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Encounter Sponsor Booklet 2017

FREE WILL BAPTIST ENCOUNTER CAMP

About Encounter Camp

Encounter Youth Camps exists to support local churches in their effort to reach lost students in their community and to raise up a generation of teenagers who have an authentic walk with God and who actively share their faith.

Throughout the week of camp, there is a high priority on Scripture, relevant worship, relationships within the local church, and providing opportunities for students and sponsors to sharpen their skills and prepare to consistently serve God after camp.

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To find out more of what we believe as FWB please go to www.nafwb.org/about to read our treaties.

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PART 1: BEFORE CAMP

How to get ready for Encounter Camp

1.1 - Preparation

Recruit Sponsors/Cooks

Great adult sponsors and cooks are essential for a great week at camp. We recommend recruiting at least one adult per ten students.

Sponsor Expectations

Adult sponsors attending Encounter Camp should adhere to the expectations listed below:

- Set the moral and spiritual example for the group.
- Model and enforce the camp code of conduct and dress code for the group.
- Be responsible for the attendance of their students at BOTH services each day.
- Use every moment during the week to equip and encourage their students to follow Christ in their daily lives.

Sponsor Selection

Sponsors set the tone for the week. If a sponsor has a great attitude, the students will have a great week at camp. If the sponsors are godly role models and they use their influence wisely for the kingdom, there will be more spiritual impact during the week. Please only recruit and take adult sponsors who will encourage your students toward the goals of camp. **Encounter Camp requires that each church performs a background check on all sponsors attending with their group.** Please be wise and use caution in your selection of sponsors.

Prayer and Fasting

Encourage your church family and parents to start praying and fasting for your students. Focus the fast on prayer for lost students and the purity of all Christians who attend camp.

Publicize Your Week

Use resources found on the web site www.okstatece.com (posters, logos, etc.) as well as your church's website, facebook, or YouTube to get the word out to students in your church.

Host a Pre-Camp Parent Meeting

Organize pre-camp preparation meetings for parents, sponsors and students. In your pre-camp meeting, pass out the release forms and distribute a camper packing list specific to your church.

Prepare Individual Church Time (ICT) and Facetime

Prepare for the teaching/discussion time after the morning sessions. Each student will receive a camp Booklet with devotionals and discussion questions in it.

Plan Cabin Wrap-Up/Evening Cabin Devotional

Plan the cabin wrap-up/devotion time in your cabin for each night. The late night cabin wrap-up should prioritize giving students time to process and apply the information they have gained throughout the day, rather than presenting new information. The devotional should also allow students to share their decisions or to make spiritual decisions.

Prepare for In-Cabin Spiritual Counseling

Many of the decisions made at Encounter Camp are made in the individual church cabins. Each church is responsible for planning and preparing for the counseling times that should happen in your cabin each day. We recommend each student, at least once during the week of camp, has an opportunity to meet one-on-one with an adult from their church to talk about spiritual matters. An adult should ask each student about their spiritual journey to see if there is any way that they could help them in their walk with the Lord.

Complete Camper health/registration Forms

Make copies of your completed release forms for each of your students, sponsors, children and cooks (all forms are online at www.okstatece.com). The parent or guardian for each student must sign the release form. Only the Encounter KBA release forms are allowed for registration. You do not need to mail in camper health/registration forms. Please turn in camper health/registration form for each student when you come to camp. If you have any questions about student release forms please contact Daniel Sweet at sweetman_42@hotmail.com

Register your Church

Each church attending must complete the online Church Registration form and payment. (Register online at www.okstatece.com) Church Registration must be submitted by the given dates to receive the different price breaks. If you have any questions about the online Church Registration or payment please contact Daniel Sweet at sweetman_42@hotmail.com

Cabin Assignments

You will receive an email from the Promotional Director of the cabin assignments a week before camp. We will try our best to put your church in a cabin that fits well for your group. Please understand that cabin assignments can change at any time. If you have 30 or more people in your group, you can request your own cabin. (please mark on the online church registration form) – If you need help finding another church to share a cabin please contact Daniel Sweet at sweetman_42@hotmail.com. To see the cabins at KBA please go to okstatece.com

Meals

Each church is responsible for providing their own meals for their group. Each cabin is stocked with a kitchen and cooking utensils. Please download “Cooking at Encounter Camp” from our website for more information. If you have any questions about preparing meals or what is in your Cabin please contact Daniel Sweet at sweetman_42@hotmail.com

Camper Packing List Suggestions

- Modest clothing for five days (see dress code)
- Bible
- Notepad
- Spending money for concessions
- Extra clothes that can get wet or dirty
- Closed toe shoes for the ropes course
- Pillow
- Bedding
- Towels
- Hygiene products (don't bring shaving cream unless you shave!)
- Flashlight
- Sunscreen/Bug Spray

1.2 – RULES

Code of Conduct

The code of conduct for Encounter Camp 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. Encounter Camp is designed to help students and adults know and follow God, so the code of conduct prioritizes issues related to a student's faith development in Jesus. Encounter camp is planned for youth (those who have completed 6th through 12th grade). After 11:00p.m., all students should be inside their cabin and should not be outside their cabin without a sponsor until after 6:30 a.m. Groups are allowed to meet around the perimeter of their cabin during late night devotional times, but a sponsor should be with the group at all times and extra care should be taken so that other cabins are not disturbed.

