



Spring, 2021

Dear Group Leaders and Campers,

On behalf of the GTBN Youth Camp Team I'd like to thank you for joining us for Purpose Week 2021!

Purpose Week, aka the GTBN Youth Camp, is a week dedicated to challenging teens with the truth of God's word. Everything, from Worship and Rec to Late Night, is planned with a purpose, pointing campers to the cross. Our aim is that unsaved teens will receive a clear presentation of the gospel and that believing youth will grow in their commitment as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our camp pastor this year is Felman Malveaux. Felman, a graduate of Hamshire Fannett High School and the University of Michigan, is in the pastoral residency program at First Baptist Church in Beaumont.

Our worship band is from Spring Creek Fellowship in Big Spring, Texas.

Kicking off Purpose Week on Monday night is up and coming Christian recording artist, Hulvey. You can sample his music on YouTube and Spotify.

Please pray for the camp team as we complete preparations. Be assured we are praying for you and the students you bring. If you have questions, please contact us by email at office@gtbn.us.

We'll see you in June!

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Purpose Week Tentative Schedule 2021

Monday, June 28th

2:00-4:00pm – Check-In (Swim Test Available)
4:45pm – Leader Meeting @ Tabernacle
5:00pm – Dinner
6:00pm – Welcome/Hulvey Concert
7:00pm – Worship
8:30pm – Church Group Time @ CGLocation
10:00pm – Get Settled
11:45pm – Cabin Time
11:59pm – Light Out!

Tuesday June 29th – Thursday July 1st

8:00am – Breakfast
8:45am – Morning Worship (Come ready for REC)
9:45am – Church Group Discussion
10:15am – REC
11:30am – Clean Up
12:00pm – Lunch
1:00pm – Electives (TBA)
2:00pm – Free Time
 2:30-3:30pm Tournaments
 2:30-4:30pm Pool Available
4:30pm – Clean up for Dinner/Worship
5:30pm – Dinner
6:30pm – Church Group Time @ CGLocations
7:00pm – Worship
8:30pm – Church Group Time @ CGLocations
10:00pm – Late Night
11:45pm – Cabin Time
11:59pm – Light Out!

Friday July 2nd

8:00am – Breakfast
8:45am – Morning Worship
9:30am – Camp Clean-Up
10:30am – Final Farewell
11:00am – Load Up and Leave

ETBE COVID-19 Policies Summer Camp 2021

We are excited about the prospect of having camp once again this summer and are looking forward to hosting campers of all ages. Governor Gregg Abbott has lifted most of the restrictions regarding limiting the spread of the covid-19 virus. The goal of ETBE is to maintain the safety of all our guests while they reside on our campus. With this in mind ETBE will be continuing the following to make sure that everyone has a positive camp experience:

- 1) Churches will complete a screening roster listing each camper arriving at camp. This roster will verify the camper has a normal temperature, is not currently displaying symptoms of covid-19, and has not been in close contact with a person who tested positive for the virus.
- 2) ETBE food service will continue not providing any self-serve food items in the dining hall. In addition salt, peper, and all other condiments will be provided in individual packages.
- 3) ETBE cleaning staff will sanitize each restroom facility according to state health standards across the campus daily. Dorms will also be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized between camp sessions.
- 4) Restroom facilities will have hand soap and sanitizer at every sink and hand sanitizer stations will be scattered across the campus.
- 5) Any camper displaying symptoms will be referred to the camp nurse, isolated from all other campers, and picked up by a parent.
- 6) Visitors to ETBE will need to check in at the camp office and complete the screen process.

Thank you for helping us to keep all of our campers safe while they enjoy a great summer camp experience at East Texas Baptist Encampment.

