

# SUMMER CAMP

## TWENTY-TWENTY FIVE

Hello Parents and Campers!

Summer Camp 2025 is rapidly approaching! Hundreds of hours of preparation and prayer have already gone into this event, and we believe Summer Camp will be a catalyst for life change in each student.

This packet of information has been designed to help you and your student prepare for the big day - July 22 - when we depart, via charter bus, to Camp Tejas in Giddings, Texas. Summer Camp is for 6th-12th grade students who call Palm Valley Church their home church.

- Registration details
- Parent information, frequently asked questions, a packing list, and health information form(s)
- Camp Schedule including drop-off and pick-up times
- Behavior requirements for students

Our goal for all students is to experience a safe, well-guided camp, where they are free to have the time of their lives and encounter Jesus in life-changing ways. For this reason, every student attending will be assigned to a small group with about 15 of their peers. At least two well-qualified group leaders will oversee each of these groups. Groups will eat, pray, play, and room together during the week. This will give them the security of close supervision and the opportunity to build friendships within their group.

Registration will happen in person at both the Edinburg Campus and the Mission Campus. The goal is that your student is in a small group with other leaders and students from the campus they regularly attend. Sign up at your camps, ride the bus to camp from your campus, and experience camp with your group from your campus.

If you have any questions or concerns about Camp, please contact the Student Ministries staff at Palm Valley Church, or visit the website at: [www.palmvalleychurch.com/youth](http://www.palmvalleychurch.com/youth).

We are looking forward to a great Camp!

Student Ministries Staff

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# **CAMP DAILY SCHEDULE:**

## **JULY 22**

**6:00 a.m.** Departure from your camp  
(The West End Mission Campus, Main building Edinburg Campus)  
**12:30 p.m.** Arrival at camp Tejas/Orientation  
**1:00 p.m.** Lunch  
**2:00 p.m.** Afternoon Recreation  
**6:00 p.m.** Dinner  
**7:00 p.m.** Service  
**8:30 p.m.** Group Time  
**9:00 p.m.** Evening Recreation  
**11:00 p.m.** Lights Out

## **JULY 23-25**

**8:30 a.m.** Breakfast  
**9:15 a.m.** Morning Service  
**10:30 a.m.** Morning Recreation  
**12:00 p.m.** Lunch  
**1:00 p.m.** Afternoon Recreation  
**6:00 p.m.** Dinner  
**7:00 p.m.** Service  
**8:30 p.m.** Group Time  
**9:00 p.m.** Evening Recreation  
**11:00 p.m.** Lights Out

## **JULY 26**

**6:00 a.m.** Breakfast  
**7:00 a.m.** Load up and departure from Camp Tejas  
**1:00 p.m.** Estimated return arrival time at Palm Valley Church campuses

## PACKING LIST:

- Bible (labeled), pen or pencil & notepad
- WATER BOTTLE
- Casual clothes
- Clothes for mud games/other activities, including modest shorts
- Modest bathing suit
- Swim shorts (guys & girls)
- Tennis shoes that can get dirty
- Sleeping bag or blanket & sheets for a twin bed
- Pillow
- Towels (at least 2) & washcloth
- Toiletries - soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, hairbrush, hair dryer, comb etc.
- Laundry bag for dirty clothes
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Flashlight
- Spending money (optional)
- Necessary medications (must be checked with the nurse)

The camp is staffed with two nurses and a fully stocked medical station. All medications **MUST** be turned in to the Nurse's Desk the morning of departure and will be returned upon arrival to PVC at the end of the camp session.

*Please be sure to adhere to the following guidelines:* All medications (prescription and over-the-counter medications) must be brought to the Nurse's Desk at check-in the morning of departure. Over-the-counter medications must be in their original, unopened packaging and prescription medications must be in their original prescription containers. This rule applies to all medications except for emergency medication allowed by Texas state law: an inhaler or EpiPen. However, written approval is required for any student who will be carrying an emergency medication. Written approval can be obtained from the camp nurse departure morning. You can expedite this process by pre-filling the medication form(s) and bringing a printed copy with you to the Nurse's Desk on departure morning. All medication will be returned at the end of the camp session.

## WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- No clothing with vulgar or suggestive slogans
- No water guns or water balloons
- No valuable items such as jewelry or electronics (PVC will not be held responsible for theft, loss or damage of valuables)
- No prank or gag materials
- No firearms, fireworks, tobacco, electronic cigarettes, vapes, drugs, alcohol, knives, or weapons of any kind\*

\*Campers bringing these items to camp may be sent home at the cost of the parent.

# **POLICY/FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

## **BEHAVIOR POLICY:**

Students must obey staff instructions at all times. Students must stay with their assigned group and leader during group times. Students are not allowed in or near the cabins of the opposite sex. No public display of affection is permitted. Students must remain in their cabins once evening activities have finished. No firearms, fireworks, tobacco, electronic cigarettes, vapes, drugs, or alcohol are permitted at camp. Foul language, fighting, or bullying will not be tolerated. The leadership of Palm Valley Church Student Ministries will handle behavior problems. All parents and students must understand the importance of these guidelines and remain committed to keeping them. The consequences for misbehavior may include the student being sent home early from camp at the parents' expense.

## **CELL PHONE POLICY:**

Whether or not your student takes a cell phone is your decision. Cell phones can be a major distraction. Students do tend to benefit more from camp if they disconnect from friends at home and focus on growing closer to God. Cell phones are allowed at Camp Tejas with restrictions and at your own personal risk. If cell phone usage becomes inappropriate, excessive, or disruptive, the phone will be collected and returned at the end of the camp session. Please note that phones do run a high risk of being lost or damaged at camp. Also, reception at camp is not dependable. PVC will NOT be responsible for theft, loss or damage of phones.

## **LOST ITEMS POLICY:**

If students do not return home with all their belongings, we will have a lost and found box at the West End the first weekend they return home from camp. Items will be kept for one week following camp, then will be washed and donated. It is suggested that you label all items with your camper's name.

## **DRESS CODE POLICY:**

Both guys and girls are expected to dress modestly at camp. No tight or short shorts, tight shirts, or revealing clothing is permitted. Guys must wear shirts at all times (including games and rec times) except when swimming in the pool or lake. Girls are permitted to wear leggings/spandex pants as long as an overshirt is worn covering their rear end. No volleyball shorts, booty shorts or short revealing shorts are permitted to be worn at any time. Shirts must be worn at all times except during swim times. Shirts must cover midriffs at all times. Tight shirts, short shirts, crop tops, sports bras, are not permitted to be worn.

## **HEALTH INFORMATION:**

We have two nurses on site 24 hours a day in a well-equipped facility. We hope that your campers will never need to experience our Nurse's Station, but if they need us, we are here to help them! We will promptly contact you if there is an issue that affects your child's camp experience.

## **HEALTH FORMS:**

If there are changes to your child's health condition or medications after registration has been completed, please contact our office at 956.585.3203 or email us at [youth@palmvalleychurch.com](mailto:youth@palmvalleychurch.com) to update the information.

## **MEDICATIONS:**

Campers are not permitted to keep any medications in their cabins or on their person. A nurse will be available to dispense any medications as needed. All medications (prescription and over-the-counter medications) must be brought to the Nurse's Desk at check-in the morning of departure. Over-the-counter medications must be in their original, unopened packaging and prescription medications must be in their original prescription containers. This rule applies to all medications except for emergency medication allowed by Texas state law: an inhaler or EpiPen. However, written approval is required for any student who will be carrying an emergency medication. Written approval can be obtained from the camp nurse departure morning. Unclaimed medications will be held by student ministries staff for one week and then discarded. Please make sure to let us know about all allergies including stings, foods, and /or medicines. We can provide special dietary needs for those campers who are under medical supervision or have food allergies.

## **PLEASE DO:**

- Fill out the medication form(s), if necessary.
- Bring all medications to the Nurse's Desk at check-in the morning of departure.

## **PLEASE DON'T:**

- Bring opened, over-the-counter, non-prescription medications.