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. No product sales are allowed at Encounter Camp unless they have secured a contract through the State CE Board and KBA. Students are required to attend both the Morning Tabernacle Experience and the Evening Tabernacle Experience each day.

Sponsors from each church are responsible for enforcing the code of conduct and camp dress code for their students and adults and for handling discipline issues. At all services, church groups must sit together. 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. Students will not be permitted to leave the grounds unless accompanied by a sponsor. It is strongly suggested that churches limit or prohibit their students' use and possession of cell phones and two-way radios. These items can quickly become a distraction to the goals of the week of camp.

Use or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco of any type is not permitted on the grounds during any week of camp. The possession of offensive weapons of any sort is prohibited at Encounter Camp. The State CE board 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. Pets/animals (other than service dogs), fireworks, rock throwing, water fights, 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. For the safety of all guests, skates, rollerblades and skateboards are not permitted. All cycles (uni-, bi-, or tri-) are prohibited on the grounds. Violation of this policy could result in confiscation of equipment. No wading or swimming is allowed in the creeks or lake.

All guests are required to show proof of registration or ID to enter or re-enter the camp grounds. Unnecessary and careless traffic is prohibited on KBA grounds. Speed limit is 15 miles per hour. All passengers must be seated in the vehicle according to its designated capacity—no passengers are allowed in pickup beds or in the back of vehicles with hatch doors raised.

Students may not enter into any abandon cabins. If any student wants to visit another cabin other than their own, they are required to ask permission from a sponsor that occupies that cabin before entering. Encounter Camp is a Christian environment that promotes personal encouragement and spiritual development of every camper. KBA and Encounter Camp do not condone or encourage any activity on grounds that humiliates any camper, including initiation, hazing, and pranks. The State CE board reserves the right to send anyone home that does not adhere to these rules.

Dress Code

The intent of the Encounter Camp dress code is to provide an equitable dress code for all campers that will encourage modesty above legalism. Parents and church leaders are urged to see that only clothing which meets the policies and regulations of the camp is brought to KBA. Please do not bring clothing that you sense would be questionable for a Christian camp setting. Since Encounter Camp is a Christian camp with a distinctly Christian atmosphere, the New Testament principle of modesty should always be the standard for dress at KBA. **It is the responsibility of the sponsors from each church to model the standard of modesty and enforce the camp dress code.**

While on KBA grounds campers may not wear apparel that exposes the midriff, is extremely tight fitting, or has writing on the back of pants or shorts. Apparel may not display or promote tobacco, alcohol, controlled substances, or inappropriate language or pictures. All shorts and dresses should be modest length. At Encounter Camp, modest shorts are generally defined as shorts of medium length or longer and dresses and skirts should be four inches from the top of the knee or longer. Slits in dresses and skirts should also be modest in length. Shirts/tops must have at least three inches across the shoulder. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times outside cabins. No hats shall be worn during the evening worship service.

Five Elements of Participation

Every church must agree to these requirements. Encounter Camp allows for a great deal of individual church flexibility, to allow each group their own unique camp experience. However to participate in Encounter Camp we insist that every church attending agrees to the following:

1. Group participation in the Morning Tabernacle Experience. (except cooks)
2. Group participation in the Evening Tabernacle Experience. (except cooks)
3. Inform and enforce camp dress code rules with their students and sponsors
4. Group participation in Rec time. Except for Project Talihina or Ropes/Canoeing/Archery
5. Provide a Biblically focused meaningful morning ICT time, face time, and evening devotion.

PART 2: AT CAMP

What to do at Encounter Camp

2.1 – Around the Grounds

Schedule

Sunday

Registration Begins	3:00 PM
Sponsors Meeting	7:00 PM
Evening Service	8:00 PM
In Cabin Time	10:30 PM
Lights Out	11:30PM

Monday - Thursday

Wake Up	8:30 AM
Breakfast	9:00 AM
Morning Session	10:00 AM
Morning ICT / Face Time	11:00 AM
Lunch	12:15 PM
Rec A/Free B	1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
Rec B/Free A	3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
Sports Tournaments/Workshops	5:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Dinner	6:30 PM
Evening Service	8:00 PM
Evening ICT	11:00 PM
Lights Out	11:45 PM

Contact Information for KBA

Kiamichi Baptist Assembly

The physical address is: 9423 KBA Deer Track Trail, Talihina, OK 74571

The "highway" address is: Highway 63A North, Talihina, OK 74571

Mailing Address-

P.O. Box 9

Talihina , Oklahoma 74571

Telephone: 918-567-2601

KBA Summer Office: 918-567-4047

KBA Administrative Office: 918-567-2601

Check In

When you arrive at the camp grounds we ask that you check in at the Summer Office on the back side of the Tabernacle.

