



# 2019 PARENT PACKET

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## **OPENING LETTER**

Dear Parents,

We are so excited for the upcoming summer and the great opportunity the Lord has provided for His Kingdom. This is Glorieta's fourth summer putting on Adventure for the City and we could not be more excited for the partnerships that YOU have made possible in our fourth season of Adventure for the City! Our goal for this program is to bring camp to children who are not old enough for overnight camp, not ready for overnight camp, or their parents are not ready to send their children away to a week of camp. By bringing camp to your community, we hope to provide kids with an opportunity to get as much of the Glorieta experience as possible while still being able to stay in the comfort of their own home at the end of the day.

Glorieta gives priority to the safety of all campers and staff involved in making this great program happen. Glorieta also believes that it is critical to keep an open line of communication between parents, church staff, and myself, the Adventure for the City Director, Josh Nelson. Within this packet you will find important information regarding safety, curriculum, and the experience that your campers will have.

It is important for us to be as open as possible, and to provide as much information as possible to you as a family so that you feel comfortable and at ease with sending your child to Adventure for the City. Thank you so much for selecting Glorieta as part of your summer and we look forward to all the fun and excitement and seeing what the Lord has in store!

**Joshua Nelson**, Adventure for the City Director

## **PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY AND MISSION STATEMENT**

Our Mission Statement at Glorieta is to Inspire Christ like change through outdoor adventure, authentic relationships, and Biblical truth. Glorieta desires to set ourselves apart by getting campers to do activities that they would not come across on a day-to-day basis. Activities such as rock climbing and drift trikes, stretch them mentally, spiritually, and physically. These activities offer individuals a chance to get out of their comfort zone and to become vulnerable. We use this vulnerability to

introduce the next part of our mission statement: authentic relationships. Building authentic relationships is something that we feel leaves a more real experience and lasting impression on all those we interact with. We want our relationships to go beyond the week you will have at camp and last a lifetime. Whether this be between your camper, a new cabin mate, or one of our counselors, we hope to cultivate and grow those relationships over time. Authentic relationships leads us directly into the Biblical truth portion of our mission statement. Building authentic relationships allows us to present the Word of God more thoroughly and in a more impacting ways. This allows us as staff to speak into your camper's life and walk alongside them as they develop into an incredible man or woman of God.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT FROM US**

### **ACTIVITIES**

Rockwall- This is a 28 foot rockwall that is mounted onto a trailer that we tow behind us. The rockwall is run with auto-belays so that both counselors can spend more time making sure that the campers are safe and having a great time rather than one belaying the duration of the activity.

Waterslide- It will be hot during the summer so what better way to cool off than a 30 foot long water slide? This activity is designed to be operated outside on either pavement or grass with the use of a water hose.

Gaga Ball- This is a camp hit! Gaga ball is a simple game; throw a bunch of people in a pit with a ball and using your hands attempt to get other players out by hitting the ball at them from the knees down.

Archery Tag- Using nerf bows and arrows our counselors come up with exciting games for campers to play while trying to get one another out.

Obstacle course- Our three part obstacle course can be used outside with water or brought inside out of the heat for counselors and campers to race each other on!

Sports Court- Our bounce house is much more than that; we have dueling platforms, basketball goals, and even a volleyball net for a fun session of competition! Of course, it can also be used to just bounce on.

Big Slide- We have a really big slide! This can be used outside or brought inside, if the space is tall enough, to be used in the air conditioning. This is another great activity to be used to get some competition involved at camp!

Bikes and Ramps- On-site at Glorieta, we have many miles of mountain biking trails which our guests love to come and enjoy. While we cannot bring trails on the road with us, the next best thing is to bring mountain bikes with ramps!

Blue Mat- Our blue mat is a great option for all campers with all of the options that it provides. This can be used as a slip n' slide, a tumble mat, or a great place to have a shaving cream war!

Group Games- These are games where everyone comes together to play a fun, interactive game. We play games such as Ships and Sailors, Dodgeball, Capture the Flag etc.

Group Development- Group Development is to help cabins grow as individuals and as a group. These games and exercises teach them about leadership, team building, communication and other valuable skills. We train our counselors in various levels of group development games/activities, reading the group, sequencing and debriefing.

## **STAFF**

Along with games and activities, we are bringing 16-20 highly trained and passionate staff that have a heart for children's ministry and a desire to spread God's word. Our summer staff have spent three weeks in extensive training, going through our Child Protection Plan, and a rigorous hiring process that ensures that we have the best college students from around the country to make camp successful and safe for your campers. All of our summer counselors receive CPR, Basic First Aid and AED training, as well.

