



# **AMP'D**

**JUNE 11-15, 2018**

**RIVERGLEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP**

**INFO PACKET**

Dear Parents and Students,

We are excited to announce our annual summer camp for middle school students, called Amp'd. This is one of our favorite weeks of the year, and the students look forward to it as much as we do! This camp is designed specifically with our middle school students in mind as we serve our local community, build friendships, and grow in our faith...all while having a ridiculous amount of fun along the way!

Amp'd will start Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and go through Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. This is an overnight camp—students and leaders will be staying at RiverGlen throughout the entire week. Students will be sleeping in gender-specific classrooms along with adult chaperones in each room. And don't worry, we have daily showers!

**The entire cost of the trip is \$215**, which covers all meals, t-shirt, "swag," activities, transportation, etc. (except one fast-food meal on the drive home from Noah's Ark Friday...see "Financial Obligations" page for more info).

Mornings on Tuesday through Thursday are spent serving our local community in various ways. The goal is for our students to make a difference by showing the love of Jesus to those around us. Through these simple acts of service, our prayer is that it will not only impact the community, but the students who are doing the serving as well.

Afternoons are spent rewarding our hard work by doing fun recreational activities! We will get to go to some fun sites around the area in addition to special activities at RiverGlen in the evenings.

Each evening we have programming designed to help students grow in their faith. We have worship, teaching, and small groups that will challenge and encourage these teens in their relationship with God.

One thing we do ask for this trip is that if you sign your teen up, you commit them for the entire week. I know it can be tempting, since we are staying locally, to pull your student out for an afternoon to attend a game, practice, or other event or activity. However, this works against our goal of getting students unplugged from the busyness and routine of life to experience a week of God-centered community and serving. It can be distracting for your student and the other teens in their group as well.

Also, please read *Expectations & Logistics, Clothing Policy and Packing list* carefully! I'll be sending out a copy closer to the event as well.

**All registration is online: <http://www.riverglen.cc/studentkids/events-camps/>**

**Spots are limited, so sign up ASAP!**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call, email or stop by! Thanks, and can't wait for another amazing week!

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# Who Can Go

## **Middle School Students:**

- In 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade as of 2017-2018 school year

**Adults:** Please contact us if you're interested in helping

- Group leaders
- Kitchen help (we need parents to help prepare dinners T-Th nights)

**High School Students:** Please contact us if you're interested in helping

- Must be in 10<sup>th</sup> grade or older as of 2017-2018 school year

## **Serving**

Throughout the week, the students and leaders of Amp'd will serve our local community in a variety of ways. We try to rotate students around to as many ministry opportunities as possible as well as give them the opportunity to plan their own project during the week.

Our goal is to partner with local organizations and programs that seek to address the very basic needs of residents.

Students may serve at places like: Children's Programs, Community Gardens, Elderly Centers, Soup Kitchens/Homeless Shelters and Thrift Stores. We will confirm exact ministry opportunities as we get closer to the event. We ask that students come with a willing and flexible spirit!

## **Activities**

On top of serving throughout the week, we will also have a number of fun activities incorporated in the camp. Each afternoon we will spend time at local recreational sites to have fun and make memories. These may include trampoline parks, a city-wide scavenger hunt, swimming, or a day of field games (Note: These are subject to change based on availability). We also have games and activities each evening at RiverGlen, including dodgeball, lip-sync battles, and more. The week will conclude on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, with a day trip to Noah's Ark Water Park. Fees for these activities are covered by your payment for the week of Amp'd.

*During the week of Amp'd we will be sending parent update emails each morning to let you know where we're serving, where we're playing, and what we're learning at night. Please use those to guide your prayers for us!*

# Itinerary Overview

Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Check in, Register</b>
6:15 PM	Welcome!
7:00 PM	Scavenger Hunt
8:30 PM	Snack
9:00PM	Programming (Activities, Worship, Teaching)
10:00PM	Small Groups
11:00PM	Lights Out

Tuesday-Thursday

7:00AM	Breakfast
7:45AM	Time Alone with God (TAWG)
8:30AM	Depart for ministry sites
12:30PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Afternoon Activity
3:30PM	Depart for Showers
5:45PM	Dinner
7:00PM	Evening Activity
8:30PM	Snack
9:00PM	Programming & Small Groups
11:00PM	Lights Out

Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00AM	Depart for Noah's Ark
5:00 PM	Depart for RiverGlen (Stop for dinner along the way)
<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>Arrive at RG. Go home!!!</b>

**\*Schedule is subject to change.**

# Expectations

## RiverGlen Student Ministry:

- Provide safe care & leadership of your child through the duration of the trip.

## Parents:

- Pray for your child and this trip on a regular basis.
- Turn in all paperwork in a timely manner.
- Complete payment by June 4th, 2018.
- Commit child to entire week (except for an emergency).
- Check packing list with child and secure any necessary items.

## Students:

- Pray about the trip leading up to, during, and after it happens.
- Treat EVERYONE you are around with Christ-like love and respect.
- Come with an open heart and mind towards God. Be ready to be challenged spiritually and encouraged to grow throughout the week.
- Be flexible. Every trip has changes and adaptations. Know that it's not going to be exactly how you think it will be.

