

## **Hello Parents and Campers!**

Summer Camp 2026 is rapidly approaching! Hundreds of hours of preparation and prayer have already gone into this event, and we believe Summer Camp will be a catalyst for life change in each student.

This packet of information has been designed to help you and your student prepare for the big day - July 27 - when we meet at Valley Baptist Retreat at 7am, on Monday.

Located at **1600 US-83 BUS, Mission, TX 78572**. Mission, Texas. Summer Camp is for 6th-12th grade students who call New Life Family Church their home church.

- Registration details
- Parent information, frequently asked questions, a packing list, and health information form(s)
- Camp Schedule including drop-off and pick-up times
- Behavior requirements for students

Our goal for all students is to experience a safe, well-guided camp, where they are free to have the time of their lives and encounter Jesus in life-changing ways. For this reason, every student attending will be assigned to a small group with about 15 of their peers. At least two well-qualified group leaders will oversee each of these groups. Groups will eat, pray, play, and room together during the week. This will give them the security of close supervision and the opportunity to build friendships within their group.

Registration will happen in person at both the Main Building at NLFC and the East Building(YOUTH). The goal is that your student is in a small group with other leaders and students from NLFC who regularly attend.

If you have any questions or concerns about Camp, please contact the Student Ministries staff at New Life Family Church through email:  
[thenewlifeyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:thenewlifeyouthministry@gmail.com)

We are looking forward to a great Camp!

Student Ministries Staff

## PACKING LIST:

- ☐ Bible (labeled), pen or pencil & notepad
- ☐ WATER BOTTLE
- ☐ Casual clothes
- ☐ Clothes for mud games/other activities, including modest shorts
- ☐ Modest bathing suit /Swim shorts (guys & girls)
- ☐ Tennis shoes that can get dirty
- ☐ Sleeping bag or blanket & sheets for a twin bed & Pillow
- ☐ Towels (at least 2) & washcloth
- ☐ Toiletries - soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, hairbrush, hair dryer, comb etc.
- ☐ Laundry bag for dirty clothes
- ☐ Sunscreen / Bug spray / Flashlight
- ☐ Necessary medications (must be checked with the nurse)

The camp is staffed with two nurses and a fully stocked medical station. All medications MUST be turned in to the Nurse's Desk the morning of departure and will be returned upon arrival to New Life Youth at the end of the camp session (Parent Meeting).

*Please be sure to adhere to the following guidelines:* All medications (prescription and over-the-counter medications) must be brought to the Nurse's Desk at check-in the morning of departure. Over-the-counter medications must be in their original, unopened packaging and prescription medications must be in their original prescription containers. This rule applies to all medications except for emergency medication allowed by Texas state law: an inhaler or EpiPen. However, written approval is required for any student who will be carrying an emergency medication. Written approval can be obtained from the camp nurse departure morning. You can expedite this process by pre-filling the medication form(s) and bringing a printed copy with you to the Nurse's Desk on departure morning. All medication will be returned at the end of the camp session.

## WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- No clothing with vulgar or suggestive slogans
- No water guns or water balloons
- No valuable items such as jewelry or electronics (PVC will not be held responsible for theft, loss or damage of valuables)
- No prank or gag materials
- No firearms, fireworks, tobacco, electronic cigarettes, vapes, drugs, alcohol, knives, or weapons of any kind\*

\*Campers bringing these items to camp may be sent home at the cost of the parent.

# REGISTRATION:

## How do I register a student for camp?

Camp registrations are taken in person at New Life Family church, Main Building or East Building. Registration is available before or after Thursdays & Sundays services at the following locations. NO Online Registration. The goal is that your student is in a small group with other leaders and students from the campus they regularly attend.

## PRICING

How much does it cost to go to camp?

The cost of camp is \$150, and can be paid in full at registration.

If you choose the Payment Plan option, you can secure your spot with \$30 deposit and subsequent payments. If any payment is not made on time, you risk losing your spot at camp.

