

Preteen Camp 2023

San Jacinto Baptist Association

@ Lake Tomahawk

From puzzles, to mysteries, to escape rooms, to codenames and secret codes - This year's camp should be a ton of fun unlocking the secrets of Jesus' coded messages: The Parables. So rendezvous with us this summer as we study the secret messages in the Bible that are coded specifically just for us!

Codebreakers

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 33:3

Preteen Camp

July 16 – 20, 2023 Sunday – Thursday

Completed 3rd through 6th grade

\$250.00 per person

\$285.00 late fee after June 9

Registrations are accepted on a first-received, first-reserved basis. All participants are required to pre-register by mail or drop off at the SJBA office. **Registration opens Jan. 10, 2023 for Associational churches & March 1, 2023 for non-Associational churches.**

The Church group Camp Registration and Housing Form must be received with the deposit to hold the reservation. Do not send student registration forms.

**A non-refundable registration deposit of \$50 per person will secure each camper's reservation. Each camper's registration fee is based upon the date of which their deposit is received. The remaining registration balance is due on or before the first day of camp.

REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE all meals, lodging, t-shirt, limited secondary-care insurance policy, Bible study materials, crafts, lakefront/recreational activities, medical staff, and certified facilitators.

Forms may be printed from www.laketomahawk.org or www.sanjacintobaptist.com

LAKE TOMAHAWK PRETEEN CAMP 2023

Lake Tomahawk Christian Retreat Center
A Ministry of San Jacinto Baptist Association
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THANK YOU for your interest in attending SJBA Preteen Camp 2023. We are honored that you are considering our camp. In this packet is basic information about SJBA Preteen Camp as well as Registration details and forms. **Registration opens Jan. 10, 2023 for Associational churches & March 1, 2023 for non-Associational churches.**

SJBA Preteen Camp exists to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who have not trusted Him for salvation that they may have new life, AND to renew and uplift those who belong to Jesus that they may be better servants of our Lord. Every aspect of SJBA Preteen Camp points toward glorifying Jesus Christ. The Preteen Camp Leadership Team has spent months praying and preparing for this week. Our prayer is that your experience will be one that impacts your preteens' lives in unforgettable ways and produces spiritual understanding which lasts for a lifetime.

As your children join together with hundreds of students attending SJBA Preteen Camp, we anticipate that they will build new friendships which can strengthen their Christian walk. We pray that they will also have a lot of fun! We ask that you join with us in praying that SJBA Preteen Camp will be a fun-filled and spiritually significant week for all who attend.

TENTATIVE CAMP SCHEDULE

Day 1:

3:00 p.m.	Check In
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Free time
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Camper kick-off rally
9:00 p.m.	Grab a snack & head to dorm
10:30 p.m.	Lights out

Day 2-4:

7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Morning devotions– QUIET on campus
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:45 – 9:30 a.m.	Team time games
9:45 – 10:30 a.m.	Church group time
10:45 – 12:00 a.m.	Worship
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Rotating Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Water team time
2:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Free time
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Supper
7:00 – 8:15 p.m.	Worship
9:30 p.m.	B.L.A.S.T.
11:00 p.m.	Lights out

Day 5:

7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Morning devotions– QUIET on campus
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast & cabin clean up
9:30 a.m.	Closing Celebration

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

- Medications to be taken while at camp should be brought in the original bottle and/or container and placed in a clearly labeled zip-lock bag with the camper's name and completed Camper Medication Form.
- Bible (with your name and address in it)
- Pen and/or pencil and notebook
- Alarm clock – Adult only please
- Tennis shoes, water shoes, or flip flops
- Sleeping Bag or Bed sheets and Blanket
- Pillow
- Towels & Washcloths
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, hairbrush, shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.)
- Beach towel for water activities
- Swimsuit (2-piece must be covered with dark t-shirt)
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Flashlight
- Water bottle
- Optional – extra spending money for camp store, t-shirts, concession items, vending machine
- Casual clothing
- Laundry Bag
- **Fun attitude and smile**

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

- Immodest clothing
- CD players, iPod, tablets, iPad, Nintendo, PlayStation or any other type of electronic games or equipment. (We ask this to prevent theft and to help campers focus on God during the week).
- Skateboards, rollerblades
- Cellular phones (only adults may bring a cell phone)
- Computers
- Prank supplies (shaving cream, water balloons, guns)
- Weapons of any kind

CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION

Incoming mail and telephone call messages are sorted by church groups and can be received by a sponsor each day at the Camp office.

Mail sent to campers should be addressed to:
Camper's Name (Church Group)

Lake Tomahawk Christian Retreat Center
408 Lake Tomahawk Road * Livingston, TX 77351
936.563.4644 **emergency use only**

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

ADULT LEADERSHIP TEAM:

While SJBA is responsible for booking the worship leaders and speakers, SJBA Preteen camp is planned by camp administrators and a network of children's ministers and adult volunteers from participating churches. These talented and creative men and women combine their years of experience and expertise to design, coordinate, and implement a life-changing camp experience for students. We welcome the input of all adult leaders who are willing to serve on this team. Please give prayerful consideration to volunteering as a Leadership Team member. If interested, contact the SJBA office for more details.

