



LEADER GUIDE 2024

DANIEL SPRINGS BAPTIST CAMP LEADER GUIDE

The Daniel Springs staff has been praying for you and your students! We know that the Lord has mighty things in store for us all! There are a lot of ways students can spend their time this summer, and we are so blessed that your church has chosen to attend camp at Daniel Springs Baptist Camp!

Daniel Springs Baptist Camp 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... Daniel Springs 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 4 air-conditioned and heated dorms that can accommodate between 30 to 48 campers per unit. Small open-air tabernacles are scattered around the campgrounds for small group time and Bible study groups.

REGISTRATION... Camp registration begins weeks, even months before camp starts. All registration is due in full at the time of spot requests. All fees are payable through our website at 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. All transfer requests must be requested in writing to jessica@danielspringscamp.com. Changes to t-shirt orders cannot be made once late registration begins. Please visit the website for the fee associated with your event. All late registrations will incur an additional \$35 late fee per camper and do not include a t-shirt. Lodging requests will be considered, but not guaranteed.

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.

CHECK IN DAY... 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.

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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 attendees who become ill will be assessed as to whether they may remain at camp by camp leadership. All daily medications of ALL attendees will be dispensed by the first aid staff and logged per dose.

CAMP RULES

CONDUCT- Every attendee is expected to abide by and obey all rules set by Daniel Springs Baptist Camp.

LIGHTS OUT- This time will be specified on each camper's daily schedule and no camper is to be 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 group is asked to help pick up after themselves. Staff will come by cabins to retrieve trash bags. Please ensure all personal items are removed from cabins 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- Please make sure to use the hand sanitizer station upon entering the 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. 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 their group abiding by the rules. 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*.

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,

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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 remain in their vehicle at all times while on campgrounds.

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.

HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT AT CAMP THIS SUMMER

ADULT WELCOME MEETING- All sponsors are encouraged to meet with our Camp Director, Jason Prewitt, for important welcome information in the tabernacle immediately following Opening Celebration Sunday evening. (*This meeting is for all camps except for Girls Discipleship Retreat.*)

CELEBRATION TIME- Attendees gather to kick off each day and end the week in a high-energy paced time of music, skits, and announcements.

BIBLE STUDY- Attendees will be led in Bible study each day by Daniel Springs' staff. Campers will be divided into Bible study teams by age and group size. Make sure to join the adult Bible study for fellowship and words of encouragement!

REC TIME- Each day attendees will have both organized and free rec time! Organized rec time is high-energy outdoor fun and games. Be prepared to get wet!! Free rec time allows attendees to choose from paddleboats, swimming, gaga ball, basketball, ping-pong, and other activities.

CRAFT TIME- We will offer crafts in the cafeteria with the *\$5 SPECIALTY CRAFT* on Tuesday. Campers may pay this optional fee upon arrival to participate in craft time.

TOURNAMENTS- Attendees will have the opportunity to sign up on the first day of camp for tournaments in basketball, volleyball, ping pong, checkers, kickball, ultimate Frisbee, urban assault and archery tag.

WORSHIP- Every evening attendees gather in the tabernacle for a time of worship through music, prayer, and a message from our camp pastor.

CHURCH GROUP DEVOTION- Each church group will be assigned a meeting place at check-in for their church group devotion. This is a time for your church group to unwind and talk about how the Lord is working in each person's life.

CANTEEN & GENERAL STORE- The canteen will be open periodically during the day and in the evening after church group devotion time. Attendees may choose to bring money to purchase items such as drinks, candy, chips, snacks, etc. Ice is also available for purchase here. Drink machines are located beside the canteen and available

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throughout the day. The canteen accepts cash only. The General Store will be open during the day and in the evening after church group devotion for items such as t-shirts, jewelry, sunglasses, stuffed animals, and snacks. Credit cards are welcome for purchases over \$5.00 with a \$1.00 added service fee to offset transaction fees in the store. All sales are final.

THEME DAY- Attendees are encouraged to participate by dressing up for “Crazy Hat Day” during first morning celebration. Earn extra points for your team by participating! Daniel Springs staff will be joining in on the fun!

AFTERGLOW- Every year is different! We have an ALL-NEW AFTERGLOW taking place one evening after worship this summer with you! Come see what the fun is all about!

MISSIONS OFFERING- An offering will be taken once during camp to support missions. This year we will be supporting the Everlasting Smile Program. All monies raised will be used to purchase Bibles and help offset shipping costs. Attendees are encouraged to give as the Lord speaks to them. We also encourage church groups to bring items to fill the shoeboxes. Please see below list of suggested items.

Ideal Gift Suggestions

TOYS! - Dolls, Stuffed Animals, Cars, Balls, Musical Instruments, Puzzles, Jump Ropes, Blocks, Finger Puppets, Play Jewelry, Hair Bows

SCHOOL SUPPLIES - Coloring Books, Crayons, Notepads, 3 Pencils, Notebooks, Stickers

HEALTH ITEMS - Washcloths, Bar soap, Toothbrushes (NO TOOTHPASTE), Combs, Brushes, Sunglasses

BIBLE DONATION - Please include \$1 per box to assist in providing Bibles in the language for each area.

DO NOT INCLUDE - Used or damaged items; Any war-related items like toy guns (including water guns), knives, or toy soldiers; Breakable items (including nail polish and mirrors); Balloons; Decks of cards; Play-doh; Candy; Liquids or lotions; Sewing kits; Markers; Glue of any kind; Deodorant - NO TOOTHPASTE THIS YEAR!

