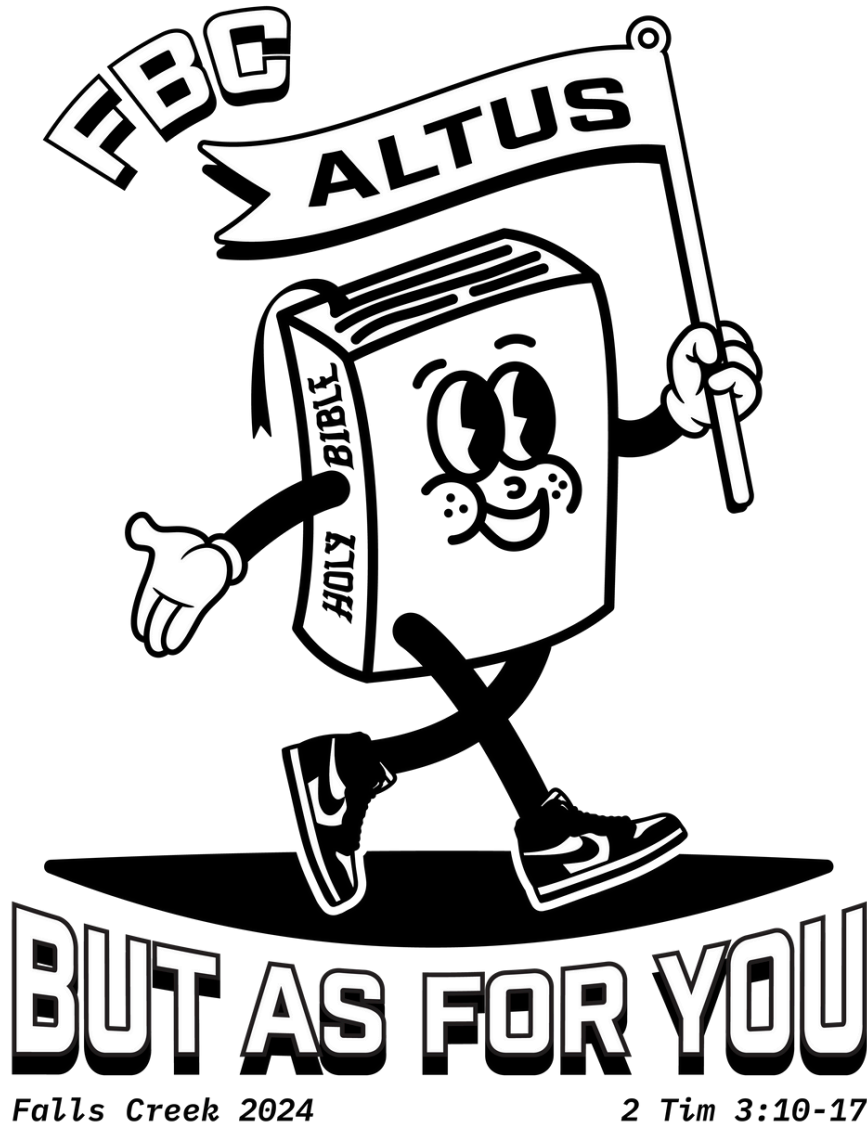


# ***FALLS CREEK***



WHAT-YOU-NEED-TO-KNOW PACKET



# SCHEDULE

## MONDAY

**11:00AM** – Meet at FBC Altus / Load bags into trailer / Check-in in Fellowship Hall & Eat lunch

2:30PM – Arrive at Falls Creek

5:30PM – Dinner

6:55PM – Arrive at tabernacle for service

10:00PM – Be in big room for cabin devotion (Start at 10:15 sharp)

11:45PM – Lights out

## TUESDAY – FRIDAY

7:30AM – Wake up

8:00AM – Breakfast starts

8:40AM – Breakfast ends / Quiet time starts

9:00AM – In cabin games & bible study

10:00AM – Small group time

10:35AM – Head to tabernacle for morning worship

12:00PM – Lunch

1:30PM – Breakouts, recreation, and missions

5:30PM – Dinner

6:50PM – Head to tabernacle for evening worship

10:15PM – Be in big room for cabin devotion

10:35PM – Small Groups

11:45PM – Lights out

## SATURDAY

Have all stuff packed and ready to go Friday night

8:00AM – Be in main room with all of your stuff. Load it on the trailer. Grab breakfast.

