Hello Future Chi Rho 2 Attendees and Their Adults!

Thank you for registering for Chi Rho 2 Camp at Disciples’ Crossing in Athens, Texas. This year’s Chi Rho Camp focuses on an overview of the Old Testament. We’ll explore some of the best-known stories of the Old Testament as well as some less familiar stories as we encounter God in the Bible and in our community. We’re making final preparations and keeping all of you in prayer as the camp draws nearer. We hope you are as excited for one of the greatest weeks ever, as are we. So as we prepare over these final weeks, we want to let you in on a few things:

**Camp begins at 10:00 am on Monday, July 16**.

Check in will be in full swing, and staff members will be on hand directing traffic, explaining the evening schedule, and helping those who need it. *Please do not arrive before then, as we will be preparing for your arrival and for the week ahead.*  And also, heads up! We are on the Creative Side of Disciples’ Crossing—it is across the highway from the retreat side.

**Camp ends at 10:00 am on Saturday, July 21.**

Seeing family/friends before the camp is over takes away from the very end of the camp. *Please do not arrive before then as we will be experiencing our closing experience.*

Arriving and leaving on time are all part of the community experience. From the moment you arrive till it is time to depart we are working to build a very special, unique community that is very different from the “outside world.” This includes leaving electronics at home so that you can continually be connected to the community instead of plugged into the outside.

WHAT TO BRING:

(We will enjoy Free Time each day on the Retreat side of camp and enjoy the pool, lake and other activities you may be familiar with from other camp experiences. We will also be having a camp wide talent show on Friday evening.)

* Your Bible
* Appropriate length and style clothes—please, no short shorts, spaghetti strap shirts,

sagging pants, etc. Staff reserves the right to ask youth to change.

* Shoes – closed-toed (mandatory), open-toed (flip flops) for the shower and free time.
* Swimming stuff—swimsuit, towel, cover-up etc.
* Sleeping stuff—sleeping bag, or sheets and blanket, pillow—camp provides a mattress

on a bunk bed. Please note, the cabins are all open air, so fans or other cooling apparatuses are encouraged.

* Toiletries: towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo, toothbrush/paste, deodorant, etc.
* Flashlight
* Talent item: We will have a talent show on Friday evening. If you play an instrument, write poetry, or have another talent that you would like to share, please bring it with you.
* Money for The Canteen—our gift shop/snack bar will be open during free time. Candy

and snacks are traditionally $1.50 each, tshirts between $10 and $20, and bracelets and necklaces between $5 and $15.

* Postcards, stamps, envelopes, addresses, pencil or pen, if you intend to write home or elsewhere.
* Insect repellent, sunscreen, hat etc.
* Musical instruments, if you’re musical we would love for you to share this gift.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

* Food/candy/gum (this has to do with bugs that you do not want in your cabin)
* Cell phones, iPads, and other fragile, expensive electronics.
* Fireworks, weapons, illicit or illegal substances, atomic weaponry, etc.
* Nice clothing, shoes, jewelry, and excess money

*All cell phones must be turned in at registration or, preferably, left at home.* They will

Be returned to you on Saturday morning before you leave. Emergency contact numbers

for the camp and email addresses of the directors are included in this mailing. If you use your cell phone as a camera, buy a disposable camera for the week and turn in your cell phone at registration. If your cell phone is also a personal music player, you will need to come up with an alternative option.

So we’re getting stuff ready, and really excited to meet you and be with you for a week.

Here’s what we need you to do: Remember, what you get out of camp depends very much on what you put in—your willingness to participate, to play, to listen, to learn, to speak, to open up and to live in community. Come with an open mind and ready to encounter Christ, come expecting a blessing, and things will go great.

If you would like to send mail to camp, adults, or receive mail while at camp, youth, here is themailing address. (Mail early!)

Disciples Crossing

Chi Rho 2 – July 16-21

(Camper’s Name)

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Please make sure both camper and adult read this letter.

Peace

~Caleb Baker & Rev. Jennifer Steele-Lantis