

CROSSTIMBERS MISSION ADVENTURE CAMP

CODE OF CONDUCT

GENERAL PURPOSE

CrossTimbers Mission Adventure Camp sessions are planned for children who have completed 3rd through 6th grade. Younger children of sponsors or teens who are not 18 are not allowed to attend CrossTimbers. (Note: Children of Executive Staff members and the Camp Pastor will be allowed and will be housed in private accommodations.)

CrossTimbers Mission Adventure Camp sessions are planned for children who have completed 3rd through 6th grade. The code of conduct for CrossTimbers is intended to assist churches and campers at camp to have a safe and enjoyable camp experience, while growing in their faith. CrossTimbers is a Christian camp designed to help children and adults know and follow God, so the code of conduct prioritizes issues related to a camper's faith development in Jesus. CrossTimbers Mission Adventure Camp does not condone or encourage any activity on grounds that would humiliate any camper, including initiation, hazing, and/or pranks. Furthermore, CrossTimbers Mission Adventure Camp will not tolerate any activity that would harm any camper, such as violence or abuse of any kind.

CURFEW

At 10:15pm, all campers should be back at their dorm/room and should not be outside their cabin without sponsor until after 6:30am. Sponsors should also remain in their dorm/room with their campers during these hours.

MODESTY/PDA

Believing that modesty extends beyond the dress code, CrossTimbers Mission Adventure Camp asks that campers and sponsors refrain from public displays of affection (PDA).

CELL PHONES

It is strongly suggested that churches limit or prohibit their campers' use and possession of cell phones and two-way radios. These items can quickly become a distraction from the goals of camp.

VEHICLES

Unnecessary and careless traffic is prohibited on CrossTimbers grounds. Only Conference Center operated vehicles are permitted.

Motorcycles may only drive to and from the gate to their cabin or meeting place.

Recreation vehicles for living or sleeping purposes are permitted only in designated areas and must register in advance with the CrossTimbers office.

All passengers must be seated in a vehicle according to its designated capacity—no passengers are allowed in pickup beds or in the back of vehicles with hatch doors raised.

CAMP REQUIREMENTS

Campers are required to attend both the Morning and Evening Chapel Experience each day. Sponsors from each church are responsible for enforcing the code of conduct and camp dress code for their campers and sponsors and for handling discipline issues within their group.

Church groups must sit together at all chapel services in their designated locations. Sponsors should sit among the campers in order to model worship and more easily address any issues that arise during the service.

Sponsors must maintain a 5:1 camper/sponsor ratio of the same gender while at camp. In addition to this rule, there must be at least two sponsors of the same gender per room.

All guests are required to check in at the CrossTimbers Office and will receive proof of registration.

DRIVE-IN GUESTS

Drive-in guests at CrossTimbers are limited to church staff and spouses only. All guests must have had their background check submitted by their church's Lead Sponsor or must present their driver's license to be scanned by the CrossTimbers Staff.

All guests are required to check in at the CrossTimbers Office and will receive proof of registration.

CAMP PROHIBITIONS

Campers who have not yet completed third grade and those who have completed seventh grade and up but are not yet 18 are not allowed to attend camp.

Campers will not be permitted to leave the grounds unless accompanied by a sponsor. If a camper is picked up early by his/her parents, he/she may not return to camp.

Excessive volume from a dorm/room is not permitted since it can disturb other dorms/rooms. Please check with the office if there is an issue.

No product sales are allowed at CrossTimbers unless they have secured a contract through the Falls Creek Conference Centers.

Use or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco of any type is not permitted on the grounds. This includes e-cigarettes, vaping or other facsimiles. Falls Creek Conference Centers, which includes CrossTimbers, are smoke-free facilities.

The possession of offensive weapons of any sort is prohibited at camp. CrossTimbers reserves the right to perform a random drug and weapon search at any time and confiscate items that distract from the camp goals or that violate the code of conduct of the camp.

Pets/animals (**other than trained and certified service animals), fireworks, rock throwing, water fighting, laser pointers, and shaving cream fights are prohibited on the campgrounds.

