

### **I am coming up to get my camper (or dropping them off), can I visit my other child who is there doing TST right now while I am on camp?**

We discourage families from visiting during camp only because the TST teams have been forming their own community during their time here, and we want it to be a community that is different than a camper's normal environment at home. We believe formation of these communities while a camper is here facilitates an experience where they can be themselves and hear the message of Jesus in new ways. We do make exceptions on occasion due to extenuating family circumstances. If you have questions about this, please contact the TST director.

### **I would like to register my child for a 2-week session of TST but he/she has a commitment they need to be home for during that time. Can he/she only do part of the session?**

While we understand there are occasionally schedule conflicts that are unavoidable, we strongly encourage campers to be here for the entire experience for several reasons. Relationships between campers and staff are the backbone of the TST experience. When a camper misses part of the experience, not only do they miss out, the entire team is also affected by a changing team dynamic. Another reason is that there are campers on waitlists for most TST sessions, who would be able to be here for the full time. The time that your child would not be here would be time that another child could be here.

If there are unavoidable circumstances, and you still feel like it would be best to take your camper out of the session for any reason, please call Jason Hoffer 231.836.1044, the TST Director, to approve and make note of the conflicts. It is not possible to register your child for only 1 week of a two week TST team.

### **Will my teen receive community service hours for their work on TST this summer?**

Yes! Please see the following allotment:

6-Day Teams will receive 20 hours

8-Day Teams will receive 30 hours

13 or 14-Day Teams will receive 60 hours

20-Day TST Next Teams will receive 75 hours

Your teen will receive a letter at the closing ceremony on the last day of camp. Please keep these in a safe place for the future! If your school requires an evaluation form to be filled out in addition to a letter, this form must be submitted to the TST Area Director on the Opening Day of your teen's camp experience. These forms cannot be filled out after the session ends.

### **Is there a dress code on TST? If so, why?**

Yes. You may be required to wear closed-toe shoes and pants depending on your work assignment – so bring them (i.e. working in the kitchen or some landscaping assignments). Girls, please bring tank-tops with straps at least 2 fingers wide. Also, we ask that shorts be a modest length for girls, and a one-piece swimsuit is worn to water activities. If you come with a two-piece, you will be asked to wear a T-shirt or tank-top over your top. Although you may not like 1-piece suits, wearing one is better than losing half of your swimsuit while tubing at Rose Lake...which happens every summer.

### **I am coming to the TST program - can I drive myself to camp?**

Yes. You will be directed where to park your car while you are here and your keys will be collected by your Area Director and returned on the last day of camp.

### **Can I email my camper?**

Yes, and we encourage you to not only email, but write letters! Mail is gathered each day and dispersed to teams. While we do not read each email, we do scan for inappropriate language. Emails containing inappropriate language will not be delivered to campers. While this language may be part of a camper's life at home, our mission involves creating a community away from home and familiar things in which the camper can be challenged and accepted for who they are.

### **Can I send candy or snacks to my camper?**

Campers are not allowed to have food in the cabins. We provide 3 big meals a day as well as time at the store (Trading Post) when they can purchase snacks with their account money. If a camper receives food in a package, they will be encouraged to share it with the group and eat it right away, or turn the food in so that the camper can have it during time spent at the trading post.