Hello, Adventure Camper!

This is going to be an awesome week and we are glad you're coming! To keep it awesome and safe, there are some things we need to explain up front so that you can cooperate with this experience and get the most out of it. Our goal this week is to stretch you and provide for you some safe circumstances for learning skills that will benefit you in dangerous times, both physically and spiritually.

This week's survival scenario:

Let's set the imaginary event that will be the jumping off point for the survival skills we'll be learning:

You're on vacation, riding with your family, when your parents become tired and want to stay in a small hotel in the middle of nowhere. During the night, a tornado strikes your hotel and you are separated from your family. You don't know where they are, if they are alive, injured, or dead. All you know is that YOU are alive and you must survive until help arrives.

The only resources you have are what you can find or scrounge. You need to find water, shelter, and food. There is nothing around you but rubble, debris, and nature. How will you survive?

During this week's hands-on skills you will learn to start a fire without matches, find your own food, purify or distill water from plants and other natural sources, knife safety and carving skills, use a compass, wound care, and build a shelter that will protect you from the elements. Even if you have been to this week of camp before, we are confident you will experience something new.

The spiritual and thinking skills will help you strengthen your relationship with God, discover how practical the Bible is, and how to develop a survivor's mindset that will carry you through life. We are called to show the world Jesus, and this week will help prepare you to live ready.

See you soon!

The Adventure Camp Team

What to Bring

If you have ever been to Adventure camp, then you have an idea of what to bring and what not to bring, but we have added a few items to the list. For those of you who have never been or need a reminder, please remember every camper is required to bring the following items:

- Bible, notebook, and pencils or pens
- Toiletries—soap, shampoo, etc. Yes, you have to shower this week!
- Bedding
- At least two towels
- Sturdy, comfortable shoes, such as sneakers, and if possible, two pairs. <u>Flipflops</u> and sandals are **not** allowed during the learning sessions.
- One pair of jeans or long pants to wear into the woods.
- Flashlight (extra batteries are recommended) because our day does not end when the sun goes down. We prefer you use an LED light.
- Modest swimwear. (See Camp Rules for what is allowed)
- Insect repellant because if we are not careful, the mosquitoes may carry us away.
- Sunscreen
- Disposable camera, if desired.
- Poncho or some other kind of rain gear.

In addition to the above items, each camper will also need:

- A positive attitude. Our primary purpose is to glorify God. If you come with a mind that is ready to learn, have fun, and follow the rules, then you will have a fantastic week. Team work is also very important, please be ready to be part of God's winning team.
- ❖ One can of shaving cream. Why? You'll find out ☺
- If you wear glasses, I recommend a band or other device to help keep them from falling off. Why? Because in the past we never found the pair of glasses that fell into the creek.
- Please check your camp brochure for other required items not listed here (i.e. bedding and toiletries).