

CAMP SURVIVAL GUIDE



STORY TELLERS

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NEW FOR 2026

CAMP THEME: STORYTELLERS

This year's theme exists to awaken storytellers - people who know the story, live the story, and share the story where they go. Our goal is that every listener would encounter the person and work of Jesus Christ and see how these stories come alive - and that they can tell them, too.

By the end of the session, we pray that participants will be able to tell two or three stories about Jesus and their own story in a way that communicates the Gospel clearly and confidently: Jesus came. He died in my place. He rose victoriously and will rule. And He calls me to be a part of what He is doing.

"HOME ON THE RANGE" FELLOWSHIP

Saddle up and ride into this summer's Fellowship Theme "Home on the Range" - a wild western gathering where the dust kicks up, the laughter's loud, and the spirit of the Wild West comes alive! Step into a world of cowboys and cowgirls, barrel racing, and a heap more action straight outta the Wild West. So, dust off your boots, tip your hat, and suit up in your best western wear. It's gonna be a rootin'-tootin' good time out on the range! We'll see y'all there, partner!

CROSSBOWL

This year Crossbowl is bigger and better than ever! Two weeks prior to camp you will receive your church's camp color for the week. Come to Crossbowl each day decked out in your best green, orange, or blue gear as you battle it out to be this year's Crossbowl Camp Champ!

MISSIONS OFFERING

Path to Panama/ IMB Partnership PANAMA & WESTERN COLOMBIA

This summer, we have the awesome opportunity to continue our partnership with the International Mission Board (IMB) in Panama and Colombia. The goal of our partnership is to equip local missionaries to share the good news of Jesus Christ with Indigenous people groups in Colombia and Panama - in communities who have yet to hear the Gospel.

During your week at camp, you will have the opportunity to watch mission videos and hear firsthand testimonies from those who have served in Panama and western Colombia with the IMB, as well as Indigenous missionaries who are serving in their home country of Panama and in Colombia. One of the missionaries featured is Dylan Duvall. Dylan was a Crossings camper not too long ago, returned as summer staff, and later served as an intern. It was during his internship that Dylan sensed and obeyed God's call to go.

We invite you prayerfully consider how you might give to the Path to Panama Missions Offering. Pray also that God will begin stirring hearts of students with a vision for how and where He might lead them to serve - perhaps even in places like Panama or Colombia. Our hope is to help students begin discerning their own "there", wherever God may be calling them.

CHECKLIST

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

- ❑ **Update your church and personal information:** Access your online Group Leader account at <http://core.gocrossings.org> and make sure the church address, Group Leader, and your contact information are correct.
- ❑ **Promote Camp:** Promotional materials can be downloaded from www.gocrossings.org/campprep.
- ❑ **Participant Registration opens February 2:** Send the participant registration link to chaperones and parents of all participants. The registration link is found in your Group Leader Dashboard under Registration Status and next to your event code. Group Leaders must register as chaperones.
- ❑ **Deposit Due February 28:** This is the last day to drop numbers without financial penalty. Have an accurate number of campers and chaperones attending with your group by February 28. Contact Guest Relations to adjust your numbers, 502-491-7000.

MARCH/APRIL

- ❑ **Organize a missions fundraiser** (*recommended*)
- ❑ **Hold a participant/parent meeting:** Discuss participant registration, daily schedules, packing list, dress code, etc. A parent handout can be downloaded at <http://gocrossings.org/parents>
- ❑ **Parent Page:** Instruct Parents to visit this page on our website for more information on camp.
- ❑ **Fellowship Nights:** Don't forget to let your group know about this year's theme and encourage them to bring Western styled clothing to wear!
Theme: Home on the Range
- ❑ **Parents can register for FunFangle**

MAY

- ❑ **Download Connect Bible Study Material from** www.gocrossings.org/campprep This material will be available to you at camp, but you can print it out ahead of time if you wish. This material is to be used during your Church Connect time.
- ❑ **Crossings App: Download on Camp Prep Page** (also available in App Store and Google Play)