Arriving at East Texas Baptist Encampment

- 1) **Registration-** Registration is the first step upon your arrival and is done in the ETBE Office. It is first come first served.
 - ↳ One person from each group will go and make any changes to your registration, turn in all forms, and pay the balance due
 - ↳ Dorm assignments will be given
 - ↳ All medication will be turned in to the Nurse
- 2) **Lodging-** Each church is assigned just enough bunks for your group. Please keep your group together using both top and bottom bunks.
 - ↳ Unpack, choose beds, and settle into your cabin
 - ↳ Hand out the lanyards and camp booklet (Some camps may not have lanyards or booklets)
 - ↳ Take a moment and look over the information in the booklet
- 3) **Schedule-** The schedule is what makes the camp run smoothly. It's very important to follow it and to make sure you and your campers are where they should be.
- 4) **ETBE Rules-** Please read the rules and go over them with your campers. This will help set the guidelines and boundaries for everyone.
- 5) **Swim Test-** The swim test is done during registration. This will be the only time it is offered. Please remember that **NO SWIM TEST** means **NO DEEP END SWIMMING OR DIVING** during your stay. This will only take a few minutes and when you are done you can change into your dry clothes and go explore the camp.
- 6) **Dining Hall-** The Dining Hall is first come first served and is open for 30 minutes from the start of each meal time. Seconds are called as soon as the line is served and until the food is gone. **Shoes and Shirts must be worn in the Dining Hall and Annex.**
- 7) **The Stand-** The Stand is the place to buy your sodas, candy, ice cream, snacks, etc. and will be open at different times throughout your stay at the camp. Ice is available during these scheduled times. Please check your schedule for those times.
- 8) **The Store-** The Store carries an assortment of items like T-Shirts, Jewelry, notepads, pens, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.
- 9) **Home Away from Home-** Remember that ETBE will be your home away from home during your stay. As a sponsor, a few items may make your stay more comfortable.
 - ↳ Ziploc bags for opened food. (Helps keep bugs away)
 - ↳ Trash bags for dirty laundry
 - ↳ Mosquito spray
- 10) As sponsors, your campers will look to you when they have lost, forgotten or run out of certain items.
 - ↳ Change for a dollar bill
 - ↳ Pen/Pencil
 - ↳ Note Paper
 - ↳ Soap/Shampoo

Activities at East Texas Baptist Encampment

The following activities are schedule specific so be sure and check your booklet and schedule to see when these activities are offered. These activities **MUST** be facilitated by **ETBE Staff**.

- ◆ Swimming
- ◆ Rifle Range
- ◆ Ropes Course
- ◆ Water Slides
- ◆ Archery
- ◆ Canoeing
- ◆ Paddle Boating
- ◆ Kayaking

ETBE has Basketballs, Volleyballs and Tetherballs set up and available around the camp for your use. The Dodge Ball Court is available but must be supervised by a sponsor. Ping Pong tables are located in the Breezeway. Ping Pong balls may be purchased in The Store or the ETBE Camp Office for \$.25 each

What to Bring

- ◆ Bible (Name & Address in it)
- ◆ Twin Bed Sheets or Sleeping Bag
- ◆ Blanket & Pillow
- ◆ Towels and Washcloths
- ◆ Pen and/or Pencil/Paper
- ◆ Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- ◆ Brush and/or Comb
- ◆ Shampoo/Soap/Deodorant
- ◆ Sunscreen/Insect Repellant
- ◆ Flashlight
- ◆ Flip Flops/Tennis Shoes
- ◆ Money for The Stand, The Store and for Mission Offerings

Clothes need to be reflective of a Christian lifestyle.

- ◆ No sleeveless clothing for boys or girls
- ◆ Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than fingertip length with arms and hands straight down at sides while standing
- ◆ Low cut necklines, sheer clothing, clothing that is too tight and clothing that shows bare midriff are not allowed. No clothing that displays inappropriate slogans, advertisements or artwork.
- ◆ Appropriate shorts are allowed during the worship services
- ◆ Swimsuits must be modest one piece or 2 piece with a dark colored t-shirt over it
- ◆ Cover up must be worn to and from pool and slide area
- ◆ You may need a set of clothes that can be worn for messy games
- ◆ **Shoes must be worn at all times**

What Not To Bring

In trying to figure out what items you shouldn't allow your campers to bring try to remember why you are here and any items that would distract or cause others to be distracted should be left at home. These items include;

- ◆ Cell Phones or pagers
- ◆ MP/3 players
- ◆ CD players
- ◆ iPods
- ◆ Radios
- ◆ Televisions
- ◆ Any type of electronic games or equipment
- ◆ Computers of any kind
- ◆ Duct Tape
- ◆ Spray Paint/Body Paint/Face paint
- ◆ Water Balloons
- ◆ Shaving Cream/Silly String
- ◆ Drugs/Alcohol/Any Form of Tobacco
- ◆ Firearms/Knives/Any other Weapons
- ◆ Fireworks

General Rules

For the safety of the campers, these rules must be enforced. Christian conduct is expected at all times. Sponsors are responsible for the dress and conduct of their group and should know the location of their campers.

