

# 2024 HC YTH Camp Info

*Camp Cypress at All Seasons Worship Center  
4160 HWY 35 South, Forest, MS 39074*

**WHAT ARE THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES?** Without stopping, it will take less than an hour to get to the campground. Arrival times are estimates.

Sunday (7/7)	
1:00 PM	Drop Off at the Church
1:30 PM	Depart Church (Stopping for snacks on the way)
2:30 PM	Approximate arrival time at Campground

Wednesday (7/10)	
9:00 AM*	Depart Campground (Breakfast served at Campground)
10:00 AM*	Approximate arrival at Church

\*estimated time

**WHAT DO I DO IN CASE OF EMERGENCY?** Parents may contact the camp office directly at (601) 536-3640 to contact your student or Pastor Micah at 601-701-4109. Unless an emergency, campers should not be visited, or contacted via phone.

**WHAT IS THE VISITOR POLICY?** For safety reasons, camp is a closed event and visitation is discouraged at all times. Visitors are not permitted.

**WHAT IF MY STUDENT HAS MEDICATION?** All medications must be turned in to the Camp First Aid Director. Medications MUST be brought in their original containers! No exceptions! The First Aid Director will be available throughout the week to disperse medications as prescribed. Your student will NOT be able to self-carry medication, with the exception of inhalers and epi-pens.

**WHAT IS THE HEALTH POLICY?** Due to very close living conditions, major disruptions occur when there is a health problem. Students with contagious health problems (i.e. fever, impetigo, lice, etc.) will be sent home. It is recommended that these situations be monitored before leaving for camp. We recommend every church perform a lice check at least once before leaving for camp. There will be mandatory lice checks on Monday morning before registration takes place. Students must be fever free, vomit free, diarrhea free, etc. within 24 hours of camp. Use the school policy - **IF YOU ARE TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL, YOU ARE TOO SICK FOR CAMP.**

**ARE THERE ANY EXTRA FEES?** Yes, extra spending money may be used for snacks, drinks and merchandise and the Speed the Light offering that will be taken. **Student will also need money for snacks or meals to and from camp.**



## GENERAL CAMP RULES

These rules are given as guidelines for every student and adult personnel to follow. This code of conduct has been established for the protective benefit of each camper and adult personnel. Camp rules must be observed at all times. Failure to comply with the camp rules may result in expulsion from camp with no refund. \*Leaders, please monitor your own students.

- The daily schedule must be followed and attendance at all activities is required.
- No one is to leave the campgrounds without specific permission from Pastor Matt Taylor, District Youth Director.
- All staff and personnel are authorized to maintain order anywhere and everywhere on the campgrounds.
- All vehicles are to remain parked Monday through check-out Friday. Campers are prohibited from driving on campgrounds.
- Students are expected to observe habits of personal and group cleanliness, courtesy, and Christian conduct.
- Students are not permitted to call home except for an emergency. All calls must be approved. Cell phones are not permitted.
- Males and females are not allowed in each other's housing dormitories.
- We reserve the right to inspect the contents of all personal belongings. The holding and/or disposal of improper contents are the right of the camp staff.
- Profanity will be NOT tolerated on the campgrounds at any time.
- No alcohol, tobacco or vaping products of any kind are allowed on the campgrounds by campers or personnel.
- Dress Code must be followed at all times \*See Dress Code section below for further details.
- Cell phones, MP3/CD players, radios, air soft guns, and paintball guns are not permitted. All such items will be collected from campers and returned when camp is over.
- Special Government/Camp Statement: Fireworks, smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages, vaping products and drugs are NOT allowed on the campground.
- Fire extinguishers are off limits to campers except in the event of an actual fire. It is ILLEGAL to tamper with fire extinguishers.
- Camp Activities are open only to registered campers and staff. No visitors allowed. Evening services are not open to the public, visiting youth groups, friends or family members.
- Neither campers nor personnel are permitted to bring coolers or any other containers of food or beverage items or to stock or sell said items, but sports bottles are strongly recommended for outdoor activities.
- Students and their parents will be held fully financially responsible for any intentional or accidental damage caused to Cypress Camp. • Serious offenses, such as banned substances (drugs, alcohol, vaping products, firearms, fireworks) will be met with immediate dismissal from camp, as well as notification of local authorities as required by law. Further, the lack of cooperation, unnecessary roughness, lack of respect for property, or an unwholesome attitude on the part of any camper may result in expulsion from camp. Parents are asked to help in explaining these rules to their student and in encouraging their compliance while at camp. Any expenses associated with transporting expelled campers are the responsibility of the parents. NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
- CAMPERS NOR PERSONNEL WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN PHYSICALLY DEMANDING CAMP GAMES UNLESS THEY HAVE PERSONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE.

