



COUNSELOR HANDBOOK 2022

WELCOME, COUNSELORS!

Thank you for saying YES! to entering the WILDERNESS of Great Escape with us this summer. Whether you are brand new to the Great Escape or you have attended for 20+ years, we hope this Counselor Handbook will provide you with everything you need to know to prep and have a wonderful experience at camp.

The goal of Great Escape Midwest is simple: We want middle schoolers to know God better. We fully believe God has called us to create this crazy fun atmosphere, bring in wonderful speakers who teach the Word of God, and provide for every need we can imagine so that you - their counselor and/or youth leader - can do what you do best. Build relationships that last. Mentor and give counsel. Continue the relationship when you get home. God will use YOU to impact these kids. We are blessed to provide the place where this will happen.

We are different from a traditional summer camp. At the Great Escape, we want to free as much of your time as possible for you to simply BE with the kids. You won't be planning recreation or running to WalMart to buy craft supplies. You won't be helping in the kitchen or prepping for speaking from the stage. We provide *almost* everything so that you can focus on your campers. Later in this handbook we will outline a few things we don't provide so that you can prep ahead of time.

It is such an honor to partner with you in reaching your students with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Consider yourself officially part of the family! We can't wait to get to know you. Don't hesitate to let us know if there is anything we can do to serve you. Your counselor care representative is a great resource, but we are ALL here for you!

Can't wait!

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Great Escape Midwest Directors

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2022 THEME: Wilderness

Campers will venture with their counselors this year to the Wild places of the world. Deserts, Oceans, Mountains, Jungles, often harsh and dangerous environments, away from society. These are places where God has consistently sent His people, prophets, and His son throughout scripture. Students will be encouraged to embrace Wilderness life. Whether students find themselves lonely and isolated in their current day to day, in need of rest and recovery, or encouragement to explore a spiritual training ground apart from distraction; The Wilderness can provide this and much more.

At Great Escape Midwest, we really enjoy connecting the theme in all areas of camp. Games, crafts, small group curriculum, and content from the stage will all revolve around our theme. We highly encourage you to join us in this!

Costumes and props are a great way to do so. Just make sure they are appropriate and safe! This will start on day one, where you will see the Work Crew and many of the veteran churches pile off their buses wearing safari or backpacking style clothing, and some in wild animal costumes roaming around. You and your kids are welcome to join the shenanigans, and you are JUST as welcome to come in everyday clothing. Whatever feels most comfortable to you is fine by us!

LEADER PREPARATION

Counselors are the key to a successful week at camp. The success of our camp is in the success of your ministry after you get back home!

Begin spending time with your team of adult leaders NOW. Topics to cover:

Counseling

Review good listening and communication skills. Remind them that their attitude will be reflected in the campers -- so be energetic and enthusiastic! Each adult should be trained in how to lead a person to Christ. Knowledge of several key verses is helpful.

Discipline

Make sure all of your counselors understand the rules and regulations of the camp (see separate page toward the end of this handbook). Discuss how to handle different situations so everyone will be of one accord. Please set a good example for your students to follow.

Know the Schedule

All counselors should know the daily schedule. All counselors are responsible for getting your campers to the correct location. It is just one week -- Make sure counselors are on board with NOT skipping out on any experiences.

Group Leader Expectations

Make sure that every adult clearly understands their role at the camp. They need to know the importance of their participation, attitude, focus on safety, and good boundaries.

Pray

Spend time in prayer for your leaders. They will play a key role in your week with the Great Escape! Also, encourage your leaders to pray for each student that will be attending this camp.

