

GROUP LEADER INFO
TEXAS BAPTIST CAMP



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WELCOME TO FUGE

Welcome to FUGE! We are so excited you have chosen for your child to join us at our Texas Baptist Camp location in Palacios, Texas.

Thank you for choosing FUGE Camps and allowing us to partner with you in discipling your child. The information in this packet contains camp details you need to be aware of and pass along to your child. Please let us know if you have questions. You can contact us at 1.877.CAMP.123 or at fuge@lifeway.com.

FUGE Camps Team

SOCIAL MEDIA



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WHAT DID I SIGN UP FOR?

CENTRIFUGE

Centrifuge is a discipleship camp for students that includes graded Bible studies with students from other churches, recreation, and afternoon track times, all facilitated by FUGE Camp staff. Evening activities include worship, church group time, and camp-wide fellowships

CAMP SCHEDULE

Opening Day

1:00 - 4:00 PM	Registration
5:30 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Opening Celebration
8:30 PM	Students: Bible Study Groups Adults: Adult Gathering
9:45 PM	Church Group Rally
10:00 PM	Church Group Devotion
11:00 PM	In Rooms

Full Days of Camp

7:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM	Morning Celebration
8:45 AM	Recreation
10:30 AM	Students: Quiet Time/Bible Study Adults: Adult Gathering
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Track Rally
1:45 PM	Track A
2:45 PM	Track Rally
3:00 PM	Track B
4:00 PM	Hang Time
5:30 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Worship
8:30 PM	Church Group Time
9:45 PM	Night Life
10:30 PM	Hang Time
11:00 PM	In Rooms
Closing Day	
7:00 AM	Breakfast

8:00 AM Students: Quiet Time/Bible Study
 Adults: Adult Gathering
9:45 AM Closing Celebration
10:45 AM Churches Depart

*Subject to change.

BEFORE CAMP

DATES TO REMEMBER

Before February 1: You may reserve your spot anytime with no deposit due until February 1.

February 1: A non-refundable, \$60 per person deposit is required for each reservation to be paid on or before February 1. If you have already registered, you are required to pay a non-refundable, \$60 deposit per person to hold your reservation. Any new or additional reservations made after February 1 will require an immediate non-refundable, \$60 deposit per person. ALL deposits are non-refundable and cannot be applied toward balance due.

May 1 - Cancellation Deadline: All cancellations made after May 1 will incur an additional \$60 fee for each person dropped. When cancellations occur, deposits cannot be applied toward balance due.

14 Days Prior to Camp: Final balance must be received 14 days before your arrival at camp. If it is not, your group will be charged a one-time \$75 late fee. Email your participant list to the camp email address.

FORMS

To ensure the quickest registration process for you and your students, please arrive at camp with the following information and forms already completed. These forms are located on fugecamps.com under the separate Forms tab.

PRINT AND BRING

1) Group Information Form

This form provides gender and age breakdown.

2) Two FUGE Camp Participant Agreements

One notarized original and one copy with photocopies of insurance cards attached for each camper and sponsor. Please bring them separated into two sets in alphabetical order by last name. The set of notarized originals will be turned in upon arrival to FUGE and the other set of copies is to be kept with the group leader at all times.

COMPLETE AND EMAIL TO TEXASBAPTISTFUGE@GMAIL.COM

3) Church Agreement Form

Every Group Leader and Adult Sponsor at camp must have a background check. This form ensures that your adults have been properly screened. You are required to cross check every adult sponsor with the National Sex Offender Website AND run a criminal background check. One low cost option to run these background checks is found here. You do not have to use this option for your background checks if you have another company you would prefer to use.

<https://www.lifeway.com/en/shop/services/church-administration/background-checks>

Note: Please ensure that the additional requirements for camps held in Texas are met BEFORE arriving at camp. You can do this by covering the Child Protection Policy with your adults. This policy can be found at fugecamps.com on the Glorieta page under the Forms tab, titled Child Protection Policy.

