



# **Camper Handbook**

## **2024**

**We are so glad you have chosen to spend time at**  
**Daniel Springs Baptist Camp**

DSBC was established in 1965 by the Baptist Missionary Association of America.

**Our purpose...** To provide an age-appropriate opportunity for all youth to experience the presence of God through prayer, Bible study, small group and fellowship, and recreation.

**Our program...** To provide a Bible-based program designed to help all youth grow in their relationship with Christ and to equip them to do the work of their ministry. To provide recreation that will challenge them to work with their peers as a team in a way that will bring honor to God.

**Our promise...** To do everything possible to bring all campers to a one-on-one relationship with Jesus Christ. To encourage students to be strong in their commitment to Christ in three areas: personal life, family life and church life.

**Our facilities...** DSBC is located in Gary, Texas on 54 acres. Our current accommodations include 19 air-conditioned cabins that can accommodate between 20-24 campers each, and 3 air-conditioned and heated dorms that can accommodate between 30 to 48 campers per unit. We also have a retreat center with two bunk style rooms that sleep 50 each and a large meeting space that will easily accommodate 100. The retreat center includes a kitchen making it a great all-in-one space. Small tabernacles are scattered around the campgrounds for small group time and Bible study groups.

For recreation we have a large swimming pool, softball/baseball field, basketball court, grass volleyball court, ping-pong tables, gaga pits, yard games, archery tag, paddleboats, and fishing areas.

**Registration...** Camp registration begins weeks, even months before camp starts. All registration is due in full before your chosen week to attend. All fees are payable through our website by credit card or e-check at [www.danielspringscamp.com](http://www.danielspringscamp.com). All registrations are non-refundable, but may be transferred to an alternate camper or to another event within the same calendar year. Please visit the website for the fee associated with your event. All late registrations will incur an additional \$35 late fee per camper and t-shirts will not be provided. Lodging requests will be considered, but not guaranteed. All camper changes must be approved through the office in advance.

**What to bring - suggested items...** Bible, toiletries, towel, shower shoes, bedding (twin sheet set or sleeping bag & pillow), umbrella, swimsuit (one

piece), crazy hat for theme day, flashlight, notebook, clothes for the week, and spending money. Dress for the week is casual.

**Dress code...** Shoes must be always worn. No sleeveless, tank tops, leggings or revealing clothes are to be worn. T-shirts and hats cannot promote alcohol, tobacco, drug use or undesirable messages. Shorts may be worn during the day, but capris, pants, jeans or knee length or longer skirts are most appropriate for evening worship. All shorts must be within one hand's width of the top of the knee. Males are expected to always wear a t-shirt except in the pool or in their cabin. Females must wear a cover-up to the pool and must wear a t-shirt in the pool if in a two-piece swimsuit.

**Canteen & Gift Shop...** Both the canteen and the gift shop will be open during posted times each day except the day of departure. Soft drinks, snacks, candy, chips, ice cream and bagged ice are available for purchase at the canteen when open. Drink machines are located beside the canteen and available throughout the day. T-shirts, stuffed animals, sunglasses, toiletries (limited), jewelry, novelty items, drinks and candy are available for purchase at the gift shop. Credit cards are welcome in the canteen and gift shop for purchases over \$5.00 with a \$1.00 added service fee to offset transaction fees. All sales are final.

**Visitors...** We are a closed campus and DO NOT allow visitors on site during the week for the safety and protection of both our campers and staff. The only visitors allowed per se are delivery drivers of camp goods, necessary maintenance contractors and state health inspectors. These visitors will check in at the administration office. If a church group must have a visitor escort their group to camp to help deliver them, they must always remain in their vehicle while on campgrounds.

**Check in...** Check-in will begin for Girls Discipleship Retreat at 1:00PM. Check-in for Pre-Teen, Combo, Ark-La-Tex, and Student camps will begin at 3:00PM. During check-in, all medication (including over the counter) in their original containers will be turned into the Health Care Manager or Health Care Assistant.