9:00AM – Leave Falls Creek (will send parent text with ETA)

11:30AM – Arrive home to FBC Altus Youth House

# DEPARTURE & RETURN

**Monday July 22** - Meet at the Uhaul in the east church parking lot at **11:00am**

1. Drop suitcase & bedding at Uhaul
2. Check-in in FBC Fellowship hall
3. Parent(s) drop any medication & complete medication form at med table (see pg. 5)
4. Eat sack lunch (provided)
5. Load into assigned buses/vans & head to camp!!

**Saturday July 27** - Arrive back at Youth House at approximately 11:30am

# EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Garrett Biliske (Student Pastor): 405-312-6446

**Garrett Biliske camp cell phone: 580-447-4398**

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FBC Altus Office: 580-482-0230

# DETAILS

CAMP DATES: JULY 22-27, 2024

LOCATION: FALLS CREEK: 6714 OK – 77D, DAVIS, OK 73030

CAMP WIDE THEME: **TOTALLY**

“HOW PRECIOUS TO ME ARE YOUR THOUGHTS, O GOD! HOW VAST IS THE SUM OF THEM!” PSALM 139:17

IN A WORLD WHERE MANY THINGS ARE FLEETING, UNRELIABLE AND UNCERTAIN, WHERE MANY THINGS ARE TEMPORARY -- GOD IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT. THIS SUMMER, WE WILL EXPLORE THE CHARACTER AND NATURE OF GOD AND WALK IN THE CONFIDENCE & PEACE THAT GOD IS...

**TOTALLY KNOWING - GOD KNOWS EVERY PART OF US.**

**TOTALLY PRESENT - GOD IS EVER PRESENT & IN CONTROL.**

**TOTALLY CARING - GOD HAS MADE US & IS INTRICATELY INVOLVED IN OUR LIVES.**

**TOTALLY CAPABLE - GOD CAN LEAD US & HANDLE ANYTHING WE ARE WALKING THROUGH.**

## ABOUT FALLS CREEK

Falls Creek is the largest Christian camp of its kind in the world. Nestled in the Arbuckle Mountains in southern Oklahoma, Falls Creek has been in operation since 1917. It is a distinctively Christian camp, upholding high moral standards and challenging students to follow Christ every day. Falls Creek is unique in that it is a place where over 100 churches come each week to hold their own camp week. Each church secures a cabin, provides its own sponsors and meals, enforces the camp dress code and code of conduct, and teaches its in-cabin bible study and devotions. The focal passage is Romans 11:33-36, “Oh, the depth of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgements, and His paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.”

If you would like to look in or listen to some of the camp services, you may find a link to our livestream at [oklahomabaptists.org/youthcamp](http://oklahomabaptists.org/youthcamp). The Evening Worship Services stream during the summer on weeknights from 7:30- 8:45pm. You may also follow up on social media. Instagram & Twitter: @okbaptistyouth Facebook: /okbaptistyouth

FBC Altus takes students 7th-12th grade to Falls Creek. The code of conduct for Falls Creek is intended to assist the many diverse churches and students at camp to have a safe and enjoyable camp experience, while growing in their faith. Falls Creek is a Christian camp designed to help students and adults know and follow God, so the code of conduct prioritizes personal encouragement and issues related to a student’s faith development in Jesus. Falls Creek does not condone or encourage any activity on grounds that would humiliate any camper, including initiation, hazing, and/or pranks. Furthermore, Falls Creek will not tolerate any activity that would harm any camper such as violence or abuse.

# THEME NIGHTS

Students and sponsors may choose to dress-up for our in cabin theme nights. There will be individual and team points given to the best outfit each night. Please remember nothing scary and no face coverings or masks. All theme night outfits must still follow the camp dress code. Students may choose if they would like to wear their theme night outfit to evening tabernacle.



# RECREATION OPTIONS

Volleyball, kickball, horseshoes, zip lines, high and low ropes course challenge elements, skateboarding, hiking, running, kayaks, lake park, water slides, spiritual growth breakouts, missions mobilization, swimming, and more activities are scheduled for the week of camp. Our cabin will also have board games, ping pong, and other free time activities.

# EXPECTATIONS

1. Obey all rules for the week, both written and verbal
2. Respect your adult authorities for the week
3. Respect other students and their property
4. When in doubt, see point #1

Any misconduct will be taken seriously, and any abuse will be reported to the appropriate authorities. We will always do all we can to keep our Student Ministry healthy and safe in this regard. Part of that is letting everyone know up front our seriousness and who you can report to— students can report to any adult sponsor (who will then report it further) or you can report it to Garrett Biliske directly. We don't assume this will happen, but always want to be as prepared as possible.

