The Purpose of THEOLOGY CAMP

THEOLOGY CAMP exists to see God's glory manifested in the lives of teens by means of transformation. This Spirit-led, transformation is only accomplished by the application of God's Word, and a connection to the local church.

Sponsor Responsibilities

First, we want to say thank you. Without sponsors, we would not be able to have THEOLOGY CAMP. We want to be completely clear on your responsibilities as sponsors (chaperones) for your church. We are here to serve you in the local church. Our desire is that God will use you, as a leader who loves Jesus and students, to make an eternal impact this week.

We also want you to know that we are praying for you. We have a prayer team who is faithfully praying for every attender of SBFYC, especially you!

Those who come with your church to camp as sponsors have the following responsibilities:

1. **You are required to stay in the room with YOUR students (of the same gender)**.

2. **You are responsible for making sure that students follow the schedule. You are also strongly encouraged to participate in the scheduled events.** Sponsors are encouraged to see this week as a spiritual refresher and investment for themselves as well.

3. **You are responsible for monitoring your students' adherence to the camp behavior and guidelines.**

4. **You are responsible for engaging your students in spiritual conversation and encouragement based on the teaching in chapel and the breakout sessions.** Every evening, each church will have "church group time" where campers can spend time talking and reflecting over the teaching of the day. As a sponsor, be in prayer for your students and be willing to help them as they try and articulate what God may be doing in their life.

A few notes…

- ALL adults staying on campus must pass a background check.
- Sponsors are not responsible for providing meals (three meals per day provided).
- Sponsors are not responsible for the planning or execution of the overall programming other than as stated above.
- Sponsors are responsible for leading "church group time" for their own group.
- If for some reason it is necessary to bring adults who will stay on campus but not be part of the week's program, please contact us and let us know. They still must be registered, have a background check, and pay for their room and meals.

SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM

Activity: THEOLOGY CAMP

July 14 - 18, 2025 at Logan Valley Christian Retreat, Ellington, MO

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Church Leader Sign Here

This box must be completed by a church leader. Signature should not be yourself or a family member.

The sponsor completing this form has completed a background check and is recommended for this position by:

Church Name:

Church Leader Signature:

Church Leader's Position: **Date:**

Please provide proof that background check has been completed.

Sponsor's Name: Check one: Male ☐ Female ☐

Address:

City / State / Zip Code:

Age (must be 20 or over):

Phone Number: Email:

Church Name:

Church City & State:

T-Shirt Size:

☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X-Large ☐ XX-Large ☐ XXX-Large

Do you have any special dietary or medical needs? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please explain briefly:

Have you ever been convicted of child abuse, or a crime involving actual or attempted sexual molestation of a minor? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please explain:

Do you have any communicable or infectious diseases? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please explain:

SPONSOR CONSENT & PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

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Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Church Name: _____

Church City & State: _____

PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE

First Baptist Church of Fenton will be videotaping and photographing this event. By your attendance, you are granting permission to be photographed or videotaped while participating in THEOLOGY CAMP activities and programs. Photos or video footages may be used by volunteers and employees of First Baptist Church and participating churches in promoting Theology Camp.

CONSENT AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

I acknowledge that participation in the activity described above (Theology Camp) involves risk to the participant and may result in various types of injury including, but not limited to, the following: sickness, exposure to infectious/communicable disease, bodily injury, death, emotional injury, personal injury, property damage, and financial damage.

I acknowledge and accept the risks of injury or illness associated with participation and transportation to and from THEOLOGY CAMP. I accept personal financial responsibility for any injury, illness, or other loss sustained during the camp activities or during transportation to and from THEOLOGY CAMP, as well as for medical treatment rendered to me that are authorized by my church/camp leaders, employees, volunteers, or agents. I specifically consent to be transported or receive emergency care and to be responsible for all financial charges for such emergency care. I release and promise to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless THEOLOGY CAMP leaders, employees, volunteers, and agents from all injury, illness, or loss resulting directly or indirectly from the camp activities or transportation to and from THEOLOGY CAMP, whether such injury or illness results from the negligence of THEOLOGY CAMP staff, myself, or otherwise.

Sponsor Sign Here → Signature _____ Date _____

SPONSOR HEALTH INFORMATION & HISTORY FORM

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Please use the back of form for further information if necessary.

Sponsor's Name:

Church Name & City/State:

Emergency Contact:

Name: Relationship:

Daytime Phone: Evening/Night Phone:

Medical Care Contact:

Name of Physician:

City/State: Physician's Phone:

HEALTH HISTORY

Do you frequently suffer from pains in your chest? YES ☐ NO ☐
Do you often feel faint or have spells of severe dizziness? YES ☐ NO ☐
Has a doctor ever told you that you have high blood pressure? YES ☐ NO ☐
Are you currently sick and/or using a medication not listed elsewhere on this form? YES ☐ NO ☐
Have you had any operations or serious injuries in the last three months? YES ☐ NO ☐
Do you have arthritis, joint or back problems that might be aggravated by exercise? YES ☐ NO ☐
Are you currently taking medicine or treatment? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, explain: _____
Have you been restricted from sports or swimming for any reason? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, explain: _____
Date of last Tetanus shot: _____ Date of last physical exam: _____
Have you ever had a severe reaction to a bee/hornet sting, or insect bite? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, explain: _____
Do you have: ☐ Sinus Trouble ☐ Hay Fever ☐ Heart Trouble ☐ Epilepsy/Seizures ☐ Asthma
☐ Diabetes ☐ Communicable Diseases? If yes, explain: _____
Please list any Allergies:

