

STUDENT LIFE CAMP

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PARENT PACK

HEY PARENTS,

Student Life is excited to host your student at camp this summer. We have put together a packet of information not only to help your student pack, but also to keep you informed about what the week looks like. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your student's life in what we are praying will be a truly transformational week.

CAMP THEME: CULTIVATE

This year at Student Life Camp, we'll unpack the powerful parables Jesus shared with his followers. We'll explore how God's Word takes root in our hearts and transforms us. As we abide in Christ, we'll see how pruning helps us grow and become more like Him. Through abiding in Christ, He empowers us to share the good news of Jesus to the world.

THEME VERSE

"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me." - John 15:5

THE SOWER AND THE SOILS

Main Point // Our hearts determine how God's Word takes root in us; being good soil is essential to spiritual growth.

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus compares God's Word to seeds and our hearts to different soil types. Just as seeds need good soil to grow, God's Word

needs a receptive heart to thrive. Today, we'll reflect on the state of our own heart. Our hearts determine how God's Word takes root. God wants to deeply transform us through His Word and Spirit.

Main Passage // Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

GROWING AND PRUNING

Main Point // To bear fruit, we need a relationship with Christ, who guides our growth and pruning.

Jesus teaches us that an abundant life comes from staying connected to Him, like branches to a vine. Just like a vine needs pruning to grow strong, God prunes us through life challenges and discipleship to Him. This pruning has a purpose: to draw us closer to Him and help us grow in ways that bear fruit. Today, we'll reflect on how we grow spiritually through God's pruning.

Main Passage // John 15:1-8

THE HARVEST IS PLENTY

Main Point // Our hearts determine how God's Word takes root in us; being good soil is essential to spiritual growth.

We are called to be a part of God's harvest. Sharing the good news of Jesus with others is essential to our faith. Just as a harvest requires effort, we must actively participate in God's work, spreading the gospel to the world.

Main Passage // Matthew 9:37-38; Galatians 6:9

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PACKING LIST

WHAT TO BRING

- Appropriate, casual clothing for four nights of Worship
- Appropriate, comfortable clothing for three days during free time
- Appropriate, comfortable clothing for the trip home
- Pajamas
- Bible, pen & notebook
- Toiletries
- Spending money for snacks and Student Life Camp Store
- Watch and/or alarm clock
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Swimsuit and beach towel

ADDITIONAL ITEMS NEEDED FOR YOUR CHURCH GROUP

(EX: Money for lunch on the trip home)

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Alcohol, tobacco, vape/e-cigarettes, hookah, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia
- Weapons of any kind (including look-alike or toy weapons)
- Fireworks, water guns, or items intended for pranks (water balloons, shaving cream, silly string, etc.)
- Gaming systems, tablets, computers, handheld gaming devices
- Skateboards, roller skates, or rollerblades
- Anything that advertises or promotes:
 - Alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or illegal drugs
 - Racism, sexism, or hatred toward any group or person
 - Sexual actions, imagery, or situations

Note: Cell phones and personal electronics are allowed at the discretion of the Church Group Leader but should not be used during camp programming and other scheduled activities. Smart watches are not recommended at camp.

Church Group Leaders are responsible for monitoring and enforcing these expectations within their group. Church groups are responsible for any damages or issues caused by prohibited items at camp.

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CAMP DRESS CODE

- Clothing should be modest and appropriate for a Christian camp environment.
- Undergarments should not be visible at any time. Sagging or clothing designed to draw attention to underwear or the bottom is not allowed.
- Shirts must be worn at all times except during swimming or water activities.
- Tops with spaghetti straps, strapless tops, or tops with excessive cutouts are not permitted (except sleepwear).
- Sleeveless shirts and tank tops are allowed during daytime activities if they provide appropriate coverage.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses should not be excessively short and should fully cover undergarments. Shorts should be long enough to be visible under shirts.
- Clothing should not be excessively tight, short, or revealing. Clothing that exposes the midriff, back, or excessive skin is not allowed.
- No clothing with questionable sayings, slogans, etc.
- Swimwear: Girls should wear modest, one-piece swimsuits (or two-piece suits covered with a dark-colored t-shirt). Boys should wear modest swim trunks (no Speedos, square-cut briefs, or jammers).
- Closed-toe, closed-heel shoes are required for recreation and most scheduled activities.
- Adhere to any additional guidelines put in place by your Church Group Leader.
- Note: Church Group Leaders are responsible for modeling and monitoring their group to ensure students are dressing appropriately.