4) Sponsor's Children at Camp (if applicable)

This signed form states that you will abide by the guidelines of bringing children to camp who have not completed 6th grade or higher.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

If your group is being transported on a charter bus or other vehicle that did not stay at camp with you, take into consideration the following:

- You must have transportation available to transport a student who needs medical attention and is required to go to the hospital.
- In the event of a natural disaster requiring evacuation, you must be prepared to move your group as directed.

Our recommendation is to have at least one vehicle (car, minivan, etc) with you at camp. You may need to be prepared to rent transportation should any of the situations listed above arise.

If you plan on using the charter bus for transportation during the week, you will need to secure lodging for the bus driver. The bus driver is welcome to be considered as one of your adult chaperones, as long as they will participate in supervising your students and you trust them to do so. If this is the case, you can just register him/her as an adult sponsor in your group numbers. If you do not wish to have the bus driver serve as an adult chaperone, you will need to make arrangements for his/her meals and lodging off campus.

WHAT TO BRING

- Linens, towels, pillows, blankets
- Water bottle you can refill and carry with you

- Closed-toe, closed-heel shoes (for outdoor activities)
- Bible, notepad, and pen
- Toiletries such as toothbrush and shampoo
- Sun protection
- Spending money for snacks, camp store, and missions offering (optional)
- Summer clothing (see dress code)

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, fireworks, water guns, or any kind of weapon
- We recommend no iPads, iPods, playstation portables or other gaming devices, roller blades or skateboards. If students bring cell phones or other electronics, they are not to be out and in use during programming elements: Morning Celebration, Bible Study, Worship, Night Life, Recreation and Track Times.
- Items that may be used for pranks such as water balloons, shaving cream, silly string, etc. Pranks are not allowed at camp. Your church will be charged for any damages or issues related to clean up.

ADULT SPONSOR QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In order to provide the best atmosphere and supervision, we ask all groups to bring 1 male sponsor for every 5 boys, and 1 female sponsor for every 5 girls. Due to safety and liability concerns, FUGE will not allow students to be without adult supervision in housing areas.

- All adult sponsors must be at least 19 years old; basically, someone who has been out of high school for at least one year. We encourage each church to select these sponsors at their own discretion.
- All adult sponsors must pass a background check and meet all the requirements listed in the Church Participant Agreement, located in the forms section.
- Adult sponsors are responsible for monitoring students during unprogrammed times, the dress code (check your students at breakfast) and behavior of your students. Adult sponsors should model appropriate behavior and dress code
- Adult sponsors should encourage participation and promptness by setting an example.

CAMP PROMOTION

Under the Resources tab on fugecamps.com, you will find videos to show students, fund raising ideas, payment plan logs, a parent handout and more.

AT CAMP

LOCATION INFORMATION

Address: Texas Baptist Encampment
Attn: FUGE (church/camper name)
100 1st Street
Palacios, TX 77465

*Please account for shipping times with all mail and packages.

Camp Cell Phone (not active until May 1): 615.429.2104

FUGE Camp Email Address (not active until May 1): texasbaptistfuge@gmail.com

Before May 1 Contact: Events Registration: 1.877.CAMP.123 or fuge@lifeway.com

Coordinator - Kyle Cravens: 615.251.3823 or kyle.cravens@lifeway.com

FACILITY INFORMATION

Office Number: 361.972.2717

Website: www.texasbaptistencampment.org

Housing: Lodges and hotel housing provided

Bath: Shared bathroom in lodges

Linens: Not provided

Amenities: Swimming pool and waterfront area on the bay, which includes towable banana rides pulled by a motorboat, stand-up-paddleboards, and sit-on-top kayaks. There is no extra cost. Also available are an indoor Gift Shop, outdoor SnakShak pavilion (concessions area), beach volleyball court, 3 boomball games (a.k.a. gutterball or carpetball), dodgeball pavilion, human foosball pavilion, 2 smackball (gagaball) pavilions, softball/kickball field, outdoor basketball court, inflatable waterslide, outdoor amphitheater, 5 outdoor gazebos, prayer garden, and plenty of fields for recreation. All "pavilions" or "gazebos" are covered areas. Laundry room accessible.

Average Weekly Attendance: 400

DAMAGES

Please be aware that your group is personally responsible for damages to any facilities including but not limited to the dorm room your group occupies.

