



GROUP LEADER INFO

2018



WELCOME

Welcome to EXPLORERS!

We're excited that you and your group have chosen to spend a week out of your summer to attend EXPLORERS. It is our prayer that your experience with us this summer is life-changing for your students, adults and even yourself. We are grateful to get to be a part of your student ministry, and desire to provide you with an environment in which you will have opportunities to build relationships with your students.

This packet was put together to provide you with all of the information you need to know prior to coming to EXPLORERS. Be sure to read all of the information inside and pass along any of it that students will need to know as well. Along with this packet, you will also find additional forms and a parents packet. Download, print and complete all necessary forms and turn them in as instructed. Please make parents aware of the information in the parent packet either by downloading it and distributing them, or by directing the parents to the website to access the information themselves.

Please let us know if you have any questions. You can contact us at 806.983.3954 or at camps@pbacamp.org.

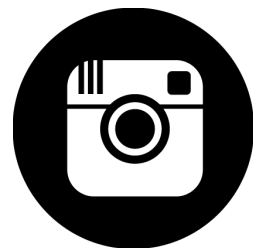
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BEFORE CAMP

SPONSOR QUALIFICATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

In order to provide the best atmosphere and supervision, we ask all groups to bring 1 male sponsor for every 10 boys, and 1 female sponsor for every 10 girls.

- All adult sponsors must be at least 19 years old; basically, someone who has been out of high school for at least one year. We encourage each church to select these sponsors at their own discretion.
- All individuals 18 and older must pass a background check as well as the required Child Protective Training. (See instructions during the registration process.)
- Adult sponsors are responsible for monitoring the dress code (check your students at breakfast) and behavior of your students. Adult sponsors should model appropriate dress code and behavior.
- Encourage participation and promptness by setting an example.

WHAT TO BRING

- Linens, towels, pillows, blankets
- Water bottle you can refill and carry with you
- Closed-toe, closed-heel shoes (for outdoor activities)
- Bible, notepad, and pen
- Toiletries (toothbrush, soap, shampoo, brushes, hair dryers etc..)
- Sun block & bug spray
- Flashlight (optional)
- Spending money for snacks, camp store, and missions offering (optional)
- Summer clothing (see dress code)
- One-piece swimsuit (if 2 piece you MUST wear a dark colored t-shirt over)

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, fireworks, or any kind of weapon. We recommend no playstation portables or other gaming devices, roller blades or skateboards.
- Items that may be used for pranks such as water balloons, shaving cream, silly string, etc.
- Pranks are not allowed at camp. Your church will be charged for any damages or issues



CAMP THEME

LISTEN UP

Hearing is a precious gift of human life. Music can entertain or heal. A word of encouragement heard at the right moment can change the trajectory of a person's life. However, there is more to hearing than sound. Listening may be a much more crucial task. How can we hear God in a world full of sound? Join us this summer as we learn how to rise above the noise and listen up.

DAY 1 | WHEN GOD SPEAKS, THINGS HAPPEN!

God created all of reality by speaking it into existence. Even reality listens to and obeys God. This session will focus on the first of the three points we will instill in our kids this week: We can hear God's voice through Scripture. God reveals Himself through the living Word. It contains everything we need for faith and life. When we responsibly interpret God's Word, we can know who God is and what He wants for our lives.

Main Text: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Reference Texts: Isaiah 55:10-11, Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 19:7-10

DAY 2 | WHEN GOD SPEAKS, DO WE LISTEN?

This session will focus on the second of the three points: We can hear God's voice through other people. God uses others to speak into our lives. Whether our pastor, parent, or friend, God has used His followers to speak truth into the lives of those around them. *However*, the message we receive from others **MUST** be confirmed by Scripture. God will not speak to us through others and contradict His Word. If what someone says is contrary to God's Word, it was not God speaking.

Main Text: James 1:22

Reference Texts: Psalm 119:137-138, John 8:44, Hebrews 10:24-25

DAY 3 | NEW PHONE. WHO DIS?

This session will focus on the final of the three points we will instill in our kids this week: We can hear God's voice for ourselves. God still communicates to humans. We may not hear him out loud, but He still speaks to us personally. *However*, the message we hear from God **MUST** be confirmed by Scripture. God will not speak to us through others and contradict His Word. If what we hear is contrary to God's Word, it was not God speaking.

