



# CHURCH CONTACT & COUNSELOR GUIDE

**Session 1: June 9-13**

**Session 2: June 30-July 4**

**Lakeview Methodist Conference Center Palestine, Texas**



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LAKEVIEW METHODIST CAMP

# WELCOME!

We are excited to welcome you to Rise Up Camp, the camping ministry of the Trinity Conference of the Global Methodist Church. Our theme for 2025 is **Not Ashamed**, based on Paul's words to the church in Rome:

*"For I am **NOT ASHAMED** of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."*  
(Romans 1:16 NIV)

The purpose of Rise Up Camp is to offer students Jesus' promise of eternal life that gives hope for our future and transformation for our lives today. Our preaching and curriculum is thoroughly Biblical and true to our evangelical Wesleyan-Methodist heritage. You will receive a counselor guide to the curriculum prior to camp so you can follow along with the bible readings and key teaching points for the week.

Thank you for attending Rise Up Camp this summer! We are praying for every student to have a life-changing encounter with the Lord during camp. I invite you to join us in that prayer.

We are praying for you too. You will be giving yourself away in service to the Lord this week as you invest in these students and accompany them on their journey with Jesus. It is wonderful, inspiring, and... yes, tiring! But again, you have been and will be prayed over every step of the way.

Now, on to further information you'll want to know for camp.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Guy Williams  
Rise Up Camp, Trinity Conference GMC  
Steering Team Chair

## Worship Passionately



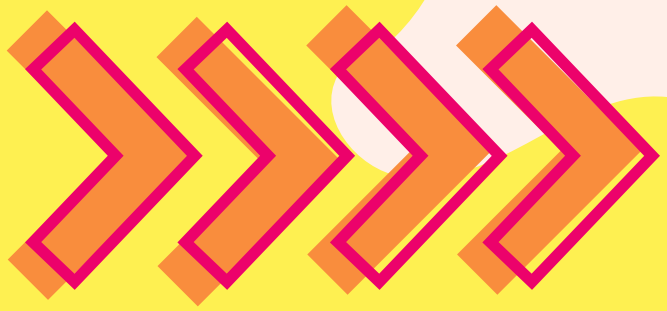
## Love Extravagantly



## Witness Boldly



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# CONTACT INFORMATION



## Lakeview Camp Office

Phone Number:  
(903) 538-2711

Office Hours:  
Monday-Friday  
8:00am - 4:30pm

Address:  
400 Private Road 6036  
Palestine, Texas 75801

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## Rise Up Camp Registrar

Email:  
[Camp@trinitygmc.org](mailto:Camp@trinitygmc.org)

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# Emergency Contact Information

## Rise Up Camp Director

Phone Number:  
(936) 866-8353

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# HOW TO REGISTER

## Staff Registration



### [Staff Registration Link](#)

Note: Adult counselors are still volunteer positions, however due to the verbiage used within our registration system, they will register as staff.

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## Camper Registration



### [Camper Registration Link](#)

Note: Campers will register under a family. This is intended to make registration simpler in years to come.

# PAYMENT DEADLINES & REFUNDS



## Session 1 June 9–13:

- May 9, 2025 - Full payment due for Session 1 participants.
- May 9, 2025 - Full refund available until 12:00 pm.
- May 9, 2025 - 50% refund after this date, until 12:00 pm on Friday, May 23, 2025 (2 weeks from start of camp).
- May 23, 2025 - No refunds after 12:00 pm except in cases of medical emergency (doctors note).

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## Session 2 June 30–July 4:

- May 30, 2025 - Full payment due for Session 2 participants.
  - May 30, 2025 - Full refund available until 12:00 pm.
  - May 30, 2025 - 50% refund after this date, until 12:00 pm on Friday, June 13, 2025 (2 weeks from start of camp).
  - June 13, 2025 - No refunds after 12:00 pm except in cases of medical emergency (doctors note).
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# PACKING LIST



Please make sure that all packing items (Luggage, Trunk, Duffle Bag, or Backpack is no taller than 14 in. and are labeled with the campers name, church, and age-level.