TIPS ON LEADING STUDENTS

1. Establish an atmosphere of acceptance. Most teenagers are afraid to express their opinions because they are afraid of being ridiculed, laughed at, or considered dumb by their peers. They need to feel secure before they share their true feelings and beliefs.
2. Affirm all legitimate expressions of opinions from your group members. Make certain everyone knows his or her comments and contributions are appreciated and important.
3. Discourage the students from thinking of you as the “authority” on the subject.
4. Actively listen to each person. God gave you one mouth and two ears. Good discussion leaders know how to listen.
5. Do not force anyone to talk. Invite them, but do not insist they comment. Each member should have the right to “pass.”
6. Do not take sides during discussion. You will possibly have differing opinions in the group. This is very stimulating to a discussion, but do not make the mistake of agreeing with one side or the other. Instead, encourage both sides to think through their positions and to defend their points of view.
7. Do not allow one person - including yourself - to monopolize the discussion. Try to encourage equal participation from all students. Remember that it is the kids’ turn to talk.
8. Arrange seating to encourage discussion. It is best to sit in a circle with everyone at the same eye level.
9. Sometimes a “warm up question” is helpful. Ask something simple that is easy to answer, like “What is your favorite app?” or “If you could only eat one type of food for the rest of your life, what would it be?” Once a student has answered a question like this, they are more likely to answer others.
10. Don’t be intimidated by silence. Let the students think about the question.
11. Stay on topic. It is common for a discussion to go off on tangents. If the tangent is fairly close to what you’re talking about, see it through for a little bit. Otherwise, tell the group that you can talk about that topic later, but for now you need to finish your discussion.
12. Ask open-ended questions. When asking questions of students, ask questions that require more than a one-word response. Ask for their opinion or how they feel about something. Ask questions about how or why things are the way they are.
13. Go from general to specific. Kids will be more willing to talk about topics in general at first and then talk about how the topic affects them personally.
14. Remember it is not a good group if you do all the talking.

SHARING YOUR FAITH

(Examples if you need some help with this type of conversation)

The Roman Road to Salvation

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23

We must realize that our sins separate us from God!

Romans 5:8

God so loved us that even while we were yet sinners, He died for us!

Romans 10:9-10

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:13

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Sample Prayer to Receive Jesus

Lord Jesus, I know that I have messed up and need your forgiveness. I was made for you, but I've been living for me. I want to begin a relationship with you now. I believe that you died in my place, to pay the penalty for my sin. I believe that you rose again for my salvation and to lead me into the joy and freedom of life with you. Please forgive me of my sins. I invite you to come into my heart and life as my Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEDICAL & HOUSING INFO

Medical Information

Every group is responsible for all camper injuries. YCM (Youth Conference Ministries) does not provide nurses or doctors on site, but will distribute simple first aid items during recreation. In the event of an injury requiring professional attention, group leaders should inform the Green Lake Conference Center front desk and then either call for an ambulance or drive the camper to the nearest Emergency facility.

Group leaders are also responsible for administering prescriptions to any campers who require and bring them.

Each group will need to bring a small first aid kit.

Especially Band-Aids, tweezers, a thermometer, Tylenol, Pepto-Bismol, Antacids, antiseptic, antibiotic ointment, ace bandages, and small ice packs or baggies.

It is mandatory and necessary that you use the medical release forms provided for you by YCM. You MUST bring two (2) copies of each student's and leader's form with you to the conference, as we will need one and you will need to keep one in your possession.

Housing Information

- Room assignments will be given to you upon your arrival.
- We cannot pre-house your group. The housing is not completed until the registration numbers are final, only a few days before the start of camp.
- You need to establish a contact person and phone number for your parents in case they need to reach their child.

PACKING LIST

Bring

- Bible, pen, journal, or notebook
- Modest clothing that can get dirty
 - Pack for extreme temps. Wisconsin can be really hot and really chilly in the same day!
 - Make sure clothes for Morning Rec can get dirty/possibly stained - it's messy out there
- Modest Bathing Suits
 - Guys - Shorts style. No speedos.
 - Girls - One piece or wear a t-shirt over a bikini
- Hat, sun block, sunglasses, water bottle, bug spray
- Hiking boots or good tennis shoes (bring at least one pair of closed-toe shoes!)
- If desired: Sturdy sandals like Tevas or Chacos (leave the rubber flip flops at home... they WILL break!)
- Laundry bag and a couple of trash bags for dirty clothes
- Jacket or raincoat
- Hand sanitizer
- Wilderness/Camping attire/costumes (we want to see your outdoorsy adventure side)
- Flashlight
- Old Beach Towel okay with getting dirty/stained
- Spending money (t-shirts for tie dye, banana boat, snacks, etc.)
- At least one can of shaving cream (per kid) - no gel or menthol (cans should be given to your leader before the ride to camp!)
- Counselors - please bring a travel coffee mug for On the Point coffee