## Payment Plan Details:

Deposit of \$30 due at registration to secure your spot.

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After July 20th, the total amount required in the payment schedule is due at the time of registration.

Important Notes: If any payment is not made on time, you risk losing your spot at camp. To utilize the Payment Plan, you must be in contact with a leader. **AND CANNOT DO PAYMENTS ONLINE!!**

## HOW DO I MAKE A PAYMENT?

1. Pay in person at either Main Building in New Life Family Church or payments can be received at the East Building. On Thursday / Sunday Services.

2. Online Payment. (An online payment may only be made after registration has taken place in person)

1. Open Our "NLFC APP"

2. On a mobile device, you will see "Log In" at the bottom of the page, and on a desktop, you will see "Log In" towards the top right.

3. Log in to your account

4. Click "GIVE" Press "GIVE ONE TIME" then Click "FUND" and select "YOUTH CAMP 26"

## IF I NEED TO CANCEL MY CHILD'S RESERVATION, WILL I BE REFUNDED?

In the case of illness prior to departure, a full refund will be given. In the case of dismissal due to behavioral problems or homesickness while at camp, camp fees will not be refunded. The camp director reserves the right to dismiss any camper whose conduct becomes in any way detrimental to the best interest of the other campers. No refunds will be given.

**Cancellations must be requested in writing.**

E-mail: [thenewlifeyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:thenewlifeyouthministry@gmail.com)

Mail: New Life Family Church

Attn: Summer Camp 2026

2109 W Nolana Ave, McAllen, TX 78504

## **POLICY/FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

### **BEHAVIOR POLICY:**

Students must obey staff instructions at all times. Students must stay with their assigned group and leader during group times. Students are not allowed in or near the cabins of the opposite sex. No public display of affection is permitted. Students must remain in their cabins once evening activities have finished. No firearms, fireworks, tobacco, electronic cigarettes, vapes, drugs, or alcohol are permitted at camp. Foul language, fighting, or bullying will not be tolerated. The leadership of New Life Family Church Student Ministries will handle behavior problems. All parents and students must understand the importance of these guidelines and remain committed to keeping them. The consequences for misbehavior may include the student being sent home early from camp at the parents' expense.

### **CELL PHONE POLICY:**

Students' phones are taken away at the check-in of Camp. Cell phones can be a major distraction. Students do tend to benefit more from camp if they disconnect from friends at home and focus on growing closer to God. Please note that parents will be in contact with the child's leader and if needed anything can contact the leader.

### **LOST ITEMS POLICY:**

If students do not return home with all their belongings, we will have a lost and found box at the East Building the first weekend they return home from camp. Items will be kept for one week following camp, then will be washed and donated. It is suggested that you label all items with your camper's name.

### **DRESS CODE POLICY:**

Both guys and girls are expected to dress modestly at camp. No tight or short shorts, tight shirts, or revealing clothing is permitted. Guys must wear shirts at all times (including games and rec times) except when swimming in the pool or lake. Girls are permitted to wear leggings/spandex pants as long as an over shirt is worn covering their rear end. No volleyball shorts, booty shorts or short revealing shorts are permitted to be worn at any time. Shirts must be worn at all times except during swim times. Shirts must cover midriffs at all times. Tight shirts, short shirts, crop tops, sports bras, are not permitted to be worn by themselves.

### **HEALTH INFORMATION:**

We have nurses on site during the day in a well-equipped facility. We hope that your campers will never need to experience our Nurse's Station, but if they need us, we are here to help them! We will promptly contact you if there is an issue that affects your child's camp experience.

### **HEALTH FORMS:**

If there are changes to your child's health condition or medications after registration has been completed, please contact our main office at 956.359.8847 and mention youth camp or email us at [thenewlifeyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:thenewlifeyouthministry@gmail.com) to update the information.