## **REGISTRATION:**

### **How do I register a student for camp?**

Camp registrations are taken in person at each campus. Registration is available before or after Wednesday evening services and Sunday morning services at "The West End" of the mission campus and the main lobby of the "Theater" of the Edinburg Campus. There is no online registration. The goal is that your student is in a small group with other leaders and students from the campus they regularly attend. Sign up at your campus, ride the bus to camp from your campus, and experience camp with your campus group.

Registration is by campus.

## **PRICING**

### **How much does it cost to go to camp?**

The cost of camp is \$450, and can be paid in full at registration.

If you choose the Payment Plan option, you can secure your spot with \$150 deposit and subsequent payments. If any payment is not made on time, you risk losing your spot at camp.

### **Payment Plan Details:**

Deposit of \$150 due at registration to secure your spot.

**Second Payment of \$150 | Due March 2**

**Second Payment of \$150 | Due May 4**

After March 2, the total amount required in the payment schedule is due at the time of registration.

Important Notes: If any payment is not made on time, you risk losing your spot at camp. To utilize the Payment Plan, you must create a Realm account if you don't already have one. You cannot access the Payment Plan if you register as a guest.

## **HOW DO I MAKE A PAYMENT?**

1. Pay in person at either Palm Valley Church campus. Payments can be received at the West End of the Mission campus or the Student Kiosk of the Edinburg campus.

2. Online Payment. (An online payment may only be made after registration has taken place in person)

1. Log in to your Realm account
2. Click "Events"
3. Type "Summer Camp 2025" in Find Event
4. Click "Manage Registration"
5. Click "Make a Payment"

## **IF I NEED TO CANCEL MY CHILD'S RESERVATION, WILL I BE REFUNDED?**

In the case of illness prior to departure, a full refund will be given. In the case of dismissal due to behavioral problems or homesickness while at camp, camp fees will not be refunded. Camp Tejas and/or PVC will not be held responsible for travel expenses incurred in picking up the child. The camp director reserves the right to dismiss any camper whose conduct becomes in any way detrimental to the best interest of the other campers. No refunds will be given. In case of illness or inclement weather, we will refund any monies that Camp Tejas refunds. Camp Tejas and/or PVC will not be responsible for travel expenses incurred in picking up the child.

***Cancellations must be requested in writing.***

E-mail: [youth@palmvalleychurch.com](mailto:youth@palmvalleychurch.com)

Mail:

Palm Valley Church  
Attn: Summer Camp 2025  
1720 E. Griffin Parkway Mission, TX. 78572

## **HOW DOES THE WAITING LIST FOR CAMP WORK?**

Each year we are forced to turn campers away due to lack of space. However, occasionally spaces do become available leading up to camp. Signing up for the waiting list does not guarantee your spot.

If a spot in your student's grade/gender/group becomes available, you will receive a phone call to the number provided on your camp registration form.

You may remove your student from the waiting list and receive a full refund at any time. Refunds will be mailed in the form of a check within 4 weeks of cancellation.

## **HOW DO I JOIN THE WAITING LIST?**

Waitlist registration can be made in person at either campus before or after Wednesday and Sunday services.

The total amount required in the payment schedule is due at the time of registration to register for the waiting list.

Signing up for the waiting list does not guarantee your spot.

### **If a spot does not become available will I be refunded?**

Yes. Refunds will be mailed in the form of a check within 4 weeks of cancellation.

Waitlist registration closes after it reaches 50 students.

## **CAMP TEJAS:**

### **Where does camp take place?**

We take our students to Camp Tejas in Giddings, TX. For more information on Camp Tejas you can check out their website at [www.mytejas.org](http://www.mytejas.org).

### **What does a day at camp look like?**

Each day at camp will include: worship services, Bible study/small group discussion, high-energy rec games and a chance to take advantage of all that Camp Tejas has to offer such as zip lines, climbing walls, pool, etc.

## **ROOM ARRANGEMENTS:**

### **How are campers assigned rooms?**

Campers are assigned rooms by grade and gender.

### **What is the adult-to-camper ratio?**

We maintain a ratio of at least 1 adult for every 8-10 students.