- No drugs, alcohol, illegal substances, etc.
- No leaving the cabin after curfew.
- No violence.
- No pranks.
- No sharing beds or showers (ex:1 person per shower, 1 person per bed)
- No PDA (No public or private displays of affection).
- On the bus, boys sit next to boys and girls sit next to girls.
- Do not bring weapons, fireworks, lighters, or knives of any kind.
- Bring and wear appropriate clothing. (Modest and within dress code/no clothing with inappropriate words or images)
- Clean up after yourself. (After meals, upstairs around bunk areas, bathroom areas, etc.)
- Be where you need to be when you need to be. This includes being in the cabin on time.
- Students will have cell phones during afternoon free time. **If cell phones or other electronic devices become a distraction during the week, they will be collected and stored at the discretion of the Youth Pastor.**
- Sit together with our group in all services.
- Wear wristband at all times.
- Wear lanyard at all times.
- Respect other people's property.
- Listen to and respect your adult authorities.

If it is determined that a student will need to be sent home for any reason, including sickness or behavioral issues, it will be A.P.E. (at parent's expense) - parents will be required/responsible to come get the student from camp.

# MODESTY/PDA

MODESTY/PDA: Believing that modesty extends beyond the dress code, Falls Creek asks that students refrain from any forms of PDA (Public Displays of Affection).

# PACKING LIST

## **Basic Checklist for Campers:**

- Modest clothing for six days (all clothing must abide by the dress code, please refer to the dress code at the end of this document)
- Clothes for theme nights (optional)
- Bible with name written somewhere inside or out
- Notepad & Pen/Pencil
- Reusable WATER BOTTLE with name
- Spending money for concessions/gift shop. (optional) (\$50 should be plenty)
- \$ for Offering for Missions (optional, Thursday night)
- Watch (optional)

## **Cabin Items:**

- Pillow
- Bedding: (for a twin-size bed – sheets, blanket, sleeping bag, etc.)
- Towel
- Hygiene products (deodorant!!)
- Toiletries
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray

## **Recreation Items (optional):**

- Extra clothes that can get wet/dirty
- Shorts (dress code still applies during rec)
- Closed toe shoes (required for the ropes course and other activities)
- Swimsuit (one piece for girls, long swim trunks and a shirt for guys). Shirts must be worn over swimsuits when walking to and from the swimming areas.
- Skateboard, helmet, and pads (Falls Creek provides pads if needed)
- Disc Golf Discs (there will be some discs available to check out from the rec center)
- Pickleball Paddle
- Fishing Tackle and other Fishing supplies.
- Appropriate attire for the 5k – tennis shoes, dress code appropriate shorts. (Dress code still applies for the 5k)

## **GREAT ATTITUDE, WILLING SPIRIT AND AN OPEN HEART!**

# MEDICATION

If a student is needing medication while at camp, you can pick up a medication form at check-in on Monday, July 22 when you drop off your student. All medication including over the counter medications will need to be checked in by a parent/guardian during drop off. Any student needing to take medication throughout the week will need to bring that medication in the original bottle/package with prescription information in a zip top bag with their name written on it and turn it in to the medication table at check-in. They will need to include a detailed description of when and how much to take. Our cabin nurse will oversee all the medications for our week at camp. Parents may choose to send over the counter 'just in case' medications, but they too will need to be checked in on Monday morning during drop off. If students or parents have any questions, they can reach out to Garrett or our cabin nurse.

# DRESS CODE

While we understand the desire for fashionable attire, we require you to wear modest clothing. Modesty is a biblical principle and helps keep people focused on the important things at camp. (1 Timothy 2:9-10; 4:12)

All apparel judgments will be left to the discretion of the Falls Creek Staff (FCS). If FCS determines a camper or campers should change their clothing to fall in line with camp requirements, then said camper or campers are required to do so.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- Shoes must be worn at all times outside of your dorm room and cabin.
- Apparel may not display or promote tobacco, alcohol, controlled substances, or inappropriate language or pictures.
- Under garments must always be covered by outer garments (i.e., No boxer shorts hanging out or bra straps showing).
- Midriffs should always be covered. No spaghetti strap shirts or dresses. No tank tops.
- No short shorts. Shorts are to be of modest length. (Modest length can be generally defined as extending to just beyond the fingertips, which is generally no shorter than a 5" to 7" inseam.) This goes for guys too.
- No tight fitting and revealing clothing. This includes leggings or similar attire, which cannot be worn as pants.
- Girls may wear dresses/skirts, but they must reach the top of the knee.
- Girls should wear modest one-piece swimsuits. Males should not wear tight fitting swimming suits. While going to and from the swimming areas, all campers must wear shoes; males must wear a t-shirt and females must wear a long covering over their swimming suits.

