



# CROSSINGS STUDENTS

## CROSSINGS STUDENTS SUMMER CAMP

# SAFETY, SECURITY & CARE POLICIES FOR PARENTS

At Crossings Students, the safety and well-being of every student is our highest priority. We are committed to providing a secure, well-supervised, and spiritually meaningful camp experience. Below is an overview of our safety standards, supervision structure, and emergency procedures.

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## 1. STAFFING & SUPERVISION

### SCREENED & TRAINED LEADERS

All adult leaders:

- Complete annual background checks and sexual abuse awareness and prevention trainings
- Participate in safety and student protection training
- Receive camp-specific procedural training
- Understand mandated reporting responsibilities
- A majority of our summer camp leaders regularly serve in our ministry throughout the year and are known by staff members

### SUPERVISION STANDARDS

Students are given age-appropriate independence and at times are unsupervised, however, we maintain intentional presence and visibility at all times.

- Leaders are assigned to each room and small group.
- Students remain in groups during activities and transitions.
- Leaders conduct regular check-ins throughout the day.
- Middle School - Room assignments include at least two screened adult leader
- High School - Adults do not sleep in the same rooms as student

## 2. CHECK-IN & ACCOUNTABILITY PROCEDURES

### CAMP REGISTRATION & MEDICAL RECORDS

- All students must complete registration and medical forms prior to departure.
- Emergency contacts are verified before leaving for camp.
- Staff carry accessible emergency contact information at all times.

### ATTENDANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

Attendance verification occurs:

- Upon arrival at camp
- After all bus stops
- Before and after scheduled activities
- At meals
- During evening programming
- At room time and lights out
- Before departure home

## 3. HEALTH & MEDICAL CARE

### MEDICATION PROCEDURES

- All medications must be turned in at check-in (unless pre-approved for student self-carry, such as inhalers or EpiPens).
- Medications are stored securely.
- Only designated adults administer medication.
- All doses are documented.

### GENERAL MEDICAL CARE

Our team is prepared to respond to both routine and unexpected medical needs during camp.

- A designated medical professional oversees medical care.
- Minor injuries and common illnesses are treated on-site.
- All care is documented.
- Parents will be notified for any injury or illness beyond basic first aid.
- If outside medical care is necessary, emergency services will be contacted immediately, and parents will be notified without delay. Listed emergency contacts are expected to be available in case of an emergency. A staff member and one other adult will be present for emergency services.

### NEARBY MEDICAL FACILITIES

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lake Regional Health System, 54 Hospital Dr, Osage Beach, MO 65065. Located about 20-25 minutes away, it provides comprehensive emergency care, surgery, and specialty services for the Lake of the Ozarks area.

#### HIGH SCHOOL

CHRISTUS St. Vincent Regional Medical Center in Santa Fe is located approximately 15–20 miles west on I-25. It provides 24/7 emergency services and is the primary medical facility for the immediate area, offering comprehensive acute care, surgical, and emergency services.

## 4. SAFETY & SECURITY STANDARDS

### WE PARTNER WITH TRUSTED CAMP FACILITIES THAT:

- Maintain on-site security protocols
- Conduct regular safety inspections
- Employ licensed activity staff (lifeguards, ropes course personnel, etc.)
- Have severe weather and emergency action plans in place

### ACTIVITY SAFETY

- Students receive safety briefings prior to activities.
- Certified camp staff supervise high-risk activities.
- Life jackets are required for waterfront activities.
- Closed-toe shoes are required for designated activities.

## 5. BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS & STUDENT CONDUCT

### STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Follow leader instructions
- Remain within designated camp boundaries
- Participate appropriately in activities
- Treat peers and leaders with respect

### BULLYING & CONDUCT CONCERNS

- Bullying, harassment, or unsafe behavior is addressed immediately. Parents will be contacted if behavior concerns arise.
- In situations involving serious misconduct, substance use, leaving assigned areas, or repeated defiance, early dismissal may be required at parent's expense.

