Crowders Camps

OFFICIAL 2021 PARENT PACK

About Us

We exist to ignite sparks in this generation now and beyond.

Crowders Camps has two core beliefs:

1. The camp environment fosters personal growth in unique ways
2. Every child deserves the opportunity to experience this through a week of camp

For these reasons, our mission is to provide an accessible camp experience that fosters growth mentally, socially, emotionally, and morally. We do this by creating spaces for discipleship, moments of worship, and activities that break down bnarriers.

Crowders Camps serves a wide variety of faith-based and non-faith based organizations and is respectful of the wide variety of beliefs represented here at camp throughout the year. As a camp, we believe and hold to the Southern Baptist statement of faith.

A word from our Executive Director

Dear Parent,

We are honored to be a part of your kid's life. Thanks for allowing us to spend a week of camp with your student. We believe a week of camp creates landmark moments and will ignite a spark for life change in every camper.

The focus at Crowders Camps is all about making sure your kid hears the Gospel in a way they can understand it, from people they trust. Our staff and leaders will spend the week helping the students at camp understand that God has a redemptive plan for us and desires a relationship with us.

We believe that your influence in the spiritual growth of your student is very important, so in this packet, we've equipped you with all the details to make sure your student's experience at camp is great. My hope is that this information can launch meaningful spiritual conversations with your student about what they have learned.

Fired UP,
Jay Oliver
Founder/Executive Director

Forms & Allergies

Before arriving at camp, please go to crowderscamps.com/2021 to fill out your camper's summer forms. This online registration must be completed for your camper to attend.

If your camper has a food allergy, please provide all requested details so we can properly assist. We must have dietary information at least 2 weeks in advance to be able to accommodate. You will also have the option to sign up for a gluten free or vegetarian meal plan for your camper for a small additional charge ($15 for the entire camp week, used for additional food purchases and preparation).

If we have any questions about your camper's dietary needs, we will contact you at the email address you provided. If you have any dietary questions for us, please contact brittany@crowderscamps.com. Our kitchen is a peanut and tree-nut free facility.

Bucks & Merch

Make sure your camper comes prepared to enjoy the camp store. Snacks, drinks, exclusive T-shirts, stickers, and more will all be available at Bucks!

New this year! Get your camper an eGift card at crowderscamps.com/bucks. Instead of a physical card, you will get an email with a gift card code. Be sure your camper knows their code, and consider giving a copy of the code to your camper's group leader for safekeeping.

Cash, credit, and debit are also accepted.

The Theme - Battle

Everyone has battles in their lives, but not everyone is equipped to face them.

During camp, we will be diving into the book of 1 Samuel. By exploring the lives of Saul, Samuel, and David, we will see how the choices they made either lead them to victory or defeat when it mattered the most.

We are praying for a fresh perspective to fall on your students' eyes as we enter the Battle and they learn how to navigate Battles in their own lives.

Tribes

Theme Nights

Each night of camp has a specific theme where your student is STRONGLY encouraged to dress according to the theme of the night. Doing so will create an exciting and unique experience during the night service.

Night One
Team night - wear your favorite team's color, jersey, etc.

Night Two
Neon hip hop night - wear your brightest colors

Night Three
Tribe Night - wear your tribe's color

Night Four
Camp Shirt Night - wear the free camp shirt provided. We also will be taking a group photos before the evening service.

Missions

Over the last two years, we helped provide over 1,200 hygiene kits to local homeless shelters. This year, we are asking you to pitch in again by packing two kits. Crowders Camps is providing plastic bags, combs, shampoo, and shipping costs.

We need you to bring the following to camp:

Hand towel
Toothpaste - 6 oz.
Toothbrush - in original packaging
Deodorant - regular stick, no powder or aerosol
Bar of soap - regular size, plastic-sealed or boxed

Activities & Recs

Downtown Opportunities include:

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Gaga Ball
- Swings of Fire
- Bucks Camp Store
- Carpet Ball
- Ping Pong

Waterfront Opportunities include:

- Jump Tower
- Water Wrestling
- Tubing
- The Slingshot
- Water Slides
- Rope Swing
- Pool

As a part of the tribal war, your camper's tribe will participate in a variety of recreational competitions such as Battle Barn, Lemonace Run, etc. These will take place in various locations on the campground such as our rec field, the water front, and our main place of worship - The Barn.