JUNE

- ❑ **Registration for 2027 camp opens June 1**

2 WEEKS BEFORE CAMP SESSION

- ❑ **Complete Background Check Form:** All adults attending camp must have had a background check performed in the last 2 years and must be listed on the form. This online form is found on your Group Leader Dashboard under "Manage."
- ❑ **Upload Certificate of Liability:** Crossings Ministries with our Louisville address (13420 Eastpoint Centre Dr. Louisville, KY 40223) MUST be listed as the Certificate Holder. Your church insurance agent can provide you with this form, and you can upload it to your Group Leader Dashboard under "Manage," or you can email the form to info@gocrossings.org.
- ❑ **Sales Tax Form:** A KY Sales Tax Exemption Certificate must be provided in order to not be charged 6% sales tax.
- ❑ **Ensure all participants' registrations have been completed.**
- ❑ **Final Camp Payment is due.**
- ❑ **Property Guest Relations Staff Call:** Have the following information ready for this call: gender breakdown, arrival time, and together/apart information.

1ST TIME GROUP LEADERS

Below you will find helpful descriptions of some Crossings lingo that will give you and your students context on what we mean when we mention one of the items below.

CHURCH CONNECT

This is your time to connect with your students. Each day, there is an opportunity in the schedule for you to do what you understand to be the most helpful with your group. We have written some material that coordinates with the Large Group & Small Group lessons for your use, but it is up to you if you want to use that. Regardless of what you decide, your students will be looking to you for some direction. Some groups encourage their students to rest or get cleaned up, some do *TAWG (Time Alone With God)*, and some go over our material. It's totally up to you!

CHURCH CHECKPOINT

Our desire is to always direct your students back to you in the significant decisions they are making at camp. As a result, we have scheduled time for you to check in with your students every night after worship. They will always be directed to respond to the invitation with their group leaders. Checkpoint follows evening worship so you can follow up with the students with whom the Lord is doing work.

POIS

These POINTS OF IMPACT (POI) are our opportunity to entertain and engage your students with activities and communicate the Gospel to your students. They select their POIs upon arrival at property and these selections will be given to you at the opening group leader meeting.

FELLOWSHIP

This is a gathering of the entire camp on one evening of camp (the day depends on the camp property) for a fun, energetic, and festive party-like experience. It will take place during Shack and all Shack attractions still happen during the fellowship. Our desire is for there to be a special night of dressing up with a few exciting surprises along the way.

THE SHACK

Each night, we will finish up with some great activities and some delicious junk food. This takes place at "The Shack," which is our concession stand. The Shack is open during lake rotations and at the end of each day!

CROSSBOWL

Crossbowl is a camp-wide competition where small groups, divided by their color, compete to be the ultimate Crossbowl Champion at the end of the session. Each morning, small groups will compete in team activities, ending with a final competition on the last night.

SCHEDULE

ARRIVAL DAY

2-4pm	Registration
3-5pm	Shack/Store Open
5:00pm	Dinner*
7:00pm	Crossings Staff-led Small Groups Adults Only Meeting**
8:00pm	Opening Celebration
9:15pm	Church Checkpoint
10:00pm	Free Time/Shack/Store Open
11:00pm	In Rooms/Housing

FULL DAYS

7:15am	Breakfast*
8:15am	Group Leader Meeting
9:15- 11:30am	Morning Celebration, Large Group, Small Group, & Crossbowl
11:30am	Lunch*
1-5pm	Snack Shack/Store
1:00pm	Rotation 1: Recreation (POIs)
2:30pm	Rotation 2: Lake Sports
4:00pm	Rotation 3: Church Connect
5:15pm	Free Time
5:45pm	Dinner*
7:30pm	Worship
9:00pm	Church Checkpoint
10:00pm	Shack Opens/Crossings Fellowship/ Heartsong Worship
11:00pm	Senior Night (Day 2) In Rooms/Housing

