

# MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP WITH HPY!



June 18-23, 2017

## PARENT INFORMATION (FAQ)

### WHAT IS THIS TRIP?

It's our annual Highpoint Youth Summer Camp... and this year it is at Tanglewood Christian Camp! This is a place just for Middle School students to get away from home (and the comforts of home) to experience something totally different.

### WHERE IS THE CAMP LOCATED?

1209 Co Rd 415, Lexington, TX 78947... 1.5 hrs away.

**CAMP WEBSITE** [www.tanglewoodchristiancamp.com](http://www.tanglewoodchristiancamp.com)

### CAMP RULES

<http://tanglewoodchristiancamp.com/index.php?page=camp-rules>

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Middle School Students (current 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

### WHAT IS THE COST?

\$160 before 5/30, \$190 after. Price includes lodging, food, activities, transportation, t-shirt, and supplies.

### WHEN?

Departure from the church: Sunday, June 18 at 2:00pm

Return to the church: Friday, June 23 at 10:30am

### WHO ARE THE MAIN CAMP LEADERS?

Gino Pena will be speaking this session, and is an integral part of HPF's children's ministry, is a Stephen Minister, is on the drama team and has preached as well! Kathy Tope is our main Middle School youth sponsor heading up our group this year and she has experience with us at camp plus lots of other qualifications. College students Sam Hughes and Luke Sayer are the interns this summer and they will be helping with activities and leading group times. Tanglewood also has a group of college-age students and ministry leaders from other churches attending onsite to help lead/supervise all activities. Anyone who

isn't a middle school student has been background checked. TW and his wife just had a baby but will be coming to visit camp as baby allows!

**CAMP – 512-446-3021**

**KATHY- 512-970-7225**

**SAM- 512-788-0586**

**LUKE- 210-701-9158**

### WHAT ACTIVITIES WILL THERE BE AT CAMP?

Swimming, 9-square, gaga ball, volleyball, rock climbing wall and plenty more. Camp is fun!

### WHAT SPIRITUAL GROWTH ACTIVITIES WILL BE GOING ON?

Campfires, worship times, small groups, quiet times, baptisms, and more. The theme this week is "Soul Wars" and Gino Peña will be exploring the Bible with a Star Wars twist. Our very own Tyler Murphy will be leading us in worship through the week!

### WHAT IF MY CHILD WANTS TO BE BAPTIZED AT CAMP?

Baptisms are not uncommon at camp. It is a special place for a student to dedicate their life to Jesus. If your son or daughter wishes to be baptized, we will make every effort to contact you so you have the option to drive to camp to witness the event. However, if contact cannot be made, it is our policy to honor the request of the student and continue with the baptism (*taking many pictures or videoing the event*). If you have any questions or concerns with this policy, please contact TW at 336.403.5406 to talk more.

### ARE THERE SAFETY ISSUES?

As with any activity-driven summer camp, there is always the possibility of injury. We are prepared on-site with a designated nurse that will handle any basic first-aid requirements. We also have the ability to travel to the local ER, if needed.

## WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO CAMP?

- Bible
- Notepaper/Journal
- Pen and/or Pencil
- Clothing suitable for camp and weather
- Athletic shoes (minors cannot wear open toed shoes outside of the cabins/bath area)
- Swimsuit (modest 1-piece or dark t-shirt covering 2-piece)
- Bedroll (sleeping bag, sheets, blanket, pillow, etc.)
- Towels
- Washcloth
- Toiletries (including deodorant, sunscreen, insect repellent)
- Money for missions and canteen
- Water bottle
- Camera (optional)

*When we get to camp, we don't like to be "rule-heavy." We want students to come home thinking about experiences and relationships, not about how ruthlessly the rules were enforced. Along those lines, it helps if some clothing decisions are made before camp (since modesty issues can be crazy in the summer).*

*Things to keep in mind:*

- *Shorts need to be mid-thigh length (or the end of the fingertips when hands are down).*
- *Shirts need to be modest (no spaghetti straps... tank tops need to have three-finger width straps. Sleeveless are fine, but not with gaping arm holes. No midriffs or underwear exposed.)*

## DON'T BRING

- Food, cell phone, iPod, super nice clothes, hair dryers/straighteners, video players, jewelry, weapons, tobacco/alcohol/drugs

## CAN MY CHILD BRING FOOD OF HIS OWN?

No. There will be plenty of food and snacks at camp. Your child will have plenty to eat. And food in the cabins just invites many bugs.

## Dear Parent/Guardian,

It's an honor for us to lead your son or daughter at Camp Tanglewood. Thank you for parenting them in such a way that they value this kind of opportunity... and thank you for allowing them to join this journey. We are looking forward to leading them through a week of growing together, growing toward God, and just having a lot of fun.

Thank you for trusting us with your child. Pray that God does incredible things through them. We believe He will.

--TW Davis, Youth Pastor

## WHY CAN'T MY STUDENT TAKE A CELL PHONE?

Part of the camp experience is getting away from the everyday... including cell phones. Also, the cell coverage at camp is bad. Please see the front page of this sheet for the cell phone numbers for our leaders as well as the main number of the camp. If there is an emergency or a concern, just call or text. We will get back to you as quickly as possible, outside of small group/worship times.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

1. Register with camp on their website.
2. Ensure you've filled out the form at [www.hpf.org/permission](http://www.hpf.org/permission)
3. Keep up-to-date @ [hpf.org/youth](https://twitter.com/hpforg/youth)
4. Questions? Contact TW: [TW@hpf.org](mailto:TW@hpf.org) or **336.403.5406**

## CAMP UPDATES

For regular updates before and during camp itself, we will use Facebook, Instagram & Twitter. All three are free and we've found this is the best way to communicate with everyone uniformly. Therefore, we **strongly** encourage parents & students who are going to camp to follow us here:

Facebook: Find the group "**HighPointYouth.**"  
Photos will be posted to the Facebook Fan Page:  
**HPY - One Thousand Words**  
Twitter: **@HPYconnect**  
Instagram: **@HPYconnect**

While at camp, we will update as we can. It's a great way for parents to get a feel for what's going on during the week. If you have any questions or want help in getting connected, contact TW at 336-403-5406 or [TW@hpf.org](mailto:TW@hpf.org)