. Long basketball-style, denim, khaki or cotton, mid-thigh or longer shorts are the only shorts allowed.*****

VOLUNTEERS:

There are numerous areas to serve and we are so grateful for those that volunteer. We will accommodate special requests such as “indoor only,” etc... Volunteers will be assigned prior to camp and you will be notified via email when assignments are complete. T-Shirts will be available to Volunteers for \$5 (please indicate your order on the Volunteer form.) Each day at camp, please sign in with the Volunteer Coordinator (*Bill Dowd/Jill Gutbier) at the table in the foyer when you arrive. Thank you for your willingness to serve. Without your help, Camp Jesus would be impossible. *Dress code for all adults: fingertip/mid-thigh length shorts, no tank tops or low necklines, please. Please take action now to be sure your **Safe Environment** is current and on file with Camp Jesus.*

CAMP RULES FOR CAMPERS:

Please READ the following camp rules with your Campers. We want everyone to have a great time!

1. Respect the Facilities - Buildings, Chairs, Tables, Bathrooms, etc.
2. Respect the Counselors - Obey what they ask you to do.
3. Respect the Adults.
4. Respect other Campers.
5. Respect all of God's Commands
6. Stay with your group at all times, unless told otherwise.

Thank you for reading this letter carefully. Following the instructions in this letter will greatly help your Campers, you and the staff to make sure this is the best camp possible. Please pray for Camp Jesus daily. We are honored to serve your children in this way and pray that the Lord uses Camp Jesus to create an indelible mark on everyone involved.

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