There is a graphic to help on the last page. Please reach out with any questions, we do not want any student to be unprepared to follow the dress code while at camp.

# BREAKOUTS AT CAMP

Check out all that is happening with Student Breakouts this summer at Falls Creek! Three different tracks offered all kinds of topics to explore at various times during the week.

- **BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE BAND**
- **CALLED: FOLLOWING JESUS INTO VOCATIONAL MINISTRY**
- **CARRY ON: HOPE AND HELP FOR THE WEARY**
- **DIGGING IN: GROWING IN JESUS THROUGH BIBLE STUDY**
- **EVANGELPHOBIA: SHARING JESUS WITHOUT FEAR**
- **FIGHT FOR LIFE: THE BIBLICAL BATTLE FOR THE UNBORN**
- **FOLLOWER: LOOKING LIKE AND LIVING FOR JESUS**
- **GOOD GRIEF: HOPE AND PEACE ON DARK DAYS**
- **I BELONG: EMBRACING COMMUNITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST**
- **MISSIONS NOW & LATER: READY YOURSELF FOR JESUS' GREAT COMMISSION**
- **NOT TO US: LEADING WORSHIP WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE**
- **SAVED! A LOOK AT NEW LIFE IN JESUS**
- **SPEAK UP: PREPARING TO PREACH AND TEACH**
- **TEARS, FEARS, & CHEERS: GETTING A GRASP ON PSALMS**
- **TOXIC: RECOGNIZING & MANAGING DIFFICULT RELATIONSHIPS**
- **WALK WISELY: HABITS AND HEALING**

# CAMP REQUIREMENTS

- Students are required to attend both the Morning and Evening Worship Service each day.
- Sponsors from each church are responsible for enforcing the code of conduct and camp dress code for their entire group (students, sponsors, and guests) and for handling discipline issues within their group.
- Courtesy Crew will be on duty 24 hours per day. Courtesy Crew, when called upon, will assist the adult leadership of any cabin in dealing with discipline problems that may arise. Although the Courtesy Crew is specifically assigned to the duty of enforcement, all Falls Creek Staff members are authorized to enforce the code of conduct, dress code, and policies of the conference center. Please respect all Falls Creek Staff.
- Church groups must sit together at all worship services. If the group is too large to find a single location for everyone, the group should divide into smaller groups with adult sponsors in each group.
- All guests are required to show proof of registration or ID to enter or re-enter the conference center grounds. Day guests should leave grounds by midnight.

# CAMP PROHIBITIONS

- Students will not be permitted to leave the grounds unless accompanied by a sponsor.
- No bands or instrumental groups are allowed to perform outside their cabin walls, except for groups that are an official part of the weekly programming for the whole camp.
- Headset listening devices and sound systems may be used only inside cabins.
- Excessive volume from a cabin is not permitted since it can disturb other cabins. Please check with the Falls Creek office if there is an issue.
- No product sales are allowed at Falls Creek unless they have secured a contract through the Falls Creek office.
- Use or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco of any type is not permitted on the grounds. This includes ANY form of vapes, e-cigarettes, or other facsimiles.
- The possession of offensive weapons of any sort is prohibited at Falls Creek.
- Falls Creek Baptist Conference Center reserves the right to perform a random drug and weapon search at any time and confiscate items that distract from the camp goals or that violate the code of conduct of the camp.
- Open flame items (other than grills) such as campfires, tiki torches, etc., are not permitted on grounds, unless prepared and supervised by the Conference Center.
- Pets/animals (other than service dogs), fireworks, rock throwing, water fighting, laser pointers, and shaving cream fights are prohibited on the grounds.
- Masks or any other disguise over the face cannot be worn by anyone outside of their cabin. Face coverings, which cover the nose and mouth for medical-related purposes are allowed at Falls Creek Youth Camp.
- For the safety of all guests, skates, roller-blades, and skateboards are permitted only in the SwiftSkate Park area and only at designated times.
- No wading or swimming is allowed in the creeks or lake unless there is a Falls Creek lifeguard present. No swimming/wading pools are allowed at cabins.
- No camera drones or remote controlled flying devices may be operated on grounds without expressed permission from the Director of Conference Centers and the Falls Creek Program Director.