- 1) **ALL GUESTS MUST BE REGISTERED on arrival.**
- 2) All serious injuries and illnesses must be reported immediately to the camp Nurse and ETBE camp office. For life-threatening emergencies call 911.
- 3) Meeting rooms and accommodations will be assigned by ETBE administration.
- 4) Campfires are to be scheduled before arrival and may be built at designated areas unless unfavorable winds or fire ban.
- 5) Campers under the age of 18 years of age must have authorization from parents for medical aid to be administered if the need should arise. A signature by a parent/legal guardian is required on an ETBE medical release form.
- 6) All prescription and non-prescription drugs must be in original containers and deposited with the camp nurse and dispensed by the camp nurse
- 7) Guests staying in dorms must furnish their own linens, towels, pillows and personal items. Beds are twin size. Motel rooms have furnished linens.
- 8) No equipment, beds or other furniture may be moved without permission from the ETBE office. All must be replaced to original place before leaving.
- 9) Schedule times for in dorms and lights out shall be strictly enforced by adult sponsors.
- 10) Swimming and/or waterfront activities are not allowed without an ETBE lifeguard on duty.
- 11) Foul language will not be permitted.
- 12) The use or possession of alcoholic beverages or unauthorized drugs will not be tolerated. No tobacco products of any kind are allowed in buildings, on porches or under the breezeway.

- 13) Clothes need to be reflective of a modest Christian lifestyle. No sleeveless clothing for boys or girls. No clothing that displays inappropriate slogans, advertisements or artwork. Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than fingertip length with arms and hands straight down at sides while standing. Low cut necklines, sheer clothing, clothing that is too tight and clothing that shows bare midriff are not allowed. Appropriate shorts are allowed during the worship services. Swimsuits must be modest one piece or 2 piece with a dark colored t-shirt over it. Cover up must be worn to and from pool and slide area. Shoes must be worn at all times.
- 14) Prank items such as shaving cream, silly string, water balloons, etc. are not allowed.
- 15) No ironing clothes on mattresses, carpets or countertops.
- 16) Firearms and fireworks are not permitted.
- 17) Cell Phone Policy for Campers: Campers are not allowed to possess cell phones at camp. "Possess" means carry on their person, keep in their luggage, or otherwise have access to without the supervision of a sponsor.
- 18) Cell Phone Policy for Sponsors: Sponsors must not allow cell phones to distract others or themselves from the camp program, Phone usage must be limited to only absolutely necessary calls, messages, or internet activity while at camp. Adults may use phones for note-taking, Bible reading & appropriate image capturing while at camp.
- 19) There are trash cans provided throughout the camp please help us keep the campgrounds free of litter, so everyone can enjoy the beauty of God's creation.
- 20) All vehicles should be parked upon arrival at camp. Any use of vehicles, golf carts and /or atv's during camp session must be authorized by ETBE Executive Director.
- 21) Any food items must be kept in a sealed container or bag to avoid problems with ants and other pests.
- 22) Food or drink is not allowed in the Tabernacle.
- 23) Any use of nails, glue, tape, putty or staples of any kind must be approved by Camp Management or payment for repair of surfaces may be required.
- 24) All campers, sponsors and group leaders will be expected to attend all worship services, conferences, classes and observe rest periods.
- 25) Pets are not allowed.
- 26) Inappropriate discharge of fire extinguishers may result in a charge to cover the cost to refill the fire extinguisher and any damages that are incurred.
- 27) No merchandise of any type may be sold on camp without the authorization of ETBE Executive Director.
- 28) Campers are not allowed to enter the dorms or motel rooms of the opposite sex for any reason.
- 29) Public displays of affection are not allowed.