## Recommended Clothing:

- Comfortable Tennis Shoes (2 pair. 1 pair can be sport sandals with straps.)
- T-shirts (8)
- Appropriate Length Shorts (6)
- Underwear (8)
- Socks (8 pair)
- Appropriate Swimsuit (No Bikinis, Mid-drift must be covered, Chest must be fully covered).
- Shower Shoes/Sandals
- Pajamas
- Cap or Hat
- Poncho or Rain Jacket
- Messy game clothing (something that might get too messy to return home)

## What NOT to Bring:

- Cell Phone or Other Electronic Devices
- Knives/Weapons
- Any and All Prank Items
- Valuable Items
- Candy, Gum, Food, and Drinks
- New Clothes/Shoes (Campers need to be free to play and not worry about ruining anything while at camp)
- Bad Attitude.

## Recommended Items:

- Medication in Original Bottle with Name of the Camper
- Shower Caddy
- Bath Towel
- Wash Cloth
- Beach Towel
- Dirty Laundry Bag
- Soap and Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Sleeping Bag or Twin Size Sheets and Bedding
- Pillow
- Bible
- Journal/Notepad + Pen/Pencil
- Pre-Addressed Stamped Cards
- Money for Snack and Gift Shop (Cash or Visa Gift Card)
- Hiking Boots
- Backpack
- Sunscreen (Spray)
- Bug Spray
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Flashlight
- Command Hooks (for hanging towels)
- Floor Mat (for by the bed)
- Ear Plugs (if light sleeper)
- Optional: Costume Clothes for Silent Disco/Dress Up Night (TBA)
- Open Heart and Mind to Receive What God has in store for you!

# RECOMMENDED COUNSELOR EXTRAS



- Dorm Decor
- Command Hooks (to hang up name badges/towels near beds)
- Welcome Mat
- Air Freshener Cones or Plugins
- Power Strip (especially for bathroom counter area)
- 2 Air Freshener Aerosol Cans
- Folding Lawn/Camping Chair
- Disinfectant Spray and/or Wipes
- Chalk
- Night Lights for the Bathroom Area
- Paper Towels
- Painter's Tape and Black Trash Bags (if staying in Hearn or Asbury Dorms for windows to reduce exterior light during nighttime).
- Nerf Stuff, Frisbee, Football, Volleyball, Soccer Ball (for goofing off in the front of dorm)
- Kleenex
- Extra Sunscreen/Bug Spray
- Rope/Clothesline System (for hanging swimsuits and towels outside)
- Sharpies/Extra Pens
- Board Games/Card Games (for inclement weather or extreme heat that could possibly confine campers and counselors to cabins)
  - Examples: Deck of playing Cards, Skip Bo, Uno, Apples to Apples, Tacocat, etc.

## RECOMMENDED EXTRAS FOR SENSORY SENSITIVE CAMPERS/ADULTS

- Loop Earplugs (noise reducing earplugs) or Noise Cancelling Ear Buds
- Fidgets
- Eye Mask (for sleeping)
- Sun Glasses (for light sensitivity)



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## Medications & Allergies:

What if I take medication or have life-threatening allergies?

All medication (including prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, and vitamins) must be brought to camp in the original container (as purchased or issued) to turn in to the Camp Nurse during check-in. Prescription containers must detail the counselor's name, the name of the medication, dosage directions, and the person ordering the medication. Life-threatening allergies (bee stings, food allergies, etc.) must be disclosed during registration and discussed with camp staff during check-in. You will carry epi-pens and inhalers during the day. All medications will be dispensed by medical staff at the camp and will be returned to you at the end of the week.

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## Phones & Electronics:

What is the policy for phones and electronics?

Campers will not be permitted to have cell phones during the week of camp. This has become a "best practice" for the past several years at other industry-leading Christian camps. A no cell phone policy by our camp (and others) creates a safer environment because it prevents bullying via social media, students being exposed to inappropriate materials, unauthorized photographs and videos of other campers, and homesickness due to lack of immersion into the camp environment. However, we understand that as adult volunteers, having no cell phone all week could cause a disruption in families, business ventures, and other emergency situations. Which means that counselors are allowed to have their cell phones as long as they be mindful about the campers not having theirs.

# Snack Shack & Camp Store:

How will I pay for snack and Gift Shop items?

The gift shop and snack shack takes cash and visa/mastercard. For reference, snack prices range from \$1 to \$5 per item and Camp Store souvenirs range from \$2.50 to \$15 and up. Lakeview shirts range from \$15 to \$25.

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# Camper Grouping:

How are the various age/grade level campers organized?

Elementary Campers entering 3rd – 5th grade

Mid-High Campers entering 6th – 8th grade

Senior High Campers entering 9th – graduating 12th grade (Class of 2025)

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# Adult/Camper Ratio:

How many adults will be serving at camp?