Food: _____
Drugs: _____
Other Medical Needs: _____

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

Sponsor's Name: _____

Church Name & City/State: _____

Event: THEOLOGY CAMP

In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to any THEOLOGY CAMP/CHURCH staff person, or their designee, who is present at the above-mentioned event to obtain medical assistance. I also give permission to the Physician selected to hospitalize and secure proper treatment.

Insurance Company: _____

Mailing Address to Submit Claims: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Policy Number: _____

If I cannot be reached, please notify _____

Phone numbers: _____

Sponsors Sign Here

Today's Date: _____

Signature: _____

Ten Tips for Leading Camp (or Conference, or Retreat) "Reflection" Times

By Steve Burchett

You have some young people assigned to you at camp. An informal gathering for reflection is on the schedule and you are in charge. You're a little nervous about doing this right. What can you consider doing to give room for the Spirit of God to work in their lives?

Below are suggestions that come out of my experience over years of small group leadership. In fact, they were used recently at a camp each evening during a 45 minute "family time."

1. Avoid Rows, if possible.

God can work regardless of how you arrange the seating, but it isn't good to make unnecessary hindrances to communication. If possible, circle up. If more are involved, add another concentric circle. Or sit casually all over the room.

2. Laugh together.

If you just came from hearing a sobering message, you might want to get right to serious matters. Sometimes, though, especially at an event where so much intense teaching is crammed into a short period, it's good even to be a little silly before the group settles down.

3. Avoid talking too much to the group.

You probably shouldn't re-teach a message just heard. And I know it's hard to stay quiet during that "awkward silence," but try. You might be surprised who speaks up.

4. Come prepared with questions.

A good opening question is, "What was a favorite thing from today?" You might then ask the group to share something helpful or convicting from the Bible teaching that day.

5. Prepare participants to speak up.

Throughout the day you will have conversations with people in your group who talk to you about the very things you wish could be shared with the whole group. You might say, "Be sure to speak right up during church group time about what you just told me. Sound good?" You might even prepare two or three people in this way.

6. Break up the group into smaller groups.

This approach might allow for *more* participation. You probably will only want to try this once or twice in each event. If your group has both males and females, you could divide according to gender with a male leader taking the men, and a female leader being responsible for the ladies. Use a separate location so that each group cannot hear the other, especially if there are only two groups.

7. Ask the believers in the group to share a testimony or exhortation.

At a recent youth camp, I asked, "Would any believers like to share a testimony or exhortation you think others need to hear or would be helped to hear?" What happened next was powerful as believer after believer spoke

urgently and lovingly to those in the room. There's no guarantee that this will happen, but it's worth a try, especially toward the end of your time at the event.

8. Give participants a way to communicate where they stand with the Lord.

This is best done toward the end of the event. I especially have in mind groups in which there were numerous unbelievers at the start of the event.

If the group is small enough, you can effectively do these one-on-one, male leaders with other males and women leaders with females. However, if the group is larger, another method may be required. One idea is to put the following categories on a half sheet of paper and ask them to check all that apply.

1. ___ The Lord has saved me this week.
2. ___ I am not sure if I am a Christian.
3. ___ The Lord has given me assurance of salvation this week.
4. ___ I came into this week thinking I was a Christian, but now believe I was mistaken.
5. ___ I am confident I am a Christian.
6. ___ I am interested in the Bible and Jesus, but not for my life personally.
7. ___ I don't care about spiritual matters.
8. ___ None of the categories above fit me.

You might provide space between each so they can give a brief explanation. Make sure they put their name at the top because this will be vital information for future discussions.

9. Respect the allotted time.

Usually, you can accomplish everything in the planned time. The group will appreciate your leadership more if you do.

10. Greet people as they arrive and stick around afterward when counsel is urgent.

Leaders sometimes group up and just talk among themselves or sit quietly without saying much to others as they join the gathering. Greetings, though, show your care for those in the group and make participants more relaxed and willing to speak up.

And then, after the gathering has concluded, sometimes what was officially planned next can wait. For example, at our recent youth camp, on the last evening, even though there was a gigantic "all campers and leaders" game of "capture the flag" immediately after family time, the Lord was clearly working in multiple young people's lives, and several needed to talk *right away*. A few of us didn't play capture the flag that night.

The Greatest Need

Most importantly, what is needed in these reflection times is the presence and help of the Lord. I didn't include this as a "tip" because it's not something a leader does. However, I think perhaps the most important thing you can do before, after, and even quietly during these gatherings, is to ask the Lord to work in the lives of those present. Without the Lord's blessing, even a perfectly led reflection time will accomplish nothing. But if the Lord is with us, even our weaknesses are no hindrance to God working powerfully through us (cf. 2 Corinthians 12:9).

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