



STUDENT PACKET

GENERAL INFO

Dates: June 2-6, 2025

Location: Riverbend Retreat Center, Glen Rose, Texas (Riverbend.camp)

Cost: \$360 per camper, payable via check, cash or online (see "Payment Information" below)
Scholarships available

CAMP PREP CHECKLIST

- ◇ [Online Student Registration](#) (see below for details)
- ◇ [Activity Participation Form](#) (UBC in house form covering '24-'25 school year)
- ◇ Time Away Form (completed through Online Student Registration)
- ◇ Medication/Dosage Chart (Completed at Parent Meeting)
- ◇ Payment for camp or Scholarship Application

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CONTACT INFO.

- ◇ [Join](#) our Remind Text Thread for Parents / Important Adults
Text "@EW-ubc" to 81010
- ◇ Keep these numbers handy throughout the week

Jason Simon – UBC Minister to Students
(405) 501-3858

Riverbend – Office Hours
(254) 897-4011, (888)269-2363

Riverbend – Camp Health Officer
(254) 898-0814

Riverbend – On Call Staff for after hours
emergencies
(817) 319-9617



A NOTE ABOUT CAMP

Encounter Week is back! This annual youth camp is open for students who completed one of the following grades for the 2024-2025 school year: 6th grade – 12th grade. For five days, students worship together, study scripture in Family Groups, compete at recreation, enjoy the beauty of Riverbend's property, and party at Late Night, all while growing deeper in their faith in God and relationships with one another. This is a week like no other, a week to encounter God.

Every leader and adult on-site has completed a background check as well as minor safety training. We also maintain a strict 2-Leader Policy. This states that students are never to be one-on-one with a leader in a private setting.

Please be mindful of these important deadlines.

Sign Up Deadline: April 28th

Payment Deadline: May 21st

Our staff is really excited about you joining us at Encounter Week. We will do everything we can to ensure that everyone has a great week – so show up on June 2 ready to have fun, meet new people, participate as part of a team, and learn more about following the Jesus Way.

Remember, this is a Christian camp. We don't expect everyone who participates to follow Jesus, but we do expect everyone who participates to respect our commitment to Christ and follow the guidelines for Encounter Week. A positive, flexible attitude is essential!

Please look over and be familiar with *Things We Have an Understanding About* before we get to camp. These are not just "suggestions", they are requirements! Also, please look over the Dress Code and keep it in mind when you are shopping and packing for camp.

This week has the potential to be a life-shaping event for each of us. Begin asking God now to prepare your heart for what He has for you. Be open to new people and new experiences. Expect Him to have a purpose for this week!

We would also love for PARENTS AND STUDENTS to join us on Sunday, June 8th for a post camp celebration!

Sunday, June 8

9:30 am Sunday AM Breakfast and Camp Recap – UBC Room 300!

Parents: if you can bring a breakfast item, let us know!

10:30 Worship Service in the Sanctuary (wear your camp shirt)

We realize that this is a lot of information to absorb, so let us know if something does not make sense or is not clear!

"Dear children, let us not love in word or speech but in action and in truth." 1 John 3:18

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PARENT MEETING

We will have an optional, yet highly encouraged, Encounter Week Parent Meeting as we prepare for Encounter Week. This will provide information to help you to know how to prepare for camp, how to pray for your student and for camp, and will allow opportunities for you encourage your student during camp.

Pre-Camp Parent Meeting

- Time and Date: May 14th, 6:30 PM
UBC YOUTH ROOM (Room 300)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

We are using a new registration website this year! We will register directly through Riverbend (the campsite where Encounter Week takes place.)



Each family will create a New Account to begin, then Add Campers. This is how **both** students and adults will register. The CampID for our week is **encounter2025**.

The webpage is: bendcamper.org

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Here are the three registration options for each Camp Attendee (student and adult leader).

Cost for camp this year is \$360 per camper. Email jason@ubcfortworth.org to request a scholarship form.

Payment methods include:

1. Online
 - a. Pay on our Square <https://square.link/u/KtcmqKhY>
2. Cash (delivered to Student Ministry Team or donation box near UBC Offices)
3. Check (delivered to Student Ministry Team or donation box near UBC Offices)



DIETARY NEEDS

If your student has special dietary needs or restrictions, that must be submitted to Riverbend by May 20th. You can do so by visiting BendFoodAllergy.org. The Riverbend staff will work directly with you.



