

PARENT PACKET



PANAMA CITY BEACH

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BEFORE CAMP

WHAT TO BRING

- Linens, towels, pillows, blankets
- Water bottle you can refill and carry with you
- Closed-toe, closed-heel shoes (for outdoor activities)
- Bible, notepad, and pen
- Toiletries such as toothbrush and shampoo
- Sun protection
- Spending money for snacks, camp store, and missions offering (optional)
- Summer clothing (see dress code)

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, fireworks, water guns, or any kind of weapon
- We recommend no iPads, iPods, playstation portables or other gaming devices, roller blades or skateboards. If students do bring cell phones or other electronics, they are not to be out and in use during programming elements: morning celebration, Bible study, worship, night life, recreation and track times / ministry tracks.
- Items that may be used for pranks such as water balloons, shaving cream, silly string, etc. Pranks are not allowed at camp. Your church will be charged for any damages or issues related to clean up.

CAMP RULES

CELL PHONES

- The decision of cell phone usage at camp is in the hands of the group leader of each church.
- Throughout the week, some elements may allow students and adults to join in via social media (i.e., Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, etc.) However, these opportunities are optional and will not limit the camp experience for those who do not participate.
- Unless instructed by staff, students with cell phones are not allowed to have them out or in use during programming elements: morning celebration, Bible study, worship, night life, recreation and track times / ministry tracks. Ringers should be turned to silent or vibrate.

ACTIVITIES

- Participate in all activities and be on time.
- Drink plenty of water and eat three meals a day.
- Wear closed-toe and closed-heel shoes to recreation, track times and ministry sites.
- Wear your name tag at all times.

HOUSING

- Be in your room by 11:00 PM with lights out no later than 11:30 PM, except on the last evening of camp when curfew is 11:30 PM.
- No guys in girls' rooms and no girls in guys' rooms.
- No public displays of affection.
- No practical jokes.

WORSHIP

- No gum, food, or drinks allowed in the worship center.
- No video and flash photography are allowed in the worship center before or during the worship service.
- Sleeveless tops are allowed but no tank tops during worship.

DRESS CODE

Students are NOT to pack anything that:

- Advertises alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs;
- Explicitly or implicitly promotes racism, sexism, or hatred of any group or person;
- Explicitly or implicitly refers to sexual actions or situations;
- Has spaghetti/small straps or open back, except for sleepwear;
- Is excessively short or tight fitting.

While at camp, we ask that students:

- Wear modest shorts (when hands are extended to the back or the front, finger tips must touch fabric). Sleeveless shirts and tank tops are now allowed during day-time activities. Shirts with spaghetti straps, open backs or excessive armpit cutouts which expose torso and undergarments are NOT allowed.
- Wear closed-toe and closed-heel shoes while at recreation and track times (Centrifuge and XFuge) and on ministry sites (MFuge and XFuge on Mission) and during Mega Relay.
- Wear modest, one-piece bathing suits or two-piece suits covered with a dark colored t-shirt, if participating in water activities.
- Wear modest shorts, pants, jeans, or dresses for worship. Dresses with spaghetti or small straps, open backs, and excessively short lengths are unacceptable (when hands are extended to the back or the front, finger tips must touch fabric). Modest sleeveless tops are allowed in worship.
- Do not dress in a way that calls attention to underwear (sagging your pants, rolling down your waistbands, etc.) or wear pants or shorts with lettering on the bottom.

MAILING ADDRESS

Shalimar Retreat Center

Attn: FUGE (please write church and camper name on all mail)

203 Shalimar Street

Panama City Beach, FL 32413

AT CAMP

FACILITY INFO

Physical Address (For directions): 203 Shalimar Street Panama City Beach, FL 32413

Camp Cell Phone (not active until May 1): 615.429.3656

Camp Email Address (not active until May 1): panamacityfuge@gmail.com

Before May 1 Contact: Events Registration: 1.877.CAMP.123 or fuge@lifeway.com

Coordinator - Joe Hicks: 615.251.3838 or joe.hicks@lifeway.com

Shalimar Office Number: 850.236.0197

Shalimar Website: www.shalimarretreat.com

Housing: bunkhouses (15 per bunkhouse)

Bath: community

If you are bringing your children to camp, you may want to book lodging off campus. If so, the camp price for the parent and children will be discounted since they are not staying at the retreat center.