General Information

Main Office Hours: 8:00 am—5:00 pm

Main Office Phone: (409) 379-2737

After 5:00pm: (409) 379-2737 ex 303

Camp Nurse: (409)-276-8477

First Aid & Medication Dispensing: All medications for campers and sponsors must be turned in to the nurse. (Texas State Law requires all prescription and non-prescription medications to be secured and dispensed only by the camp's designated licensed health officer.) ETBE will provide First Aid and dispensing of all medications during your stay at camp. A designated location for the dispensing of medications will be assigned by the camp nurse at the beginning of camp. All campers and sponsors must report to the designated location at the scheduled times to receive their medications. The church contact person who is present during the camp is responsible for seeing that all campers from their church reports to the nurse for each scheduled dose of medication. The nurse's base station is located in Motel Room # 15. You may contact them by calling (409) 276-8477

Incoming Mail: Mail for the campers is always an issue for camp. If you follow the few suggestions below you should not have any problems. Be sure that family members know to put the Church, Camper's Name and what camp your child is attending on each envelope. Any mail not received while at camp will be returned to sender. Realize that mail needs to be mailed a day or two before camp to ensure that it arrives while the camper is at camp. Mail will be distributed daily by the Camp Director at whatever time he/she decides.

Outgoing Mail: You may bring your mail to the Main Office. Stamps are available for purchase at the current rate.

Maintenance Requests: During Sponsor Orientation you will be given a phone number to call for maintenance problems. Please report a toilet overflowing, broken water pipes or a power outage to the Main Office immediately.

ETBE Student and Sponsor Registration Requirements and Instructions

Adult Sponsor Required Forms

- 1) ETBE Registration/Medical Form for each person.
- 2) Copy of the Child Protection Certificate dated in last two years.
- 3) Background Check dated in the last 12 months for each person.
- 4) Medications in Ziploc bag with Medication form if applicable.

Student Required Forms

- 1) ETBE Registration/Medical Form for each person.
- 2) Medications in Ziploc bag with Medication form if applicable.

Please bring one copy of each completed form to be turned into the office at the time of check-in. Please leave all forms intact with no staples and as few creases as possible. You may make a copy of all forms for your records. Forms returned to ETBE will be scanned for electronic storage and hard copies will be destroyed after your week of camp.

A \$10.00 charge will be applied to each background check the ETBE office processes.

It is hoped that this streamlined paperwork process will make the check-in process much smoother and easier for campers to come to ETBE.

Registration/Medical Form

Updated Jan. 2019

Name _____ Gender: [] Male [] Female
Phone Number _____ Email Address _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Sponsor or Grade Completed: _____ Current Age _____ Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY) _____
(SPONSORS **MUST** BE 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER)

Church _____ City _____

T-Shirt Size: Youth [] S [] M [] L Adult [] S [] M [] L [] XL [] 2XL [] 3XL [] 4XL

Emergency Contact Name _____ Relationship to Camper _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Alternate Contact Name _____ Relationship to Camper _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Medical Info

List Relevant Medical History/Condition(S) that would help us meet the campers needs (example: seizures, diabetes, past surgery, etc.)

Known Allergies _____

Current Medications (List and Instructions) _____

Is camper up to date on their tetanus vaccine: [] YES [] NO

Health Insurance Company: _____ Insurance Phone: _____

Group #: _____ ID# _____ Insurance Address: _____

Doctors' Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

AUTHORIZATION

I have read and understand the camp rules. I agree that my child (or I) will abide by them while at **East Texas Baptist Encampment** hereafter referred to as **ETBE**. If my child (or I) does (do) not abide by these rules, I understand that they (or I) could be sent home at my expense at the discretion of the camp director and camp administration. I also consent & give permission for the use of photographs of my child (or myself) taken while at camp to be used in the promotion of **East Texas Baptist Encampment** on the **ETBE** camp webpage or printed materials.

Parent/Guardian: I hereby give my consent for the above-named camper to take part in activities such as Ropes Challenge Course, Rifle Range, Archery and other activities occurring within the camp program. If in the event of an emergency, I cannot be reached, I hereby give my consent for **ETBE** camp administration or church leadership to sign for emergency medical care should it be necessary. I understand that every effort will be made to provide the safest environment possible at camp, but that accidents can and do occur. I agree not to hold liable the sponsoring church, the camp staff, or **ETBE** in the case of an unforeseen event.

I also understand that **ETBE** is associated with the Southern Baptist Convention and my child has permission to receive religious guidance and training that is consistent with the beliefs of the Baptist denomination.

I hereby give consent to the **ETBE** Camp Health Officer to administer the following non-prescription drugs as needed:
(Place a check mark after each medication that you authorize) Aspirin [] Tylenol [] Ibuprofen [] Benadryl []

Signature _____ Date _____ Parent/Guardian - Adult Sponsor
(Please circle one)

