

**To: Camp Tallowood  
Participant and Parents**  
**From: Ryan Taylor  
Student Minister and Camp Director**  
**Re: Information regarding camp**



We are so thrilled that you are going to participate with us at Camp Tallowood, **June 24-29<sup>th</sup>**, at Camp Eagle ([www.campeagle.org](http://www.campeagle.org)). This information is designed to help answer every possible question you might have at this point as you prepare for camp. Read it completely and make sure that all your questions have been answered.

## **CHECK-IN PROCEDURE, SUNDAY, JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Every camper must be at the Tallowood GYM at 11:30 AM to check-in and have their bags ready to be inspected before loading their own luggage onto their bus.** (See “Luggage Search and Seizure” information)

### **BRIEF SCHEDULE**

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup> \*\*Seniors Only\*\***

8:30 am - Arrive at the **Tallowood Southeast Parking lot**, leave your luggage in the parking lot to be inspected, and go check in at the Gym. After your luggage is inspected, load your luggage onto your bus.

9:00 am - Leave for camp

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>**

11:30 am - Check-in begins in the Tallowood Gym. Leave your Luggage outside on the sidewalk.

1:00 pm - Buses leave for Camp Eagle

6:45 pm - Arrive at Camp Eagle (300 miles)

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>**

7:30 pm - Back at Tallowood MAIN campus (southeast parking lot)

#### **SUNDAY EVENING, JULY 1<sup>st</sup>**

6:00 pm - Camp Celebration Service in the Tallowood Worship Center (Main Campus)

Wear Camp t-shirt/jeans!

## **PURPOSE AND THEME FOR CAMP**

Our goal at Tallowood is to do whatever we can to make the amazing word of God and story of God come alive to every person who attends the week of camp. One of the reasons we love Camp Eagle is because it is a perfect setting to experience God in a setting outside of our normal life. This year we are focusing on the book of Acts. Specifically, we are focusing on God unleashing the Holy Spirit on the World, and through the power of the Spirit, God unleashing us on the world to proclaim the Kingdom of God. Again this year, we are publishing the **scripture memory verses ahead of time** so students can begin to memorize the verses before camp. This is a big deal! Students get points for their group as they memorize these verses.

### **Acts 22:14**

“Then he said: ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth.’”

### **Acts 22:15-16**

“<sup>15</sup> You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard. <sup>16</sup> And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.”

### **Titus 3:5-6**

“He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,<sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,”

### **Acts 4:12**

<sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

## **WHAT TO BRING & NOT BRING**

**BRING: Bible, pen, sleeping bag or bedroll, pillow,** backpack for hiking, water bottle, basic casual clothes, swimsuit (no bikinis or speedos), shorts, t-shirts, 2 pairs of tennis shoes (one you can get muddy and wet), water shoes (if you have them), soap, deodorant, towels, washcloths, toothbrush, toothpaste, sunscreen, insect repellent, flashlight, plastic bag for wet items, umbrella or rain gear, allergy/asthma medications. You might want to bring an old t-shirt you can throw away after our Acquire the Tire game on Monday.

**Do not bring: CELL PHONES** (even for use for alarms, clocks, music, or to call parents), iPod type music players, iPads, any electronic audio or video devices, laptops, skateboards, rollerblades, electronic games, firearms, fireworks, any kind of weapon, anything that shoots anything. Also, do not bring any type of tobacco product, alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs. Energy drinks are not recommended. Campers can become quickly dehydrated at Camp Eagle, which can cause serious health issues.

## **WHAT TO WEAR**

Our primary desire is for modesty. This is a casual camp setting and students will spend the majority of their day outside so keep that in mind as you pack and prepare for camp. Please limit your luggage to one large bag and one carry-on bag. This will help with the space limitations on buses and will make it easier for you to carry your own stuff to your assigned lodging space. See dress code in Camp Guidelines for specific details!

## **SPENDING MONEY AND VALUABLES**

All meals will be provided during the week, and by the way, the meals will be fantastic. You can get by all week long without any spending money. However, the Game Room Coffee Shop and Camp Eagle Store will be open during free time for optional purchases. Please do not bring any expensive or valuable jewelry, clothes, purses, or personal items.

