



CAMP ZEPHYR MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP (6-8th Grade)

Why Camp Zephyr? At Camp Zephyr, we partner with other churches and the Camp Zephyr staff for an all-around better camp experience. Taking our students to Camp Zephyr allows our student ministry staff and leaders to focus on building relationships with students and leading them to take their next step with Jesus rather than running the camp itself. As you look over this packet, we want to highlight some things:

Contact information for Parkway staff at camp:

In case of emergency or to reach your student, please contact one of these leaders.

Brooks Bynum (Victoria Student Pastor): 361-550-8727

Hannah Rodriguez (Parkway Victoria Student Admin): 361-235-2501

Roy Faragoza (Port Lavaca Student and Worship Pastor): 361-489-5367

CAMP LEADERS

Camp Leaders Contact: You can find the name and contact information for your student's small group leaders on the camp section of our website. Feel free to contact camp leaders the week of camp if you have any questions about your student or would like to get in touch with your student.

REC TEAMS & TIME

Rec Time Fun: Students will be in their rec teams from 10:30 AM-11:30 AM each day. These groups are predetermined, co-ed, and mixed ages to make sure that they are balanced and the competition is fair. Each team will be led by at least 3 Student Impact leaders. The teams will average 25 students and will be given team colors (bandanas) to be worn during rec. If your student would like to dress in these colors/patterns, make sure they pack with that in mind.

TIP: Some of these rec time games are very messy so you want your student to pack some rec time clothes that you don't mind getting dirty (very dirty!).

Rec Team Colors: You can find the rec team and team colors for your student in the email that this parent guide was attached to.

CAMP ZEPHYR RALLY

The Camp Zephyr Rally is a can't-miss event to prepare for a great week of camp. At the rally, students will get to know their rec team teammates, team colors, and work on team chants. Teams will also have fun with team challenges. We will be hosting the event from 6:00 PM-7:15 PM at Parkway Victoria. Dinner is provided.

The date of this year's Camp Zephyr Rally can be found on the camp section of our website.

ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE AT CAMP/ FREE TIME

Below is a list of activities that Camp Zephyr offers and the packing recommendations.

- **Zip Line**
- **High Ropes Course**
- **Rock Wall**
- **Full-Size Pool-** Be sure to pack swimwear. See camper guidelines for more info.
- **Blob**
- **Paintball-** Once again pack some clothes that you are willing to ruin. Also, this activity costs money (\$5 per game).
- **Full Court Gym**
- **Sand Volleyball**
- **Disk Golf**
- **Ga-Ga Pits**
- **Archery Tag**
- **Tomahawk Range**
- **Kayaking**
- **Hand stamped jewelry** (\$5 per piece)
- **Happy's Coffee-** A full service coffee shop
- **Snack Station-** The snacks are reasonably priced. Once again spending money is a good idea.
- **Gift Shop-** Items include T-shirts, lanyards, hats, etc...

CAMP SCHEDULE

MONDAY

11:30 AM: Camper Check-In at Parkway Victoria

- Please eat lunch before arriving.
- Place meds in a Ziploc baggie with camper information and complete the medical authorization form for check-in.