***Campers with service animals may attend camp and participate in activities. Parents or guardians of said campers should contact CrossTimbers to make prior arrangements for the service animal's presence on the campgrounds. However, no overnight lodging accommodations are currently available to campers with service animals. Campers with service animals may attend camp during the day and leave the grounds at night. The camper will be allowed to return with their service animal the next day.*

Masks or any other disguise over the face cannot be worn by anyone outside of their cabin. Face coverings, which cover the nose and mouth for medical-related purposes, are allowed CrossTimbers.

For the safety of all guests, skates, rollerblades, and skateboards are not permitted. All cycles (uni, bi, or tri) are prohibited on the grounds. Violation of this policy could result in confiscation of equipment.

No wading or swimming is allowed in the creek unless there is a CrossTimbers Mission Adventure Camp lifeguard present. No fishing is allowed.

No camera drones or remote-controlled flying devices may be operated on grounds without expressed permission from the Director of Falls Creek Conference Centers and the CrossTimbers Mission Adventure Camp Program Director.

DISCIPLINE AT CAMP

Most discipline issues are already solved with the attitude and reactions of sponsors promoting a great time at camp, coupled with fun activities of a busy day.

Sponsors should also keep the idea of praising in public and criticizing in private as they address minor behaviors to avoid a camper becoming embarrassed, angry, or otherwise emotionally charged and greatly escalating the situation.

If a sponsor continually experiences behavioral challenges with a camper:

- Pull that camper aside and talk to them privately about his/her actions. Explain why this is an unwise and unacceptable choice. State your confidence in the child to make this change and praise the child when he/she improves in order to encourage good choices.
- If the poor choices continue, the sponsor might consider a later start time of swimming and allow the child to rest longer on his/her bunk.
- If the child does not comply, contact the CrossTimbers Program Director. The camper, Lead Sponsor, and Program Director will have a meeting and call a parent to bring awareness of the situation. This will be the final warning.
- If the child continues to make poor choices, the Lead Sponsor and Program Director will call the parent again, and the parents will be asked to make arrangements to have the child picked up from camp.

DRESS CODE FOR CROSSTIMBERS MISSION ADVENTURE CAMP

Churches participating in CrossTimbers Mission Adventure Camp should fully communicate the dress code to campers before they pack and arrive for camp. While we understand the desire for fashionable attire, we require you to wear modest clothing. Modesty is a biblical principle and helps keep people focused on the important things at camp (1 Timothy 2:9-10; 4:12). All apparel judgments will be left to the discretion of the CrossTimbers staff. If the CrossTimbers staff determines a camper or sponsor should change his/her clothing to fall in line with camp requirements, then said camper or sponsor is required to do so.

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- Shoes must be worn at all times outside of your dorm/room.
- Apparel may not display or promote tobacco, alcohol, controlled substances, or inappropriate language or pictures.
- Undergarments must always be covered by outer garments (i.e. No boxer shorts or bra straps showing).
- Midriffs should always be covered.
- No spaghetti strap shirts or dresses.
- No tank tops.
- No short shorts. Shorts must be of modest length. Note: modest length can be generally defined as extending to just beyond the fingertips, which in general is no shorter than 5 to 7 inch inseam. No tight-fitting and revealing clothing. This includes leggings or similar attire, which cannot be worn as pants.
- Girls may wear dresses/skirts, but they must reach the top of the knee.

Due to the terrain and activities of CrossTimbers, campers are encouraged to always wear closed-toe shoes outside of their dorm/room.

Closed-toed and closed heeled shoes are required to participate on the ropes course.

SWIMMING

- Girls should wear modest one-piece swimsuits. A dark t-shirt must be worn over two-piece swimming suits.
- Males should not wear tight-fitting swimming suits.
- While going to and from the swimming areas, all campers must wear a t-shirt and females must wear a long covering or shorts over their swimming suits.
- Campers may not be barefoot on the way to and from venues.
- Shorts, shirts, and closed-toed shoes are required for the waterfront and must be worn in the water.