

Southwest Church of Christ

Summer Bible Camp 2019

Dear Interested Camper and Parent/Guardian,

The Southwest church of Christ is once again privileged to host our annual Bible camp this coming June. The date for this year's session is June 9 -14. Camp is designed for those who have completed grades 3 through 12 at the end of this school year.

Camp will be held at the Hensel Camp, located at 7819 Singleton Bend Road, Marble Falls, Texas 78654. Campers can receive mail at that address that will be passed out daily.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to sponsor this event for another year. Several good brethren have been working hard and are continuing to do so to ensure spiritual growth, fun, and safety are the focus of the camp session. This is always a busy time, but we are very excited about this year's session.

Please read the all of information in this packet carefully for more important details.

Camp check-in time is 3:00 p.m., Sunday. Parents are responsible for arranging rides to and from camp. Please come directly to the Camp Cafeteria building to check-in first before taking your camper(s) to the cabin area.

Campers must bring a sack lunch for the Sunday evening meal, drinks will be provided. Worship will be held Sunday evening at the camp amphitheater, so appropriate attire is requested.

Check out time will be 1:00 p.m., Friday. Campers or counselors will not be permitted to leave early unless approved by the director. Everyone will be required to stay at camp until released. If your child needs to be picked up early, please inform the director at registration on Sunday. Maps to Hensel Camp can be found at the Southwest website.

For several reasons, cell phones are not permitted for campers during the session and will be collected and returned on Friday. Parents are asked not to call the camp unless there is an emergency, as this may cause the youth to become homesick. In the case of an emergency, contact the Camp Director Brett Gerhardt, (512) 565-8927.

Hensel Memorial Camp requires fees from all visitors to the facilities, be it a day pass or an overnight pass. Visitors are welcome at camp, but an appropriate fee will be assessed. That does not include drop-off and pick-up times.

Enclosed you'll find most of the information you should need for camp, including Letter of Spiritual Intent and Rules and Regulations. The fee this year for camp will be \$175.00 for each child. **Online registration should be completed as soon as it is available, as camper spots are assigned on a first-come first-served basis determined by completing the online portion. The Release forms must follow the online registration and be received with payment no later than May 18.** Camp T-shirts will be provided and included in the camp fees. See the release form for check payment information and where to mail it.

Donations are accepted and **welcomed** to help defray the cost of camp and to provide additional funds for youth who desire to attend but do not have the financial means. Please send any donations to the same place and in the same name that camp fees are sent, please mark "donation" on the check.

You'll find many of the things you need online, at www.swcofc.org >Hensel Camp If there are questions not addressed by this packet or on the website, you can also contact the church office at (512) 282-2486 or by emailing henselcampsw@gmail.com. We look forward to a wonderful year at Hensel Camp!

Regards in Christ,
Brett Gerhardt , Camp Director
brett.gerhardt@amd.com

Spiritual Intent

While we intend to provide recreation and have fun, the primary emphasis of our camp is teaching the Bible. Our Bible class teachers and staff are committed to teaching the plan of salvation found in the New Testament, in passages such as Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:6, Acts 2:38, Matthew 10:32, and Romans 6:1-4. While at camp, a young person may decide to obey this gospel plan of salvation and become a Christian. We would like parents to be aware that the staff will use Biblical principles to first determine:

- Whether or not this young person is a valid candidate for baptism
- Whether or not this young person has reached the age of accountability
- Whether or not this young person understands the New Testament teaching of salvation
- Whether or not this young person is making an honest response and not one based purely on emotion or “following the crowd”

If it is decided that the camper is indeed a valid candidate, we will first make every effort to have the camper contact his or her parents to inform them of their decision. However, please be aware that our priority will be to carry out the camper’s wishes to be baptized. Please discuss this subject with your children before they come to camp. While we understand that parents may want to be present for this important event in their children’s life, we also want to avoid situations where we delay something as serious as salvation.

Please contact us if you have any questions concerning this matter.

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Registration Packet Instructions for Parents/ Guardians

Please **read** all information found in the Hensel Camp Information Packet 2019.

In order to reserve a spot for your camper, fill out our **ONLINE REGISTRATION** on the Southwest Church of Christ website at www.swcofc.org.

Fill out and sign the Hensel Camp Release Form 2019 and send in with your payment. Payment instructions and mailing address are listed on the release form. *Release form is at the bottom of this packet.

