



# Kansas Messenger

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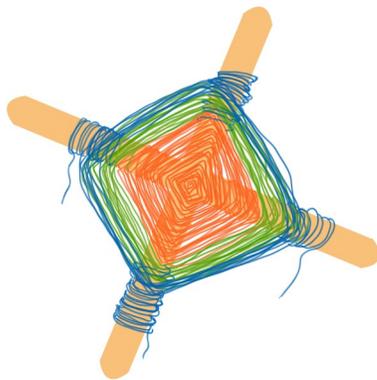
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## CAMP NEWS SPECIAL EDITION

The camp ministries team is preparing for another exciting summer camping program. This special edition of the Kansas Messenger is dedicated to the summer camping program at the Disciples Center at Tawakoni. Summer church camps give children and youth the chance to encounter God through nature, solitude, and Christian community. Each unique experience **connects** them with other Kansas Disciples and **equips** them as future church leaders.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

### 2020 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE



Camp Session	Date	Grade Completed	Max. Enrollment	SAVE! Early-bird Price	Reg Fee (After 4/30)
CYF Conf - Alpha	June 15-20 (Mon-Sat)	9-12	60	\$305	\$350
CYF Conf - Omega	July 6-11 (Mon-Sat)	9-12	70	\$305	\$350
Pre-High	June 15-20 (Mon-Sat)	8 Only	30	\$305	\$350
Chi Rho 1	June 1-6 (Mon-Sat)	6-7	65	\$305	\$350
Chi Rho 2	July 13-18 (Mon-Sat)	6-7	35	\$305	\$350
Junior 1	June 2-6 (Tues-Sat)	4-5	55	\$280	\$325
Junior 2	July 13-18 (Mon-Sat)	4-5	35	\$305	\$350
Primary 1	May 26-28 (Tues-Thurs)	2-3	45	\$210	\$255
Primary 2	June 8-10 (Mon-Wed)	2-3	45	\$210	\$255
Discovery	May 27-28 (Wed-Thurs)	K-1	45	\$100	\$145

**SPECIALTY CAMPS – Early-bird discount does not apply for the following:**

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<b>KCYF Mission Week</b> El Reno, Okla.	June 21-27 (Mon-Sat)	Grades 8-12	20	\$350
<b>Grand Camp 1</b> Grandparents and their grandchildren experience camp together!	May 28-30 (Thurs-Sat)	All Ages	60	\$140/ Adult \$80/ Child
<b>Grand Camp 2</b> Grandparents and their grandchildren experience camp together!	June 11-13 (Thurs-Sat)	All Ages	50	\$140/ Adult \$80/ Child

This is our prayer

Unless otherwise stated, all camps are at the Disciples Center at Tawakoni and begin at 1 p.m. and end at 10 a.m. The all-inclusive camp fee includes lodging, food, and program expenses including a nurse. All campers receive a theme t-shirt and water bottle.

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## 2020 CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### CAMP MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### *Would you like to serve God and the youth of the region?*

We are looking for maintenance volunteers to choose a week to serve during summer camp at Tawakoni. Ideally, we'd like a volunteer at each week of summer camp to do minor maintenance around the property. You will have a great experience in God's world with good food and lodging, plus you'll help keep the camp in good shape.

Attend the "It's About the Campers" training event March 28-29 at Tawakoni to learn about all camp volunteer opportunities. To sign-up contact Sid Rutland at [campmanager@kansasdisciples.org](mailto:campmanager@kansasdisciples.org) or call 629-205-0227, or Vern Failor at [vlfailor@gmail.com](mailto:vlfailor@gmail.com) or call 785-231-3960.



Curious about how you can get involved in the summer camp program? If you are a leader in our summer camp program or want to be one, this is for you!

The Camp Program Team is bringing together current and future camp adults and those who are curious about where they might fit into the program. Learn

### **"It's About The Campers" Camp Leadership Training**

how the pieces fit together and how each person contributes to the whole camp experience.

Camp leadership training will be March 27-28 at Tawakoni. There's something here for everyone! The program will begin with supper at 6 p.m. on Friday and will close by 2 p.m. on Saturday. Bring bedding and spend the night in one of the cabins.

Rev. Greg Rea will keynote on Trust-Based leadership. Greg has done much research regarding challenged youth, and

### CAMP NURSES NEEDED

#### *Are you a medical professional?*

We are looking for camp nurses to choose a week to serve during summer camp at Tawakoni. Ideally, we'd like a volunteer at each week of summer camp to distribute camper medications and general first aid. You will have a great experience in God's world with good food and lodging, plus you'll help keep the camp in good shape.

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To sign-up contact Sid Rutland at [campmanager@kansasdisciples.org](mailto:campmanager@kansasdisciples.org) or call 316-775-1222, or Brenda Davis at [thisthat\\_1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thisthat_1@sbcglobal.net) or call or call 316-650-4056.

he brings insightful and helpful information.

**Register early and save big!** Register by Tuesday, March 10, and pay \$25. Beginning March 11, the registration fee is \$45, still a great deal!

Online registration is open at [www.kansasdisciples.org/event/its-about-the-campers-training/](http://www.kansasdisciples.org/event/its-about-the-campers-training/).

### **How do I register?**

Registration is now open for all summer camp 2020 sessions. Plan to attend one or more of 13 camp experiences available for all ages.

Register Early! Register before April 30 to save \$45 on registration fees. Scholarships are available. Scholarship

application along with registration form are due by March 31. Register online at [www.kansasdisciples.org/events](http://www.kansasdisciples.org/events).

**New for 2020!** We are no longer publishing PDF copies of registration forms on our website. Save time and a

stamp by using our online registration portal.

Contact any of your regional offices to request a PDF registration form.

