







# 2018 - Parent Packet

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## OPENING LETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Glorieta Day Camp! I am so excited that you have decided to make us part of your summer! This will be our fourth summer of running our Day Camp program and we are eager to make this another fun and successful summer, for everyone involved!

At Glorieta Camps, we take safety very seriously. We choose to give priority to the safety of all campers and staff involved in making our program great. We also believe that keeping an open line of communication between parents and myself, the Day Camp Assistant Director, is essential.

Within this packet you will find valuable information regarding all things Day Camp. To help you feel comfortable and at ease with sending your child to Glorieta Day Camp, we desire to be as open as possible and provide as much information as we can with you. If, after reading, you have questions about anything, please, don't hesitate to contact me.

For those of you who were with us last summer, we thank you for coming back ! To those families who are new to Glorieta, we are excited to have you!

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# PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY & MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission Statement at Glorieta Camps is *to inspire Christ-like change through outdoor adventure, authentic relationships, and Biblical truth*. At Glorieta Camps, we desire to set ourselves apart from other camps. We want to give campers the opportunity to participate in activities that they are unable to encounter on a daily basis. We want to use those activities (such as rock climbing, mountain biking, drift trikes, and archery tag) as a tool to produce real, authentic relationships. These types of relationships allow for our adventurous activities to have an impact lasting beyond the memory of simply having fun. The vulnerability caused by participating in an activity outside of a camper's comfort zone can make way for an encouraging, powerful, and authentic relationship to be built. By building these relationships throughout a camp experience, we are then able to present the Word of God in a way that is more meaningful and effective for our campers. Our hope is that the relationships built at camp will go beyond the week a camper is at camp. By keeping in contact with parents and campers, we know a relationship that started at camp can impact regular, everyday life after camp.

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM US

Day Camp is a great opportunity for kids to be introduced to camp. By allowing campers to receive the activities and curriculum that make Glorieta Camps great while also giving them the opportunity to go home each day, campers are able to ease into the camp experience.

As you send your kids to camp, we want to ease any and all concerns you may have. First off, know that the safety and protection of your campers is our priority. Each group of campers will have two, highly trained and passionate, counselors assigned to them. These staff members have gone through a rigorous hiring process, two weeks of extensive training, child protection plan procedures, and received both CPR and First Aid certifications. This training, combined with their heart for children's ministry and desire to share the love of Jesus, allow us to ensure that we have hired the best college students from across the country to be on our staff.

At camp, we do a lot of activity out in the sun and know how important it is for both our campers and staff to be nourished and re-energized with a healthy meal. Each day, we will provide your camper with lunch during our scheduled lunch hour. As lunch is included in your fees, please know that there will be no extra charge for this meal!

Here at Glorieta Camps we have a large range of activities. By offering activities such as rock climbing, arts and crafts, mini golf, and biking we hope that your child will be able to experience both old and new adventures.

Just as activities are a big part of the Glorieta Camp experience, curriculum shares a large part as well. Glorieta Camps is currently on a seven year plan of walking through the Bible and this summer will be year six. During year six, we are focusing on Acts-Philemon and for our lessons and Bible Studies.

## WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU

As parents, you have the important job of preparing your child for camp. As your child will be away from you several hours each day and surrounded by new people, new activities, and a new environment, please take the time to talk to your child and get them ready for camp. An easy way to do this is by talking with them about the new activities, such as the rock climbing, drift trikes, archery tag, and lake time, and friends they will make. By doing this, you will be able to help get your child's excitement flowing and build their anticipation.

Rest is also an important way to prepare your camper for camp. As a week of camp will be full of non-stop fun, a good night of sleep will be essential in helping your camper enjoy their week of camp. Staying hydrated is another important element to a camper's enjoyment during the day. As we will be encouraging your child to be drinking water throughout the day, we ask that you start this process at home as well.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

On Monday morning, the fun begins! Drop-off will take place between 8:00AM and 8:30AM at Glorieta Camps in our Prayer Garden. Signs, helping direct you to the right location, will be set up for both drop-off and pick-up times. As we are eager to get our day started promptly at 8:30AM each day, we do ask that parents finish drop-off by this time. This will allow campers enough time to get into their cabin groups and transition to the first activity.

At the end of each day of camp, pick-up will take place between 4:30PM and 5:00PM at Glorieta Camps in our Prayer Garden. If, for any reason, a camper needs to be picked up early, parents must notify Sally Hudgins as early as possible. It should be noted that no discount will be given if a camper comes for part of the week or has to leave early at any point during camp.

## RIDES TO CAMP

In order to make coming to camp more convenient for your schedule, we also offer 'Rides to Camp'. On our website, you will find locations and pricing and the most updated information regarding drop-off/pick-up times.

## AUTHORIZED ADULTS

Authorized adults are the individuals allowed to pick-up your camper(s). These can be added during the registration process under the "Authorized Adults" section. To ensure safety, we will only allow people listed under 'Authorized Adults' to pick-up campers at the end of each day. A photo I.D. will also be required at pick-up, regardless of who is picking up the camper(s).



## ACTIVITY UPGRADES

'Activity Upgrades' are a way for us to keep the overall cost of camp low while providing you the chance to send your camper on some extra adventure. This year we will be offering White Water Rafting and Horseback Riding during specific sessions. You will be able to add these upgrades to your week of camp during registration. Full details of these upgrades can be found on our website.

## CAMP STORE & CAMP CREDIT

At least once a week (usually on Friday) campers will have the opportunity to go to our Camp Store. Our store offers a variety of camp memorabilia including hats, shirts, sweatshirts, coffee mugs, whistles, frisbees, stickers, and hammocks. In addition to the store, we will also open up our Snack Shack which will allow campers to purchase a variety of drinks, snacks and candy.

A great way to eliminate lost money while at camp is through Camp Credit. Camp Credit can be bought through our online registration system and used at any of our camp stores throughout the summer. By purchasing Camp Credit you will also be able to see what your camper is spending their money on during each visit and how much they have left.

## CLOSING CEREMONY

On Friday, between 4:00 and 4:30 PM, we will be opening up camp to parents! We want you to be a part of camp, just as much as your kids, because camp would be impossible without you! When you arrive on Friday, camp will not stop. By playing games, dancing to some crazy camp songs, and worshipping, we hope to give you a taste of what camp looks like each day! We will also be handing out Camper Awards to each camper. Our Camper Awards allow us to highlight some great qualities we saw in your campers throughout the week.

## WHAT TO BRING

- Water Bottle
- Sunscreen
- Hat and/or Sunglasses
- Bible
- Notepad and Pen
- Day Pack (small bag/backpack)
- Tennis Shoes
- Bathing Suit (modest)
- Sandals and Towel
- Medication - this will be given to medical personnel

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Toys from Home
- Cell Phones
- iPads or iPods
- Video Games
- Pets
- Personal Sports Equipment - we will provide everything needed for camp

## CLOSING LETTER

We are excited for the fun and excitement that is to come this summer and we believe that the Lord is going to do amazing things through Day Camp at Glorieta Camps. As summer grows closer, please ensure that your campers do not miss out on this great opportunity by registering your campers as soon as possible. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about registration, camp, or anything else you may have concerns about.

Thank you, again, for making Glorieta Camps a part of your summer! We are looking forward to the fun we will have with your campers and can't wait to see what the Lord has in store.

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