## **CAMP EAGLE INFO**

### Address:

6424 Hackberry Rd.  
Rocksprings, TX 78880

### Phone:

830-683-3219

After hours you may call the clinic phone at 830-683-2632

E-mail: [info@campeagle.org](mailto:info@campeagle.org)

Fax: 830-683-2219

Camp Eagle is in the beautiful Hill Country located 70 miles west of Kerrville, Texas. It will be a 300 mile bus trip from Tallowood. [www.campeagle.org](http://www.campeagle.org)

## **LODGING**

Camp participants will be in multi-bunk, air-conditioned lodging space with an average of 12 people per room. Adult sponsors will be providing direct supervision in every lodging space.

## **CHALLENGE COURSE OPTIONS**

Challenge Course activities will be available Monday through Thursday during afternoon free time. The students will be given an opportunity to sign-up daily at breakfast to participate that day. Rappelling, rock climbing, and the zip-line will be available options.

## **SECURITY AND SUPERVISION**

Our desire above everything else is for the safety and well-being of every individual camp participant. Therefore, we recruit and prepare adults and college students to serve as camp sponsors. These individuals are people who love God and students and who have a desire to invest a week of their life in the lives of this student generation. We require all adult sponsors to have a background check and also complete the Child Protection Training as mandated by the State of Texas. Our sponsor-to-camper ratio is 1:6.

## **SAFE SANCTUARY POLICY AND MINISTRY SAFE TRAINING**

At all Tallowood sponsored youth events, we adhere to the Safe Sanctuary Policy adopted by the Texas Conference United Methodist Church. The following describes their policy that we have adopted.

### Supervision of youth at events:

- We observe the "2 Leader Rule" (2 leaders per classroom, 2 leaders within line of sight when outdoors.)
- Exception to allow 1 leader/1 assistant may be made with the approval of the event leader on a case-by-case basis.
- Any one-to-one mentoring or consulting shall be conducted in sight of another adult leader.
- Understanding that there is safety in numbers, one leader can be in contact with multiple students (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) as long as they are in line of sight of other leaders.

### At events that require overnight accommodations:

- We strongly recommend that at least (2) leaders be present in every lodging space.
- Recognizing accommodations may be restrictive in some cases; one leader is adequate, so long as any one leader shall NOT be alone with any one youth.

Also, every adult who goes to camp as a sponsor goes through the Ministry Safe Training. For more information about our training, check out [ministrysafes.com](http://ministrysafes.com).

## **TALLOWOOD MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS & CAMP EAGLE ONLINE FORMS**

**By June 18th**, every camper must have a signed and notarized Tallowood Medical Release Form on file with Tallowood Baptist Church and a completed Camp Eagle online health history and release. Make sure the medical information is up-to-date on the form. Also, a front and back copy of your health insurance card is

helpful if your child needs to go to a clinic or hospital in case of emergency. The Camp Eagle nursing staff will be responsible for all medical needs while at camp.

PARENTS, please add the following information to the Medical Release form so that the Camp Eagle Staff will be aware of any of the following needs.

- Has had a recent illness or surgery, or problem/illness not listed on Medical Release Form.
- Has medical conditions/problems that require immediate attention/treatment (nearest medical facility is in Kerrville, 1 hour drive from Camp Eagle.)
- Has allergy/asthma problems.
- Has allergies to foods such as nuts or medications or reactions to medicines including over-the-counter meds.
- Is taking medicine not listed on Medical Release Form.

#### PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS:

Camper **will not be allowed** to keep their prescription medications with them at camp. Here is what we need you to do.

- Gather all prescription medications and place them in a **ONE-GALLON** zip lock bag.
- Write the **NAME OF THE CAMPER** on the outside of the zip lock bag.
- Write out a list of all the medications the camper takes and when they need to be taken and place that information on the inside of the zip lock bag.
- Bring that with you to check in on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> and give it to the person that will be collecting the medications.
- We will give the zip lock bags to the Tallowood Nurse upon arrival and they will be responsible for administering the medications during the week.
- We will pick up the medications on Friday and return them to Tallowood. They will be available for pick up when the buses arrive back at Tallowood. If they are not picked up then, they will be available Sunday morning, July 1st, in The Point.

Please let us know if you have any questions about medical concerns and we will do our best to help in any way possible.

