

COMMON QUESTIONS

1. **WHEN DOES CAMP BEGIN?** Check-in is between 1 PM and 3 PM on Monday. Please do not arrive earlier than 1 PM or later than 3:30 PM. The group leader and Core members will have a **mandatory** meeting with our camp staff at 4 PM and the introduction session for teens will begin at 5 PM. Please give our office a call when you are an hour away (480-427-4392).
2. **HOW DO WE GET TO CAMP?**
 - A. From Austin: Take HWY 290 through Johnson City to Fredericksburg then turn left onto HWY 16 through Kerrville and into Medina.
 - B. From San Antonio: Take I-10W towards Boerne and take exit 540 for TX-46. Take a left onto TX-46 towards Bandera then a right onto TX-16 N. Stay on TX-16 through Bandera to Medina.

Once in Medina, go west on FM 337 for 1.5 miles. Turn left on Elm Creek Road and go about half a mile crossing the Medina River fork. The stone entry gate for Deer Creek Camp will be on your right. Continue to follow the entry road and our summer missionaries will greet your vehicles shortly after pulling into camp.
3. **WHERE WILL OUR GROUP SLEEP?** Due to the different ratios of male to female campers each week, we cannot provide exact housing information until the week of camp. You and your teens will sleep in gender-specific cabins. We will do our best to house your entire group together and we will never put one teen from your group by themselves. We will give you a cabin(s) assignment but leave the assignment of specific campers to beds within these designated cabin(s) up to you. At Life Teen camps we follow the Archdiocese of Atlanta policy which requires that adults cannot share sleeping or showering space with a minor unless in a bunk room with at least 2 adults present. Adults will either have separate shower space or set 'adult bathroom times' with the other adults in their cabins to make sure teens and adults shower/changing area usage is separated. If your diocese requires other housing arrangements we are happy to work with you and your Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection. Please indicate this on your group leader liability form.
4. **CAN I BRING NON-CAMPER CHILDREN?** We are unable to accommodate non-camper children, including a group leader or core member's younger children.
5. **SO WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENS AT CAMP?** The Life Teen Summer Camps staff plans, prepares, and facilitates the programming, liturgies and activities for each day. Each day you'll experience daily Mass, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and other powerful prayer experiences. Our evening sessions, led by a dynamic speaker, will break open scriptural topics to lead your teens into a more authentic encounter with Christ. All of this alongside our low and high ropes courses, an obstacle course, messy games and plenty of free time. Each day campers will enjoy three delicious meals and a night-time snack with their parish. Before your week, the group leader will receive an overview schedule of the week to help you prepare to led your teens best!
6. **WHAT'S ALL THIS CAMP LINGO?** We may use some language at camp that you are unfamiliar with. Here are some definitions:
 - A. Small Groups - Each day will have at least 30 minutes for small groups. As a parish-based ministry the number and make-up of your small groups is up to you as group leader. You can split groups how you want: by gender, by age, or by experience at camp. On your group leader liability form we will ask *how many* small groups you *anticipate* having at camp to help us determine how many summer staff we can assign to your parish. While we cannot guarantee a summer staff for each small group- we can try! If your group is small (less than 10) we recommend trying to connect with another parish and combining teens for your small groups. At the end of each day there will also be a large group discussion time where all the teens, adults and summer staff with just your parish will meet to recap the day and enjoy a snack.
 - B. Hour of Mercy- Each morning, we will offer one hour of optional confession for all camp participants called Hour of Mercy. It's an opportunity for teens to choose freely to experience Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will also have one shorter scheduled time during the week where confession will be available. With 260 teens at camp we encourage teens to try to go to confession before camp starts as well!
 - C. Organized Free Time (OFT)- FREEDOM! We will offer plenty of options for your teens- from, Scatterball in the gym to arts and crafts in the Art Barn, to blobbing your friends in the lake- there are great options to recreate and relax. The Outpost will also be open during this time offering official camp apparel, snacks and drinks.
 - D. Messy Games- Our program team develops and creates a rotation of games including mud, water, paint and YUCK! that will both gross you out and bring you together as a parish. We end by taking a messy group picture and jumping in the lake to clean off!
7. **WHEN DOES CAMP END?** Unfortunately, camp does end. Camp will end after Mass on Saturday morning with lunch at noon. If you have a long travel day ahead of you, we are happy to prepare lunch to-go, just let us know the week of. Please do not plan on leaving camp any later than 1:30 PM so our staff can begin preparing for the next week of campers.