Check Out

During the week contact the Summer Office to set up a check out time. After you have cleaned out your cabin on Friday morning the KBA Staff will come to ensure that it meets their standards. After that, head down to the office to return your keys and pay your ice bill (if applicable).

Sponsor Meetings

We will have two required sponsor meetings throughout the week. One is scheduled for the first night at 7:00pm in the Small Chapel. You will receive important information as well as your camp booklets. You are required to have at least one sponsor per church. The other meeting is scheduled for Thursday night at 8:00pm in the Small Chapel. Please know that we may call a special meeting at any time throughout the week to address any problems.

Maintenance

The KBA Staff will be by every day to check for any problems with the cabin that you are staying in. All cabins on grounds at KBA are owned and maintained by individual churches or associations. If there is a maintenance need in a cabin during the week, the group leader can contact the KBA Office.

Trash and Ice

GARBAGE: Place all garbage in heavy duty trash bags on the road mid-morning at the nearest trash pole. Please do not put liquids into the trash, pour them out before throwing away cups, etc. Please break down all boxes.

The ice machine is located by the concession stand. Please write how many bags you are using on the note pad by the machine. You will pay the total at the end of the week at Check Out.

Emergency Procedures

Emergency Fire Drill

On Sunday night in your cabin time please go over an emergency fire drill with your students pointing out the exits as well as any fire extinguisher.

Emergency Storm Drill

In case of bad storms / tornado we ask that you move immediately into your cabin and get in the innermost room, bottom floor until the "all-clear" signal is sounded.

Nurse / First Aid

Most minor injuries or illnesses are taken care of in the church cabin. However, if medical attention should be required, a church sponsor must accompany them to the First Aid Station. If illnesses or accidents are of a serious nature, patients may be sent to a hospital in town, but they should first report to the First Aid Station for a referral. KBA Insurance coverage has limits of liability, contact office if details are needed.

Vehicle Registration and Gate System

Gates will be locked thirty minutes after lights are out. All visitors must leave before gates are locked. If you need the gates open throughout the night for an emergency please contact security.

Parking / Vehicles

VEHICLES:

- Speed limit is 15 miles per hour.
- Please leave vehicles parked during camp, except for special circumstances, such as: handicap individuals, bad weather, emergency, etc.
- No riding in the back of pick-up trucks or non-passenger areas of vehicles
- Special needs individuals can get a pass which will allow them to drive or be driven to and from all services and activities.
- No personal transportation means, such as: 4 wheelers, golf carts, bikes, skateboards, etc., except by permission for special circumstances.
- Campers are not permitted to leave the camp grounds during the summer camps without proper authority.

Lost and Found

LOST & FOUND is located in the Assembly Office or Summer Office. Please check before leaving if you have misplaced any articles. Please encourage all campers to put their name and church name on their Bibles and other belongings.

T-Shirts

Encounter camp offers a camp t-shirt each year for \$10 dollars. (extra 2 dollars for plus sizes) They will be sold before and after the worship services. To see the design please go to www.okstatece.com

Offering

We will be taking up an offering on Wednesday Night during the Evening Service. We ask that you encourage your students to prayerfully consider giving.

Grocery & around town

Valley Super Foods
812 Dallas St
Talihina, OK 74571
918-567-3354

Dollar General
904 Dallas St.
Talihina, OK 74571
(918)567-3133

Treats And Treasures
316 Dallas Street
Talihina OK 74571
918-567-2410

For more about the town of Talihina -Talihina Chamber Of Commerce- www.talihinacc.com

2.2 – Rec Games / Sports Tournaments

Recreation Events

Each day at Encounter Camp there will be a number of Rec events for students to participate in. These exist to promote unity, good sportsmanship, and self-confidence.

Rec Time-

Your group will be assigned to either Group “A” or Group “B”. This will determine the time that your group will participate. We will let you know which Rec your group will be in on Monday morning. Rec “A” will begin at 1:30pm and Rec “B” will begin at 3:30pm.

Participation-

Participation in the group Rec Time is mandatory unless your group is involved in the Ropes course/ Canoes/ Archery/ or Project Talihina during your assigned Rec Time.

Randall Rec Team-

The games will be coordinated, officiated, and/or judged by the Randall Rec Team. These 15 Randall students will be wearing bright colored shirts for easy recognition. Their judgments are final and respect and obedience to this group is mandatory.