## **ATTENTION PARENTS: PERSONAL SECURITY PROCEDURE & LUGGAGE SEARCH & SEIZURE POLICY**

Tallowood Student Ministry has set in place plans for safety and security at Camp Tallowood. We need your help to monitor and supervise your child's luggage for camp this year. While we do not anticipate any problems during the week of camp, we are taking precautions that will help keep our week secure and free from disruption. Please read the following procedures and become familiar with our plan as together we make sure your child complies with the guidelines set forth for this incredible week.

### **BEFORE CAMP**

Parents, please make sure you have read the camp guidelines, paying close attention to items that are not allowed at camp (i.e., weapons, matches, fireworks, etc.). Please sit down with your child and go over the guidelines together. Closely monitor your child's packing to make sure they do not pack restricted items.

### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON PROCEDURE – Luggage Search and Seizure Policy**

In consultation with the Houston Police Department, the following security plan will be in place as camp participants arrive and check-in on Saturday, **June 23<sup>rd</sup>** and Sunday, **June 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Camp participants must check in at **Tallowood** to make sure that we have the necessary forms and payment (Camp registration, Tallowood Medical Release, Camp Eagle Release completed online, etc.)
- Drop your luggage outside on the sidewalk for the security search. The Houston Police Department will have officers and a police dog that will go over the luggage before you take it to your bus! If the police

dog senses inappropriate contents the officers will search and seize any restricted items found. If any weapons, illegal drugs, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, fireworks, or any items deemed illegal are found, the student that owns the luggage will be pulled from camp participation and will not be allowed to go to camp. The Houston Police Department officers may also be under duty to take action, including possible arrest and charges, depending upon the violation. The officers will let us know when they have finished checking the entire luggage.

- Take your own luggage to your bus!!!

## **AT CAMP**

As a church we have approximately 60 adult sponsors who will love and care for your child from the time they arrive at Tallowood on Sunday afternoon, **June 24th** until they return on Friday afternoon, **June 29th**. During the week of camp, we reserve the right to search and seize any items from personal luggage or camper that we deem inappropriate, a potential threat to others or contraband items (see guidelines). A minimum of two Tallowood sponsors (of the same gender as the camper) will conduct the search and bring any questionable findings to our attention. If there is an incident at Camp involving your child that necessitates discipline to the point of being sent home, we will call and ask you to come pick up your child. We will not knowingly allow a student to remain at Camp if their actions are detrimental to the purpose of the week or the safety of others.

We have this plan to provide reasonable security to the participants of Camp Tallowood. I know that you, as a parent, will do everything possible to also avoid any potential danger to your child or others. We appreciate your understanding of our procedure and your help in monitoring your child's luggage and actions. We realize the overwhelming majority of our campers would never consider willfully doing anything against the guidelines, but the actions of the few dictate policies for the masses. Above all, we are praying for God to do all that He desires at camp this week. We trust Him to accomplish His plan as He leads us in every way. We would ask that you also pray for the safety and decisions that will be made by each of the campers.

## **VISITING CAMP & LEAVING EARLY**

Due to the distance from Tallowood, the unavailability of extra lodging, and a desire for the campers to stay focused, we must ask that parents and friends **not** come for a visit. This is especially true for the last night. Sometimes campers need to come late to Camp or leave before it is over. If you must pick up your child early for whatever reason, please let us know when you will be coming so we can alert the Camp Eagle Staff. A camper will **not** be allowed to come and go during the week. They can come late to Camp, but if they leave they cannot return.

## **FINAL PAYMENT**

The total cost for camp is \$500. **Final payment is DUE by Sunday, June 10th**. You may pay by check and drop it off in youth Sunday School or at the Tallowood office receptionist desk. You may also use a credit card at the church office during the week or on Sunday during official hours. If you have any questions or a need for scholarship assistance, please contact Amy Hendrix in the Student Ministry Office at 713-468-8241 ext. 8165 or [ahendrix@tallowood.org](mailto:ahendrix@tallowood.org).