Please Note: Cypress Camp and Mississippi Youth Ministries Camp and its Leadership are not held responsible for any lost or stolen items. It is the camper's responsibility to keep their items secured.



## **YOUR STUDENT MAY BE EXPOSED TO THE FOLLOWING**

- Sun
- Water
- Mud
- Physical activities outside/inside
- Rock climbing wall
- Zip-line
- Basketball, volleyball, baseball
- Team Competitions
- Lake Activities
- Loud music
- Flashing lights
- Hazers (smoke machines)
- Loud crowds (cheering during games)

## **CAMP DRESS CODE**

Our dress code at camp is based on the biblical principles of modesty, neatness, and appropriateness/safety for activities. The following guidelines are for students, personnel, and Camp Staff. Please help us by setting an example for your campers and communicating these guidelines to them. If camp staff deems an outfit inappropriate, they will ask the individual to promptly change into something better suited for camp.

- No undergarments or midsections showing.
- Shorts must be "Fingertip Length". This means that the hem of these articles of clothing must no shorter than the approximate length of the campers' fingertips when the hands are relaxed at their side.
- No short skirts. In general, skirts are probably not the best attire for camp; pants and shorts are great for all camp activities.
- No clothing with inappropriate symbols or messages (including alcohol, tobacco, or sexually suggestive language or images).
- No halter tops, tube tops, bare midriff tops, or spaghetti strap tops.
- Only modest swimsuits are permitted to be worn at camp. Girls could be asked to wear a dark color t-shirt if the suit is deemed inappropriate. Boys should wear trunks.
- Shirt and shorts **MUST** be worn over a swimsuit at all times when participating in lake activities.
- When walking back and forth from the pool, all swimmers must wear shoes/sandals and a cover up over their swimsuit. A towel wrapped around you is not appropriate as a cover-up.
- Shirts must be worn at all times, unless swimming in the pool.
- Shoes or Flip-Flops must be worn at all times (except when swimming).
- **OPEN-TOED SHOES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE WORN DURING OUTSIDE TEAM ACTIVITIES. CAMPERS MUST WEAR TENNIS SHOES.**
- Tattoos and body piercings must be unobtrusive and of a non-controversial content. Some piercings may need to be removed for safety purposes.



## WHAT TO BRING

- Personal Hand Sanitizer
- Bible, pen and notepad
- Towels and washcloths
- Personal bathroom toiletry items
- Twin Sheets, pillow, 2 blankets or sleeping bag • Sweater or jacket
- Raincoat or umbrella
- Modest Swimsuit & cover-up
- Practical camp clothes that may get dirty
- Adequate spending money for Rec Hall snacks, Merch, and special Speed the Light missions offering
- Athletic shoes (may get muddy or wet)
- Shoes that stay dry for indoor use
- Clothing and shoes for outside water and mud sports
- White shirt for the Color Run
- Recommend aqua shoes for outside water sports
- Camera
- Softball Glove
- Flashlight
- Alarm clock (cell phones are prohibited)
- Sunscreen
- A large trash bag for dirty clothes. Label the bag with the camper's name, church name and city, and phone number • Medication in its original packing

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Short shorts or cut-off shorts
- Tight fitting clothing (non-opaque leggings are okay with extra-long shirt) • Low-cut shirts or clothing exposing the midriff
- CD players, radios, MP3 players
- Cell phones
- Electronic games
- Skateboards
- Non-essential Medications
- Outside food and drinks

## ROOMING

- Bunk style rooms. Our lodges sleep 4, 6 or 8 and the cabins sleep 34.
- Restrooms and showers provided within each room.
- There will be personnel in every room with campers.
- Campers are automatically assigned to rooms with other campers from the same church.
- Campers attending without a church group will be placed in a room with another church and leaders.
- Rooms will remain unlocked. It is the camper's responsibility to keep their items secured. AYM is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