LAST FULL DAY

7:15am	Breakfast*
8:15am	Group Leader Meeting
8:45am	Morning Celebration
9:15-11:30am	Large Group, Small Group, & Crossbowl
11:30am	Lunch*
1-5pm	Snack Shack/Store Open
1:00pm	Rotation 1: Recreation (POIs)
2:30pm	Rotation 2: Lake Sports
4:00pm	Rotation 3: Church Connect
5:00pm	Dinner*
6:45pm	Worship
8:15pm	Church Checkpoint
9:15pm	Final Small Group
9:45pm	Crossbowl Championship
10:15pm	Closing Celebration
10:30pm	FreeTime/Shack Opens
11:30pm	In Rooms/Housing

CLOSING/DEPARTURE DAY

7:15am	Breakfast*
9:30am	Groups Depart

*Actual mealtimes may vary as they are split into three 30-minute segments according to your group's camp color.

**Adults/Group Leaders and Chaperones registered for camp.

THIS IS A MOCK SCHEDULE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES EXPLANATION

Church Checkpoint: We want to strengthen the relationship between students and their church leaders. This is a designated time for you to meet with your group, debrief, worship, and pray together.

Bible Study: We separate middle school and high school and give them in-depth exposition of God's Word from our camp pastor followed by a staff-led breakout time of discussion and application.

POI | Point of Impact: Students participate in one specialized activity per day, based on student preference. Activity followed by intentional Gospel discussion (see pg 7 for full list).

TAWG | Time Alone With God: Crossings will provide TAWG/Bible study booklets for each student and adult to support daily personal quiet time, Bible study, and prayer. The devotional content aligns with each day's spiritual focus and can be completed during church connect time or at their convenience.

PACKING LIST

- ❑ **Appropriate Clothing** (see Dress Code and Activity/POI Requirements below.)
- ❑ **Bedding** (pillow, twin sheets, blanket, sleeping bag)
- ❑ **Towels** (beach towels, bath towels, bath mats)
- ❑ **Toiletries** (toothbrush, soap, shampoo, washcloth, deodorant, hand soap, paper towels)
- ❑ **Hand Sanitizer**
- ❑ **Sunscreen**
- ❑ **Insect Repellent**
- ❑ **Reusable Water Bottle**
- ❑ **Wristwatch**
- ❑ **Swim Suit** (see dress code)
- ❑ **Sunglasses and/or Hat**
"Home on the Range" attire (Western Themed)
- ❑ **Complete Bible** [we use ESV (not required) in all programs] Do not bring Bibles that have sentimental value as they may be misplaced at camp.
- ❑ **Pen and Notepad**
- ❑ **Spending money for Camp General Store and Snack Shack** takes credit, debit cards, & FunFangle (see pg 10). Snack Shack items cost \$1-\$10 and General Store items cost \$1 to \$45.
- ❑ **Mission Money:** We challenge students to bring \$10 or more for the missions offering.
- ❑ **Camp Color specific clothes for Crossbow**

ACTIVITY/POI REQUIREMENTS

Many of our activities require certain shoes or shorts for safety. Participants must adhere to guidelines or they cannot participate in the activity/POI. [CM = Cedarmore | JC = Jonathan Creek]

- ❑ **Sturdy Shorts** (required for JC high ropes & JC/CM zip lines) Sturdy shorts typically have belt loops and are made from denim, khaki, or heavy cotton. Students wearing gym, basketball, running shorts, yoga pants, or similar casual clothing will not be allowed and will be excluded from participating in JC high ropes & JC/CM zip lines.
- ❑ **Closed Toe and Closed Heeled Shoes** required for JC & CM zip lines, Bazooka Ball, JC Laser Tag, & CM Archery Tag
- ❑ **Athletic Sandals / Water Shoes** (Recommended for JC kayaking)

GROUP PACKING LIST

For adults and/or group leader, we recommend you bring the following to ensure your group has an optimal experience.