## Summer Camp Frequently Asked Questions

<p><b>Why should I attend camp?</b></p> <p>The future of the church is found in leadership. Leaders, both clergy and laity, emerge from camp experiences. Both youth and adult leaders find significant growth from their summer camp experience.</p>	<p><b>I am unable to attend camp, but I still want to help. How can I help?</b></p> <p>Gifts of any size are welcome. Contact the camp office at 316-775-1222 for a "Wish List" of equipment and supplies that are needed. Money is always the right size and color to help our camps.</p>
<p><b>What do I need to bring?</b></p> <p>Your camp director will send an email or letter with a specific packing list two weeks prior to the start of your camp session. Basic things to pack are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>XL twin sheets or sleeping bag (jersey knit sheets will stretch to fit)</li> <li>Towels for swimming and bathing</li> <li>Personal toiletries, bug spray, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses</li> <li>Appropriate clothing (midriffs should be covered and shorts length at least mid-thigh)</li> <li>Modest swimwear</li> <li>Bible, journal, pen/pencils</li> <li>Flashlight</li> <li>Pennies for Mission Offering (collected at sign-in)</li> </ul>	<p><b>I am in a wheelchair/physically handicapped. Can I still attend camp?</b></p> <p>You bet! All of our facilities are air conditioned and handicap-accessible. Golf carts are also available to assist those needing to get around.</p>
<p><b>Is there anything I should not bring?</b></p> <p>This varies according to session. Campers may not have food or drinks in the sleeping cabins, including candy. Medical needs are the only exception; such items must be disclosed to the director, camp nurse, and to the counselor in the camper's cabin.</p> <p>Regarding candy, soda pop, and similar: Canteen is scheduled on most camp days, where campers may select one snack and one drink.</p>	<p><b>My camper has special diet requirements; can you accommodate that?</b></p> <p>Yes! Just let us know and we'll work with you. When diet limits are especially challenging, parents may send supplemental items to meet their child's needs. Your child should know what can be eaten from the normal menus and what should be avoided or replaced.</p>
<p><b>Who may attend?</b></p> <p>Everyone! There are camps for all ages from 3 to 93. We host age-graded camps and special interest camps; specific camp sessions have age restrictions. See camp schedule for specifics.</p>	<p><b>What activities are available?</b> <b>Will I be required to participate in all of them?</b></p> <p>While we encourage campers to participate in all camp activities, there may also be opportunities for campers to choose among recreational activities such as swimming, boating, challenge course, and arts &amp; crafts. Your camp director will have more information on what is specifically planned and will work with you to insure everyone can participate together.</p> <p>If your camp will use the high ropes course, generally, 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older, campers must provide a signed challenge course liability release form. A parent or guardian must sign if camper is under age 18.</p>

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<p><b>How do I register for summer camp? What forms do I need?</b></p> <p>Online registration for all camps is available by clicking on the individual sessions in the Events tab. Early bird registrations (lower cost!) are due by <b>April 30</b>.</p>	<p><b>What happens on a typical day at camp?</b></p> <p>Most days at camp will involve small group sessions, swimming, large group fun and games, rest time, worship, campfire, skits, songs, and hanging out with friends. Small group time will include a variety of mental, physical, and spiritual activities, most of which are intended to explore the camp theme in some way. Helping serve meals, and participating in cabin cleanup are also part of camp.</p>
<p><b>How much does camp cost?</b></p> <p>Camp registrations range from \$80 to \$350. Prices vary with the age of the camper, length of session, and activities. See camp schedule for details. Camp costs are lower than other full-service camps because some costs are subsidized by grants from the Kansas Bible Chair.</p> <p>Camp scholarships are available to children and youth who have financial need. Scholarship amounts are based on half of the fee being paid by the sponsoring congregation. The Request Form accompanied by Camp Registration Form is due in the Topeka office before <b>March 31</b>.</p>	<p><b>Severe weather is a concern; how do you handle that?</b></p> <p>Every sleeping cabin includes a storm shelter. Camp staff keep an eye on the weather and alert directors of possible severe weather. Directors, interns, and other camp staff modify activities when needed to avoid severe weather.</p>
<p><b>I would like to volunteer at camp, how can I help?</b></p> <p>We are always looking for fun energetic volunteers to help as counselors, directors, chaplains, maintenance workers and camp nurses. For the safety of the children we work with, all volunteers are required to pass a background check. To volunteer, complete the Volunteer Application Form at <a href="http://www.tawakoni.org">www.tawakoni.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>Where can I download photos taken at camp?</b></p> <p>A password protected photo gallery for each camp has been set up on our website, <a href="http://www.tawakoni.org">www.tawakoni.org</a> under our summer camping program page. Campers will receive the password for their camp photo page in their camp letters prior to camp or by calling the Tawakoni Camp Office, 316-775-1222 or email <a href="mailto:scd@kansasdisciples.org">scd@kansasdisciples.org</a>.</p> <p>You are also encouraged to submit your photos to <a href="mailto:messenger@kansasdisciples.org">messenger@kansasdisciples.org</a> for publication.</p>
<p><b>Where is the Disciples Center at Tawakoni?</b></p> <p>The Disciples Center is located about 20 minutes east of Wichita, between Andover and Augusta on SW Tawakoni Road. We are 1.5 miles north of Hwy 54/400.</p>	<p><b>Can I receive mail? Where does it need to be sent?</b></p> <p>Campers love to receive mail from friends and family back home. Letters and packages need to be addressed in the following format to insure timely delivery. There is no mail delivery on the last day of camp. Remember to include the camp session; we often have 2 or 3 camp sessions happening at the same time! As an example:</p> <p>Camper Name Camp Session (Junior 1, Omega 2, Equestrian, etc.) Disciples Center at Tawakoni 8492 SW Tawakoni Rd. Augusta, KS 67010-8111</p>