

Arriving at East Texas Baptist Encampment

- 1) **Registration:** Registration is the first step upon your arrival and is done in the ETBE Office, unless otherwise noted. It is first come, first served.
 - One person from each group will go and make any changes to your registration, turn in all forms, and pay the balance due.
 - Dorm assignments will be given.
 - All medication will be turned into the Nurse.
- 2) **Lodging:** Each church is assigned only enough bunks for your group. Please keep your group together using both top and bottom bunks.
 - Unpack, choose beds, and settle into your cabin.
 - Hand out lanyards and camp booklets if provided.
 - Take a moment and look over the schedule and meeting locations.
- 3) **Schedule:** The schedule is what makes camp run smoothly. Following the schedule makes sure you and your campers are where they should be when they should be there.
- 4) **ETBE Rules:** Please read the rules and go over them with your campers. This will help set the guidelines and expectations for everyone.
- 5) **Swim Test:** The swim test is done during registration. This will be the only time it is offered. Please remember that NO SWIM TEST means NO DEEP END SWIMMING OR DIVING BOARD during your stay. The test only takes a few minutes, and when you are done, you can change into your dry clothes and go explore the camp.
- 6) **Dining Hall:** The Dining Hall is first come, first served, and the serving line is open for 30 minutes from the start of each meal time. Seconds are called as soon as the line is served and continues until the food is gone. Shoes and Shirts must be worn in the Dining Hall and Annex.
- 7) **The Stand:** The Stand is the place to buy your sodas, candy, ice cream, snacks, etc. Ice is also available during these scheduled times. Please check your schedule times when the stand is open.
- 8) **The Store:** The Store carries an assortment of items like T-Shirts, Jewelry, notepads, pens, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.
- 9) **Camp Life:** Remember that ETBE will be your home away from home during your stay. As a sponsor, a few items may make your stay more comfortable.
 - Ziploc bags for opened food. (Helps keep bugs away)
 - Trash bags for dirty laundry
 - Mosquito spray
- 10) As sponsors, your campers will look to you when they have lost, forgotten, or run out of certain items. You may want to bring some of the following:
 - Change for a dollar bill
 - Note Paper
 - Pen/Pencil
 - Soap/Shampoo

Activities at East Texas Baptist Encampment

The following activities are schedule specific so be sure and check your camp schedule to see when these activities are offered. These activities MUST be facilitated by ETBE Staff.

- Swimming
- Rifle Range
- Ropes Course
- Water Slides
- Archery
- Canoeing
- Paddle Boating
- Kayaking

ETBE has several types of games set up and available around the camp for your use. Game balls (except for ping-pong) are available to campers for a \$5.00 deposit, The deposit will be returned to the camper when the ball is returned in good condition. The Dodge Ball Court is available but must be supervised by a sponsor. Ping Pong tables are located in the Breezeway. Ping Pong balls may be purchased in The Stand, The Store or breezeway area for \$.25 each

Suggested What to Bring List

- Bible (Name & Address in it)
- Twin Bed Sheets or Sleeping Bag
- Blanket & Pillow
- Towels and Washcloths
- Pen and/or Pencil/Paper
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Brush and/or Comb
- Shampoo/Soap/Deodorant
- Sunscreen/Insect Repellent
- Flashlight
- Flip Flops/Tennis Shoes
- Money for The Stand, The Store and for Mission Offerings

Suggested What Not To Bring

In trying to figure out what items you shouldn't allow your campers to bring, try to remember why you are here and any items that would distract or cause others to be distracted should be left at home. These items include:

- Cell Phones or pagers
- MP/3 players
- iPods
- Tablets
- Televisions
- Any type of electronic games or equipment
- Computers of any kind
- Duct Tape
- Spray Paint/Body Paint/Face paint
- Water Balloons
- Shaving Cream/Silly String

The following items are not allowed on the ETBE campus at any time.

- Drugs/Alcohol/Any Form of Tobacco
- Firearms/Knives/Any other Weapons
- Fireworks

Clothes need to be reflective of a Christian lifestyle.

- No sleeveless clothing for boys or girls.
 - Shorts and skirts must reach fingertip length with arms and hands straight down at sides while standing.
 - Low cut necklines, sheer clothing, clothing that is too tight and clothing that shows bare midriff are not allowed.
 - No clothing that displays inappropriate slogans, advertisements or artwork.
 - Appropriate shorts are allowed during the worship services.
 - Swimsuits must be modest one piece or 2 piece with a dark colored t-shirt over it.
 - Cover up and/or t-shirt must be worn to and from the pool and slide area for both girls and boys.
 - You may need a set of clothes that can be worn for messy games.
 - Shoes must be worn at all times.
- * Enforcement of the dress code is at the discretion of the ETBE staff and sponsors.** The above list is meant to be general guidelines and not an exhaustive list.

