

FIRSTkids CAMP 2026

We are thrilled to announce **Kids Camp 2026!** Our dedicated staff is pouring their hearts into making this year's camp an unforgettable experience. Kids, get ready for an incredible week with friends, **sensational worship**, a **powerful group speaker**, and **high-energy recreational activities!** More than just a fun week away from home, Kids Camp is a **life-changing experience** designed to help kids and their friends **encounter Jesus**. Year after year, camp serves as a catalyst for eternal transformation in the lives of our kids.

This year's theme comes from **John 14:6**: *"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"*

We can't wait to see how God moves through Kids Camp 2026!



When are we leaving and coming back?

Check-in will be between 9:00 am and 10:30 am at Camp Chaparral on Monday, June 29. Please arrive between these times to check in your kid. You will be given the room assignment for your kid at check in (not before camp) You are invited to be part of our last night of camp, Thursday, July 2, starting with worship starting at 6:45 pm (arrive early @ 6:30pm) and ending with a family late night ending at 10:00 pm.

What is the cost, and what does it cover?

The Cost: \$375. **Final payment due June 29th.** A deposit of \$100 saves your spot. Payment can be made through your registration link or in person at the camp.

The Cover: Camps Cost, Meals, Swag Bag (Draw String Bag, T-shirt, Wristband, Lanyard)

Where will we be staying?

Camp Chaparral
3784 Church Camp Rd,
Iowa Park, TX 76367

What are the rooms like?

- Boys and Girls will be staying in different dorm buildings.
- Each building will have dorm rooms that sleep between 8 and 12 in bunk beds.
- Each dorm room will have 2 adult leaders staying with the kids assigned to the room.
- All Adult & Student Leaders have been fully vetted with background checks and Ministry Safe trained.
- **We will pair kids with at least one person they named on their registration form.**

What is a REC Team?

During afternoon Recreation (REC) time, students are divided by grade level. They compete alongside peers in their grade, so activities remain age appropriate. Students will be grouped more specifically by grade and gender during small groups and in the dorms. During free time, late-night activities, and worship, students may choose who they spend time with.

Do they need spending money?

There will be a snack shack on site that kids can buy snacks from during free time and late nights. **Extra spending money is not required to attend camp.** We would recommend if sending money \$30-\$35 should be plenty and send it in a plastic bag for kids to keep up with)

Can I contact my kid?

FIRSTkids Camp is a special and prayerfully planned experience for boys and girls who have completed grades 3–5. It is a time set apart for kids to grow in their relationship with God, build meaningful friendships, and learn to trust the leaders and community God has placed around them. Being away from home can be a challenging time for kids, and we believe God often uses these moments to build confidence, resilience, and faith. Through years of experience, we've found that frequent phone calls home or visits from parents can unintentionally increase homesickness and interrupt the spiritual work God is doing in their hearts during camp.

With great care for your kids' well-being, we ask families to partner with us by honoring the following guidelines for Kids Camp:

1. **Leader Phone Use:** All Staff will have their phones and can be contacted in case of **Emergencies**.
2. **Kids' Phone Use:** We know this week of separation is difficult for both kids and parents. We also know that the distraction from phones and screens is an epidemic in our culture. We encourage a separation from these things for the entire week. Leaders are instructed to involve a staff member if a kid repeatedly asks to call parents to assess the situation and make the call.
3. **Parent Visits:** Parents are asked **not** to visit during Kids Camp. Please join us in the drop-off experience on Monday and then join us for worship on Thursday @ 6:45pm. (Arrive Early @ 6:30pm) We have designed this week to help kids build confidence, increase face-to-face time with peers, build independence, experience a week of separation from their normal routine, and grow in their relationship with Christ. We have invited parents to join us for the last night of camp to experience what your kids have experienced all week. We ask that you trust the process.
4. **Staying Connected:** Throughout the week, we will be sharing updates, photos, and video highlights on our FIRSTkids social media pages so you can celebrate what God is doing in your kid's life.

Thank you for the trust you place in FIRSTkids and for allowing us to walk alongside your family in this important season. We are praying for each kid by name and trusting the Lord to move powerfully during camp as kids grow in faith, courage, and community.