Churches provide adults on a 5:1 ratio of students to adults. This allows us to have an adult/camper ratio for each cabin of at least 7:1, plus leadership for directing and coordinating the camp overall.

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# Adult Screening/Training & Camper Safety:

What steps are involved to create a safe environment for students at camp?

All adult volunteers will be expected to completed an orientation for our camp, complete a criminal history background check, and be trained and certified through Ministry Safe for working with children and youth at camps run in the State of Texas (similar to Safe Sanctuary and Safe Camps training and certification).

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# Clothing:

What are the expectations for clothing and modesty?

Clothing must be conducive to the physical activities during the day at camp. Therefore, for girls and women, swimwear is required to be modest with chest and midriff fully covered. For boys and men, swim shorts are not to be indecently snug-fitting. We would expect any other tops for girls/women to have coverage and security consistent with the swimsuit requirement. For shorts, athletic or soccer-style shorts are fine so that they are decent -- nothing covered by an appropriate swimsuit should lack coverage by shorts used for daily wear.

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# Weather Issues:

## What about inclement weather?

If there is no risk of lightning, activities continue as planned. Lakeview staff monitor the weather at all times. They will notify our camp leadership if there is lightning or significant storms within a set range of camp, in which case campers will be located to an appropriate indoor space. Once the weather has passed the schedule of activities will resume.

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# Sending Mail to Your Camper/s:

## How can we send mail to students and/or adults while they are at camp?

The most effective way to send mail to your students and/or adults while they are at camp is to write letters or create care packages in advance and send them with the adult leader from your church with a schedule for what day/s mail is to be delivered. You may still send mail via the USPS. Please send early in the week in order to ensure that mail arrives in a timely fashion, remembering that it must be sorted and sent to the correct age-level camp.

Format for in-camp mail:

Camper's Name, Rise Up Camp  
Age Level (Elem, Mid-High or Sr High)

Format for mail via USPS:

Camper's Name, Rise Up Camp  
Age Level (Elem, Mid-High or Sr High)  
400 Private Road 6036  
Palestine, TX 75801

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# Schedules:

## What can I expect when it comes to Sunday night schedule and weekly schedule?

On March 14th & 15th, the leadership team will meet at Lakeview for an overnight meeting session. One main goal of this meeting is to pin down schedules for Sunday night prior to camp and the week. Once these schedules are in their final draft stage we will send out that information. Every name tag will have the weekly schedule on the back of the name tag for quick reference while at camp.

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# Similarities & Differences:

## Are there any changes to be expected this year?

Some churches who will be new to Rise Up Camp in Summer 2025 (thought not all) will most recently have attended camps put on by Lakeview. This past July, the Lakeview Board of Directors decided to shift course from offering some summer camps it programmed to only hosting churches and denominational groups looking for a great place to hold their camp. We are delighted to continue offering summer camp at Lakeview!

For those churches who are new to Rise Up Camp and who have attended Lakeview-run camps recently, you (and your campers) will notice similarities and differences.

We've made a list below for you. It isn't exhaustive, but may help you with what to expect from the week. If this is your first time as an adult counselor at camp with students who have recently attended summer camps offered by Lakeview, this may help you with student is any ask about some of the differences.

### Similarities with Lakeview Camps:

- Essential Daily Schedule
- Activity Options in Morning and Afternoon
- Large Group Field Games Each Morning
- Daily Bible Study & Small Groups
- Bunk Break Time after Lunch
- Evening Fun Activities (including Silent Disco & Messy Games)
- Worship Each Evening
  - Note: Mid-High and Sr. High camps will gather together for worship and preaching each night.

### Differences with Lakeview Camps:

- "Spiritual Life Workshops" (added to equip students for ongoing discipleship & devotional life at home)
  - Field games planned with both athletic and non-athletic campers in mind
  - More Volunteer Leadership
    - Primarily: Age-Level Camp Administration, Activities will need Adult Active Participation
    - Note: Activity Options that require specific training and/or certification are led by Lakeview program staff, including ziplines, target sports, pool, and Wet Willie/Lakefront
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# Church Coupon Codes:

## What if my church is paying for a portion or all of my camp fees?

Send an email to our registrar, Rev. Lamar Oliver at [camp@trinitygmc.org](mailto:camp@trinitygmc.org), for more information, including a coupon code specific for your church's campers' fees.

Please note that no coupon code will be used for adult fees; that will be handled separately.

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