Amenities: 2 pools on campus, beach access, snack shop, 3 sand volleyball courts, basketball court, recreation field.

Average Weekly Attendance: 500 - 600

BIBLE STUDY OVERVIEW

THE CONVERGENCE TWO PATHS. CHOOSE ONE.

“Make Your ways known to me, Lord; teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; I wait for You all day long.” - Psalm 25:4-5

A Study on the Life of David and Making Godly Decisions

We are all on a journey, often finding ourselves standing at the convergence of truth and its imitation. These convergent moments have the power to alter our lives and impact God's Kingdom for eternity. But, how do we decide in which direction to move? Studying the journey of David, students will be challenged to apply godly discernment by trusting God completely, recognize the difference between God's truth and men's advice, realize the impact of their decisions and surround themselves with people who reinforce the need for godly wisdom. Join us on the journey.

Opening Night: Introduction - Samuel anoints David – God chose David. **Scripture:** 1 Samuel 16:1-3

Day 1 ≡ Point of Inception

David and Goliath: How do I define my relationship with the Lord? Where is my trust found in decision making? Students will learn that in order to have holy discernment you must first have a relationship with God, through Christ. The relationship is the foundation for David's trust and reliance on the Lord.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:26-51

Key Verse: Psalm 62:1-2

Day 3 ≡ Point of Reconciliation

David and Nathan: Do poor decisions keep me from reconciliation with God? Do I have to carry this guilt around forever? Students will see how David's poor decision led to God's discipline which developed character. Students will be reminded of the hope for reconciliation in spite of bad decisions.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 14-15, 26; 12:1 – 10, 13-14, 20

Key Verse: Psalm 31:4-5

Day 2 ≡ Point of Truth

David and Saul: How do I make choices based on God's truth when other choices seem justifiable? Students will be challenged to discern what is justifiable and what is God's truth. Students will learn how to make lasting Christ-like decisions concerning what is right and what is easy.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 24: 1-15

Key Verse: Psalm 111:10

Day 4 ≡ Point of Connection

David and Jonathan: How do the people in my life influence my decisions? Students will discover the role of community and the importance of accountability and mentorship in holy discernment. Students will see this by looking at David's relationship with Jonathan and Nathan.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 18:1, 3-4; 19:1-7 (Reference back to 2 Samuel 12:1 – 7, 11-13, 20 from Day 3 for Nathan)

Key Verse: Psalm 133:1

MISSIONS OVERVIEW

Every summer at FUGE Camps, we collect a missions offering. That offering is collected at each location every week and at the end of the summer is distributed between the International Mission Board (IMB), the North American Mission Board (NAMB), and local community ministries MFuge and XFuge on Mission work with throughout the summer.

EAST ASIA



Our missions focus on East Asia began last summer. We learned that nearly 1.3 billion people in this area have little to no access to the gospel. We are continuing this partnership with the International Mission Board (IMB) to share the name of Jesus with the East Asian people. You have an opportunity to further God's kingdom through this partnership. Visit fugecamps.com for the pre-camp giving guide for ideas and resources your church can use to raise money for the missions offering. Visit www.fugeforasia.com for more information.

We are partnering with the North American Mission Board again this year in continuing to plant churches throughout the United States and Canada. Through Send North America our goal is to help move churches and individuals into all regions of North America to plant churches and spread the Gospel. There are many ways for students and youth groups to get involved from short term to long term projects. Visit sendme.namb.net for more information.

NORTH AMERICA



LOCAL COMMUNITY



Every year a portion of the mission offering received at camp goes back to the local community through MFuge and XFuge on Mission grants. Local ministries that we partner with can apply for the grant to continue ministry throughout the year. It is amazing to see how the Lord uses these ministries throughout the year.