Water Day-

All games during Thursday's Group Rec Time will involve Water. Please dress accordingly as this can become very muddy. White Shirts are Not Allowed.

Points and Trophy-

- Points for Rec will be given only on the first three days of Rec, Thursday will be water day.
- Each team can win up to 100 points per Rec game each day
 - Up to 50 points for winning your Rec game
 - Up to 50 points for participation and sportsmanship

Notice that you get the same amount of points for Sportsmanship as you do winning. Therefore, winning the game does not mean you win the game's overall with points.

- Extra points can be earned for random acts of kindness
- REC TEAM WINNER is determined by that team with the most points over the REC games. In case of a tie, a final game during the last night of camp will determine the REC Winner.

Sports Tournaments-

These tournaments are available to all Middle School and High School Campers. They will take place after both Rec times are finished.

Here is the list of tournaments for Teen Camps. They show what day which tournament will start and how many campers are allowed to play, no Sponsors unless otherwise stated. Signup sheets for church name and team name will be available Sunday night. Brackets will begin to be posted on Monday morning.

KBA: (at least the following number of girls/boys/sponsors)

- Monday
Volleyball- 4 boys, 2 girls
- Tuesday
Flag Football- 5 boys, 1 girl, 1 sponsor
- Wednesday- NO Sponsors
3-on-3 boys basketball
3-on-3 girls basketball
- Thursday will be a catch up day on unfinished tournaments

Ropes/Canoe/Archery-

During the afternoons the KBA Ropes course, Canoes, and Archery Range will be available for all groups. These areas are monitored by trained KBA Staff who will guide, teach, and facilitate these activities. Entering these grounds without a KBA Staff member or during non-assigned times will warrant removal from Camp.

The Sign Up for these events will be Monday Morning in the Tabernacle on a first come first serve basis.

The Encounter Art Challenge-

The Encounter ART Challenge is an opportunity for all students to display their art skills and to express their God given talent. Here is how the challenge works: This will not be a team or group challenge but it is an individual competition. On Monday during the morning session we will announce the theme for the challenge. The student will have until Wednesday to create a depiction of the theme in an artistic way. You can use any medium you would like, to express the theme on a 2x2 canvas. You must bring all supplies with you as they will not be provided. All entries will have until 12:00 noon on Thursday to turn their art in at the small chapel. It is important that you place your name and church name on the back of the canvas. We will judge the entries and announce the winner during the Thursday Evening Session.

Free Time-

Ping Pong, Basketball, and Volleyball will be available during the times in which the playing areas are not being used for a sports tournament or Rec Time game.

2.3 – Service / Cabin Time / Workshops

Seating in the Tabernacle

Please understand that seats are on a first come arrangement, we ask that you do not reserve seats. All groups should always sit together at both the morning and evening service times. If your group is very large and you cannot find room to sit together in the tabernacle, divide your group into multiple groups but make sure that an adult sponsor is sitting with each group.

Project Talihina

Project Talihina is an opportunity to serve the community of Talihina by participating in various service projects. If your students are interested in participating please have them meet at 1:00pm at the gazebo

in front of the Tabernacle on the designated day. Please send your students with a sponsor and make plans to provide transportation.

Individual Church Time (ICT) and Facetime

ICT Group time is designed to engage your students in group discussion. After the morning service each church will go back to their cabin/pavilion to go over the questions in the Booklet. After ICT Group time there will be a time for individual personal time (Facetime). Facetime is a time for the students to be by themselves and study God's Word. The booklets provide personal devotions. Please use these times to your advantage.

PART 3: AFTER CAMP

What to do after Encounter Camp

3.1 – Follow Up

END – Back at Home

The success of Encounter Camp is determined by the lives of students when they leave camp. But, teenagers are learning how to walk with God, so they will need encouragement, ideas and accountability to help them continue to put into practice what they learned at Encounter Camp.

These are a few ideas for your church to continue kingdom work at home.

Follow Up

It is imperative that each church has a plan to follow up on the students who make decisions during their week at Encounter Camp. Any student that accepts Christ during a week at camp should have a mentor assigned to them to help them work through their decision.

Students Sharing

Plan ways for your students to share their faith when they get home. When students start getting excited about sharing their faith at camp, they need to know there is a plan to take the excitement home. What will your plan be for your community?

Sunday School or Small Group

Encourage participation in your Sunday School classes or Small Groups

Baptism

Plan a baptismal service for those students that accept Christ throughout the week of camp. If possible, do the baptism counseling while you are still at camp. Helping students understand the purpose of baptism. If baptism was important to Jesus, it should be important to us.

Bible Study Plan

When your students go home after camp, help them move beyond camp by connecting them to a Devotional.

If you have any questions... please let us know. We pray that God does amazing things this year at camp.

*Grace and Peace,
The State CE Board*