

Dear Parents,

We are excited that your child will be with us at Eighter's Camp this year. We hope that they will come with a desire to have fun and learn at the same time. Our theme for the week is outlined in a letter from our keynoters and workshop leaders, which has been included in this mailing for you. Also, a "What to bring a list" has been included.

Camp check-in is on Sunday, July 4th **from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** We ask that you please do not arrive earlier than 4:00; it helps with our planning. Camp ends on Saturday, July 10th at 10:30 a.m. We ask that you not come on the grounds before this time, so that we may complete our closing circle.

Please write to your child and encourage others to do so as well OR ask the church to send a group package to all their church campers. It is always exciting to receive mail, and this helps to overcome the problems of homesickness, which some children face. In the letter encourage your camper to have fun and enjoy camp, and they will do so. Write your camper at:

Camper's Name
"Created To Be Me" Camp
Disciple Oaks
673 Private Road 3381
Gonzales, TX 78629

Mail your letter before Wednesday, or the child will beat the letter home. Please do not try to contact your child directly. Part of the camp experience is being able to be fully present. It is difficult to be fully present when loved ones at home are contacting them. In the event that you need to contact the camp, the phone number is (830) 437-2900. If there is an emergency, notify Stephen Cloyd or Augusta Cloyd (camp directors) or a member of the Disciple Oaks staff, and we will get the information to your child. This also allows us to provide appropriate pastoral care for your camper.

Thank you for entrusting your child to our care this week. We believe you will find it to be worthwhile. We are proud to say that we have an excellent nurse on staff and that many healthy food items will be on the menu. We also provide fresh fruit, a salad bar, and an opportunity to purchase candy and soft drinks. They will be limited in their purchases each day, so please don't send any extra munchies. They attract ants, and we already have too many!

*** Reminder:** Online registration includes the Disciple Oaks (DCCI) Liability form for the ropes course, if you want your child to take part in the ropes course while at camp.

We look forward to seeing you on July 4th, along with your teenager. We hope to have the best "Created To Be Me" Camp ever!

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Dear Parents of ***Created To Be Me*** campers,

On behalf of ***Just Say Know Ministry***, thank you for enrolling your young person in a one-of-a-kind church camping experience, entitled ***Created To Be Me***, (also known as "Eighters.") Since 1988, ***Just Say Know*** (formerly CLER Ministries) has been striving to provide comprehensive, age-appropriate faith-based sexuality education. Our goal is to help students pursue wholeness, both physically and spiritually, in this important area of their lives.

We have continued to expand and update our curriculum to be more inclusive in how we address family structures and the complexity of human sexuality related to sexual orientation and gender diversity. This is incorporated in the curriculum not to advocate a particular position, but to create a caring, informed atmosphere where participants have consistent information and a supportive community for learning. Please review the attached overview of the Keynote and Workshop information for a better understanding of what happens during camp.

- **Workshops** provide in-depth presentations about anatomy, orientations, sexual intimacy, conception, love, dating, peer-pressure, sexually transmitted infections, contraception and personal accountability.
- **Keynotes**, along with the workshops, provide spiritual and faith-based perspectives on the different subjects covered.
- **Small Groups** give participants a place to process what they are learning with trained, caring adult leaders while shaping their own understanding about God's good gift of sexuality and what it means for their life.

The ***Created To Be Me***® curriculum strongly presents abstinence as the best decision prior to marriage and a committed, loving, lifelong relationship. The entire program is built around the theme that God designed sexual intimacy to be a powerful and wonderful gift within that relationship.

Just Say Know Ministry believes teens should be educated comprehensively regarding the prevention of unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections, as well as the emotional consequences of early sexual activity. When youth have access to factual information, they can make more responsible and well-informed choices.