Do NOT Bring

- Any form of mind-altering substances
- Tobacco products
- Weapons of any kind
- Firecrackers/Fireworks
- Electronic devices
- Laser pointers
- Skateboards, bicycles, scooters, or rollerblades

IMPORTANT RANDOM STUFF

- Room assignments will be given at registration. Contact your counselor care representative if your group has special needs or requests.
- Upon arrival, report broken or damaged furniture in your dorm room to your counselor care representative to avoid charges for damage. Please do this right away.
- Skateboards and rollerblades (or anything on wheels other than your buses/vans!) are not allowed.
- The Great Escape and Greenlake Conference Center will not be held responsible for stolen items. Be sure to lock up. We haven't had a theft issue, but we'd rather be safe than sorry with so many people around.
- We highly encourage you to help your campers go "screen free" during the week of Great Escape. It allows your kids to fully enjoy the experience while they are at camp. They are useful for the long car trip to and from camp, but on the campgrounds they can be a liability and distracting
- Swimming is allowed only at designated times and modest swimwear is required.
- **Churches are responsible for providing first aid to their campers.** Great Escape will have a limited supply of bandaids and basic necessities on hand. Be sure your church brings a first aid kit and has a plan for caring for your campers if there is an illness or injury. We are happy to assist if you need help locating a doctor's office or hospital.
- If a parent or guardian needs to leave a message for their children and cannot get a hold of you, they can call the Greenlake Conference Center at 920-294-3323.
- Consider making name tags on lanyards for your kids. We do not provide them, but it is a great way to learn names, and different lanyards help identify which church is which.
- Send mail to:

Your child's name - The Great Escape
Church Name
Green Lake Conference Center
W2511 State Road 23
Green Lake, WI 54941

- If you send mail, do so early! Include a return address in case it arrives too late. Mail will be distributed at counselor meetings. Campers will be fed well throughout the week; there is no need to send care packages of candy and food.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

New to the Great Escape? Have no fear! The next several pages will describe these events in detail and outline anything you may need to do to prepare.

Monday

3:30 PM	Arrival and Registration (Pillsbury Hall a.k.a. "The Auditorium") (Head to the lake for some waterfront games as soon as you are settled in)
5:30 PM	Official Welcome and Kick Off (by the lake)
6:00 PM	Dinner (Dining Hall)
7:00 PM	MANDATORY Counselor Meeting (side room in Dining Hall a.k.a. "Counselor Room") Campers - Free time outside with Work Crew monitoring
8:00 PM	Evening Session (Auditorium)
9:45 PM	Aftermath
10:00 PM	Family Time

Tuesday - Friday

7:15 AM	"On the Point" (optional morning devotional. Coffee provided for counselors!)
8:00 AM	Breakfast (Dining Hall)
8:40 AM	Counselor Meeting (Counselor Room. Send one counselor per church)
9:00 AM	Quiet Time (Amphitheater)
10:00 AM	Recreation (Rotation through three different fields)
Noon	Lunch (Dining Hall)
1:15 PM	Afternoon Session (Auditorium)
2:30 PM	Small Groups
3:30 PM	Tournaments/Crafts/Afternoon Adventures/Free Time
5:30 PM	Dinner (Dining Hall)
6:30 PM	Counselor Renewal Time (Counselor Room) Campers - Free time outside with Work Crew monitoring
7:30 PM	Evening Session (Auditorium)
9:45 PM	Aftermath
10:00 PM	Family Time

Saturday

- Camp is over :(
- There are no meals provided, and there are no activities.
- Wake up, clean up, pack up, and hit the road. We'll see you next year!
- **Be sure to plan for breakfast for your group.** Many groups bring granola bars, poptarts, and juice boxes for the ride home.

ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

Groups should NOT arrive any sooner than 3:30pm on Monday, July 11.

1. Pull into the lovely Green Lake Conference Center (glcc.org). You will drive through a golf course (be cautious when you come to the one-lane bridge!) and follow stunning Lawson Drive through the forest until you get to the lake.
2. Veer right and keep following Lawson Drive along the lake until you reach Pillsbury Hall (you won't be able to miss it! We will be outside ready for you!)
3. Prepare for a line. Sometimes you will zip right through registration. However, sometimes several large groups arrive at the same time. Please be patient and prepared for this. We will have Work Crew checking on you as you wait.
4. When it is your turn, you will be directed to take a group photo with your church, and then you will send one adult representative (usually the youth pastor or head counselor) into the lower level of Pillsbury Hall. The rest of your group will be able to move to their assigned rooms while that head counselor is inside. Keys will be provided by an adult volunteer.
5. VERY IMPORTANT: Please do not abandon your vehicle without a driver! If you are the only adult able to drive your vehicle, please follow the work crew as they direct you to your rooms. Once your kids have put their stuff in their rooms, you will be encouraged to go straight to the lake. If there is no other adult able to go in for registration previously, it is at that time that you should meet with your Counselor Care representative in the lower level of Pillsbury Hall.

What to have handy:

- Two copies of your students' and leaders' medical forms (one for us one for you)
- A form of payment for any unpaid totals of registered students or leaders
- Patience, as this process can move slowly or it can move fast, it just depends on when churches arrive. We appreciate you!

MEALS

Each person in your group will receive a wristband that should be worn all week. These bracelets are your “tickets” into meals, and the color is significant. There are limited extras available, so please stress to your campers that they should not lose it.

The Dining Hall is a buffet with healthy and hearty items available. You’ll find both savory and sweet. (Campers tend to flock to the ice cream bar more than the salad bar...). Be sure you are encouraging them to drink water on hot days!

ON THE POINT

This is an optional devotional each morning on Lone Tree Point, behind Roger Williams. There will be acoustic music and a short message. Perhaps most importantly: Our counselor care team provides coffee for all counselors who brave this early hour with their students. Please bring your own mug and help us save the environment!

If you are new to Great Escape, we want to make you aware that this early morning time is very popular, even though that seems crazy for middle schoolers!

It is 100% fine if some campers attend and some stay in bed.

Be prepared to go straight to breakfast, quiet time, and recreation after On the Point. There won't be much time to go back to your dorm room.

QUIET TIME

One of the most important parts of the day! While it isn't crazy like recreation or as glitzy as sessions, quiet time gets us started with the right mindset each day. It is a vital part in training these teens in what it looks like to follow Jesus. Please be sure your campers get to the amphitheater by 9AM so they don't miss this important time.

An adult volunteer will be there to give a "good morning!" and a few instructions. Then, campers and counselors will spread out and find their own space to complete the devotions in the Quiet Time Books (handed out at registration).

Please do NOT use this time for a small group. We have built-in small group time in the afternoon. This time is for individual reflection, learning, and growth. We keep it at an age-appropriate time length. If your campers are struggling with the length, challenge them and encourage them that they can do it! The more they put in, the more they will get out, just like practicing piano or lifting weights.

Everyone will need their quiet time books, Bibles, and pens. Rec team leaders will have baskets available to store these belongings during recreation. You won't have time to go back to your rooms, so everyone should be dressed for recreation (see next page)

RECREATION

At the end of Monday night's session, your church will find out their recreation team, led by a Work Crew Team Leader. Some smaller churches will be combined to form one team, while larger churches may be divided into multiple teams; this is to create equitable team sizes for the most fun game play possible! Our Recreation Team will provide more directions at registration. It is always so exciting for everyone to find out their team name and Work Crew team leader at the end of Monday night's session!