ADULT COUNSELORS:

Each church group is required to bring one (1) adult sponsor for every ten (10) preteens. For every 10 girls there must be a female sponsor and for every 10 boys, a male sponsor. Sponsors are to be at least 18 years old and a high school graduate or 21 years of age. Much is required of the adult sponsors, demanding a physically fit, emotionally and spiritually mature person who relates well with young people. He/she is **expected to serve on a leadership team**, be an encourager, disciplinarian, dorm supervisor, and discussion leader. Sponsors are required to be housed with their campers, and are expected to assist in the following camp activities.

CAMP LEADERSHIP TEAMS:

- **Worship** – will be the main contact to the band and speaker for all audio needs. Will be available for rehearsals, set-up of each service, and run the sound equipment during the services.
- **Speaker** – will be the main contact to the speaker. Will supply him with water for each service, snacks between meals, check with any personal needs that may need to be met, give him the schedule.
- **Waterfront** – oversees afternoon water activities. Keep waterfront on schedule, assist with fishing area, canoes, and clean-up.
- **Trash & daily pick-up** – oversees the grounds. Encourages kids to pick up trash daily. If there is a problem area on the grounds, he/she talks with the director. Cleans up water front every afternoon with lost & found.
- **Cafeteria duty** – oversees meal times. Greets campers at the door. Discourages cutting in line. Encourage kids to eat, not to throw away their entire meal – help them find something to eat. Watches for potential food fights. Keeps food line moving & disperses kids to downstairs, outside, upstairs, etc. for space.
- **Bible study leader** – leads a small group in your church group time – needs to prepare application lessons.
- **Color Group Team Captain** – oversees entire color group. Keeps them on schedule, looks for non-participants & encourages them to join the team, helps with dividing team for games.
- **Craft** – assist craft leader with crafts during the afternoon rec. time.

JR. COUNSELORS:

High School students ages 15 and older are allowed to attend preteen camp with your church as "sponsors in training." Junior sponsors cannot serve as a substitution for the required 1-10 adult sponsor ratio. Sending junior sponsors can enhance your local church ministry, as opportunities are created for strengthening relationships, mentoring children, and servant hood. Junior sponsors may serve as a companion for preteens with special needs (physical or mental) and help participate in recreation when an adult sponsor feels they are not physically able. Junior sponsors must complete a Student Registration Medical/Liability Release Form.

CHURCH FAMILY GROUPS:

Specific time is set aside through the day for each Church Group to spend quality time together. Church groups can fellowship at all meal times, and attend all worship services together followed by a designed "Church Group Time." This is a time for your entire church group to share with one another and reflect upon how God is moving. You are encouraged to bring group building activities, short devotionals, and other such games for your Church Group time. (A short application will be provided by the camp pastor.)

COLOR GROUP TIME:

Each church will be assigned to a specific color group unless specified on the church registration form that they prefer to split their group. Each color group will be similar in size based upon the total number of camp participants. Each color group will usually consist of multiple church groups giving your students the opportunity to meet other students but also keeping them with people they are familiar and comfortable with. Your entire color group will rotate throughout the daily scheduled activities together.

DRESS CODE:

Campers are expected to reflect a Christian example by their dress. Sponsors, parents, and church leaders are responsible for the clothing/appearance of the preteens and adults attending camp. The manner of dress should be set and clearly communicated prior to leaving home. Modest skirts, dresses, shorts, and jeans are acceptable in worship. Shorts can be worn to worship but must be longer than the arm and hand when extended down the side of the person. Immodest shorts or tops, spaghetti strap tops, distasteful designs or messages, cheer shorts and other extreme clothes are not acceptable at any time. Only one-piece swimsuits or tankinis that cover more than 80% of the stomach are allowed. Bikinis, French cut or one-piece swimwear that resembles two-piece will require a t-shirt to be worn over them. Campers may be asked to change if an adult feels their dress is inappropriate.

STUDENT & SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORMS WITH MEDICAL/LIABILITY RELEASE:

Every student, Junior Sponsor, and Adult Sponsor attending Preteen camp **MUST COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM**. The student's signature on the back side is important because it acknowledges that he/she has a firm understanding of the camp rules and that their parents have granted permission for participation in all recreational activities and/or photos, etc. The church pastor or staff member signature at the bottom of the adult form is mandated by the Texas Health Department and indicates that the adult sponsor has not been convicted of any crimes committed against children. Completed and signed Registration forms need to be brought to camp on the first day of camp in a 3-ring binder.

Medication:

The Camper Medication form must be completed with information on each medication your child needs during the week at camp. All medication must be labeled and in its original container. Send only what they need for the week. Please put medicine and the Camper Medication form in a Ziploc bag with your child's name on the outside. During registration on the first day of camp the completed Church Medication Contact Sheet and ALL medication must be given to the camp nurse to dispense.