While participants will receive in-depth education about sexuality and related issues in the daily workshops, they will learn these things within the context of the life of Jesus and the love of God for each of them during the daily keynotes. A huge factor in being able to make good choices for their lives is a close and loving relationship with God. We ask that you hold all of us in your prayers the week of camp. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at

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In Christ's Love,

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OVERVIEW OF KEYNOTES AND WORKSHOPS

INTRODUCTORY KEYNOTE

"RETURN TO EDEN"

Scriptural Focus: Genesis 1:26-31, 2:18-25, Genesis 3

This keynote will bring the Genesis scriptures to life by "imagining" what it was like in the beginning for these first two human creations of God - what it really meant to be "naked and unashamed" and "to be fruitful and multiply". We will look at the equal stewardship in the garden and then we move to the fall and the consequences that were suffered as a result of making the wrong decision - choosing their way instead of God's. Decisions made by youth today "going their own way" will be shared and youth will be encouraged to look to God for guidance and to understand that God loves them and is in their blessings and in their consequences - God always has a plan!

DAY 1 KEYNOTE

"ADOLESCENCE - JESUS LEADS THE WAY"

Scriptural Focus: Luke 1:26-38, 2:8-14, 41-52

This keynote will set the stage for looking at the humanity of Jesus so youth can begin to understand that he experienced some of the same things they will be dealing with. We begin by looking at a teenage Mary discovering she is pregnant with the Messiah. How would a teenage girl react to such news? Parents? Joseph? Why did God choose someone so young? What was it like for Mary and Joseph to know they would be raising God's very own son? We also examine Jesus' adolescence with the purpose of helping youth to begin to see Jesus as their role model. The keynote stresses God has a special purpose for each of our lives if we will listen for God's voice and look for guidance.

DAY 1 WORKSHOP

"THE MARVELOUS MALE"

This workshop will begin by defining terms about sexual orientations and then will take youth through the wonders of being the "marvelous male" by studying the male reproductive anatomy, puberty changes, and sexual response.

DAY 2 KEYNOTE

"DISCIPLES LIKE CHRIST"

Scriptural Focus: Mark 5:21-34; Luke 10:38-42; Matthew 25:31-40

It is impossible to be a disciple if one does not know what Jesus did while he was here with us. Stories of Jesus' relationship with women, the Pharisees, the sick and oppressed, and the disciples are explored. Jesus' love for mankind and his acceptance of the outcasts of the world are major themes in this keynote. The power of youth to make a difference in the lives of others is also part of this presentation.

DAY 2 WORKSHOP

"THE FABULOUS FEMALE"

An in-depth look at the "Fabulous Female," the reproductive anatomy, puberty changes, and female pride issues. We will also talk about how God's gift of sexual intimacy is to be enjoyed, and how conception, multiple births, etc. occur.

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DAY 3 KEYNOTE

"FREEING THE OPPRESSED"

Scriptural Focus: Luke 4:14-21—Luke 6:17-19

This keynote focuses on Jesus' "mission statement" found in Luke 4:14-21 where he reads from the scroll in the synagogue about setting the oppressed free and proclaims that the Scripture is fulfilled in their hearing. We look at Jesus' ministry of healing and setting captives free and then the focus turns to the oppressed in our world today who are suffering as a result of human trafficking. Campers will be made aware of the statistics and the devastation of this worldwide practice, focusing especially on "sex trafficking."

DAY 3 WORKSHOP

"DATING: FINDING A REAL CONNECTION-SEEING GOD IN ONE ANOTHER"

Scriptural Focus: 1 Corinthians 3:16-20

This keynote will explore dating situations and look at dating pitfalls: 1) One-on-one dating beginning at 16; 2) The dangers of high school youth dating junior high youth; 3) The mistake of forsaking friendships for romantic relationships; 4) The dangers of spending too much time together alone; 5) Drinking and dating - a dangerous combination; 6) Defining date rape and abuse – Recognizing violent or controlling relationships; 7) Peer Pressure.

"DEGREE OF AROUSAL - HOW FAR IS TOO FAR?"

Workshop presentation on Degree of Arousal will help youth understand the power of arousal and the importance of "drawing their line" before they are in a serious relationship so that they do not compromise their self-esteem or their relationship with God.

DAY 4 KEYNOTE

"SEXUAL INTIMACY, THE GIFT WORTH WAITING FOR"

Scriptural Focus: John 8:1-11

Through personal sharing, Keynoter will help youth understand the emotional pain and scarring that can sometimes occur when the gift of sexual intimacy is used outside of a loving and committed relationship. God's forgiveness and renewal are emphasized throughout this session.

