



DWIGHT MISSION

Presbyterian Camp, Conference & Retreat Center
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2008 Summer Camp Information

Dear Camper (and Parents, too),

Our staff, along with ourselves, are looking forward to having you at camp this summer! We are putting together an amazing program designed to provide campers and staff alike with a meaningful and exciting Christian experience. The staff is excited about your participation and is preparing to lead you through our program as well as provide a safe and accepting environment. In the process of making new friends, developing Christian community, sharing in study and worship, laughing a lot, and having barrels of fun, we hope to challenge you to grow spiritually, physically, emotionally, and socially.

We are sure that you and your parents have many questions about your experience at Dwight. We have answered below a few of the more common questions. If you have other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by e-mail at elizabeth@dwightmission.org or allison@dwightmission.org or by phone in the office at (918) 775-2018.

In Christ,

Allison Beavers
Executive Director

Elizabeth Sharp
Program Director

How do we get to Dwight Mission?

From the West Travel Interstate 40 East; exit I-40 at Dwight Mission Road (Exit #303 between Vian and Sallisaw). Turn north (left) on Dwight Mission Road. At first stop sign, continue north 5 miles to next stop sign. Turn east (right) and travel 2 miles to next stop sign. At stop sign, turn north (left) and follow road 1 mile to Dwight Mission; entrance is on the east (right) side of road.

From the East Travel Interstate 40 West; exit I-40 at the first Sallisaw exit (Exit #311). Travel 1.9 miles to traffic light. At light, turn north (right) onto Highway 59. Travel north on Highway 59 for 3.2 miles. At the sign for the Highway 101 junction, turn west (left). Travel 1.3 miles to stop sign, continue west (straight). Travel 2.9 miles west until road turns north (right). Follow the road north for 3.1 miles to Dwight Mission; entrance is on the east (right) side of road.

When should I arrive at camp? Registration opens **Sunday** at 3:00 p.m. on **July 20**. We will receive campers from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please do not arrive before this time—the staff will be

busy preparing for your arrival. We strongly discourage latecomers; our programs begin immediately and you may feel disadvantaged.

When does camp end? On the last day of camp, **Friday, July 25**, we will have a slideshow and closing celebration at 9:00 a.m. to which parents are warmly invited. Camp ends at 10:00 a.m. on that last day. It is important that campers not be left waiting. Late arrival of parents or other rides home may fuel fears of having been forgotten, or the possible occurrence of an accident. Additionally, your camper will be excited to see you and eager to share all that has happened over the week. The staff thanks you in advance for arriving for your camper's slideshow and closing celebration at 9:00 a.m. and being present for the closing of camp at 10:00 a.m.

Can I visit my camper at camp? On registration and dismissal day, parents and visitors are welcome and encouraged to tour camp. During camp sessions, however, visitors are discouraged. Visitors are not allowed without prior arrangement with the program director. For the safety of those at camp, all who visit our site

are asked to check in at the office upon arrival.

What about telephone calls? Please do not tell your camper to call you during camp. We strongly discourage phone calls. It can be quite perplexing to a parent to receive an incoherent phone call from a momentarily upset son or daughter. If there is an emergency and you need to contact your youth, feel free to call our offices at (918) 775-2018. There is an answering machine connected to this number that will be on at all times.

What will I be doing? While at Dwight, you will be involved in a variety of fun activities designed to develop self-esteem and an understanding of how to live in Christian community with others. Campers play games, hike, swim, canoe, experience different parts of the natural world, create arts and crafts, worship together, experience small group Bible studies, and much, much more.

Should I write and/or e-mail my camper while at Dwight? Yes! If mail arrives early, we will hold it for the week your camper will be here. Mail is delivered to Dwight between 1:00 and

2:00 p.m. daily. If a letter arrives late, we will forward it to you at your home address. Due to our limited computer resources, campers are not able to send or receive e-mail. Address mail as follows:

Name, Gender, and Camp Code (i.e. OY4)
Dwight Mission
RR 2 Box 71
Vian OK 74962

What about care packages? Nonfood care packages are great! We ask that you not bring or mail food or candy to camp. There are no refrigerators or cabinets in which to store food or keep it away from pests. Food brought to or received while at camp will be taken up by the counselors and turned over to the kitchen staff.