# **CAMP DAILY SCHEDULE:**

## **July 27, 2026 (Monday) DAY ONE**

- 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM - Check-In/ Arrival
- 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM - Welcome / Camp Rules
- 10:00 AM - Service
- 11:00 AM - Lunch
- 12:15 PM - Outdoor Rec
- 3:00 PM - Snack Break
- 3:00 PM - Pool/ Rec Time
- 5:30 PM - Dinner
- 7:00 PM - Evening Service
- 8:45 PM - Breakout Groups
- 9:30 PM - Night Rec
- 12:00 PM - Lights Out

## **July 28, 2026 (Tuesday) DAY TWO**

- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Breakfast
- 9:00 AM - Service
- 10:15 AM - Breakout Activity
- 12:00 PM - Lunch
- 1:30 PM - Color Wars
- 3:00 PM - Snack Break
- 3:00 PM - Rec Time
- 5:30 PM - Dinner
- 7:00 PM - Worship Service
- 8:45 PM - Breakout Session
- 9:30 PM - Late Night Snacks/Bonfire
- 12:00 PM - Lights Out

## **July 29, 2026 (Wednesday) DAY THREE**

- 8:00 AM - Breakfast
- 9:15 PM - Service
- 10:00 PM - Color Wars
- 12:00 PM - Lunch
- 1:00 PM - Rec Time
- 3:00 PM - Snack Break
- 3:00 PM - Pack Up
- 4:30 PM - Breakout groups
- 5:30 PM - Dinner
- 6:30 PM - Family Service/ Baptisms
- 7:30 PM - Depart from Camp

## **VALLEY BAPTIST RETREAT CAMP:**

### **Where does camp take place?**

We take our students to Camp Valley Baptist Retreat in Mission, TX. For more information on Camp you can check out their website at <https://www.valleybaptistretreat.org/>

### **What does a day at camp look like?**

Each day at camp will include: worship services, Bible study/small group discussion, high-energy rec games and a chance to take advantage of all that Camp Tejas has to offer such as zip lines, climbing walls, pool, etc.

## **ROOM ARRANGEMENTS:**

### **How are campers assigned rooms?**

Campers are assigned rooms by grade and gender.

### **What is the adult-to-camper ratio?**

We maintain a ratio of at least 1 adult for every 8-10 students.

## **SUPERVISION:**

### **Who is on “staff” during camp?**

Camp is staffed with our NLFC personnel, trained leaders, and a nurse. Special precautions are taken during water activities and certified lifeguards are on duty.

### **Are campers always supervised?**

Yes - counselors are present 24 hours a day.

### **How does NLFC choose their counselors?**

Each applicant is carefully screened and hand-picked by the Student Ministries Staff. We conduct national background checks as well as a Child Abuse Prevention Training Course and Exam (required by Texas Law for any adult attending a camp).

## **PHONE CALLS, MAIL, AND VISITORS:**

### **May I call my child at camp?**

Cell phones are not allowed at camp. Should campers need to contact parents; calls can be made through the Camp Leaders cell phone. Also, If students want to contact their parents they are more than able to through the leader. Also Leaders will be in contact with the parents.

### **Can I reach someone at camp any time of the day or night in case of emergency?**

Yes – The emergency number for 6th - 12th grade students is Luis Ochoa: 956-222-4453 or Anthony Rodriguez 956-638-4499. Emergencies only, please!

### **What do you do for homesick kids? Do you let them call home?**

Yes – homesick campers are allowed to call home. Campers who become homesick and leave their camp sessions early are not eligible for refunds.

**Can campers receive mail or packages during their stay?**

No - due to the short duration of our camp stay, we do not encourage snail mail or packages to be sent to campers.

**Does Camp Valley Baptist Retreat allow visitors?**

Camp Valley Baptist Retreat is a closed campus. All visitors need prior approval from the NLFC staff and must register with the main office upon entering Camp Valley Baptist Retreat.

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