General Rules

For the safety of the campers, these rules must be enforced. Christian conduct is expected at all times. Sponsors are responsible for the dress and conduct of their group and should know the location of their campers.

- 1) ALL GUESTS MUST BE REGISTERED upon arrival.
- 2) All serious injuries and illnesses must be reported immediately to the camp Nurse and ETBE camp office. For life-threatening emergencies call 911.
- 3) Meeting rooms and accommodations will be assigned by ETBE administration.
- 4) Campfires are to be scheduled before arrival and may be built at designated areas unless unfavorable winds or fire ban prevent them.
- 5) Campers under the age of 18 years of age must have authorization from parents for medical aid to be administered, if the need should arise. A signature by a parent/legal guardian is required on an ETBE medical release form.
- 6) All prescription and non-prescription drugs must be in original containers, deposited with the camp nurse and dispensed by the camp nurse.
- 7) Guests staying in dorms must furnish their own linens, towels, pillows, and personal items. Beds are twin size. Motel rooms have furnished linens.
- 8) No equipment, beds or other furniture may be moved without permission from the ETBE office. All items must be reset to their original location before leaving.
- 9) Schedule times for "in dorms" and "lights out" shall be strictly enforced by adult sponsors.

- 10) Swimming and/or waterfront activities are not allowed without an ETBE lifeguard on duty.
- 11) Foul language will not be permitted.
- 12) The use or possession of alcoholic beverages or unauthorized drugs will not be tolerated.
- 13) No tobacco products of any kind are allowed in buildings, on porches or under the breezeway.
- 14) Clothes need to be reflective of a modest Christian lifestyle. Please refer to clothing guidance above.
- 15) Prank items such as shaving cream, silly string, water balloons, etc. are not allowed, unless specifically required for a camp activity.
- 16) No ironing clothes on mattresses, carpets or countertops.
- 17) Firearms and fireworks are not permitted.
- 18) Cell Phone Policy: While ETBE does not prohibit cell phones, the camp suggests that campers leave them at home. Phone and/or other devices used by campers are to be monitored by sponsors.
- 19) There are trash cans provided throughout the camp. Please help us keep the campgrounds free of litter, so everyone can enjoy the beauty of God's creation.
- 20) All vehicles should be parked upon arrival at camp. Any use of vehicles, golf carts and/or atv's during camp session must be authorized by ETBE administration.
- 21) Any food items must be kept in a sealed container or bag to avoid problems with ants and other pests.
- 22) Food or drink is not allowed in the Tabernacle.
- 23) Any use of nails, glue, tape, putty or staples of any kind must be approved by Camp Management or payment for repair of surfaces may be required.
- 24) All campers, sponsors and group leaders will be expected to attend all worship services, conferences, classes and observe rest periods.
- 25) Pets are not allowed. Official service animals are allowed.
- 26) Inappropriate discharge of fire extinguishers may result in a charge to cover the cost to refill the fire extinguisher and any damages that are incurred.
- 27) No merchandise of any type may be sold on camp property without the authorization of the ETBE administration.
- 28) Campers are not allowed to enter the dorms or motel rooms of the opposite sex for any reason.
- 29) Public displays of affection are not allowed.

General Information

Main Office Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Main Office Phone: (409) 379-2737

After 5:00 pm: (409) 379-2737 ex 303

Camp Nurse: (409)-276-8477

First Aid & Medication Dispensing: All medications for campers and sponsors must be turned in to the nurse upon arrival. (Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, requires all prescription and non-prescription medications to be secured and dispensed only by the camp's designated licensed health officer.) ETBE will provide First Aid and dispensing of all medications during your stay at camp. A designated location for the dispensing of medications will be assigned by the camp nurse at the beginning of camp. All campers and sponsors must report to the designated location at the scheduled times to receive their medications. The church contact person who is present during the camp is responsible for seeing that all campers from their church report to the nurse for each scheduled dose of medication.

Incoming Mail: If you follow the few suggestions below, sending mail to your camper can be a wonderful opportunity for encouragement. Be sure that family members know to put the Church, Camper's Name and what camp your child is attending on each envelope. Any mail not received while at camp will be returned to the sender. Realize that mail needs to be mailed a day or two before camp to ensure that it arrives while the camper is at camp. Mail will be distributed daily by the Camp Director at whatever time he/she decides.

Outgoing Mail: You may bring any outgoing mail to the Main Office. Stamps are available for purchase at the current rate. Outgoing mail will be placed in the camp mailbox at the end of the day for next pickup.

Maintenance Requests: During Sponsor Orientation you will be given a phone number to call for maintenance problems. Please report plumbing, electrical, or HVAC issues to the Main Office immediately.