

Handbook For Counselors

“Helping you to be the best counselor you can be.”

“Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46:19

*This handbook will help you to enjoy a fun, informed, and spiritual week at Dry Creek.
As always, please inform a member of our staff on how we can better serve you.*

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

CAMP SECURITY

Camper Checkout: Authorized adults go to the Nurse’s Station (First Aid Building) and follow procedures given by the Camp Nurse or Nurse’s Aid. No camper is to leave the campground without first checking out. Visitors attending worship services should leave promptly after the service. The camp director, evening duty person, or night watchman should be notified if you suspect that there is someone on the grounds who does not belong here or who is acting suspiciously.

BAD WEATHER

Dry Creek staff will monitor the weather and notify camp personnel of imminent danger. They will then direct church counselors and campers to cease activities and to seek shelter.

CHILD ABUSE

Should a counselor discover evidence of any type of child abuse, it should be reported to the camp director at once. To protect the child’s privacy, please share this with no one else.

FIRE

Evacuate the building. Each cabin counselor should designate an emergency meeting place with their campers on the first day of camp. Verify that campers are sure where to meet.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

In case of emergency, dial **911**, then have someone immediately notify a DCBC staff member. Our physical address is **8237 Highway 113 Dry Creek, LA**. Our phone number is **(337)328-7531**. For parents back home, *in the event of an emergency* during non-office hours, you may call **(337)328-8457** or **(337)328-7508**.

NURSE’S STATION GUIDELINES

During our summer camps, Dry Creek Camp will maintain a nurse’s station, staffed by a nurse or other medical personnel, 24 hours a day. The Nurse’s Station is located across the road from the Dining Hall.

All prescription medicine will be given to the nurse during registration on the first day of camp, and will be dispensed by the nurse as required by state law. A schedule will be established to enable cabin counselors to send campers to get their medication. Also, to assist adults, children’s camp campers needing medication will wear red arm bracelets.

Except under extreme emergencies, any camper going to the nurse after 10:00pm must be with a counselor.

The decision to send a camper to the doctor or hospital will be made by the camp nurse and camp management. Whenever possible, parents will be notified prior to taking a camper to receive medical care.

Homesickness is best dealt with by the cabin counselor, not the nurse. During our younger age camps we do have “camp grandparents” who help out with homesickness or with campers needing special attention.

GENERAL RULES

1. Profanity will not be tolerated.
2. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs is prohibited.
3. The proper dress standard is the responsibility of the group leader and should reflect the highest Christian standards.
4. Pets are not allowed. Please leave them at home.
5. All electronic music playing devices are not permitted except for programmed activities.
6. The use of tobacco products of any kind is not permitted by campers and is strongly discouraged by adults on the campgrounds.
7. Fireworks and firearms are not permitted.
8. Shoes must be worn at all times.
9. Campers are not allowed to leave the campgrounds. Only the camp director can give permission to leave the grounds. The store across the street is off limits to campers.
10. Our Adventure Challenge Course (both low and high elements) are off limits without a member of DCBC staff. No camper should be in the pool except when DCBC lifeguards are on duty.
11. Campers should not ride on the outside of vehicles. Vehicles should remain parked.
12. The wooded areas are off limits except during scheduled activities. Campers should only be in designated areas.
13. Any activity, including shaving cream fights, that may damage camp property or endanger campers will not be permitted.

CAMP ORIENTATION

Other than the general rules, there are a number of things that can make the week more enjoyable and safe for campers, counselors, and the camp staff:

Minimal phone use is encouraged. Camp phones will be available to campers who are accompanied by an adult leader. Adult counselors may use camp phones as requested. Phone messages for campers will be given to the summer camp leader to be delivered.

Maintenance work order forms for minor repairs are available in the Dining Hall. Please complete them and place them in the box provided. In the case of a maintenance emergency, report to the office or to a member of our staff.

Please see a member of our kitchen staff for special dietary needs.

Group leaders, please stay with your campers as much as scheduled activities allow. Please share these guidelines with your campers.

Thank you for bringing your young people to Dry Creek Baptist Camp!