## **CAMP TALLOWOOD 2018 GUIDELINES**

## (Please read carefully and contact us with any questions.)

*"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5:1-2*

1. *"Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed."* Proverbs 15:12
  - \* You alone are responsible for your actions. Respect and listen to the sponsors.
  - \* Wake up on time. All campers are expected to attend all of the scheduled activities. Be on time! *"The alarm has sounded listen...."* Amos 3:6
  - \* Be where you are supposed to be, when you are supposed to be, doing what you are supposed to be doing according to the camp schedule.
  - \* Observe curfew and lights out (sleep and rest are mandatory).
2. *"Gentle words cause life and health; griping brings discouragement."* Proverbs 15:4
  - \* Everyone will be assigned to a group. Enjoy the group you are in. No switching groups!
  - \* Be friendly and courteous at all times.
3. *"Be most careful, then, how you live -- not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."* Ephesians 5:15-16
  - \* No one is allowed to leave the cabins/lodging space after lights out.
4. *"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves . . . Look out for the interests of others."* Philippians 2:3-4
  - \* Do not bring iPod/iPhone/iPad type music or video players, amplifiers, radios, electronic games, cell phones (they won't work at Camp Eagle anyway), pagers, firearms, fireworks, anything that shoots a projectile, knives, anything that produces fire, or any other inappropriate items. These items are not allowed and will be immediately taken by adult sponsors if found.
  - \* Do not steal or "borrow" anything that does not belong to you!
5. *"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God." I Cor. 10:31 "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col. 3:17*
  - \* No tobacco, alcohol, or non-prescription drugs allowed.
  - \* **DRESS CODE . . . Modesty is the goal!**
    - **Modest shorts may be worn all day! If skirts are worn, they must be school approved length.**
    - **No spaghetti straps, halter tops, tube tops, see-through shirts, shirts that show your stomach or strapless tops. Girls: Be careful when you customize your rec shirt to prevent too much skin or your bra showing.**
    - **No half shirts or guys with no shirts. No t-shirts advertising alcohol, movie stars, or suggestive sayings.**
    - **Girls wear only one-piece or tankini swimsuits. NO bikinis for girls and no "speedos" for guys!**
    - **Any inappropriate dress will require that you change.**
    - **Do not alter your physical appearance while at camp (i.e., haircut, body piercing, hair color, tattoo, etc.). We want you to return home looking like you did when you left (except for a better tan).**
6. *"But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people."* Ephesians 5:3
  - \* In a desire to provide a pure, modest and wholesome environment, all camp participants must dress and shower in private. All participants must refrain from appearing nude in front of others.
7. *"It is God's will that you should be holy; that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body . . ."* I Thessalonians 4:3-4
  - \* Attention all love sick puppies and one-week romances: **NO P.D.A.** (Public Display of Affection).
8. *"Abstain from all appearance of evil."* I Thessalonians 5:22
  - \* No girls in guys' cabins, no guys in girls' cabins at anytime. Only girls in girls' cabins and guys in guys' cabins.
9. *"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders."* Colossians 4:5

10. *"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established."* Romans 13:1a

**Camp Eagle Rules**

SWIMMING: Swim only during afternoon free time when a lifeguard is present. No glass of any kind is permitted around lake/river.

FISHING: Catch and release only.

FIRES: Do not cut down, burn down or destroy trees (except cedar), shrubs or grass for making a fire.

GARBAGE: Please "Pitch In." Please put all trash in trash cans, which are located throughout the camp.

ECO-SYSTEM: We must not disturb the eco-system of Camp Eagle in any way. Let's respect the beauty of God's creation.

FURNISHINGS: Please do not remove anything from your cabin that was supplied by Camp Eagle.

11. *"Woe to the obstinate children," declares the Lord, "to those who carry out plans that are not mine. . ."* Isaiah 30:1

For all the rebels out there:

\* Anyone who can't obey the rules and feels that he or she must march to the beat of a different drummer will find himself or herself marching all the way back to Houston AT YOUR PARENTS' EXPENSE . . . PRONTO!!!

*"If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of him.*

*Do not associate with him, in order that he may feel ashamed.*

*Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother."* 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15

## **MOST IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER**

**11:30 AM, SUNDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>** Check-in at the **Tallowood Gym**

**Tallowood Medical Release form** completed, notarized and on file with Tallowood by **June 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you have prescription medications, bring them in a labeled zip lock bag and turn them in when you check in.

**Camp Eagle Release online form** completed by **June 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**Dress** comfortably for a long ride to camp. You may want to bring a few snacks for the bus trip. One bottle of water will be provided.

**Thank you for reading this information! If you have any questions, please call us @ 713-468-8241 X8165 or e-mail at [ahendrix@tallowood.org](mailto:ahendrix@tallowood.org).**

**Also, let us know if you would like to begin receiving the Student Ministry Parent Link weekly e-mail.**