WHAT TO BRING

- ◇ twin size sheets/blanket or sleeping bag & pillow
- ◇ Bible & pen
- ◇ water Bottle
- ◇ day pack (small backpack to hold water, Bible, etc.)
- ◇ appropriate, comfortable clothing for 5 days
- ◇ athletic clothing for recreation (a Rec shirt will be provided)
- ◇ shoes/sandals (closed toe shoes required for some activities, including recreation)
- ◇ toiletries (throw some insect repellent in there!)
- ◇ towels (For waterfront, for showering)
- ◇ swimsuit (check dress code before packing!)
- ◇ extra cash for the canteen & camp store (Encounter Week shirts, water bottles, sunglasses, etc.)
- ◇ a friend!
- ◇ sunscreen (because you'll be in the sun a lot)
- ◇ a good attitude that will last all week!
- ◇ flashlight (it gets dark at night)
- ◇ a camera (you will not have your phone to take pictures)
- ◇ softball glove (if you are so inclined)

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- ◇ cell phones**
- ◇ any prank stuff
- ◇ drugs, alcohol*, tobacco products & e-cigarettes
- ◇ roller blades, bikes, scooters, ATV's, motocross bikes
- ◇ any type of weapon (firearms, guns or knives)
- ◇ fireworks or anything explosive
- ◇ cell phones**, MP3's, iPod's, CD players of any kind
- ◇ bikinis or speedos
- ◇ anything else that would take the focus off of what you are at camp for!

**Possession of alcohol or illegal drugs will result in immediate dismissal from Encounter Week*

****A Note on Cell Phones:**

UBC holds no responsibility for student cell phones. Riverbend has a no student cell phone policy, so we highly recommend that you consider leaving them at home. We will not provide lock boxes or anything of the sort to guard cell phones. Cell phones will not be allowed to be out at camp. There are also a limited number of charging ports in the cabins and an excess of students and leaders.

Riverbend has asked that we help them in protecting our campers by not allowing cell phones with internet availability on campus. The following is a statement from their insurance provider:

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The effort to protect a single camper from the reaction to a devastating text-message, or a photograph of an unsuspecting camper placed on the internet is reason enough to prohibit Internet availability of cell phones at camp. Parents who trust you and value your program will comply.

Telephones are available at the camp, or from adult leadership, if you need to make a call home. Parents, if you need to contact your camper, please call Riverbend or our team and a message will be delivered to the student. Our goal is to help create an environment with as few distractions as possible for all of our students, to allow them to fully participate in gospel community and to focus on what God teaches them throughout the week.

Thank you for helping us to provide the best possible atmosphere for our camp as well as to protect all of our campers. If you have specific questions regarding cell phones, please contact Jason Simon.

THINGS WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING ABOUT

PLEASE READ OVER THIS LIST, GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF EACH ITEM, AND BE PREPARED TO FOLLOW THE EXPECTATIONS OF ENCOUNTER WEEK...

1. All Campers and Sponsors must keep a good attitude. Attitude is the key to everything else!
2. All Campers must be ON TIME and participate in all services, activities and meals (unless permission is given by a Dean or Camp Executive Staff).
3. If you aren't sure where to go or what to do... ask a sponsor!
4. Campers must remain in their dorms from "lights out" until 6:00am (unless permission is given by a Dean or Camp Executive Staff).
5. No girls in guys' cabins/no guys in girls' cabins! No exceptions! Groups of guys and girls will only meet in the middle of each cabin during Family Group Time.
6. Students are expected to read and follow the dress code. Please respond quickly and cheerfully if a Dean or adult sponsor asks you to change clothes.
7. Shoes should always be worn outside the cabin.
8. Please stay off of the cliffs. Climbing on the rocks can result in serious injury.
9. No food should be taken from the Dining Hall. Please do not eat in the dorms - it creates a mess and attracts insects.
10. You are responsible for keeping all of your belongings ON or UNDER your bunk. You will be expected to keep your dorm and bathroom clean. Take care of your things and respect other campers' property.
11. Campers are NEVER allowed in the river - no exceptions! The result of going into the river is immediate dismissal from Encounter Week.
12. There will be no rough play permitted in the cabins, cafeteria, or worship center. Any property damage will be paid for by the student(s) responsible and his or her family.
13. A Camp Nurse will be available 24-hours-a-day for minor accidents and illnesses. If you feel sick or become injured, please tell a sponsor immediately.
14. Limit the use of shaving cream, toothpaste, and toilet paper to the restroom area. Do not administer these items to anyone or anything other than yourself. If you make a mess, clean it up.
15. The following items are not allowed at camp: cell phones, tablets, computers, knives, fireworks, firearms, radios, personal stereo devices, video games, illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, water



balloons, airsoft guns, or water guns. These will be confiscated by Deans or adult sponsors upon detection. Leave the games, weapons, and technology at home!

ONLY Adult Sponsors are allowed to have cell phones at camp.

16. Campers and adults should not have any medicine in the cabins. All medicine should be checked in at the Nurse's Station on Monday before we leave the church and will be dispensed by the Nurse.
17. Couples, please maintain a "hands off" policy and avoid any PDA (public display of affection). Save it until you get home.
18. Do not leave the Riverbend campus without the permission of the Deans or Camp Executive Staff (this includes leaving with your parents). We must know if you are planning to be picked up early via the *Camper Excused Release Form*. Leaving the Riverbend campus without permission will result in the camper's immediate dismissal from camp.
19. Please do not tamper with the air conditioning controls. You can cause a problem for everyone! Turning the thermostat too high or too low can result in the unit malfunctioning.