ARRIVAL AT CAMP

REGISTRATION TIME

Registration will take place between 3 PM and 5 PM. Look for signs and banners to point you to FUGE Registration. You should not have to bring payment with you, unless you have changes at the last minute, as payments are due two weeks prior to arrival at camp.

T-SHIRTS

Giveaway t-shirts will be distributed during the registration process.

PICTURES

Church group photos will be taken during the registration process. Please be prepared to order your church group photos by the morning of the first full day of camp. These photos are sold as digital images on a flash drive. Photo only flash drives will cost \$15 and includes a serious and funny image. You can also order a flash drive that includes your photos AND the End of Week videos for \$35. Check with your students and sponsors to determine if they want to order a flash drive.

TRACK TIME SELECTION

All Centrifuge track selections will happen during registration upon arrival at camp. Track options will be presented to students and they will be given time to pick their track time preferences.

CAMP RULES

CELL PHONES

- The decision of cell phone usage at camp is in the hands of the Group Leader of each church.
- Throughout the week, some elements may allow students and adults to join in via social media (i.e., Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, etc.) However, these opportunities are optional and will not limit the camp experience for those who do not participate.
- Unless instructed by staff, students with cell phones are not allowed to have them out or in use during programming elements: Morning Celebration, Bible Study, Worship, Night Life, Recreation and Track Times/Ministry Tracks. Ringers should be turned to silent or vibrate.

ACTIVITIES

- Participate in all activities and be on time.
- Drink plenty of water and eat three meals a day.
- Wear closed-toe and closed-heel shoes to recreation and ministry sites.
- Wear your name tag at all times.

HOUSING

- Be in your room by 11:00 PM with lights out no later than 11:30 PM.
- No guys in girls' rooms or hallways and no girls in guys' rooms or hallways.
- No public displays of affection.
- No practical jokes.

WORSHIP

Because we desire worship to be reverent and distraction free, we request:

- No gum, food, or drinks allowed in the worship center.
- No video and flash photography are allowed in the worship center before or during the worship service.
- No tank tops during worship (sleeveless tops are allowed).

DRESS CODE

- Wear clothes that are clean, neat, and modest.
- When wearing shorts or dresses, you must be able to touch fabric when hands are extended to the back or front.
- Tank Tops are allowed during day-time activities.
- Shirts with spaghetti straps, open backs or excessive armpit cutouts that expose torso and undergarments are NOT allowed.
- Only wear one piece bathing suits when in the pool.
- Wear modest shorts, pants, jeans, or dresses for worship.
- Dresses with spaghetti or small straps, open backs, and excessively short lengths are unacceptable.
- No tank tops during worship (sleeveless tops are allowed).
- Wear closed-toe and closed-heel shoes to recreation.
- Wear your name tag at all times.

CHILDREN AT CAMP

FUGE Camps is for students having completed 6th grade through college. Bible studies, track times, recreation and other programming elements are built around the developmental needs of students in these age groups. Children, primarily older children who have completed 4th or 5th grade who are a part of your church's children's ministry, should not attend FUGE Camps for this reason. We recommend CentriKid, a camp ministry for children having completed 3rd through 6th grade.

However, we want group leaders/adults to be able to spend more time with their own children during their busy summer. Parents bringing their children to camp must complete the Sponsor's Children at Camp form during registration on opening day and abide by the guidelines below:

- Supervise your child at all times or have someone from your church supervise your child when you cannot.
- Not allow your child to participate in any camp activities, if they are under the age of 5.
- Follow the rules of the camp director in reference to what my child can or cannot do if they are age 6 or older, including but not limited to - only attending certain tracks.
- Pay for my child if he/she will be using bed space or eating meals on campus.
- Not let your child distract others from camp experiences (i.e. worship services).
- Provide a FUGE Church Participant Agreement for your child, no matter what their age.
- If your child is older than 6 years, he/she must stay in a dorm with boys, if the child is a boy and girls, if the child is a girl.

2019 BIBLE STUDY OVERVIEW

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God made the world, including us, to be perfect; with a purpose. Sin entered the world, leading to a place of brokenness for all of us. God brought redemption through Jesus. We must admit our sinfulness, repent and believe. When we do, God restores our relationship with Him and helps us navigate in a broken world.