## **CURRICULUM**

As an organization, part of our mission statement is Biblical truth. This aspect of our mission statement is most lived out in our curriculum. Each year, we write our own curriculum for our summer programs. This allows us to focus on what truly matters and saturate our programming with Scripture. To really make the lessons and Scripture come alive, we create experiences that allow learning to take place in the heart and mind. We desire to get kids active with our curriculum as this encourages them to remember and learn lessons more easily, if they are put into practical measure. We

want to see real change in our campers' lives and we believe the way we do curriculum accomplishes this.

This summer, the Camp Eagle Family of Camps is finishing up the last year in seven-year journey through the Bible. Our camp theme is *Encore*. It reminds us that, while the show may be over, the promise of Jesus' return awaits us. *How* we wait for His return matters. *Who* we are, *what* we do, *how* we treat others matters. While we live in the messiness and brokenness of the world, we know the Greatest Encore to the Greatest Show has yet to happen. *This world is not our home*. But, until the grand finale, we must learn to exist in it in such a way that glorifies the Lord and proclaims His overwhelming goodness. Let the show begin...

## **WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU**

As parents, you have the important job of preparing your campers for being away from you for several hours a day for a week in a camp setting, surrounded by new people and activities. As camp gets closer, please make sure you are talking to campers about what they can look forward to get the excitement flowing. Referring to new activities (such as the rock climbing, drift trikes, archery tag, and water activities) are great ways to promote excitement and energy in your kids. The week of camp will be full of non-stop fun, so making sure your campers get a good night's rest will ensure that they get the most out of camp. Staying hydrated will be a priority of ours and we will take care of your youngsters by taking plenty of water breaks, but drinking water at home before the day starts is also very important. There will be an hour for lunch every day and we ask that you provide your children with sack lunches to bring to camp. Please be sure to pack a picnic-friendly lunch. Also, be sure to label your children's lunch sack or lunchbox with their full name so we do not mix up meals!

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE**

Our staff will arrive late Saturday night and go directly to their respective host homes. On Sunday we will attend church and after the service our staff will set up a booth to meet and greet parents and answer any questions that you may have. We will also be available for any last minute registrations. Monday morning is when the fun begins! Drop off will happen between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM at a designated location at your church. We will have signage directing you to the correct location for drop-off and pick-up. Our day will start right at 8:30 AM so we do ask that parents finish drop-off on time so that your camper can get into their cabin group and off to their first activity. We will set aside an hour and a half on Friday for parents to come and be a part of camp

and see what their camper has been doing all week. If you would like to make an additional visit, please let a staff member know ahead of time and know that you will be directed to sign-in at our front desk in order to gain access to camp. Pick-up is between 4:30 PM and 5:00 PM, all five days of camp. Pick-up will occur at the same location as drop-off. If, for any reason, a camper must be picked up early, or dropped off late, parents must notify Caleb Barge, Christian Scott or one of the leadership team as early as possible. It should be noted that no discount will be given if a camper comes for part of the week or has to leave early at any point during camp.

## **CLOSING CEREMONY**

We will hold a Closing Ceremony for parents to attend camp starting at 3:45 PM on Friday, the last day of camp. Parents will be able to see some of the dances their campers have been learning, hear the final lesson of the week, and listen to a summary of the lessons taught throughout the week. Once the Main Session is over, campers will split up into their cabins and counselors will begin presenting Camper Awards to their campers. Parents are able to join their camper's cabin to see them receive their award.

## **SQUIRREL BAGS**

Squirrel Bags are pre-purchased bags that are filled with shirts, Nalgene water bottles, sweatshirts, blankets, whistles, and other Glorieta memorabilia. On the registration system you will see an option to add a Squirrel Bag and select shirt sizes and what kind of Squirrel Bag you would like to purchase. We prepare these during the first part of the week so they will be ready for your camper at the beginning of the week!