JOHN 14:6

CAMP RULES

1. Campers will be sent home at the parent/guardian's expense for the following:
 - Bringing and/or using illegal drugs, alcohol products, tobacco products (including vapes of any kind), or weapons (including but not limited to a gun, knife, or fireworks).
 - Proof of stealing others' personal possessions or items belonging to the camp.
 - Being in the room with the opposite sex.
 - Leaving the campgrounds without adult supervision.
 - Fighting in campgrounds.
 - Putting any campers in danger due to the lack of following rules and maintaining a safe camp experience.
 2. No P.D.A. (Public Display of Affection) with anyone.
 3. We require each camper to participate in ALL activities unless excused by FIRSTkids staff or camp medic.
 4. No pranking of any kind will be permitted while at camp.
 5. No cell phones will be allowed while at camp.
 6. Swimsuits and swim trunks are to be worn only in the swimming areas.
 7. All rules specific to Camp Chaparral will be strictly enforced.
 8. All medicine will be given to and administered by the camp medic.
 9. You must respect and obey all adult leaders, including your small group leader and Camp Chaparral Staff.
- *** The parent/guardian will be contacted by Pastor Gary for behavior worthy of being sent home ***

FIRSTkids Camp Contact Information:

FIRSTkids Pastor:	Gary Ohmstede	(940)704-1057
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FIRSTkids Guy Interns:	Crue Ohmstede, Caleb Foster, Braden Childs	
FIRSTkids Girl Interns:	Madi Smith, Courtney Tyler, Malary Watson	
REC Help:	ONEIGHTY Middle School Staff	
Tech/Sound:	Geoff Martin, Joseph Ibarra, Cross Ohmstede	
Camp Videographer:	Kyle Coker	
Camp Band:	Brandon and Natalie Self, Ryan Reed, Lee Ginnings (Randy Wood on Thursday Night)	
Camp Speakers:	Adam Cox, Jason Cox, Gary Ohmstede, Bob McCartney	
Security:	George Ohmstede, James Carpenter	



PACKING

What to bring?
What not to bring?

What to bring:

- REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE (this will be very helpful to take to all activities and refill all day)
- Bible and Pen (Devo Booklet will be provided)
- Sunscreen and Bug Spray
- Sleeping bag or single bed bedding and pillow.
- TOWELS! Make sure you have plenty of towels as towels are not provided. *(We highly encourage you to have separate towels for showers and Lake/Pool swimming towels)*
- Casual clothing for 4 days
- Free time attire for 4 days
- Swimsuits (For girls: one piece or a tankini that covers the midriff) Boys: No Short Shorts
- Toiletries (Toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, *deodorant*, etc.)
- Tennis shoes and sandals/water shoes. (There is a chance of these shoes getting wet and/or muddy)
- Spending money for any souvenirs and Snack Shack at camp. (Students will be responsible for keeping up with their own money or cards)
- Medications (must be checked in with a camp Medic at registration)
- A Camp T-shirt will be given during camp
- A Team Bag will be given with a wristband, a devo booklet, a lanyard, and a drawstring bag.

What not to bring:

- No short shorts
- No revealing tops.
- No clothes with questionable or inappropriate slogans.
- No weapons of any kind
- No vapes or tobacco products
- No alcohol or drugs of any kind
- No items for pranks: shaving cream, water balloons or fireworks, etc.
- No phones, tablets, or smart watches
- No bad attitudes

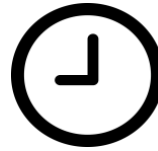
Late Night Themes

Monday: Team Night (Dress in team color)

Tuesday: Glow in The Dark (Neon)

Wednesday: Rodeo Night (Western)

Thursday: Family Night (Bonfire)



SCHEDULE

What is happening?
When is it happening?

Monday June 29

- 9:00am - Check-In @ Camp Chaparral
- 10:30am - Check-in ends (parent departure)
- 10:30am - Orientation
- 11:45am- Small Group Meet Up
- 12:30pm - Lunch
- 1:30 pm- Free Time
- Ropes course, Swimming, Gaga Ball, Basketball, Archery Tag, Mini Golf, 9 Square
- 3:00pm - REC Rally in Worship Center
- 3:15pm-REC Day 1
- 5:00pm - Clean Up
- 5:30pm - Dinner
- 6:45pm - Worship Night 1
- 8:15pm - Small Group Connect
- 9:00pm - Late Night
- 10:00pm - Back In Cabin
- Bedtime Routine
- 11:00pm - Lights Out

Tuesday – Thursday (June 30, July 1, July 2)

- 8:30 am - Wake Up
- 9:00am - Breakfast
- 10:00am - Morning Rally
- 11:30am- Small Group Connect
- 12:30pm - Lunch
- 1:45pm - REC Rally in Worship Center
- 2:00pm - REC Day (Thursday is water day)
- 3:30pm - Free Time
- Ropes course, Swimming, Gaga Ball, Basketball, Archery Tag, Mini Golf, 9 Square
- 5:00pm - Clean-up
- 5:30pm - Dinner
- 6:45pm - Worship Night 2, 3, 4
- 8:15pm - Small Group Connect
- 9:00pm - Late Night
- 10:00pm - Back in Cabin
- 11:00pm- Lights Out

Thursday For Parents (July 2)

- 6:30pm - Arrive early for Worship Night 4
- 8:15pm - Parent Connect with Pastor Gary
- 9:00pm - Kids/Parent Late Night
- 10:00pm - Pack up kids and head home!