DAY 1

DESIGN

In the beginning, God created a perfect world by His design. We see evidence of God's design all around us. He created man and woman in His image. Everyone and everything lived in harmony, and the Lord walked with them daily. God created us with a plan and purpose.

Life Questions: How were we created? What was God's design? What is our purpose?

Scripture: Genesis 1:27, 2:15-18, 21-25; John 1:1-5; Psalm 139:14-17; Ephesians 2:10

Key Verse: John 1:3-4

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DAY 2

BROKEN

The first man and woman chose to distort God's perfect design and selfishly insisted on doing things their way, which led to a place of sin and brokenness, causing separation from God, leading to death. Every man and woman to follow has made that same choice. But, God did not leave us in our brokenness but sent His Son, Jesus in human form to rescue us through His death for our sin. This Good News is that we now have eternal life through Christ and death is not our end.

Life Questions: What is sin? How did we depart from God's design through sin? How do we attempt to fix our brokenness? How does the gospel of Jesus answer the questions that brokenness brings?

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-7; Proverbs 14:12; Romans 1:25, 3:23, 5:12, 6:23; John 3:16

Key Verse: Romans 6:23

DAY 3

TURN

Simply hearing the Good News is not enough. We must admit that we are broken and that we cannot fix it on our own; we need to be rescued. We must ask God to forgive us, turning from sin to trust only in Jesus. Believing, we receive new life through Jesus, and God turns our lives in a new direction.

Life Questions: What sacrifice was made for our sins? What is repentance? What takes place when we repent?

Scripture: Genesis 3:8-24; John 3:18; Acts 3:19; Romans 10:9; Ephesians 2:8-9; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Colossians 2:14

Key Verse: Acts 3:19

DAY 4

RESTORE

When God restores our relationship to Him, we are made new and will discover our meaning and purpose. God's Spirit empowers us to pursue His design and assures us of His presence. He has promised us a new heaven and new earth which will complete the restoration of a broken world.

Life Questions: Have you allowed God to restore you with the Good News of Jesus? How are you pursuing God's Design in your life?

Scripture: Philippians 2:13; Matthew 6:33; John 16:7-15; Revelation 21:1-7

Key Verse: Revelation 21:3

MISSIONS OVERVIEW

Every summer at FUGE Camps, we collect a missions offering. That offering is collected at each location every week and at the end of the summer is distributed between the International Mission Board (IMB) with a focus on East Asia, the North American Mission Board (NAMB) with an emphasis on backpacks, and local community ministries that MFUGE participants work with throughout the summer.

NIGHT LIFE

NIGHT LIFE #1

Scavenger Hunt

Bible Study Groups will compete against each other in a type of scavenger hunt over the campus.

NIGHT LIFE #2

Restoration Mosaic

Church groups will interact with pieces of an art installation by writing and reflecting on certain prompts that center around the topic of Restoration.

MEGA RELAY

Get your game faces on and come ready to compete for the FUGE Cup! This year's theme will be tropical so bring your best tropical attire!

CHURCH GROUP AND PARENT DEVOTIONS

Church Group Time is when each church group comes together in the evenings to debrief the day. This time usually lasts one hour. The Group Leader needs to determine what should be discussed or taught. The FUGE office provides a guide for this time which can be found on fugecamps.com after April 1. Print this material and bring it to camp with you, if you choose to use it.

Parent Devotions are also available on fugecamps.com after April 1. This resource is for you to give parents so they can study what students are learning in Bible study.

AFTER CAMP

AFTER CAMP BIBLE STUDY AND QUIET TIMES

FUGE Camps provides an After Camp Bible Study designed to follow the camp experience. Use the four-session Bible Study as Sunday School curriculum or for your mid-week events. Students are provided ten after camp quiet times.

These resources can be found on fugecamps.com beginning April 1. Students will need to click on “I’m a Student” to gain access to the quiet times.

OTHER RESOURCES

LifeWay Student Ministry offers many resources including ongoing curriculum, short-term studies, girl’s and guy’s specific studies, DNow curriculum, and a daily devotion magazine. Check out lifeway.com/students



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