DRESS CODE

Out of respect for Christ and each other, and as a result of fashion trends, we have established a dress code (similar to the FWISD Dress Code) at camp. Please keep the following guidelines in mind when shopping and/or packing for the week. The Deans of Women and Deans of Men will help make sure we are all following this agreement. Students who choose to violate these guidelines will have the choice of changing clothes or wearing something that is provided for them by the Camp Staff.

The dress code can be summarized with several key points:

- Dress appropriately for the occasion
- We ask that your tank tops, shirts, dresses, etc. have straps that are two fingers wide
- One-piece swimsuits or modest, appropriate two-piece
- If your clothing is distracting to others around you, you will be asked to change

SHIRTS AND BLOUSES:

Please do not wear shirts that have questionable or potentially offensive pictures, logos or statements on them. It's not the best way to draw attention to yourself.

Wear appropriate shirts for daytime activities. Tank tops may be worn. A tank top is considered a sleeveless shirt with a strap width 2 fingers-wide or more.

Changes to your team recreation shirt must stay within dress code. If you cut your sleeves out, do not cut down the side of the shirt or you will be asked to wear a shirt underneath.

Shirts or blouses must have an appropriate neckline and cover the entire torso at all times, even in movement. No offense, but we don't want to see your stomach or undergarments at any time.

SHORTS, SKIRTS AND DRESSES:

Appropriate short length for daytime activities – no extremely short-shorts. No tight shorts; no "sagging" - we don't want to see your underwear.

Please be sure that any shorts, skirts, or dresses are at least the length of fingertips when fully extended



by your side. **If you have to ask, it's probably too short.*

SWIMSUITS

Please wear an appropriate swimsuit that is secure and comfortable for water activities (diving, the Blob, etc.). Swimwear is only to be worn in the swimming pool area. Students must be fully clothed when traveling to and from the swimming pool or lakefront. If you have questions, please contact Chelsea Judkins, who is on staff with Encounter (chelsea.judkins@fbca.org).

These guidelines are intended to help everyone have the best possible experience at Youth Camp.



LATE NIGHTS

Each night at camp we end the day with a themed “**Late Night**” activity:

Monday – Jersey / Team Night

Rep your favorite sports team as we welcome in camp with inflatables and outside games!

Tuesday – Luau Night

Dust off that Hawaiian shirt and let’s party at the pool with our “King/Queen/Monarch of Pain Contest” (aka: belly flop contest) and some great outdoor games. Rec Point and the Rec Fields will also be open. UBC is helping emcee the Monarch of Pain this year, so it will be that much better!

Wednesday – Silent Disco – Broadway Themed!

SILENT DISCO IS BACK and we are headed to... NEW YORK CITY! Our special playlist will be full of your favorite Broadway hits. Of course, we will have two additional playlists with all of your favorite music to jam “silently” to. This will be an unforgettable night of dancing, costumes, and incredible music. Rec Point will also be open.

Thursday – Street Party

On the last night of camp, we will spend time celebrating what God has done in our midst, then finish the night off with all of the churches at our Street Party, which includes Arlington’s very own *Mad Mike’s Ice Cream* and fireworks.



CAMP SCHEDULE

MONDAY:

12:00 pm	Registration at UBC (Lunch not provided. Feel free to eat beforehand or bring lunch and eat before loading the bus.) Drop bags in designated place in parking lot and register with a family member at the registration tables inside.
1:00	Depart UBC
4:00	Orientation - Worship Center
4:45	Meet Your Family Group and find your Family location
5:15	Group Picture – Meet outside the Chapel
5:30	Free Time
5:45	Family Leader Meeting - Worship Center Conf. Room Response Counseling Meeting for Adults – Worship Center
6:15	Dinner
7:00	Family Group Bible Study at <u>your</u> Family location
8:15	Evening Service - Worship Center
9:45	Church Group Time
10:30	Late Night
11:30	In Your Dorms
12:00am	Lights Out - GO TO SLEEP!

TUESDAY-THURSDAY:

8:30 am	Breakfast
9:15	Family Group Time Time Alone with God
10:00	Morning Show
10:45	Family Rec Rotations
12:30 pm	Lunch – Junior High
12:45	Lunch – High School
1:30	Breakouts
2:30	Free Time (lake open)
4:00	Joe Myers Softball
5:45	Family Leader Meeting - Worship Center Conf. Room or Riverside Room
6:15	Dinner – Junior High
6:30	Dinner – High School
7:15	Family Group Bible Study
8:15	Evening Service - Worship Center
9:45	Church Group Time
10:30	Late Night
11:30	In Your Dorms
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FRIDAY:

8:30 am	Breakfast	10:15	Depart Riverbend
9:45	Load buses	12:00 pm	Pickup from UBC