- ❑ **Hand Sanitizer**
- ❑ **Anti-itch cream** (Lanacane)
- ❑ **Sunburn relief** (Green Aloe with Lidocaine)
- ❑ **First Aid Kit** (triple antibiotic ointment, ace bandages, bandages, anti-bacterial wipes, and epipen)
- ❑ **Pain Medications** (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, band-aids, etc.)
- ❑ **Gold Bond**
- ❑ **Please ensure students pack closed toe shoes and sturdy shorts.**
- ❑ **Hand soap, hand towels, paper towels, and bath mats**
- ❑ **Nightlights**

WHAT NOT TO BRING

1. **Alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, and illegal drugs.**
2. **Fireworks or weapons of any kind.**
3. **Skateboards, roller skates, or shoes with built in skates.**
4. **Silly String**

DRESS CODE

We ask that all students and adults dress modestly.

For Females:

- » Shorts need to be longer than fingertips when arm is extended down the side of the leg.
- » No spaghetti strap tank tops or any tops where undergarments can be seen.
- » No crop tops.
- » Swimsuits must be one-piece with shorts/swim shorts worn over swimsuit at all times, even in the water. If you do not have a one-piece swimsuit, a dark t-shirt and shorts must be worn over a tankini swimsuit at all times.
- » Shirts must be worn over swimsuits at all times when walking to and from the lake/pool.

For Males:

- » Shorts need to be longer than fingertips when arm is extended down the side of the leg.
- » No shirts with sides cut out.
- » Shirts must be worn at all times on campus, even when walking to and from the lake/pool.

WIFI AND CELL PHONES

At Crossings, we pride ourselves on providing groups with a distraction-free environment. Therefore, cell phone service is very limited. **We strongly encourage** you to collect your group's cell phones upon arrival to manage cell phone use directly. We do provide WiFi connectivity to adult chaperones only. This information will be provided at arrival.

JONATHAN CREEK POIS

HIKING AND ADVENTURE

Venture through the woods of Jonathan Creek, work as a team to complete challenges, solve riddles, and hear true tales of hiking and gospel adventures around the world.

ZIP LINES

Zip through the trees as you feel the warm summer breeze. 90lb minimum and 250lb maximum weight limit.

GAGA BALL

Watch your ankles and feel the thrill of competing in the "Ga"ctagon! Be the last one standing to win.

HIGH ROPES COURSE

Challenge yourself and maneuver through obstacles while being suspended over 20 feet in the air.

BAZOOKA BALL

Duck and dodge around obstacles and try and tag the other team with your Bazooka Ball markers and guide your team to victory.

KAYAKING

Paddle your way to adventure on beautiful Kentucky Lake!

TUBING

Enjoy the thrill of being pulled behind a pontoon boat on Kentucky Lake.

FISHING ON KENTUCKY LAKE

Catch a big one off a scenic dock on KY Lake and enjoy the great outdoors.

POOL GAMES

Soak up some fun in the sun by playing a variety of water games!

LASER TAG

PEW PEW! Set your phasers to FUN and rack up points for your team in our incredible indoor arena. The team with the most points wins.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Channel your inner creative. Make beautiful art and lasting camp memories.

COOKIE DECORATING

Sculpt a delicious masterpiece and be crowned the best creative chef at camp!

HEARTSONG

Spend time with the camp band, learn new songs, and worship with your passion for music!

CEDARMORE POIs

ARCHERY TAG

Archery Tag® is an exciting, action packed game where players compete using bows and patented foam-tipped arrows.

ZIP LINES

Zip through the trees as you feel the warm summer breeze. 90lb minimum and 250lb maximum weight limit.

YARD GAMES

Yard games offer outdoor fun, from cornhole to Spikeball. Come hang and enjoy some friendly competition!