### SUBSTANCE USE POLICY (DRUGS, ALCOHOL, VAPING, MISUSE OF MEDICATION)

Crossings Students maintains a strict zero-tolerance policy regarding the possession, use, distribution, or being under the influence of:

- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- Controlled substances without prescription
- Misuse of prescription medication
- Marijuana (including medical marijuana)
- Vaping devices, tobacco products, or nicotine products
- Drug paraphernalia of any kind

### EXPECTATIONS

- Students may not bring or use any of the above substances at camp.
- All medications must be disclosed during registration and turned in at check-in unless pre-approved for self-carry (e.g., inhalers, EpiPens).
- Students may not share medications under any circumstances.

If a student is found in possession of, using, or distributing prohibited substances:

- Crossings staff will immediately ensure the safety of the student and others.
- Parents/guardians will be contacted promptly.
- The student will be dismissed from camp at parent's expense at the pastor's discretion.

## 6. MENTAL HEALTH & SELF-HARM SAFETY POLICY

The emotional and mental well-being of students is deeply important to us. We recognize that adolescence can bring complex challenges, and our leaders are trained to respond with care and seriousness when concerns arise.

### IF A STUDENT:

- Expresses suicidal ideation
- Communicates intent to harm themselves
- Engages in self-harm behavior
- Is found in possession of items intended for self-harm

### THE FOLLOWING STEPS WILL OCCUR:

- The student will be immediately supervised by an adult.
- Crossings Students staff will be notified.
- Parents/guardians will be contacted immediately.
- A safety assessment will be made, which may include contacting emergency medical professionals.
- The student may be required to return home for continued care and support.

Our leaders are not licensed mental health professionals, and the camp is not equipped to provide long-term mental health intervention. However, we are committed to responding with compassion, urgency, and appropriate escalation when concerns arise.

### PROACTIVE CARE & DISCLOSURE

We strongly encourage parents to disclose any relevant mental health concerns during registration, including:

- Recent hospitalizations or inpatient stays due to mental health concerns
- Current self-harm ideation or behaviors
- Suicide attempts or ideation within the past year
- Medication changes
- Ongoing counseling

This information allows us to partner with families appropriately and determine whether camp is the right environment at this time.

## 7. EMERGENCY & EVACUATION PROCEDURES

### SEVERE WEATHER

Camp staff monitor weather conditions continuously. All procedures will be followed as outlined by Glorieta Adventure Camps (High School) and Encounter Cove (Middle School).

- Leaders account for every student.
- Students remain with their assigned group.
- Parents are notified if necessary.

### FIRE OR FACILITY EMERGENCY

- Evacuation routes are reviewed with leaders upon arrival.
- Leaders escort students to designated safe zones.
- Attendance is immediately verified.

## MISSING STUDENT PROTOCOL

If the student has not been located after a designated search period:

- Immediate leader alert and group lockdown
- Camp security is notified.
- A coordinated search is initiated.
- Parents are notified promptly.

## 8. COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

### DURING CAMP

- Updates may be sent via email, text or social media.
- In case of emergency, parents/guardians will be contacted directly by a staff member.

### EARLY PICK-UP POLICY

- Parents must coordinate directly with staff.
- Identification is required for student release.
- Check-out documentation will be completed before departure.

## 9. OUR COMMITMENT

We recognize sending your student to camp requires significant trust. Our systems are intentionally designed to provide:

- Clear leadership structure
- Strong supervision with age-appropriate independence
- Immediate response in emergencies
- Consistent parent communication
- A secure environment where students can grow spiritually, relationally, and personally

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Camp involves activities, new environments, and increased independence, and while we do our very best to mitigate risk, we recognize that not all risk can be completely prevented.

You know your student best. If you have any concerns about your child's ability to make safe decisions, follow instructions, or navigate new situations independently, we ask that you please communicate that with our staff prior to camp. The more we know, the better we can support your student and help set him or her up for a safe and successful experience.

We are honored to partner with your family for an impactful and safe Summer Camp experience.