How do I inform the camp of any health issues I might have? The camp staff is very interested in your welfare. Thorough completion of the medical form will help us to see to it that you have a happy and safe experience. All medication is to be given to the camp medical staff on arrival along with a completed Camp Medication Form. Do not send prescription medication unless it has been prescribed for the youth attending camp and is in the original container.

Am I insured while at Dwight Mission? We provide limited "secondary coverage" for "bodily injury" caused by an accident to any camper. Our payment will be excess of the amount due from any other insurance. We will not pay the amount due from that other insurance. Coverage is not provided for sickness or illness. We do not provide primary medical insurance coverage.

How can I enrich my camper's experience? Parents' attitudes have a lot to do with creating a positive camping experience for their campers. We strongly encourage discussion before and after the camp session. Even the most well-intentioned parent can help create separation anxiety before the camper ever gets to camp by discussing homesickness and how much the youth will be missed while at camp. When your son or daughter returns from camp, be sure to listen to "camp news" with interest and encourage elaboration. Search for improvements in behavior and attitudes, new talents or interests, and a new awareness of Christian life. You have the wonderful opportunity of nurturing the "seeds" that have been planted.

Do campers need to bring any money?

Each day campers will have the opportunity to purchase snacks at the canteen. Traditional and healthy snacks are available. Any cash brought to camp needs to be turned over during registration and kept in the "canteen bank." Change will be returned at the end of the event. Each participant will receive a Dwight Mission T-shirt. The canteen will also be open during registration on Sunday and after camp closing on

Saturday for purchasing snacks and camp memorabilia.

Can my camper bunk with his/her friends?

We strongly discourage room requests at Dwight. It is our philosophy that camp provides a unique opportunity for your camper to be in a fresh environment and to make new friends. If you feel that an exception is needed, please send your request in writing well in advance of camp. Room requests made during the registration process on the first day of camp will not be granted.

How and what do we pack? We ask parents to please supervise packing; please adhere to the packing list. Camp is a different experience than everyday living. We encourage all campers to enjoy the natural surroundings of the camp setting with friends and without outside distractions. Since the camp is not responsible for loss of personal items, labeling items brought to camp is highly recommended. We will keep a lost and found box, so please contact us immediately if items turn up missing. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the summer.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

- Camp Health Form WITHOUT FAIL (if not already received by Dwight Mission)
- Camp Medication Form if medication is brought to camp (medication must be in original packaging)
- Sports bottle or canteen to carry enough water for the camper only
- Your own small suitcase or duffel bag (no sharing please)
- Sheets and blanket; pillow; sleeping bag (each small group will camp out one evening, so a sleeping bag or an extra blanket are needed—sometimes these items get damp at campout)
- Towels and washcloths
- Soap; toilet articles; personal items
- Flashlight (extra batteries)
- Laundry bag
- Casual camp clothing (enough for 1 or 2 extra days—we do not have laundry facilities available), sweatshirt or long sleeve shirt and jeans (evenings can be cool)
- Comfortable and sturdy shoes (If possible, bring one old pair for wading in the water and canoeing.)
- A modest swim suit (a t-shirt will be required over inappropriate suits); bringing an extra swimsuit will help drying between uses—we often swim twice (or more) a day
- Pool towel and sunscreen
- Bandana and hat or cap
- Insect repellent
- Rain gear or umbrella
- Bible; notebook; pencil, stationery or postcards; stamps (Pre-addressed envelopes are nice for young campers.)
- Camera, film and batteries
- Any fun clothing, wigs or hats that could be used for skits, productions or other theme activities
- Musical instrument, sheet music or any other items you might want for sharing a talent during worship

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

Tape Player/Radio/Boom Box,iPod, GameBoy, CD Player, Food/Candy, Expensive Jewelry, Fans, Lots of Cash, or Cell Phones

DWIGHT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE OR LOSS OF ANY ITEMS BROUGHT TO CAMP