***Note that spots are assigned on a first-come/first-served basis. If you are able to provide an email address as part of your contact information, we will send a confirmation email to let you know that we have received your application and that your camper(s) are registered for the session, or to let you know that they are placed on the waiting list if the session becomes full.*

Rules and Regulations for Campers

Parents, please ensure that your youth understands and complies with these rules and regulations and instructions regarding what to bring or what not to bring. Misbehavior could result in dismissal from camp.

If you have questions about specific items call the church office at (512) 282-2486 or email henselcampsw@gmail.com.

1. All campers must submit a fully completed application form and release of liability form signed by the parent(s) or legal guardian and must pay an appropriate registration and camp use fee as established by the camp directors prior to admission to camp.
2. Campers must always abide by all rules and arrive at camp with the proper attitude.
3. Campers must always dress in a manner consistent with Biblical teachings and Christian ideals. The appropriate attire for boys is long pants and knit, sport, or T-shirt. The appropriate attire for girls is long pants (Capri pants or similar pants that extend below the knee are allowed.) and blouse or T-shirt, or dresses that extend below the knee. All items of clothing should not fit tightly to the body or be see through. Shorts may be worn but must extend past the knees when standing. Shirtsleeves must extend over the shoulder. **Yoga pants, halter tops, sleeveless shirts, tight shirts, tank tops, fishnet tops, dresses above the knee will not be allowed.** The camp directors will resolve any questions about appropriateness of camper attire.
4. Campers must always stay on the campgrounds unless approved to leave by the camp director, the co-director, or the camp nurse.
5. Campers should always strive to keep the proper mood and spirit of the camp. This refers to proper conduct, observing reverence during Bible classes and devotionals, and showing respect to other campers and the camp staff. Attendance at all devotionals, Bible study periods, and Bible discussion activities is mandatory, unless approved by the camp director or the co-director.
6. Campers will not be permitted to keep their cell phones with them during the camp session. Counselors will gather cell phones at the beginning of camp and return them on Friday prior to checkout. In case of an emergency your camper may be reach during the session by contacting the Camp Director Brett Gerhardt, (512) 565-8927.
7. Fireworks, guns, knives, or weapons of any kind will not be allowed on the premises, including inside vehicles located on the premises.
8. Tobacco products, alcoholic beverages and illicit (illegal) drugs are not allowed on the premises, including inside vehicles located on the premises.
9. Prescription and non-prescription (legal) medications must be given to the camp nurse during registration/check-in for safekeeping. The camp nurse will establish a schedule for dispensing of all medications.
10. Pets and off-road vehicles are not allowed on the premises. This includes bicycles, scooters, etc.
11. Automobiles brought to camp will be parked in the parking lot and will not be moved during camp unless approved by the camp director or the co-director. Exceptions: The camp directors may designate emergency vehicles, and vehicles used for occasional transport of campers to designated areas of the camp.
12. Boys are not allowed in the girls' area or cabins at any time. Girls are not allowed in the boys' area or cabins at any time. Violation of this rule will automatically result in dismissal from camp!
13. Campers are not allowed outside cabins after lights out unless authorized by a counselor.

14. Affection toward the opposite sex will be limited to holding hands and “three-second” hugs.
15. Profanity, abusive language or fighting will not be allowed.
16. Campers must always keep his/her bunk and surrounding cabin area neat and clean.
17. Littering of campgrounds and facilities is prohibited. Causing damage to or destruction of campgrounds, facilities or natural features of the camp in any way is prohibited.
18. Campers will participate in all clean-up activities in cabins, the cafeteria (including KP duty) and campgrounds in general, as directed by counselors and camp staff.
19. Campers must observe personal hygiene, including showering with soap each day. Swimming does not count as bathing.
20. All injuries no matter how minor must be reported immediately to the camp nurse, camp director or co-director.
21. Visitors are allowed on the camp premises only with the permission of the camp director or co-director. Visitors must register at camp headquarters, sign a release of liability form, and may be subject to pay an appropriate camp use fee as determined by the camp directors, or they will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
23. Visitors are considered campers and are expected to abide by all camper rules as established herein. Parents of campers who bring their children to camp or pick up their children from camp are expected to abide by all camp rules established herein. This includes rule #3 regarding dressing in a manner consistent with Biblical teaching and Christian ideals.

I have read and will comply with all Rules and Regulation. If not, I accept the risk of being denied as a camper or of being dismissed from camp. I understand that being a camper at Hensel Camp is a privilege, not a right. Also, if I am dismissed, my parents will be called immediately and will be required to pick me up from camp early. **This signature does not have to be turned in,** but it is my personal commitment to help make this a successful year at camp.

