



encountercamp

**ENCOUNTER/KBA
TEEN CAMP RULES
Revised 2026**

Code of Conduct

The code of conduct for Encounter Camp is intended to assist the many diverse churches and students at camp to have a safe and enjoyable camp experience, while growing in their faith. Encounter Camp is designed to help students and adults know and follow God, so the code of conduct prioritizes issues related to a student's faith development in Jesus. Encounter camp is planned for youth (those who have completed 6th through 12th grade). After 11:00p.m., all students should be inside their cabin and should not be outside their cabin without a sponsor until after 6:30 a.m. Groups are allowed to meet around the perimeter of their cabin during late night devotional times, but a sponsor should be with the group at all times and extra care should be taken so that other cabins are not disturbed.

Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy

- Purpose and Scope: This policy applies to all participants and covers all areas of the camp, especially those where privacy is expected, such as cabins, bathrooms, and dressing areas.
- Authorized Use:
 - Emergencies/Medical: Devices may be used for emergency or medical reasons at any time by anyone.
 - Leadership/Sponsors:
 - Camp staff and designated church sponsors may use phones for administrative tasks, participant safety, and to receive camp emergency/weather alerts.
- Camper/Student Restrictions:
 - Permission: Students may only bring and use phones with the express permission of their sponsoring church.
 - Storage: When not in authorized use, devices must be turned off and securely stored.
 - Prohibited Activities: Phones are not to be used for social media or gaming.
 - Communication Windows: Students are encouraged to contact parents only during morning breaks, afternoon free time, or after evening services (typically 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM).
 - Privacy Zones: Use of phones or recording devices is strictly prohibited in sleeping areas, bathrooms, showers, or dressing areas

No bands or instrumental groups are allowed to perform outside their cabin walls, except for groups that are an official part of the weekly programming for the whole camp. Headset listening devices and sound systems may be used only inside cabins. Excessive volume from a cabin is not permitted since it can disturb other cabins. No product sales are allowed at Encounter Camp unless they have secured a contract through the State CE Board and KBA. Students are required to attend both the Morning Tabernacle Experience and the Evening Tabernacle Experience each day.

Sponsors from each church are responsible for enforcing the code of conduct and camp dress code for their students and adults and for handling discipline issues. At all services, church groups must sit together. If the group is too large to find a single location for everyone, the group should divide into smaller groups with adult sponsors in each group. Students will not be permitted to leave the grounds unless accompanied by a sponsor. Churches will abide by the 'Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policies' as stated above. These items can quickly become a distraction to the goals of the week of camp.

Use or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco of any type is not permitted on the grounds during any week of camp. The possession of offensive weapons of any sort is prohibited at Encounter Camp. The State CE board reserves the right to perform a random drug and weapon search at any time and confiscate items that distract from the camp goals or that violate the code of conduct of the camp. Pets/ animals (other than service dogs), fireworks, rock throwing, water fights, laser pointers and shaving cream fights are prohibited on the grounds. Masks or any other disguise over the face cannot be worn by anyone outside of their cabin. For the safety of all guests, skates, rollerblades and skateboards are not permitted. All cycles (uni-, bi-, or tri-) are prohibited on the grounds. Violation of this policy could result in confiscation of equipment. No wading or swimming is allowed in the creeks or lake.

All guests are required to show proof of registration or ID to enter or re-enter the camp grounds. Unnecessary and careless traffic is prohibited on KBA grounds. Speed limit is 15 miles per hour. All passengers must be seated in the vehicle according to its designated capacity—no passengers are allowed in pickup beds or in the back of vehicles with hatch doors raised.

Students may not enter into any abandon cabins. If any student wants to visit another cabin other than their own, they are required to ask permission from a sponsor that occupies that cabin before entering. Encounter Camp is a Christian environment that promotes personal encouragement and spiritual development of every camper. KBA and Encounter Camp do not condone or encourage any activity on grounds that humiliates any camper, including initiation, hazing, and pranks. The State CE board reserves the right to send anyone home that does not adhere to these rules.

Dress Code

The intent of the Encounter Camp dress code is to provide an equitable dress code for all campers that will encourage modesty above legalism. Parents and church leaders are urged to see that only clothing which meets the policies and regulations of the camp is brought to KBA. Please do not bring clothing that you sense would be questionable for a Christian camp setting.

- Since Encounter Camp is a Christian camp with a distinctly Christian atmosphere, the New Testament principle of modesty should always be the standard for dress at KBA. **It is the responsibility of the sponsors from each church to model the standard of modesty and enforce the camp dress code.**
- While on KBA grounds campers may not wear apparel that exposes the midriff, is extremely tight fitting, or has writing on the back of pants or shorts.
- Apparel may not display or promote tobacco, alcohol, controlled substances, or inappropriate language or pictures.
- All shorts and dresses should be modest length. At Encounter Camp, modest shorts are generally defined as shorts of medium length or longer.
- Dresses and skirts must reach the top of the knee or longer. Slits in dresses and skirts should also be modest in length.
- Shirts/tops must have at least three inches across the shoulder.
- Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times outside cabins.
- No cut off or muscle shirts that expose the sides or stomach.

Five Elements of Participation

Every church must agree to these requirements. Encounter Camp allows for a great deal of individual church flexibility, to allow each group their own unique camp experience. However to participate in Encounter Camp we insist that every church attending agrees to the following:

1. Group participation in the Morning Tabernacle Experience. (except cooks)
2. Group participation in the Evening Tabernacle Experience. (except cooks)
3. Inform and enforce camp dress code rules with their students and sponsors.
4. Group participation in Rec time. Except for Project Talihina or Ropes/Canoeing/ Archery.
5. Provide a Biblically focused meaningful morning ICT time, face time, and evening devotion.

Disclosure Statement

Please be advised that this compiled set of codes and conduct for Encounter Camp is subject to adaptation and periodic revision. All participants, including students, sponsors, and visitors, must ensure their behavior and dress align with the official codes of conduct and regulations officially stated by the Kiamichi Baptist Assembly (KBA).

In accordance with KBA policy, all regulations issued by the Christian Education Board are considered an integral part of the camp rules. Furthermore, by participating in activities at the assembly grounds, individuals acknowledge and agree to abide by all established KBA policies, including those regarding electronic devices and general assembly guidelines. The State CE board and KBA administration reserve the right to enforce these standards to maintain a safe and spiritually focused environment