Main Text: Romans 5:1-2

Reference Texts: John 14:8-11, Romans 5:8-9, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Note Regarding Curriculum:

Bible study time will be with your church group and is designed to be self led. We will provide a curriculum that is tailored to the theme of camp. While we do encourage you to make it your own as you teach your students, we do ask that you stick with the core concepts of the curriculum, as the entire experience at EXPLORERS Pre-Teen Camp is designed around those elements. You will be notified when the curriculum is ready for download.

ARRIVAL AT CAMP

FAST-TRACK REGISTRATION

Here are a few things to have ready upon your arrival at camp in order to ensure the quickest possible registration process for you and your students:

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1 EXPLORERS Registration Checklist

This is to ensure that you complete all registration stations

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2 Medication Check-In

For each student or adult that is bringing any medications, these must be placed inside of a zip-lock bag along with the Medication Information Form and turned into the Nurse upon check-in. (This is a part of the Parent Info Packet located at <http://www.pbacamp.org/explorers> under the 'Resources' tab.)

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3 Background Check & CPT Certificates

Make sure you have the original copies of the background checks and Child Protective Training Certificates for all individuals 18 or older who are attending camp with your group. Please send in your Background checks and CPT Certificates no later than 10 days prior to the session you are attending. CPT Training can be done here >> cpt.pbacamp.org

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Registration Time

Registration will take place between 9:30am and 10:30am. As you pull in, watch for signs to guide you to EXPLORERS Registration. You should not have to bring payment with you, unless you have changes at the last minute, as payments are due two weeks prior to your arrival at camp.



POLICIES

REGISTRATION POLICY

Church Group Registration: Reservations are first come, first serve and are not considered active and locked in until registration fee is paid. No ability is available for an individual to make payments, therefore the church group is responsible for deposits and final payment.

Deposits: A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per person is required for each reservation made on or before February 15, 2018. After this date, the deposit will become \$50 per person. Again, spots are first come, first serve, so be sure to complete and activate the reservation by paying the deposit online during church group registration process, or by sending payment to the address below:

Make Checks Payable to:

Plains Baptist Camp
3001 Love Road
Floydada, TX 79235

Please note that in the event you mail your initial registration deposits, and all slots are filled while in transit, we will not be able to activate your registration.

Final Payment: Final balance must be paid 14 days before your arrival at camp. If it is not, your group will be charged a one-time \$75 late fee that is non-negotiable.

Cancellation: In the event that an attendee drops out and you are not able to fill the slot, a \$10 cancellation fee will be assessed. If you are able to replace the individual, the deposit paid for the slot can be applied to the new attendee and not cancellation fee will be applied.



CAMP RULES

CELL PHONES

- Unless instructed by staff, students with cell phones are not allowed to have them out or in use during small group times, prayer times, or worship.

ACTIVITIES

- Participate in all activities and be on time.
- Drink Plenty of water and eat three meals a day.
- Wear closed-toe and closed-heel shoes to all recreation and activities.

HOUSING

- Be in your room by 11:30 PM with lights out no later than 12:00 PM.
- No public displays of affection.
- No practical jokes.

DRESS CODE

- Wear clothes that are clean, neat and modest.
- Shorts - Must be no shorter than your fingertips when arms are fully extended down at your side.
- Sleeveless shirts are allowed during day-time activities, but not allowed for worship.
- Shirts with spaghetti straps or excessive armpit cutouts (exposing torso and undergarments) are not allowed.
- Only wear one piece bathing suits when in the pool. If two-piece, you must wear a dark shirt over.
- Wear modest shorts, pants, jeans, or dresses for worship.
- Dresses with spaghetti or small straps, open backs, and excessively short lengths are unacceptable (must be no shorter than your fingertips when arms are fully extended down at your side).
- Wear your name tag at all times.



RESOURCES

PROMOTION MATERIALS

Under the 'Resources' tab in the Things To Know section on www.pbacamps.org/explorers you will find video to show to your students, fund raising ideas, parent handout and more.

STORE CREDIT PRE-ORDER

STORE CARDS

We are offering parents the opportunity to purchase camp store cards prior to camp! Parents can choose to pre-load their student's account with any amount they desire for their students to spend at the camp store and concession stand.

Note: Camp store credit is only good in the camp store and concession stand, not for any other stores. The parent may choose to have any unused funds refunded, or to donate it to Plains Baptist Camp.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

ACTIVITIES

All activities at Plains Baptist Camp are included in the price of camp EXCEPT for paintball. Sign ups will be available for paintball for \$3 per person per round. Please make your students aware that if they desire to play paintball, they will need to bring money along with them to do so. Any individual with funds on a store card will be able to use those funds as a method of payment as well.