# Clothing Policy

For Students & Adults

## Please Bring

### *Loose-Fitting Clothing*

During the week your clothes may endure paint, sweat, mud and lots of *love* from children! Bring clothes that you can work and play hard in. Work shirts should not be sleeveless.

### *Closed-Toe Shoes*

To prevent injury, you need to bring a pair of shoes that you don't mind getting dirty or wet at work sites and that you can wear in the kitchen.

### *Mid-Thigh or Longer Shorts (or pants)*

You will bend, twist, sit, climb and crawl as you love and serve communities. Short shorts will only get shorter with these activities. A good measure is to let your arms fall to your side –if your fingers touch skin, bring a longer pair of shorts.

## Please Don't Bring

### *Apparel that Distracts*

Including . . .

- Tank Tops (sleeveless t-shirts are ok)
- Short Shorts (yes that means booty shorts)
- Clothing that reveals undergarments
- Swimsuits that reveal midriff and chest (one-pieces or tankinis are great. If you don't own one, a t-shirt or tank over your swimsuit will work.)

### *Apparel that . . .*

- Includes obscene, vulgar, abusive or discriminatory language or images
- Advertises or promotes alcohol, chemical, tobacco or any other product illegal for use by minors
- Represents threatening or hate group and gang-related clothing

### Why Prohibited clothing?

**Community:** We represent not only RiverGlen Christian Church, but also Christ to the communities that we'll be serving in. The "prohibited" clothing items often work against, not for, our efforts to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus. This distracting apparel can be disrespectful and damaging to our long-term relationship building within a community.

**Each Other:** Not only do we represent Christ to the community, but also to each other. The "prohibited" clothing items are a distraction for students in the ministry (think middle school boy). There are enough hormones flowing through middle schoolers – this is our way to avoid "throwing gasoline on the fire."

**Leaders and Adults at the Church:** Our leaders spend a lot of time (5 days) at this event and they do it because they love working with middle schoolers and genuinely want to see them grow in their relationship with God. We don't want anything getting in the way of that, and that includes clothing. Put bluntly: the less covered up, the more awkward. Modest clothing will help our leaders focus on ministering to your teen.

We also have church staff, volunteers at the church, small groups, etc. – in and out of RiverGlen all week. We want to be respectful to all people throughout the week. We don't want to be the "clothing police" and we know that you don't want us to be either! So we ask for you to understand this clothing policy and follow it. Thank you for your cooperation

# Packing List

Carefully read the clothing policy and pack accordingly.

- Reusable water bottle (extremely important)
- Bible, pen, & notebook (student devo packets will have space for message notes, but feel free to bring your own journal if you prefer!)
- Sun protection: sunscreen, sunglasses, lip balm, and hat
- Long pants (for cool nights and/or work projects)
- Long sleeved shirts and sweatshirts (for cool nights and/or work projects)
- Short sleeved shirts (no sleeveless shirts or tank tops)
- Appropriate length shorts (see clothing policy)
- Light jacket (for cool nights)
- Tennis shoes (must be closed-foot)
- Flip-flops, crocs, or water shoes (for beach, showers, and Noah's Ark)
- Underwear and socks
- Towel, wash cloth, and one-piece swimsuit for showering and possible evening activities
- Shower bag/backpack
- Soap, shampoo, deodorant, other toiletries (extra contact lenses, backup pair of glasses)
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Air mattress, cot, or foam camping pad (optional: we will sleep on floors)
  - ***Must be twin size or smaller - (due to expected number of students/leaders, we have limited space available in sleeping rooms)***

*Because space is limited in the sleeping rooms, everything but the sleeping bag and camping pad or air mattresses must fit in **one** duffel bag or suitcase. Please check the weather forecast to make sure that you pack accordingly.*

## DO NOT BRING:

- Blow dryers, curling or straightening irons!
- iPods, iPads, laptops, electronic games, other valuables, or too much cash. These items can distract you from others during the week and may be susceptible to theft.
- ***RiverGlen is not responsible for stolen items.***

## CELL PHONES:

- Students may bring their cell phones to Amp'd as a means to touch base with parents daily and give you some peace of mind that they're doing well, *however...*
- Phones will remain at RiverGlen in students' duffel bags during the day. We are here to be fully present and phones/social media only provide distraction from this purpose.
- Adult leaders will monitor students' time on phones when at RiverGlen to make sure they're only being used for parental contact.
- Leaders will have their phones readily available at all times. In case of an emergency and your child is off-site, please contact RiverGlen at (262) 968-5252 and we will connect you.

# Financial Obligations

Cost: **\$215** + Friday dinner cash (see note below)

Covers: Food, transportation, fuel, activities, t-shirt, etc...

*Note: Lunch is provided at Noah's Ark on Friday, **but students must bring money for a dinner stop on the way home** (McDonalds, Culver's, etc. are some options). Students can rent lockers at the park as well; they're around \$10.*

Payments:

**\$50 down payment** (nonrefundable) is due upon registration.

**All money is due by June 4th, 2018.**

To register for Amp'd, go to:

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