## **SUPERVISION:**

### **Who is on "staff" during camp?**

Camp is staffed with our PVC personnel, the Camp Tejas staff, trained leaders, and a nurse. Special precautions are taken during water activities and certified lifeguards are on duty.

### **Are campers always supervised?**

Yes - counselors are present 24 hours a day.

### **How does PVC choose their counselors?**

Each applicant is carefully screened and hand-picked by the Student Ministries Staff. We conduct national background checks as well as a Child Abuse Prevention Training Course and Exam (required by Texas Law for any adult attending a camp).

## **PHONE CALLS, MAIL, AND VISITORS:**

### **May I call my child at camp?**

Cell phones are allowed at camp with restrictions. Please see the "What to Bring" list for full cell phone policy. Should campers need to contact parents; calls can be made through the Camp Director's cell phone.

### **Can I reach someone at camp any time of the day or night in case of emergency?**

Yes – The emergency number for 6th - 12th grade students is Micah Crump: 956-792-2895. Emergencies only, please!

### **What do you do for homesick kids? Do you let them call home?**

Yes – homesick campers are allowed to call home. Campers who become homesick and leave their camp session early are not eligible for refunds.

### **Can campers receive mail or packages during their stay?**

No - due to the short duration of our camp stay, we do not encourage snail mail or packages to be sent to campers.

### **Does Camp Tejas allow visitors?**

Camp Tejas is a closed campus. All visitors need prior approval from the PVC staff and must register with the main office upon entering Camp Tejas.

## **MEDICAL INFORMATION:**

### **Is there a nurse available at all times?**

Yes – Nurses are on staff 24 hours a day.

### **Which medications should my child bring to camp?**

All medications (prescription and over-the-counter medications) must be brought to the Nurse's Desk at check-in on the morning of departure. Over-the-counter medications must be in their original, unopened packaging, and prescription medications must be in their original prescription containers. This rule applies to all medications except for emergency medication allowed by Texas state law: an inhaler or EpiPen. However, written approval is required for any student who will be carrying an emergency medication. Written approval can be obtained from the camp nurse on departure morning. You can expedite this process by pre-filling the medication form(s) and bringing a printed copy with you to the Nurse's Desk on departure morning. All medication will be returned at the end of the camp session.

### **Do you give kids pain relievers if needed?**

Yes – the Nurse's Station has pain relievers and the nurse is available to dispense medication as needed.



**Does my child have to turn in his medicine even if he knows when to take it and how much?**

Yes. All medications (prescription and over-the-counter medications) must be brought to the Nurse's Desk at check-in on the morning of departure. Over-the-counter medications must be in their original, unopened packaging, and prescription medications must be in their original prescription containers. This rule applies to all medications except for emergency medication allowed by Texas state law: an inhaler or EpiPen. However, written approval is required for any student who will be carrying an emergency medication. Written approval can be obtained from the camp nurse on departure morning. You can expedite this process by pre-filling the medication form(s) and bringing a printed copy with you to the Nurse's Desk on departure morning. All medication will be returned at the end of the camp session.

**Are feminine products available at camp?**

Yes – the nurse will have a supply of feminine products.

**ACTIVITIES:**

**What are the specific activities the campers will be doing?**

Campers will be involved in a variety of activities including swimming, canoeing, basketball, waterslides, inflatable games, obstacle courses, mud games, water trapeze, zip lines, lazy river, climbing wall, etc.

**SPENDING MONEY:**

**How much money do they need to bring?**

Spending money is optional. Most campers spend on average \$50 for snacks and souvenirs during their camp stay.

**How many times are students allowed to go to the Gift Shop?**

Campers are allowed to go to the gift shop during their camp session to shop for souvenirs and snacks each full day of camp.

**Do students keep their own money at camp?**

Yes – they will be responsible for their own money at camp. PVC is not responsible for lost or stolen money at camp.

For further questions please do not hesitate to contact the Student Ministries staff at [youth@palmvalleychurch.com](mailto:youth@palmvalleychurch.com) or call 956.585.3203