CENTRIFUGE / XFUGE TRACK TIME OPTIONS

Creative Arts

Topics include the areas of music, art, stage and media. Those listed as performance tracks will be on stage at some point during the Track Time Showcase.

Performance:

Creative Movement - Participants will learn a creative movement set to a contemporary Christian song and be provided resources for how to start creative movement ministry at home.

Drama - Participants will learn the basics of drama, improvisation, mime, etc. Students will rehearse a drama to be performed in closing celebration and be provided with resources for how to begin a drama ministry at home.

Percussion - Students will learn how to read rhythm charts and will practice patterns and rhythm. Using trash cans, buckets, and other “found” percussion instruments, students will perform a “Stomp” style piece during closing celebration. Beginners and experienced drummers are welcome.

Non-Performance:

Crafts - Students will work on a specific craft project throughout the week, such as bead bracelets, t-shirt art, tile mosaics, paper making, candle making, etc. A supplies fee of \$5 will be charged.

Creative Painting-Students will use the medium of painting to express themselves creatively. They will paint on canvas. Paintings will be sold at the end of the week for missions.

Guitar - This class is strictly for beginners and is not a performance track! If you know more than three chords, you are not a beginner. Students will learn strum patterns and basic chords.

Specialty

These tracks are specific to Shalimar Retreat Center.

Sea Kayaking – This track will teach basic skills and equipment use for Kayaking. Campers will experience sea kayaking in the ocean.

Sand Sculpture - Students will learn to create and build with sand and water on the beach using shovels, buckets, forms, etc.

Skimboarding – This track will teach basic skills and equipment use for skimboarding. Campers will experience skimboarding on a local beach.

Snorkeling – This track will teach basic skills and equipment use for snorkeling and provide a snorkeling experience at St. Andrews State Park. Campers will be required to pay \$30 to participate in this track.

Water Sports – Campers will play wild and crazy games in the pool. Campers taking this track must have a one-piece bathing suit and know how to swim.

Discipleship/Classroom

These tracks are designed to assist in disciplining campers in their Christian walk and helping them live a balanced, healthy lifestyle.

Apologetics - This track will provide students with proof of and a defense for Christianity.

Christian Leadership – This track will look at key leadership characteristics and the role of the servant leader in today’s world.

For Girls Only – This track will teach Biblical principles for living a godly life, help to build a healthy self esteem and self image, provide proper perspective and knowledge about health and the body and discover biblical dating principles.

How to Grow in Your Faith – This track will provide an opportunity for students to get to know God on a deeper level by strengthening their discipleship through such disciplines as worship, solitude, prayer, fasting, service, study and more.

Lifestyle Evangelism – Students will discover how to live their lives in such a way to lead others to Christ.

Missions – This track is designed to educate campers about missions and mission opportunities as well as provide hands-on ministry in the local community.

Spiritual Gifts – This track is designed for campers to learn about spiritual gifts and discover their individual gifts by completing a spiritual gifts survey.

The Man Track – This track will explore what it means to be a godly man, how to be involved in healthy relationships with the opposite sex and within the family, and life skills such as independence, decision making, integrity, team player and excellence.

Active

These tracks are recreation/sports based.

Basketball - Students will learn basic skills and play basketball.

Battleball - Students will learn and play several variations of Battleball (Dodgeball).

Flag Football – Students will play flag football.

Frisbee Games – Students will play ultimate Frisbee, Frisbee golf and other games with discs.

Outdoor Games - Students will play gagaball, spikeball and other outdoor games such as kickball, etc.

Soccer - Students will learn soccer basic skills and play soccer.

Table Games - Students will have the opportunity to play a variety of fun board and card games including checkers, dominoes, UNO, Monopoly and many others.

Volleyball - Students will learn basic volleyball skills and play volleyball.

NIGHT LIFE

DECODE

A mysterious “Amazing Race” type experience where students race the clock to “decode” the secret messages of East Asian influence. Using smart phone technology, Instagram and their Bible app, students will try to be the first to crack the code before time ends. **Dress in dark clothing and wear spy gear.**

DECIDE

A contemplative prayer experience where students pray for the nations while traveling to 6 different stations on campus by their decisions. Eventually, they will come to the decision point: In what way will I help further the message of Jesus Christ? Or will I not?