## **AUTHORIZED ADULTS**

Authorized adults are the individuals who are allowed to pick-up your camper. These can be added during the registration process under "Authorized Adults". The only person who is allowed to pick-up campers are those who registered them, unless their names are added to this list. A photo ID will be required to sign-out all children regardless of who is picking them up.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

- Water Bottle
- Lunch
- Sunscreen
- Hat and/or Sunglasses
- Bible
- Notepad and Pen
- Day Pack (small bag/backpack)
- Tennis Shoes or Sturdy Sandals
- Bathing Suit (modest)
- Sandals and Towel (as needed)
- Medication - this will be given to medical personnel

## **WHAT NOT TO BRING**

- Toys from Home
- Fidget Spinners
- Cell Phones
- iPads or iPods
- Video Games
- Pets
- Personal Sports Equipment (we will provide everything needed for camp)
- Weapons (including pocket knives and multitools)
- Clothing which promotes alcohol, tobacco, etc.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- Can my special needs camper be a part of camp?
  - Absolutely! Glorieta Camps tries to accommodate everyone so special needs children are more than welcome to be a part of Adventure for the City. In some cases, we may ask that a familiar or sponsor be present.
- Can I drop my child off early? Can I pick my child up early?
  - Glorieta camps will not be responsible for camper before 8 AM, as our staff use this time for final daily setup and quiet time. You can pick up your child early. Please let your Site Director know during drop off.
- Does the camp provide snacks for my child?
  - Glorieta Camps provides an afternoon snack for campers but we encourage you to pack a small morning snack if you feel your child might need one as we do not eat lunch until 11:30 AM.
- My camper has a peanut allergy, what are you doing to protect them from contamination?
  - In an effort to inhibit cross-contamination, we will have campers with allergies eat in a separate area, if allergens are present. These campers will still be with one of their counselors.
- Do the cabins take bathroom breaks as a group?
  - Yes, cabins will take restroom breaks before and after activities as a group. If a camper has to go during an activity, we will follow our Rule of Three policy to take them to the bathroom.
- Can I make cabin-mate requests for my child?
  - In most cases, Glorieta Camps can accommodate this. Please be sure to make your Site Director aware of this on the first day of camp. If the age gap is too great, we will have to place campers in the age appropriate age-groups.
- How big are the cabin groups my child will be in?
  - Our goal is to stay at or under 20 campers per cabin.
- Will the counselors remind my child to put on sunscreen and drink plenty of water?



- o Absolutely. We train our staff not just on activities, but on safety and the importance of staying hydrated and protection from the sun.
- How do parents contact the Site Coordinator?
  - o Feel free to call (505) 428-6424 ext. 715 or email [aftc@glorieta.org](mailto:aftc@glorieta.org)
- Will there be opportunities for purchase of merchandise?
  - o Glorieta Camps will have pre-camp merchandise opportunities in the form of “squirrel bags”. There will also be a camp store set up on Thursday and Friday of camp.
- Will photos be available for purchase at the end of the week? o No, not at this point
- Can I visit my child during the day?
  - o We have one afternoon (on Friday) set aside for parents to come and experience a glimpse of camp! Outside of this time, we discourage parent attendance, except in special circumstances.
- How secure is the campus during the week?
  - o Our staff are constantly monitoring the campus looking for anything suspicious. Campers and volunteers must all wear color-coordinated wristbands to ensure that the right people are on the property. Anyone without a wristband will be politely escorted to the front desk to be checked-in by your Site Director.
- Do staff members provide background checks?
  - o They sure do! All staff present, including volunteers, have up-to-date background checks and must complete a sexual abuse-awareness training course.
- What is the staff-to-camper ratio?
  - o Glorieta Camps will maintain a 1:8 ratio of staff to campers. 11
- Do staff have medical training?
  - o All Glorieta Camps staff are CPR and first aid certified. There is also a medical professional with up-to-date certifications on property while campers are present?
- Will there be water activities every day?
  - o Glorieta Camps tries to get campers out of the heat 3 to 4 times throughout the week so make sure that bathing suits are packed in your campers’ daypacks.
- How much downtime will my camper get throughout the day?
  - o Glorieta Camps is not a fan of free time! We will take water, bathroom, lunch, and snack breaks but the rest of the day will be filled with activities, games, worship, and Bible study.

\*Have another FAQ in mind? Please let us know and we will make sure to answer them!

## **CLOSING LETTER**

This will be a fun and exciting summer and the Lord is going to do amazing things through our partnership with you. With the summer sneaking up on us, be sure to register your campers sooner rather than later to ensure that they do not miss out on this great opportunity! With that in mind, feel free to contact your church sponsors or the Site Director in regards to registration or general inquiries about camp. We will be praying for the summer and ask that you do the same! Thank you again for partnering with us and opening up your homes. We look forward to getting to know you, your camper, and your community!

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