During check in, groups will receive lodging assignments. As some facilities may be under maintenance, we insist that all groups must check in before heading to any cabins or dorms. Please do not arrive any earlier than one hour before check-in as preparations will still be underway. Staff will not be in place to begin registration until 1:00PM for Girls Discipleship Retreat and 3:00pm for all other camps.

Please also keep in mind that lunch is not served on the day of arrival. The first meal will be dinner that evening.

**Illness...** In cases of illness, campers should inform their sponsor and then visit the first aid building. The camper will be assessed for prevailing symptoms by the Health Care Manager or Health Care Assistant. If the first aid staff deems necessary, the camper will be referred to a doctor at the hospital in Carthage, 10 miles north of the camp. All daily medications of a camper/sponsor will be dispensed by the first aid staff and logged per dose.

## **Camp Rules**

**Conduct-** Every camper is expected to conduct themselves in a Christian manner and obey all the rules.

**Lights out-** This time will be specified on each camper's daily schedule and no camper is to outside their cabin after this time.

**Building use-** Any damage done to the buildings will be assessed by the camp director and the group responsible will be charged for repairs. Each cabin must be swept and clean on Friday before departure.

**Swimming pool & Lake-** No night swimming allowed. Swimming is only allowed at designated times. Do not enter the lake or pool area until permission is granted by the lifeguard. No running, no food or glass drink containers inside the pool area. Swimmers must be covered while walking to and from the lake & pool. Every swimmer, including sponsors, will obey commands of lifeguard or forfeit swim time. All swimmers must submit to a swim test and receive a swim band as appropriate.

**No lake activities including fishing (with your own equipment- catch & release) or water activities without an on-duty lifeguard.** You should not be at the lake except during scheduled waterfront times, typically 2-4pm each day. Fishing and water activities are only allowed while lifeguards are on duty. Paddleboats may not be untethered or taken down to the dock except by trained staff. Anyone participating in lake activities MUST wear a lifejacket, except while fishing from the bank. There is absolutely no standing or leaning over the paddleboats. Misuse of equipment will result in forfeiture of allotted time and lake privileges.

**Out of bounds-** Boys are not permitted in the girls' area of the camp and girls are not allowed in the boys' area except during loading and unloading your group.

**Cafeteria-** No meals will be eaten away from designated eating areas. After eating, each camper must remove plates and cups and silverware to the

designated garbage area. Styrofoam cups must remain at garbage area. Food is not to be taken back to your cabin. Tampering with food items will not be tolerated. The cafeteria will continue to be disinfected thoroughly after each meal.

**Attendance-** All campers are required to attend all Bible study classes and services at the worship center. Attendance is taken to ensure camper safety. No one should be in the cabins during class or worship. If ill, camper is expected to be at the first aid building.

**Sponsors-** There must be one responsible adult (over 18 years old) for every 10 campers from your group. The sponsors are responsible for discipline and dress of their group. No church will be registered without qualified sponsors who submit to a background check annually and receive training in Child Abuse Awareness through *Protect My Ministry*.

**Use of autos-** Parking around cafeteria is limited; try to leave your vehicle at your cabin. Do not exceed the posted speed limit signs. Do not ride on outside of autos or vans or on tailgate of trucks. Please do not drive across the large rec field or park in front of main tabernacle. Camp golf carts are strictly for personnel usage.

**Prohibited-** Laser pointers, firearms, fireworks, water pistols, water balloons, drugs and alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the campgrounds. Use of tobacco in any form is not allowed. All pranks are prohibited and if caught pranksters will be sent home immediately.

**Privacy-** Respect the privacy of others. Use of radios, iPods, and cell phones is discouraged. Take the time to get away, unplug, and draw closer to God!

Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion from the camp. Choosing to not comply will result in a forfeit of camp fees and camp privileges.