Camper's Signature: _____ Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

What to Bring:

1. Bible (King James, New King James, ESV, or ASV 1901 preferred), paper and pen or pencil
2. Two (2) twin bed sheets and one (1) light quilt or blanket or lightweight sleeping bag
3. Towels and washcloths for five (5) days
4. Sturdy play shoes
5. Appropriate (*modest*) swimwear
6. Laundry bag
7. Flashlight
8. Insect repellent
9. Sunscreen
10. Fold-up (*Camper's*) Chair
11. Changes of clothing*, including under garments for five (5) days. ***There are no exceptions to this rule. Anyone not dressed appropriately will be asked to change.*** * See rules/regulations for clothing above.

What Not to Bring:

1. Immodest clothing of any kind
2. Tobacco, alcohol or illicit drugs of any kind. Guns, knives, axes, fireworks or any such like item
3. Magazines, inappropriate material of any kind.
4. Cell phones. Cell phones have been found to be a distraction to what we are trying to accomplish with the camp session. If brought it will be collected and returned on the last day of camp.
5. Anything too questionable

Optional Items:

1. Radios, iPod, or other MP3 players will be allowed only in the cabins, at the counselor's discretion so long as they do not disturb others. No loud or inappropriate music will be tolerated.
2. Musical Instruments for recreational purposes only (no electric amplified instruments), will only be allowed during approved times.
3. Indoors board games and recreational equipment such as gloves, balls, bats, fishing gear, etc.
4. Small electric fan and extension cord. Clothing hangers.

2019 HENSEL CAMPER RELEASE FORM (JUNE 9 – 14)

USE ONE FORM PER CAMPER, WRITE CLEARLY WITH INK, AND RETURN THIS PAGE ONLY WITH PAYMENT BY MAY 18

Camper's Last name	First name	Gender	Current Grade	DOB
PLEASE READ AND INITIAL:		PARENT	YOUTH	
We have read and understand the Spiritual Intent information.		_____	_____	
We have read and understand the Rules & Regulations information.		_____	_____	

Authorization, Release and Indemnity Agreement

That I (we), the undersigned are the father, mother, or legal guardian of the above-named minor, herein after referred to as "youth".

That for the purpose of enabling the youth to attend Hensel Memorial Camp, herein after referred to as "camp," located at 7819 Singleton Bend Road, Marble Falls, Texas 78654. I (we) do hereby agree that youth may attend and participate in the activities of the camp under the supervision of the officials of the camp and will abide by the rules of the camp and sponsors. That I (we) do further agree to forever release, acquit, discharge and covenant to hold harmless Hensel Camp, its successors and assigns, the Southwest church of Christ and other participating churches of Christ as sponsors of the camp, herein after known as "sponsor," of and from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, costs, loss of services and compensation on account of or in any way growing out of any loss or injury that may be sustained by youth and also all claims or rights of action for damages while youth may hereafter have arising from youth's attendance at the camp including any and all claims for damage of injury arising from the negligence of the camp or any of its employees, agents, directors, and/or volunteers. We further promise to bind ourselves, jointly and severally, and repay to the said camp, its successors and assigns, any sum of money that the camp may hereafter be

compelled to pay to or on behalf of youth because of any accident or injury arising out of youth's attendance at the camp.

I (we) further acknowledge that the camp and sponsors will rely upon the Acknowledgement, Release, and Indemnity Agreement in allowing youth to attend the camp.

Authorization for Medical Treatment

Furthermore, if my (our) youth becomes ill or is injured while at camp, I (we) authorize the camp nurse or an individual under the direction of the camp nurse to provide necessary care to my (our) youth. I (we) recognize that the care may include basic first aid, administration of medications (i.e. labeled prescription medications and appropriate over-the-counter medications including, but not limited to: acetaminophen, ibuprofen, Pepto-Bismol) and more advanced care if necessary. I (we) further authorize the camp nurse or designated individual to seek further medical treatment when and where appropriate and to release appropriate medical information regarding my (our) youth to individuals providing medical care or third-party payers. As the parent (s) or legal guardian(s), I (we) have provided to the camp nurse appropriate medical information including known allergies, medical history and currently prescribed medications and treatments.

Signature of father or mother or guardian

Date

Return to: Southwest Church of Christ, Attn: Hensel Camp, 8900 Manchaca Road, Austin, TX 78748

Make checks payable to: **Southwest Youth Activity Fund** Cost for campers: **\$175.00 per child**

YOUR SPOT WILL BE CONFIRMED BY YOUR ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION, ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. This release must be mailed with a check payment no later than May 18.