*A word about "non-refundable" registration fees. Because of financial commitments Preteen Camp has to make before camp, we will not refund any registration fees, nor will you be able to transfer them to your total amount due. You can transfer fees camper to camper.

Information forms and money should be mailed to: San Jacinto Baptist Association, PO Box 1533, Baytown TX 77522, or brought to the office at 1020 Birdsong Dr, Baytown. Only church checks will be accepted.

Dorm Assignments:

Registration will be closed as of Friday, June 9, 2023. After this date, if you need to change campers (i.e., one drops out and another wants in) you can do this if the campers are the same gender without any problem. If they are not the same gender, they may not be able to be added because of tight room assignments. This is done to be able to keep churches together in the same dorm and in adequate room situations. We do not want to turn anyone away from camp, but we will give campers that registered on time, first preference. If you have a preteen that did not register for camp and wants to go, if there is room, they may possibly be able to be added. **But there are NO guarantees.**

For more information regarding the above or to make any changes and/or additions, you must call the SJBA office at 281.422.3604.

PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS:

Please notify the Camp Registrar's Office if someone in your group has a physical limitation (is in a wheelchair, on crutches, etc.). Every effort will be made to house any special needs camper in a centrally located dormitory.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE:

July 16, Sunday: Check-in time 3:00 p.m.

July 20, Thursday: Departure time 10:00 a.m.

Visitors (except church staff) will not be allowed on campus during the week.

LAKE TOMAHAWK GENERAL STORE “GIFT SHOP” & CONCESSION STAND:

How much money to bring? During afternoon recreation time and evening break, Lake Tomahawk provides a conveniently located concession stand so that students can cool off with a soft drink or pick up a snack. Items available will include: Soft drinks, bottled water, candy, & other snacks Items cost: \$.50 - \$5 Souvenirs and T-shirt's are available at the Lake Tomahawk Gift Shop. Items cost: \$5 - \$20

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUNDAY'S CHECK-IN:

Call ahead with definite numbers of boys/men & girls/women when leaving your church.

Ruth's cell, 713.824.4418.

Lake Tomahawk, 800.522.6720.

CHECK-IN FOR CAMP BEGINS AFTER 3:00 PM. Please do not plan to be there before that time. Lunch will not be served at camp. **Once your campers/sponsors have received their lanyards and color bands, they may proceed to their dorm.**

Check-in stations:

1. \$ Final Payment, leader & student forms, **shot records of each student**, name changes
2. Medications with Camper Medication Form & Church Medication Contact Sheet
3. Arm bands, books, & lanyards (must be worn during the week by all staff & kids.)

REGISTRATION CHECK LIST

Items needed for deposit deadline

- _____ Deposit check made out to SJBA - \$50.00 per camper/sponsor
- _____ Housing & Summary Forms - list of campers/sponsors & t-shirts sizes
- _____ Church Group Information form

Please have all registration fees in by June 9, 2023.

- _____ Copies of CPT video certificate on all sponsors
- _____ Background consent forms on all sponsors

Items Needed for Check-in & Payment Deadline - (bring with you)

- _____ Check made out to SJBA for final amount due (\$250.00 per camper/sponsor early fee)
- _____ Pre-Screening Forms for each Camper / Sponsor
- _____ Arrival Temperature Check Form
- _____ 3-Ring Binder with all Camper/Sponsor forms
- _____ Sponsor commitment forms for all sponsors (keep at home church)

To make sure that all forms are accepted and not returned to you, please check these items:

Did a parent/guardian sign the form?

Is the age and grade filled in?

Is the t-shirt size marked?

Remember to check all blanks on forms. They all need to be filled in.

Items needed when you arrive at camp:

- _____ Campers and sponsors!!!
- _____ Medicine in hand
- _____ Camper (**included shot record**) & sponsor registration forms
- _____ CPT Training Certificates and 2023 Background Check Reports for all sponsors
- _____ Final count of campers/sponsors and t-shirts sizes on the below summary form

We cannot refund any registration fees, nor will you be able to transfer them to your total amount due. You can transfer fees camper to camper.

2023 SJBA Preteen Camp Summary Form

Campers (Grade in Now)

T-Shirts

_____	Grade 3	Youth M _____ L _____
_____	Grade 4	Adult S _____ M _____ L _____
_____	Grade 5	Adult XL _____
_____	Grade 6	Adult XXL _____
_____	Teen Assistant (15 yrs. or older)	Adult XXXL _____
_____	Sponsors	
_____	Other	
_____	Total # Campers	Total # T-Shirts _____
_____	Total # of Females	
_____	Total # of Males	

I AM REGISTERING _____ CAMPERS (students & sponsors) x \$50 = \$ _____
(Registration before June 9, 2023)

Please give address you would like your camp information mailed to.
Include phone numbers in case we have questions regarding your registration.

Name _____

E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Work Phone (_____) _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Church Phone (____) _____ FAX (____) _____

Church _____ City _____

Association _____

Comments: _____