You will spend one morning (Tues, Weds, Thurs) on each of three different fields. In the daily counselor newsletter, there will be a chart with team names and field locations for each day. Be sure to keep tabs on which field you are going to so that your campers (and you!) are prepared.

Lake Rec

Located along the lake, visible from the auditorium. Lots of water games! Wear bathing suits with shirt/shorts over them. Bring towels. Wear shoes or sturdy sandals, and be prepared to take them on and off as you play different games. Soggy socks and tennis shoes are a bummer, so think about your shoe choice.

Field Rec

Located a bit up the road (Work Crew will lead you there), there will be crazy games galore! Closed-toe shoes are a must. This field also uses a super fun color powder which makes for awesome games, but can cause staining on clothes. Please bring clothes that you are okay with getting color powder on, and an old towel for rinsing off after.

Field X

Located even further up the road (again, you will be paraded there by Work Crew), this is our wildest field. Wear clothing that can be completely ruined! You will get MESSY. **At the end, do NOT go back to your dorms until you have cleaned off completely in the lake.** We will provide trash bags on your way back to the room to store your gross clothing.

Friday: SHAVING CREAM WAR!

The highlight of the week for many campers is the giant shaving cream war on Friday morning. Your church should bring 1 can of shaving cream for each camper, and turn it in at registration. We suggest collecting it before the bus ride so there are no shaving cream emergencies on the drive. #middleschoolers.

We ask campers not to attack faces, but there are always some mishaps. We will have eye wash stations outside the boundary of the war zone.

We have a strict "no shaving cream outside of the fence" policy. We also do not allow campers to have whole cans of shaving cream. Members of Work Crew will squirt the shaving cream into their hands. Please help us enforce these rules. (THANKS!)

SESSIONS

Afternoon and Evening sessions take place in the auditorium. There will be a live worship band, skits/drama, videos, interactive games, an engaging main speaker, and so much more.

Things to Know

- Seating is by wristband color. Be sure to pay attention to signage, as your seating location will change each session.
- We are always working on the perfect decibel level that is both fun and safe, but it sometimes gets a bit loud! If you have campers or counselors sensitive to noise, we suggest they bring some ear plugs along. Think rock concert with lots of screaming fans.
- If one of your campers has sensory needs, there will be a sensory room provided on the lower level below the auditorium. This is still a worshipful space and is intended for quiet reflection. An adult volunteer will be present to facilitate this time. The sensory room is not for those wanting to throw a frisbee or nap. Please only send campers with actual sensory sensitivities.

SMALL GROUPS

After each afternoon session, there will be approximately one hour for small groups. As the head counselor or youth leader from your church, please divide your group among your counselors. Do this however is best for your church and your kids. Separate by gender, separate by age, mix them all up... Whatever is most natural for you and your group.

They may not be sitting together in the afternoon session, so you should pick a spot for everyone to meet, or each small group should discuss this at the beginning of camp. Where will we meet up after the session?

Spread out all over camp. Find a great spot. Enjoy the shade, the beach, a dorm lobby, wherever!

AFTERNOON ADVENTURES/TOURNAMENTS

There are so many options during afternoon free time! Here are the basics:

Tournaments

There will be multiple tournaments each day, ranging from soccer to spelling bees!

Afternoon Adventures

Less competitive, but just as fun: We will have activities including the forever favorite: banana boating. Most of these activities require signing up the morning of, and some cost a small fee (nothing over \$5).

Crafts

We have a TON of craft supplies available every day in the craft building. Draw, paint, make friendship bracelets, and more! And of course, there is the annual **TIE DYE DAY!!** This is a camper favorite. Bring your own item to tie dye or purchase a Great Escape shirt for **\$6**.

Free Time & Swimming

If none of that is enticing to your campers, they can use the afternoon for free time. We encourage you to set some ground rules for your group, such as "always stay in groups of at least 3" and "no swimming without an adult present." (*There is no lifeguard on duty. All swimming at Green Lake is at your own risk*). We also highly recommend a "no hanging out in the dorm rooms during free time" rule. Get outside! It's camp!

