

Merge 2022 Parent Meeting Info

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1) Important Dates

- a. Merge Camper Meeting
 - i. Sunday, July 10 @ 9:45am in Room 407
 - ii. For the first part of Sunday School, all Merge campers will meet in Room 407 to talk about Merge rules/expectations, to meet camp sponsors, and to get excited for Merge 2022!!
- b. Monday, July 11
 - i. Please be in the West parking lot (off Harrison St.) at 9:00am
 - ii. There will be an ice chest for all medications being sent to camp. (See the 'Medication Form' section below for more details) Carmen Benge, Camp Nurse, will be there if you have questions or concerns.
- c. Thursday, July 14
 - i. Campers will return to the West parking lot around 6:30pm. We will update our Facebook page when we leave Panfork.

2) Daily Schedule

- a. All campers will receive a nametag with a schedule on the back. They can refer to that often to know where they are supposed to be and what's happening next.
- b. Choice Rotation
 - i. Each day, campers will have a "Choice" rotation. Campers can choose to go on the zip-line, swim in the lake, go fishing, and more. We will have sponsors stationed at each Choice rotation, so campers are allowed to move between the different activities as they wish. Campers will have a list of Choice activities when they get to camp on Monday.
- c. Camptivity Rotation
 - i. Tuesday-Thursday, campers will have a "Camptivity" rotation. Campers will sign up for a camptivity at lunch. These will include things like science experiments, crafts, legos, archery tag, escape room, and more. Campers will have a list of Camptivities and instructions for when/how to sign up for those when they get to camp on Monday.
- d. Snacks
 - i. Your camper will receive two snacks a day: one each afternoon, and one in the evenings.
 - ii. If you choose to send additional snacks, please make sure they do not contain nuts.

3) Packing List

- a. Don't forget bug spray & sunscreen!
- b. If you send sheets instead of a sleeping bag, the bunk beds are twin size.
- c. Girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit or wear a t-shirt cover-up.
 - i. Boys and girls must wear a cover-up going to and from the lake/pool.
- d. The Block Party is sports-themed is this year! Wear a t-shirt with your favorite team or something that represents your favorite sport--but it's not required.

4) Medical Info

a. Medication Form

- i. If you plan on sending **any kind of medicine**—prescription and/or over-the-counter—please complete a Medication Form and put the form and medicine (in its original container) into a gallon size baggy. This includes Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl, etc. For the safety of everyone, campers will not be allowed to keep any medication.
- b. Carmen Bengé will be returning as our camp nurse. She will be on-site 24/7 during camp. We will turn in all medications to her, and she will have a list of any campers requiring daily medicine. She will also dispense over-the-counter medicines as needed.
- c. Food Allergies: If your child has any food allergies, please talk with Cliff & Sarah TODAY if you haven't already.
- d. We will take temperatures at check-in on Monday morning.
- e. If your camper has a fever at Merge, we will contact you to pick them up.

5) Rules

- a. Please read over the list of Merge Rules with your camper.
- b. Please do not send cell phones, earbuds/headphones, iPods, tablets, or any other electronics to camp. There is no service at camp, so phones will not work anyway.
 - i. If we see any of these items, then we will take it up and return it on Thursday when we are back in Amarillo. Camp is too fun to spend in front of a screen!

6) Money

- a. Everything is provided at camp, but there are a few **optional** opportunities your child might want to have money for:
 - i. Missions Offering
 1. During Worship, we will collect an offering for Compassion International kids.
 - ii. Gift Shop
 1. Panfork has a small gift shop where kids can purchase t-shirts and other small items.

7) Facebook Updates

- a. We will post on our Facebook page ("FBC Amarillo Children's Ministry") and church website (www.firstamarillo.org) each day with updates and pictures of camp. This is a great way to keep up with what's happening!
- b. Trent Creason (camp pastor) will post videos each afternoon letting you know what your camper has been learning and how you can pray for him/her that day.

8) Emergencies

- a. Panfork Emergency Number: (903) 480-2300 (*This number is for emergencies ONLY!*)
- b. If you need to get in touch with Cliff or Sarah during the week for non-emergencies or if you just want an update on how your camper is doing, then please email them (cliff@firstamarillo.org or sarah@firstamarillo.org). They will have email access a few times each day.