

XP CAMP 2010 – JULY 5-10

Dear Camper,

We are so excited that you've decided to spend a week in the woods at Disciples Crossing this summer, learning about God's love for you. Wherever you are in your walk of faith, from just beginning to wonder about Jesus, to long-time committed follower and servant, God has something great for you during this week. A group of adult and youth leaders have spent months in prayer and preparation so that you and they are ready for what God is going to do. I hope you're getting ready to discover – **God has a plan, and it includes you!**

Please be sure to share the rest of this letter with your parent/guardian....

Camp begins with registration at 10am on Monday, July 5th on the 'Creative' (NORTH) side of Disciples Crossing Retreat, East of Athens on Hwy 31. Camp ends at 10:15am on Saturday, July 10th. By lunch time on Monday 7/5, you will have been greeted by the camp staff, found your bed, met lots of other campers, played some fun games, and that's just the first morning! The camp provides a great opportunity to be out in nature, watching and listening to all God's wonderful creatures in the Piney Woods of East Texas. We will be spending lots of time outdoors, so...

Please be sure you've got Bug Repellent and Sun Screen that work well for you. If you have pollen allergies, be sure to have your medication and necessary paperwork to turn in when you arrive. If you normally take medication during the school year, you'll want to stay on and bring that same medication with you, to ensure that you have the very best week possible and get the most out of every study, discussion, keynote, lab, game and all the other activities we have planned. ALL Meds require the appropriate documentation and will be turned in to the camp nurse when you arrive.

Bring your Bible, one you are comfortable reading from and carrying with you – if you don't have one, no problem. We should have enough to share. If you have a journal, sketch pad, or other place to record your thoughts and experiences, you may want to bring that too. Do you play a musical instrument, sing, dance, or do some other art form that could be offered in worship? Be ready – bring your instrument, dance shoes, whatever you need. Do you have some other special talent that you could offer to God as a service or ministry? If so, bring what you need to share that, if you can (if you have any questions, please feel free to email us: cakey24@hotmail.com, rev.carpenter@yahoo.com).

What to bring:

- Bible
- Play Clothes (shorts, shirts, jeans, socks, underwear, pjs...)
- Shoes – tennis, swimming, and shower shoes / flip flops – (the pool can rub blisters on your feet)
- Swimming Stuff – suit & towel
- Bedding – sleeping bag or blanket, and sheets, and pillow – camp provides a mattress on a bunk bed
- Toiletries (towel, wash cloth, soap, shampoo, toothbrush/paste, deodorant...)
- Required meds w/instructions in ORIGINAL drugstore container (will be given to and distributed by camp nurse)
- Flashlight
- Money for canteen – you will be limited to one drink and one candy per day – plus DC shirt, hat or other souvenirs)
- Postcards, stamps, envelopes, addresses, pencil or pen (if you want to write home)
- Bag for dirty clothes
- Insect repellent & lots of sunscreen

Optional:

- Camera/film
- Fishing Gear
- Talent Show Instruments/props
- 80's themed clothing for dance night

Do not bring: (we will return these items to you at the end of camp if you bring them)

- Food/candy/gum
- Radios/electronic items/ IPODS
- Cell phones
- Fireworks

** Although we realize that cell phones are a great way of keeping in touch with family and friends, they tend to be a distraction at camp. If you bring any of these things (listed above) we will take them and return them to you at the end of the week. Thanks for your cooperation!*

Activities while at camp:

Disciple's Crossing provides swimming, a giant water slide, boating, fishing, hiking, biking, basketball, volleyball, football, baseball, and soccer. In addition, we will have art and craft labs which include painting, drawing, collage, jewelry making, friendship bracelets, beadwork, and lanyards. Also, if you like to fish, you may want to bring a pole and small tackle box – there is a lake, but our fishing supplies are limited. Our evening activities for the week will also include a talent show and an 80's themed dance night. So please bring themed clothing for the 80's night and whatever you might need to participate in the talent show. It should be fun!

Like most things, what you get out of camp depends a lot on what you bring – what you personally contribute to the experience and how opened you are to participating. So please, come with a hopeful attitude, come prayed-up and ready to encounter Christ, come expecting a blessing, and you are likely to find what you seek. Keep in mind, that before we sought God, God was already calling out to us, seeking to be in relationship with YOU.

God loves you, and there is nothing you have done, or could do, that will ever change that. Nothing that has or may be done to you can change it either. Our hope and prayer this summer is that as you come to camp, you are ready to have an experience that takes your relationship with God forward in a meaningful way. We are going to have such a great time playing and learning and making friends, and we are so very grateful that you are going to share the week with us.

If any of your family or friends would like to send you mail while you are away, here is the address for mail at camp. If anyone wants to mail you a letter or package, remember to MAIL EARLY!

Disciples Crossing
XP 1 - June 8-13
(Your Name)
3693 St. Hwy 31E
Athens, TX 75751

Remember, please share this letter with your parents. We're looking forward to a great time here at XP (Chi-Rho) Camp.

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