# FALLS CREEK YOUTH CAMP

## DRESS CODE

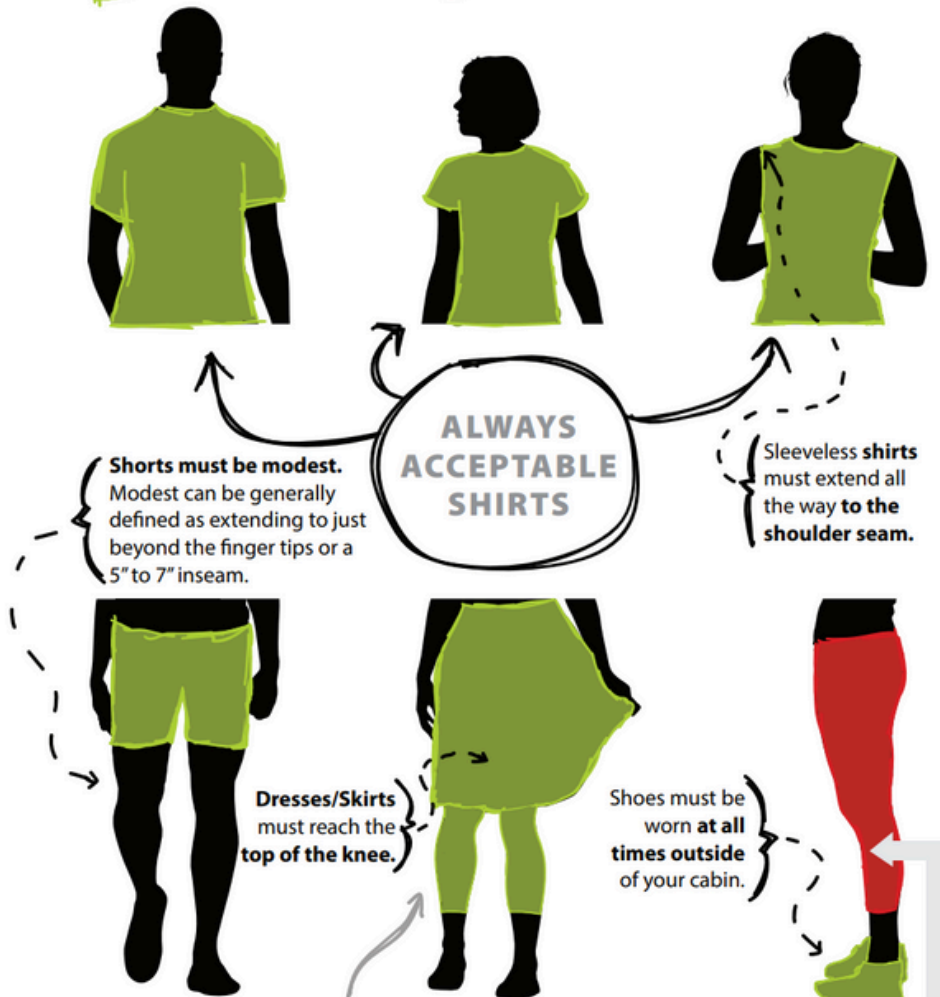
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ACCEPTABLE



UNACCEPTABLE



Tights may be worn under a garment that meets the dress code. No tight fitting or revealing clothing. This includes leggings or similar attire, which cannot be worn as pants.

SWIMWEAR

T-shirts and cover-ups must be worn to and from swimming venues.



male

Should wear swimsuits of modest length (fingertip) and not tight fitting



female

Modest one-piece



male

No short shorts/ or tight-fitting shorts



female

No two-pieces

Campers **may not be barefoot** on the way to and from venues.



No tank tops or shirts cut down the sides.



Undergarments must always be covered by outer garments (i.e. no boxer shorts hanging out or bra straps showing).



No Midribs/racer backs. No sport bras as tops (includes the 5k).



No spaghetti strap tank tops/dresses.



## WHAT NOT TO WEAR

Apparel may not display tobacco, alcohol, controlled substances, or inappropriate language or pictures.