DAY 4 WORKSHOP

"THE COST OF BEING SEXUALLY ACTIVE"

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) This will be an in-depth presentation of the most common sexually transmitted infections, including HIV. Symptoms, cures, and methods of transmission will be discussed, along with true-life stories of people who have contracted these infections and how it has impacted their lives.

DAY 5 WORKSHOP

"CONTRACEPTIVES"

This workshop will give youth an understanding of the concept of contraceptives and how they are utilized in a committed relationship to help couples plan the size and spacing of their families. The complexity of each method is explained along with the statistical information as to its effectiveness. Side

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effects are discussed, and youth are shown that there are no contraceptives on the market that are risk-free.

DAY 5 FINAL KEYNOTE

"THE DYNAMIC DUO - JESUS AND YOU!"

Scriptural Focus: John 13:1-17, Matthew 26:26-29 and Matthew 27:32-46

We will take an in-depth look at the last few days in the life of Jesus. What were Jesus' thoughts as He entered Jerusalem and began preparations for his last moments with His disciples? This keynote will close with the promise that the exciting journey the disciples walked with Jesus is now theirs to walk.

EIGHTERS CAMP 2021
WHAT TO BRING LIST

CLOTHING

No undergarments should be showing at any time. Aim to cover shoulders to mid-thigh

Sun hat or cap, and sunglasses (optional)

Shorts

Shirts - cool comfortable ones - no spaghetti straps, tube tops, or low tank tops for boys & girls

Underclothing and Sleepwear

Swimsuit (one-piece or tankini - no bikinis), beach towel, and sandals

Shoes - 2 pair with closed toes and socks

2 Bath towels & washcloths

Dirty clothes bag

Outfit for dance

BEDDING

Pillow and pillowcase

Sleeping bag or twin sheets (extra-long) & light blanket

SPECIAL ITEMS

Bible - recommend New International Version or New Living Translation

Paper, envelopes & stamps

Camera (optional) – **cell phones, smart watches & tablets will be turned in upon check-in.** Something to read at rest time iPod or MP3 Player or reading material for rest time only (optional).

SPECIAL NOTE

Bring enough changes of clothes for a week. This is a hot time of the year and you will want to shower and change at least once a day.

MONEY

Sugar Shack: suggested \$3.00 per day. Also, can bring extra money for shirts, mugs, etc. Offering will be taken the last day (optional).

PERSONAL ITEMS

Masks

Comb or brush

Toothbrush & toothpaste

Soap & Shampoo

Sunscreen and Insect Repellent

Deodorant

BRING A CHECKLIST SO THAT YOU WILL GO HOME WITH EVERYTHING YOU BROUGHT TO CAMP! REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERYTHING YOU BRING SO IF YOU LOSE IT, WE CAN RETURN IT TO YOU.

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP - Any kind of weapon (even pocket knives), computers, radios, TV's, wallet chains, silly string, etc. There will be plenty to do, and these items can get lost or broken.

Mission South Camping Program

Covid-19 and Summer Camp 2021

Frequently Asked Questions

Will vaccinations be required? No, however, all adults and youth at camp will be required to either be vaccinated or present a negative covid test dated one to three days before camp starts. Youth under vaccination age should be tested. We strongly recommend that those not vaccinated also refrain from contact in high-risk situations two weeks before camp starts. A vaccination card or results for a negative Covid test will be requested when the youth or adult arrives at camp.

Is a negative Covid-19 test required for all campers and adults? Yes, a negative Covid-19 test, dated no early than three days before camp, is required, UNLESS the adult or camper is fully vaccinated. The test results or the vaccine card must be presented on arrival to camp.

Will there be Covid-19 screening? Yes, every participant will fill out a Covid-19 questionnaire upon arrival asking if they are experiencing symptoms or if they have been exposed to anyone experiencing symptoms. In addition, temperatures will be taken using an infrared forehead thermometer. Both the camper and the guardian will sign the form stating that no Covid symptoms have been noticed. Please note, if a camper or adult arrives to camp and is experiencing symptoms, they will be asked to leave. If they have not been vaccinated and have been recently exposed to someone experiencing symptoms, they will be asked to leave.