1:30 PM Arrive at Camp Zephyr

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Free Rec

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Dinner

7:45 PM Worship

9:15 PM Church Group & Small Groups

10:15 PM Night Event

11:30 PM In Dorms

12:00 AM Lights Out

TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast

9:30 AM Church Group Devo

10:00 AM Grade Group Bible Study

10:45 AM Team Rec

12:45 PM - 1:45 PM Lunch

1:45 PM Recap and Rundown

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Free Rec

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Dinner

7:45 PM Worship

9:15 PM Church Group & Small Groups

10:15 PM Night Event

11:30 PM In Dorms

12:00 PM Lights Out

FRIDAY

8:30 AM Breakfast

9:30 AM Leave for Victoria

11:00 AM Arrive in Victoria

CAMPER GUIDELINES

- 1) **PERSONAL CONDUCT AND COURTESY** – Lack of cooperation with camp policies may necessitate a camper returning home at the parent's expense. Zephyr Baptist Encampment rules prohibit conduct unbecoming a Christian, which includes: irreverence, disturbance of services, immodest dress and/or use of alcohol or tobacco in any form.
- 2) **CAMP DRESS POLICY** – Students need to bring casual clothing for four days (jeans and T-shirts are great). If clothing is deemed inappropriate or revealing, you will be required to change. No clothing advertising alcohol, tobacco, or suggestive sayings. No spaghetti straps or strapless tops. Shorts should be a modest length (fingertip length or longer). We do this to protect as well as to train students in godliness. Closed-toe shoes/athletic shoes are required for rec.
- 3) **SWIMMING** – Swimming will be at scheduled times only. Lifeguards retain full authority to remove any camper from the water sites. Campers must wear t-shirts and shoes while traveling to and from the water sites. Swimsuits - Girls - modest one-piece. If a girl must wear a two-piece a colored T-shirt must be worn over it. Boys — no Speedos.
- 4) **P.D.A.** – Public displays of affection (P.D.A.) between campers are prohibited. Campers should refrain from holding hands, kissing & otherwise displaying physical affection while on the campgrounds.
- 5) **LEAVING ENCAMPMENT GROUNDS** – Insurance prohibits all but emergency departure from the campground. Permission to leave the grounds must be secured by the camper, through the local church Sponsor, or from the Camp Director.
- 6) **SCHEDULE** – Scheduled activities are not optional. Everyone is expected to attend all scheduled activities unless you have a completed and signed medical excuse from the camp nurse for illness. Cabins will remain empty during all scheduled activities. At the time indicated on the schedule, you should be at the activity location. Campers should not return to their cabins during scheduled activities without a Sponsor. Sponsors are to attend all activities. No one is permitted on the ropes course, paintball, swimming pool, pond, or waterfront except during designated times.
- 7) **SPONSORS** – Churches must provide one Sponsor for every ten campers of the same gender (i.e. 1 man to 10 boys or less; 1 woman to 10 girls or less). Sponsors are to remain on the campgrounds for the entire duration of the camp – afternoons included.
- 8) **CAMP HOUSING** – Churches will be held financially responsible for damage to any property. All buildings and grounds must be left clean. Do not remove anything from the building. Under no circumstances is shaving cream to be used for any purpose other than shaving. Campers should NOT be in cabins of opposite sex campers. No guys in girls' cabins; no girls in guys' cabins.

9) **TECHNOLOGY, GADGETS & TOYS** – Please leave all cell phones, T.V., mp3, ear buds, video games and other technological devices at home. These are distractions we do not need at camp. Other items not allowed on camp: skateboards, bikes, scooters and any type of motorized vehicle. No noisemakers before 6:00 a.m. (hair dryers, etc.)

10) **CURFEW** – For your safety, campers need to remain in cabins after curfew.

11) **PARAPHERNALIA** – A student found with a vape or any other substance, product, or material will be automatically sent home with no exceptions.

CAMP ZEPHYR PACKING LIST

Please try to fit everything in one bag. Pack lightly, but don't forget to bring:

- **Medicine in Ziploc bag with Medicine Authorization Form to be submitted at registration.** Students may not keep any prescription or non-prescription medication with them during camp.
- **Casual Clothing (shorts and t-shirts are fine) for Four Days**
No spaghetti straps. No clothing advertising alcohol, tobacco, or suggestive saying. If clothing is deemed inappropriate or revealing, a camper may be required to change. You might want to bring clothes suitable for paintball if you plan to pay and participate.
- **Your Swimsuit and Towel.**
Girls and boys must wear t-shirts and shorts over their swimsuits when traveling to and from the waterfront or pool. Girls need to wear a modest one-piece swimsuit. If a girl must wear a two-piece, a colored t-shirt must be worn over it at all times.
- **Clothing for Four Worship Services**
While some campers choose to wear nicer clothes to the worship services, casual clothes are acceptable.
- **Tennis Shoes for Rec Games**
Flip flops are not good due to stickers and ants that might be present out in the field.)
- **Pillow and Bedding**
Suitable for a Twin bunk bed (pillow, sheets, a blanket and/or a sleeping bag, extra padding)
- **Towels and Washcloths for Four Nights**
- **Rec Team Colors/Decorations (Optional)**
- **Personal Toiletries**
- **Bible, Notepad, and Pen**
- **Sunscreen**
- **Bug Spray**
- **Flashlight**
- **Rain Poncho**
- **Refillable Water Bottle (Insulated is better)**
- **Spending Money for the Snack Shack and Gift Shop and Paintball**
Snack Shack items range from \$.25 to \$2, and items in the Gift Shop start out as low as \$.25

while some t-shirts are priced at \$15. Each paintball game costs \$5 and is available during free rec time. Coffee shop prices are comparable to local coffee shops.

AS AGREED TO IN THE STUDENT CONDUCT COMMITMENTS, PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- Electronics including phones and tablets
- Items to prank others

WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT GETS SICK AT CAMP?

We hope and pray that none of our students get sick while they are at camp. If a student is not feeling well at camp the student will immediately be taken to the certified camp nurse on site. While the student is at the camp nurse parents will be notified and updated on the health of their student. Medication or any further medical care will only be administered after parental consent is given. If a student is deemed too sick to remain at camp by the camp nurse and or the Student Impact staff team the student's parents will be responsible for taking the student home as soon as they can.

SI SUMMER NIGHTS

After camp, we will be hosting events on the rec space at Parkway Victoria. At these events, we will:

- Celebrating all that God did in the life of our students at camp.
- Helping students bridge the gap between what happened at camp and what happens in our day-to-day lives.
- Baptizing students who desire to go public with their faith through baptism.
- Having some fun playing slip-n-slide kickball.

This event is open to both Junior high and High school students. This year's date for the post-camp celebration event can be found on the camp section of our website.