TIGER BALL/ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Are you competitive? Looking for some exercise? Meet us on the rec fields for intense and friendly competition.

ARCADE

Step into a world of lights, sounds, and excitement! Our arcade offer a variety of games for all skill levels, from classic favorites to new challenges. Whether you're aiming for the high score or just having fun with friends, the arcade is the perfect spot for some fast-paced entertainment.

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FISHING

Come down to the fishing lake for a relaxing time of catch-and release fishing. You just might get lucky and catch some catfish or hybrid blue gill.

CORCL BOATS

A relaxed but active activity featuring individual-sized boats and more time to enjoy being at the waterfront.

HIKING & OUTDOORS

Do you enjoy nature? Need a peaceful break from the excitement of camp? Join us for a stroll through the woods, marvel at God's creation, and deepen your knowledge of outdoor living.

HEARTSONG

Spend time with the camp band, learn new songs, and worship with your passion for music!

BASKETBALL

Action-packed time on the court featuring basketball, scrimmages, HORSE, and other fun variations

COOKIE DECORATING

Sculpt a delicious masterpiece and be crowned the best creative chef at camp!

BAZOOKA BALL

If you like paintball, you'll love the rush of bazooka ball. It's like paintball but uses soft foam balls. No paint, no mess, no pain, ALL FUN!

NUKE 'EM

Join us at the courts for a fun team game like volleyball where players catch and throw the ball over the net to score.

SMASH BALL

A fun and chaotic activity where players bounce and collide with their friends in giant inflatable bubbles

AXE THROWING – JR AND SR ONLY

Channel your inner lumberjack! Test your focus and aim by tossing axes at targets.

DODGEBALL

Grab your athletic wear and stretch out that rotator cuff. Head to the MAC for this classic game you know and love, all done Crossings style!

FAQs

HOW MANY ADULT LEADERS SHOULD I BRING?

An important aspect in the ministry of Crossings is the relationships that students build with the adult leaders from their church. Crossings requests one adult for every seven students (gender specific) in order to facilitate discipleship between students and adults that will extend beyond camp. As your students will be looking for guidance from the adults that come with your church, it is important that you bring adults who are at least 21 years old, maturing Christians, and can be examples to your students and lead them spiritually.

WHAT IS THE CAMP RATE AND WHAT DO THE ACCOMMODATIONS LOOK LIKE FOR ADULT LEADERS?

The camp rate is the same for both students and adults. Your adult leaders will stay in the same accommodation as their students overnight. During POIs and recreation activities, we encourage leaders to hang out with their students. They may even participate in activities after every student has had their chance and if there is space.

ARE THERE LAUNDRY FACILITIES?

There are no laundry facilities available on property. Be sure to bring enough clothes for your entire stay.

MAY ADULT LEADERS BRING THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN?

No, we do not allow young children at camp. Crossings' facilities do not have accommodations for parents to bring children who are too young or too old to register as a camper. Because of the nature of camp and the busy schedule, it would be impossible for an Adult Leader to provide appropriate supervision for both their child/children and their group.

WILL I HAVE CELL PHONE RECEPTION?

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IS THERE A CAMP NURSE?

There will not be a camp nurse. We provide basic First Aid supplies and a First Aid Coordinator. Those with more serious injuries can visit the closest hospital for medical help.

HOW ARE FOOD ALLERGIES HANDLED?

If you have a member of your group with food allergies, please make sure this is noted on their Crossings Medical Release Form. Our staff will do everything we can to accommodate them and keep our kitchen staff aware of the student's needs. Please advise your student to find a member of the kitchen staff to discuss their options during mealtimes.

VISITORS?

Visitors are not allowed at camp. Pastoral staff from your church is welcome to pay a visit with permission from Crossings.

CAN I BRING MY OWN GOLF CART?

No, outside golf carts are not allowed on the property. If someone in your group has limited mobility you can request rides from our property staff.