Will there be continued health monitoring? Yes, temperature checks will be done every morning. Also, the camp nurse will be notified if any campers or adults feel ill.

What are the sleeping arrangements? Beds will be set up so that campers and adults sleep head to toe at least 6 feet apart.

When will masks be required? Masks will be required indoors unless eating, showering, or sleeping. Masks will not be required outdoors. Directors will not schedule group activities outdoors that cause close crowding of campers. Camper numbers will be limited in the pool to prevent crowding. The big room garage doors will be open, and the large fans will be on to circulate the air, so participants will not be required to wear masks in the Big Room for activities but will be required to maintain a safe distance. Masks will be required while in line for meals in the Big Room. Masks will be required in small group if meeting indoors.

How will meals be arranged? Tables will seat four people instead of the usual 6, and the seats will be staggered so no one is sitting directly across from another person. The tables will also be spaced apart from each other rather than connected end to end. Outdoor seating will be used as much as possible. Masks will be required while in line for meals, while getting food from the salad bar, or getting drinks from the coolers during mealtimes.

How will cleaning be handled? The camp staff will clean periodically per CDC guidelines.

Will hand sanitizer be available? Yes, hand sanitizer will be available in each small group room and activity location. For some camps, the adults will have sanitizer with each small group at all times.

Will there still be singing? Of course! Singing is important at camp. Indoors, singing will be done with masks. Outdoors, singing will be allowed without masks as long as campers are 3 feet apart.

What if someone shows symptoms during the week? The camper or adult will be isolated and have a rapid Covid test done. The on-site nurse will decide if the camper should be sent home. If the test is positive for Covid, the parents of the sick youth, and the youth in the same small group and nearby bunks will be notified. Youth and adults in that small group and in nearby bunks will also be isolated and have rapid tests done for Covid. Anyone that tests positive will be sent home.

Directors of each camp may choose to use more specific guidelines than those listed above based on the health needs at individual camps. If you have questions about what guidelines will be followed at a specific camp, contact the director for that event.

If there are any questions you have that are not addressed by these above, please do not hesitate to contact your camper's director.

Sugar Shack Price List 2021

Item	Price
Drinks	
Soda	\$1.00
Gatorade	\$1.00
Propel	\$1.00
Frozen Treats	
Ice Cream Sandwich	\$1.00
Nutt-N-Better	\$2.00
Big Alaska	\$2.00
Choco Taco	\$2.00
Popsicles	\$0.75
Candy	
Snickers	\$1.00
Reese's Cup	\$1.00
M & M's	\$1.00
Butterfingers	\$1.00
Hershey	\$1.00
Nestle Crunch	\$1.00
Twix	\$1.00
Kit Kat	\$1.00
Milky Way	\$1.00
3 Musketeers	\$1.00
York Peppermint Patties	\$1.00
Skittles	\$1.00
Nerd Rope / Air Heads Xtremes	\$1.00
Air Heads	\$0.25
Ring Pop	\$0.50
Sour Punch Twists	\$0.10
Pixy Stix	\$0.50

Item	Price
Merchandise	
T-Shirts thru X-Large	\$15.00
T-Shirts XX-Large and up	\$18.00
Comfort Color T-Shirts thru XL	\$20.00
Comfort Color T-Shirts XXL and up	\$23.00
Long Sleeve T-Shirts thru X-Large	\$20.00
Long Sleeve T-Shirts XXL and up	\$23.00
Comfort Color L/S T-Shirts thru XL	\$25.00
Comfort Color L/S T-Shirts XXL-Up	\$28.00
Sweatshirts thru X-Large	\$25.00
Sweatshirts XX-Large and up	\$28.00
Hoodies thru X-Large	\$30.00
Hoodies XX-Large and up	\$33.00
Ball Caps	\$20.00
Sunglasses	\$5.00
Camp Gonzo Key Tag	\$3.00
Disciple Oaks Coffee Mug	\$5.00
Camp Gonzo Sport Water Bottle	\$5.00
Camp Gonzo Travel Mug	\$8.00
Tooth Brush and Tooth Paste Kit	\$1.50
Washcloth	\$0.25
Chips/Etc.	
Chips	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$0.50
Slim Jims	\$0.25
Cookies	\$0.50
Pickles	\$0.75