



Christian Church in Kansas (DOC)'s
Disciples Center at Tawakoni
8492 SW Tawakoni Rd
Augusta, KS 67010
www.tawakoni.org

316-775-1222
reservations@kansasdiscalples.org

FAQ about Camp

Why should I attend camp?

The future of the church is found in leadership. Leaders, both clergy and laity, emerge from camp experiences. Campers meet new friends, enjoy campfire songs, learn more about the Bible, grow closer to Jesus, and so much more! Both campers and adult leaders find significant growth from their summer camp experience.

What do I need to bring?

Your camp director will send an email or letter with a specific packing list two weeks prior to the start of your camp session. Basic things to pack include:

- XL twin sheets or sleeping bag (jersey knit sheets will stretch to fit)
- Towels for swimming and for bathing
- Personal toiletries, bug spray, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses
- Appropriate clothing (midriffs should be covered; shorts at least mid-thigh length)
- Modest swimwear
- Bible, journal, pen/pencils
- Flashlight
- Pennies for Mission Offering

Is there anything I should not bring?

Campers may not have food or drinks in the sleeping cabins, including candy. Medical needs are the only exception; such items must be disclosed to the camp nurse, director and the counselor assigned to camper's cabin dorm room.

Canteen is scheduled on most camp days, where campers may select a candy or snack item and a Gatorade or canned pop. Additional snacks may be scheduled depending on the camp.

Who may attend?

Everyone! There are camps for campers of all ages -- from 3 to 93. We host age-graded camps for kindergarten through high school and several special interest camps; specific camp sessions have age restrictions. See camp schedule for specifics.

Where is the Disciples Center at Tawakoni?

The Disciples Center at Tawakoni is located about 20 minutes east of Wichita, between Andover and Augusta on SW Tawakoni Road. It is 1.5 miles north of Hwy 54/400 and southwest of Santa Fe Lake.

How do I register for summer camp? What forms do I need?

Online registration for all camps is available by clicking on the camp session names on the "Summer Camps" landing page of our website, www.kansasdiscalples.org or by going to your ENGAGE account.

A downloadable registration form, health information form, and return transportation form is also available on our website, through the regional and satellite offices, and your church office. Camper who are participating in the High Ropes challenge course will also need a signed Challenge Course Liability Waiver (refer to director's welcome letter for details).

Save \$40 by registering early. Early bird registrations (lower cost!) are due by **April 30**.



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How much does camp cost?

Camp registrations range from \$154 to \$429. Prices vary with the age of the camper, length of session, and activities. See camp schedule for details. Camp costs are lower than other full-service camps because some costs are subsidized by grants from the Kansas Bible Chair.

Camp scholarships are available to children and youth who have financial need. Scholarship amounts are based on ½ of the fee being paid by the sponsoring congregation. The Request Form accompanied by Camp Registration Form is due in the Topeka office before **March 31**.

Where can I download photos taken at camp?

A password protected photo gallery for each camp has been set up on our website, www.kansasdisciples.org, under our summer camping program page. Campers will receive the password for their camp photo page in their camp letters prior to camp or by calling the South Central Satellite Office.

You are also encouraged to submit your photos to messenger@kansasdisciples.org for publication.

I would like to volunteer at camp, how can I help?

We are always looking for fun energetic volunteers to help as counselors, directors, chaplains, camp nurses, and maintenance workers. For the safety of the children we work with, all volunteers are required to complete an application including references and to pass a background check. References remain on file for up to three years.

I am unable to attend camp, but I still want to help. How can I help?

Gifts of any size are welcome. See the "Tawakoni Supply Wish List" for needed equipment and supplies. Money is always the right size and color to help our camps. Financial gifts ensure your gift goes right where and when it is needed most. Give online at www.kansasdisciples.org or check out the "Donate Now" tab at www.tawakoni.org for specific fundraising projects.

I am in a wheelchair/physically handicapped. Can I still attend camp?

You bet! All of our facilities are air conditioned and handicap-accessible. Golf carts are also available to assist those needing to get around.

My camper has special diet requirements; can you accommodate that?

Yes! Just let us know and we'll work with you. When diet limits are especially challenging, parents may send supplemental items to meet their child's needs. Your child should know what can be eaten from the normal menus and what should be avoided or replaced.

What kinds of activities are available? Will I be required to participate in all of them?

While we encourage campers to participate in all camp activities, there may also be opportunities for campers to choose among recreational activities such as swimming, boating, challenge course, and arts & crafts. Your camp director will have more information on what is specifically planned and will work with you to insure everyone can participate together.

If your camp will use the high ropes course, generally, 8th grade and older, campers must provide a signed challenge course liability release form. A parent or guardian must sign if camper is under age 18. Check your camp director's welcome letter for details



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Can I receive mail? Where does it need to be sent?

Campers love to receive mail from friends and family back home. To ensure a prompt delivery, letters and packages need to be addressed in the following format. **Please include the camp session;** we often have 2 camp sessions happening at the same time! Remember, there is no mail delivery on the last day of camp.

Camper Name
Camp Session (Junior, Chi Rho, Grand Camp 1, etc.)
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Urgent messages should be conveyed by phone to the camp office, 316-775-1222. Office staff will pass on all messages to the appropriate camp director in a timely manner.

What happens on a typical day at camp?

Most days at camp will involve small group sessions, swimming, large group fun and games, rest time, worship, campfire, skits, songs, and hanging out with friends. Small group time will include a variety of mental, physical, and spiritual activities, most of which are intended to explore the camp theme in some way. The necessities of showers, meals, and cabin cleanup are also part of camp.

Severe weather is a concern; how do you handle that?

Every sleeping cabin includes a storm shelter. Camp staff keep an eye on the weather and alert camp directors of possible severe weather. Directors, interns, and other camp staff modify activities when needed to avoid severe weather. If an evacuation is necessary, camp staff will escort campers to safety at a local Disciples church and contact parents regarding pick-up procedures.