Schedule

Arrival

2-3pm	Check-in
3:20pm	Leaders Meeting
4:00pm	Launch Party
4:15pm	Camp Jamboree
5:00pm	Tracks (dinner, swim test, game, tribal time)
7:25pm	Service
9:00pm	Church Group Time
9:30pm	Free Time
11:00pm	Cabin Time
11:30pm	Lights Out

Day 2 -4

7:00am	Leaders Meeting
8:00am	Tracks (b-fast, showers, quiet time, relax)
10:00am	Service
11:00am	Tracks (lunch, small groups, relax/play)
1:15pm	Tribal HQ's
1:30pm	Tribal Arenas
2:45pm	Free Time
5:00pm	Tracks (dinner, tribal time, relax/play)
7:25pm	Service
9:00pm	Church Group Time
9:30pm	Free Time
10:00pm	Missions and Late Night Activity
11:00pm	Cabin Time
11:30pm	Lights Out

Departure

8:00am	Tracks (b-fast, showers, quiet time, pack/ clean
10:00am	Tribe Send Off
10:30am	Dismissal

Services

Morning Devotions
Your camper will be provided with devotinal material by their camp leader. This is a great time for your camper to spend one-on-one time with God.

Morning Services
Every morning at 10:00 am, we will have the morning worship service. This service is our creative way of starting off the day on the right note. In addition to having fun, there will also be a time of praise and worship and a morning devotional.

Evening Services
Each evening at 7:25pm, we will have our time of corporate worship. Our communicator team will be bringing the Word. Each year, we see students saved, discipled, and called to ministry at these services.

Church Group Time
Immediately following the service, your student's group will have the opportunity to gather together for their own personal time. The group leader will determine what this time will look like for the group.

Missions
Following Church Group Time, your student's group will help in preparing hygiene kits to send to a local non-profit ministry to distribute to those in need. On another night, your student will also have the opportunity to participate in the prayer walk - there they can pray for different things going on in our world such as our country, those who are lost, etc.

Cabin Time
After helping in missions, your student's group will be able to have cabin time with the rest of his/her cabin. Here, they will share their final thoughts from their day and end it with prayer and devotions.

Camp Rules

Camp is about Jesus.

The rules we set in place aren't to be legalistic or stifle anyone's freedom, but rather to take away distractions and disagreements, and help campers see Jesus in every part of their week. For this reason, we have the following policies in place:

Cell Phones

Cell phone use is at the discretion of your church group, however, Crowders highly recommends unplugging for the week! Crowders Camps will not be held liable for any lost or stolen cell phones.

General Rules

- No alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or drugs of any kind permitted anywhere on campus.
- Nothing that advertises alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or drugs of any kind, sexual content, racism, sexism, or hatred of any group or person.
- No weapons, fireworks, or any type of incendiary.
- No males in females' cabins or dorms and vice versa, at any time. No exceptions.
- No pranks or any act of vandalism.
- No profanity.

Clothing Policies

All campers should avoid clothing that is revealing, or excessively short or tight. Swimming: guys should wear swim trunks and girls should wear a one piece swimsuit, or a dark shirt over a two piece swimsuit. Please wear clothing over swimwear to and from the pool or lake.

Packing List

- Sleeping bag or bedding (twin beds), pillow
- Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, etc.
- Clothes that can be worn for recreation (t-shirts, shorts for each day)
- Clothes matching your tribal color that you don't mind also getting messy
- Bag for dirty and wet clothes
- Tennis shoes for recreations
- Bible, notepad, pen, and backpack
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Flashlight
- Spending money for Bucks
- Modest one-piece bathing suit or two piece with DARK shirt to wear over it
- A watch (waterproof recommended)
- Towels for the pool and showers
- Rain jacket
- Hygiene kits - refer to Theme Nights/Missions page for item list