MEGA RELAY

Get your game faces on and come ready to compete for the FUGE Cup! This year’s Mega Relay theme is “WHITE OUT.” If you choose to participate in the WHITE OUT, please have students wear dark shirts underneath their white apparel.

CAMP SCHEDULE

Opening Day

1:00 – 4:00 PM	Registration
5:00 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Opening Celebration
7:30 PM	Adults: All adults meet together Students: Bible Study Groups
8:30 PM	Church Group Rally
8:45 PM	Church Group Time
10:00 PM	Hang Time
11:00 PM	In Rooms
11:30 PM	Lights Out

Full Days of Camp

7:00 AM	Breakfast
8:15 AM	Morning Celebration
9:00 AM	Recreation
10:30 AM	Quiet Time / Bible Study
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:10 PM	Track Rally
1:20 PM	Track A
2:20 PM	Track Rally
2:30 PM	Track B
3:20 PM	Hang Time
5:00 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Worship
8:00 PM	Church Group Time
9:45 PM	Night Life
10:30 PM	Hang Time
11:00 PM	In Rooms (Note: This will be 11:30 PM on the last night.)
11:30 PM	Lights Out

Closing Day

7:00 AM	Breakfast
8:15 AM	Quiet Time / Bible Study
9:45 AM	Closing Celebration
10:45 AM	Churches Depart

RESOURCES

PARENT DEVOTIONS

Parent Devotions are available on www.fugecamps.com after April 1. Click on “I’m a Parent” to gain access to the devotions. This resource gives you the ability to study what your students are learning in Bible study.

AFTER CAMP BIBLE STUDY AND QUIET TIMES

FUGE Camps provides an After Camp Bible Study designed to follow the camp experience. Students are provided with seven after camp quiet times. These resources can be found on www.fugecamps.com after April 1. Students will need to click on “I’m a Student” to gain access to the quiet times.

CAMP STORE CARDS

For the 2nd straight year, FUGE Camps is offering parents the opportunity to purchase camp store cards prior to camp! Parents can get them in increments of \$10, \$25, or \$50 for their students to spend in the FUGE Store. Note: Camp store cards are only good in the FUGE store, not for any other stores at your camp location. See the order form on the following page. Any unused amount will go toward our missions offering to support the IMB’s work in East Asia.

MEGA BAG PRE-ORDER

For the 4th straight year, you can secure your very own MEGA Bag by pre-ordering NOW! In your MEGA Bag, you'll find everything you need for Mega Relay bundled together for one low price. Contents include a t-shirt, water bottle, headband/sweatband, socks, and of course, the bag to hold it all! The theme for this summer's Mega Relay is "WHITE OUT." Come decked out in all your white apparel. If you choose to participate in the WHITE OUT, please have students wear dark shirts underneath their white clothing. This can be yours for one low price of \$35, a savings of \$12. You can't beat this deal and you'll be ready to hit the MEGA Relay field in style. NOTE: The MEGA Bag is NOT required for participation in Mega Relay.

Here's how it works:

1. Print off the order form below.
2. Turn in the pre-order form for MEGA Bags and camp store cards to the Group Leader prior to May 15th so they can place the order. All orders at camp are on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last.
3. Group Leaders ONLY will go online to pre-order! (One preorder per church)
4. Parents will pay the Group Leader prior to leaving for camp or upon turning in their form.
5. The Group Leader will then make one payment for ALL preorders once they arrive at their camp location.
6. Group Leaders will be handed a voucher for each MEGA Bag pre-order and any camp store cards.
7. Students will come to the FUGE Store to pick up their MEGA Bags and use their store cards.

PRE-ORDER FORM

Parents:

Turn this completed form into your group leader prior to May 15th.

Camper Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

How many MEGA Bags would you like to order? (\$35 each): _____

Camper T-shirt size (S-3XL): _____ (if ordering more than 1, list all sizes)

Would you like to order camp store cards for your students? Yes / No

If so, choose the amount: _____ \$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50