AFTERMATH

Each evening, there will be an “aftermath” that takes place after the evening session. Be sure to **pay close attention to Thursday**, as this is a time when you are responsible for planning for your group!

Monday - Team Party

Churches will be divided into their teams, will meet their Work Crew team leader, and get to know their teammates.

Tuesday - Night Game

There will be a highly-themed and highly-fun game in the dark! All you need to do is listen for instructions and have a blast.

Wednesday - Commitment Night

We think the traditional last-night-of-camp-commitment-night is a beautiful thing, but we take a slightly different approach. We want to offer this experience in the middle of the week, giving campers the opportunity to talk with counselors for two more days after making any life-changing decisions. We think this is better preparation for returning home as a new creation. With that being said, we also work hard to not manufacture a spiritually fake evening. We provide an extended worship experience and an invitation to follow Christ. There will be an invitation for campers to come forward if they have made a decision, but there is no pressure. When they come forward, a counselor from your church (preferably the youth pastor or head counselor) will be there to pray with them. Keep your ears open for more instructions during counselor meetings. The bottom line is that high numbers of decisions are not our priority. We would be just as thrilled and celebrate just as much over one camper discovering Christ's love as we would over hundreds. Is there anything better than watching a student experience the joy and freedom of life with Jesus??

*****Thursday - Extended Family Time*****

You know your group better than we do! What does your group need? A laid back campfire with some guitars around one of the many fire pits available through Green Lake (reserve at the front desk)? A reflective time for sharing everyone's camp experiences? A game night with junk food and lots of laughter? This night is free for you to use. We just ask that your campers are accounted for and not left to roam freely after dark. Get to bed at a reasonable time.

Friday - End of Camp Party

This is a night for taking your themed costumes to the next level! The party is short (so don't be surprised when it ends!) so you can get back to your rooms and pack. This year's party will take place in the auditorium and will include Wilderness / campfire themed activities and fun. Think: yard-games, Kool-aid, campfire songs and more!

FAMILY TIME

Each night, at the very end of the day, you will have time to debrief with your church. We will assign you to a space that is the appropriate size for your group, and you will get that assignment at registration. Be sure all of your kids know the location, as they may be coming from different places after the Team Party or Night Game.

Family time is yours to plan. Most groups use this as a relaxed time of sharing about the day. Some sample questions to ask your group:

- What was the best and worst part of your day? (You can call this thorns and roses, highs and lows, happies and crappies, etc.)
- Where did you see God today?
- What did you learn about yourself today?
- What did you learn about God today?

If you have a huge group, you can break up into smaller groups or stay all together. Whatever works for your group! Try to keep the rowdy-ness at a minimum. This is their time to start slowing down and turning in for the night.

Give announcements for the next day. Tell them how much you love them. Point out times when they were awesome today. Set a reasonable curfew. They should have enough time for a quick shower and a little bit of hang out time in their room. They will have a long day tomorrow, and sleep is important!

One church's BRILLIANT idea (not mandatory, but want to share the love of this great plan): After all the doors are shut for the night, go to the hallway and put a strip of masking tape connecting the door frame and part of the door of each room. Campers cannot open the door without disturbing the tape, and they will not be able to put the tape back in place. Let them know that you will check every door's tape early in the morning to be sure no one snuck out.

WHO IS WHO?

Work Crew

High school and college students who have paid and committed to serving the campers. Their roles include facilitating quiet times, group games, security, set up and tear down, and numerous logistical tasks. (We would LOVE to have some of your youth join our Work Crew next year! Applications are usually due in early spring. Your interested youth should keep an eye on ycmhome.org to watch for the application to go live, usually in January)

Adult Volunteers

Made up of caring adults from across the nation (this year we have folks from as far as Florida and Colorado!) who love The Great Escape and volunteer time throughout the year to create this experience.

Planning Team

A small team of Adult Volunteers who coordinate the logistics of camp and lead teams of Adult Volunteers and Work Crew.

Counselors

That's you! Counselors are the adults who come with church groups and spend the most relational time with campers.