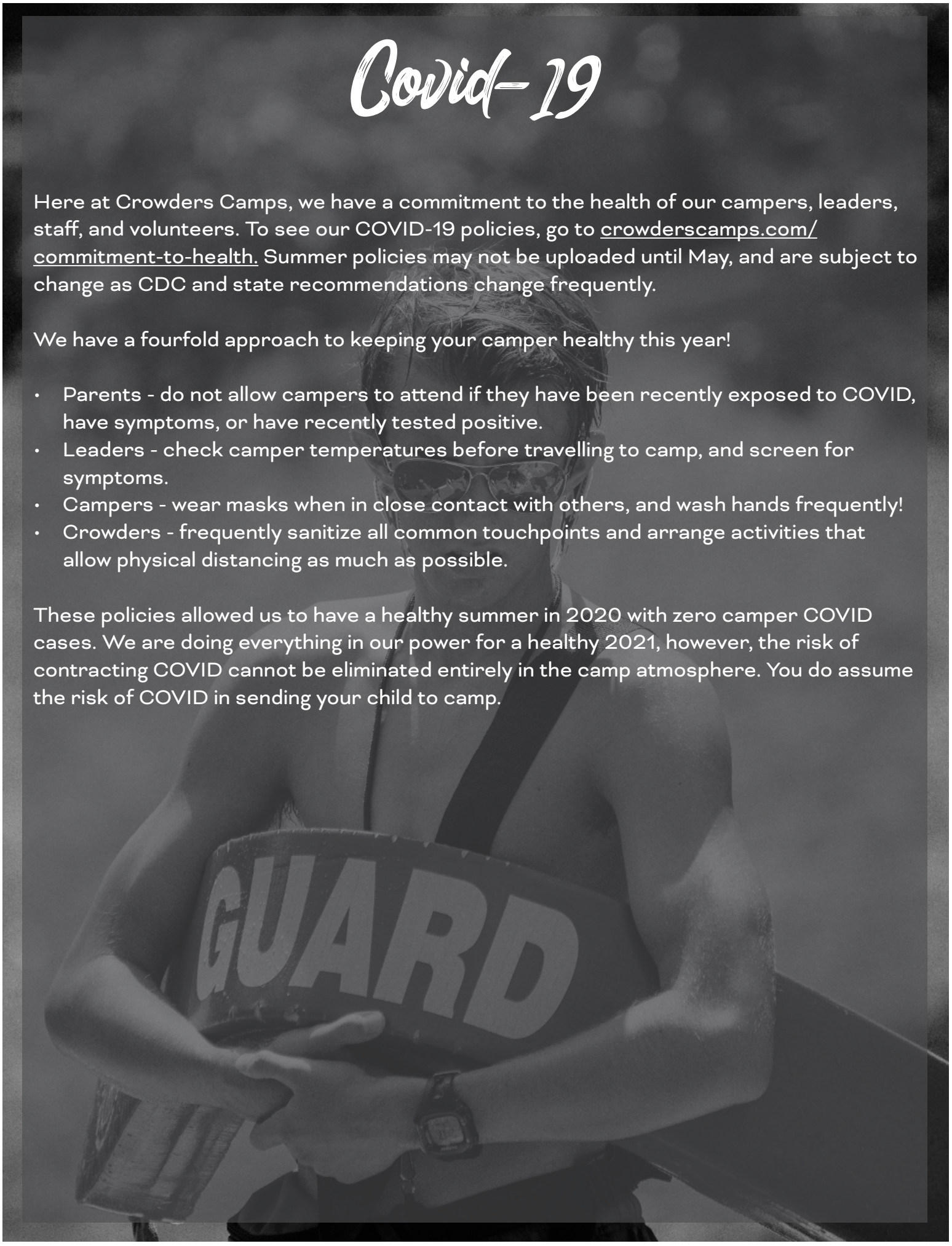
Do NOT bring:

- Alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs
- Fireworks or any type of incendiary
- Anything that advertises alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs
- Anything that promotes racism, sexism, or hatred of any group or person
- Anything that depicting sexual actions or situations
- Short or tight fitted clothing
- Weapons of any type
- Cell phones are at the discretion of your group leader

Covid-19

Here at Crowders Camps, we have a commitment to the health of our campers, leaders, staff, and volunteers. To see our COVID-19 policies, go to crowderscamps.com/commitment-to-health. Summer policies may not be uploaded until May, and are subject to change as CDC and state recommendations change frequently.

We have a fourfold approach to keeping your camper healthy this year!

- Parents - do not allow campers to attend if they have been recently exposed to COVID, have symptoms, or have recently tested positive.
- Leaders - check camper temperatures before travelling to camp, and screen for symptoms.
- Campers - wear masks when in close contact with others, and wash hands frequently!
- Crowders - frequently sanitize all common touchpoints and arrange activities that allow physical distancing as much as possible.

These policies allowed us to have a healthy summer in 2020 with zero camper COVID cases. We are doing everything in our power for a healthy 2021, however, the risk of contracting COVID cannot be eliminated entirely in the camp atmosphere. You do assume the risk of COVID in sending your child to camp.