What is FunFangle? FunFangle is a cashless spending account system that frees your camper from having to carry cash or a credit card around with him/her at camp. Funds can be deposited electronically before campers arrive at camp, and parents have access to see spending or even make additional deposits while the camper is away. Each camper is given a wristband that connects to his/her account, and only needs to scan the band at the register to make purchases.

Is FunFangle required? No, FunFangle is optional. We take cash, credit/debit cards, and checks.

How do I activate my account? After completing your Crossings Participant Registration, you should receive an email from FunFangle with a link to access your account. If you did not receive the email within 24 hours, check your spam folder first. If you still don't see an email, you can go to <https://crossings.funfangle.camp> to set up an account. **Make sure you use the same email address that you used to register your camper.**

How do I reset my password? At the bottom of the login screen, you can request a password recovery code. This will send the code to your email (check your spam). You will have one hour to return to the login screen to enter the code. Do not enter the code on the login screen. Rather, at the bottom of the screen go to the page "Enter Validation Code". Enter the code there and reset your password.

How do I make a deposit? Log into your FunFangle account. Click on one of your campers, then click the blue "Deposit" button to the right. This will guide you to choose how much to deposit per camper, and how you want the funds handled at the end of the week. Funds deposited are available immediately to your camper.

Please make your initial deposit prior to your camper's arrival at camp. We cannot take initial deposits once your camper arrives at camp.

Does FunFangle take a fee out of my deposit? We cover all processing fees. Your camper will receive the full amount of the deposit in their spending account.

Can I transfer funds to another sibling at the end of the week? Yes, you will have 48 hours to transfer to another sibling before the funds are processed for refund or donation.

Can another camper use my child's account? The wristbands must be cut off once they are secured to the camper's wrist, so there is little chance of another camper using the wristband. We have the added security of photo identification. If you upload a photo in your FunFangle Parent Portal, that photo pops up for confirmation whenever someone tries to spend from the account.

What if my child loses their wristband? Your camper's money will be safe. They can be issued another wristband and the original wristbands will no longer be connected to your camper's account.

How does the spending limit work? The spending limit per day on the purchase of snacks and drinks serves as a warning that the camper has reached his daily limit.

Can someone other than the parent make a deposit? Yes, inside your FunFangle account, navigate on the left hand menu to "Account" then "Contributors". From the contributors page, you can enter their information. The system will send them an invite to contribute to the campers you provide permissions for them to contribute to. Contributors cannot see how much money others have contributed to the camper or what the camper may have purchased with others' money.

What if there's another problem? If you have further trouble, you can contact FunFangle Support: support@funfangle.com

What happens to my camper's account balance at the end of camp? When you make a deposit, you are asked if you want any remaining funds over \$5.00 to be refunded to you or donated to camp at the end of the camp session (Any balance under \$5.00 will automatically become a donation.) We process these refunds within 72 hours of the end of the session. It could take up to 5 business days for the funds to be deposited back into the account they were originally deposited from.

My child doesn't show up in my Parent Portal. How do I add them?

Parents cannot add a camper to FunFangle. All campers that are registered for camp will automatically appear in the FunFangle system. It can take up to 24 hours for a camper to appear in FunFangle after registering through the camp office. Contact the camp office to ask about the missing camper.

My child from last summer doesn't show up. Where did they go?

Campers from last year that don't enroll for the upcoming summer are removed from the system. If they re-enroll in an upcoming session, then they will be automatically re-added to the system.

Can I change how I want my balance handled? Yes! If you marked "Refund" and now want to make a donation or vice versa, you can contact the camp office and the staff can make the change for you in the system.

How long does it take for funds to be available for my camper?

Funds deposited are available immediately to your camper.

How do the wristbands work? The wristbands are made out of a soft PVC material (similar to the kind you get at a hospital). They are embedded with an RFID chip that is assigned to 1 camper's spending account. We have scanners at each retail area that read the chip and find the camper's account.

How much money do you recommend?

\$25-\$50