Counselor Care Liaisons

A small team of Adult Volunteers dedicated to YOU. Below is their contact information. Get in touch with any and every question, comment, or concern!

Kira Hanson (262) 366-3698

Grace Rowland (262) 389-0302

Olivia Schroeder (217) 779-8433

Jay Sanders (414) 791-9863

Camp Rules & Regulations

While at The Great Escape, students are asked to be respectful of people and property, have a good attitude, and abide by The Great Escape and conference regulations.

If a student fails to comply with the rules stated here or respond to the discipline of a counselor, he/she may be sent home at the parent's expense, based on the discretion of the student's group leader. A counselor may be sent home at the discretion of the group leader or Great Escape directors.

While at camp, we will provide the security for outside your rooms. Your counselors will be responsible for your youth while in their rooms.

Four Ms to Remember

1. Be at all MEALS and be on time
2. Be at all MEETINGS (sessions and activities)
3. No MESSING around
 - No guys in the girls' housing AND No girls in the guys' housing
 - NOTE: Violations could lead to expulsion from camp
4. Be MODEST in how you dress

Camp Rules

1. Your wristband is your meal ticket. Do not remove it!
2. Obey the camp curfew set by your youth pastor (camp directors will step in if the curfew is unreasonable)
3. Damage done to the dorm properties and the meeting rooms are the responsibility of the group and/or person involved
4. Firecrackers/fireworks, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products (including e-cigarettes), drugs, and weapons of any kind are forbidden.
5. No food or dishes allowed outside the dining hall.
6. Do not remove or rearrange your furniture.
7. Do not knock out screens, drop articles, or lean out of windows.
8. Campers are not allowed off-campus without a counselor
9. Male campers are not allowed in girls' housing and visa versa. Violation of this rule may lead to expulsion from camp.
10. Rooms must remain locked at all times.
11. Room keys must remain with campers at all times (absolutely do NOT place room keys under doors or anywhere in the vicinity of the rooms).
12. In-room telephones may be used in EMERGENCIES ONLY!

Sexual Misconduct Policy

We live in an increased awareness of human rights. It is in that spirit that certain guidelines have been established in order to assure that everyone's rights are protected, as well as the reputation of Youth Conference Ministries (YCM).

1. At no time will counselors be in compromising positions with kids.
2. There should be absolutely no physical contact that can be interpreted as sexual advances made toward any camper or any conference participant.
3. Adult counselors should not walk at night alone with campers
4. Adult counselors should not involve themselves in in-depth counseling with campers of the opposite sex in secluded areas.
5. The basic emphasis of these guidelines is to state clearly that there should be no inappropriate sexual conduct between counselor and campers, counselors and counselors, and campers and campers.
6. When adult counselors are notified of inappropriate conduct by anyone, they must immediately report it to The Great Escape directors. Since the person in question may be a minor, state laws will be followed.

TO DO LIST REMINDERS

- Get in touch with your counselor care representative if you have any needs or questions (about literally anything)
 - Housing special needs
- Start meeting with and training your counselor team now!
- Plan for nightly family time
- Plan for “Extended Family Time” on Thursday night (buy some junk food, pack some games, reserve a fire pit at the front desk, etc.)
- Plan for Saturday morning breakfast on your way home (not provided by Great Escape)
- Designate a “first aid” person, pack a first aid kit, and make a plan for caring for the medical needs of your campers.
- Collect one can of shaving cream from each camper. Optional: Bring them in a big plastic tote clearly labeled with your church name, and we will return that tote to you, filled with your campers’ tie-dyed shirts!
- Divide your group into small groups, and make sure each counselor knows which campers are in their group.
- Have students with food allergies fill out the form in the link below to connect with GLCC kitchen directly
 - <https://www.glcc.org/dietary.html>
- Ensure all payments are completed through YCM registration site. Contact YCM directly with any payment questions.
- Continue to update any additions/subtractions to your group numbers as well as your boy/girl and camper/counselor breakdowns to the YCM registration site.
- Make a copy of each one of your student’s and counselor’s health forms (bring both with you to registration).