

# WELCOME TO 2010 SUMMER CAMP

## *Information for planning your trip to Tepeyac*

### HERE TO SERVE

Summer Camp is quickly approaching! We are so excited to welcome you and your teens to camp this summer at Tepeyac. Our staff is here to serve you and to help in whatever way we can. From this point on, please direct any logistical questions regarding camp to our Tepeyac office. We will be corresponding and working with you to make this summer the best one yet!

In this packet you will find some important information about camp, including important dates, final preparation info, and frequently asked questions. Please take the time to look through this information and forward it on to your teens and chaperones.

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Prescott, AZ 86302-3296

### IMPORTANT DATES

1. **April 1st** - Final Payments sent to **Life Teen Headquarters in Arizona**. Spots will be forfeited if final payment is not received on April 1st.

Life Teen: 2222 S. Dobson Rd., Suite 601, Mesa, AZ 85202

2. **May 31st** - Forms mailed to Tepeyac:

- Participant Agreement
- Insurance Card
- Diocesan Certificate for chaperones
- Roster EMAILED to: [camptepeyac@lifeteen.com](mailto:camptepeyac@lifeteen.com)

# LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

## FORMS AND ROSTER:

The following forms and information need to be sent to Tepeyac by May 31st. Please send your forms separated by type and in alphabetical order. (i.e. All participant agreements together, all rafting releases together, all insurance cards together.)

- ✓ **Participant Agreement:** This is the main liability release form that each of your participants (campers and chaperones) will need to fill out.
- ✓ **Chaperone certification** letter or certificate indicating youth protection training
- ✓ **Tepeyac Roster:** This is an excel file that needs to be completed with information about each participant and group travel plans. This information helps us with logistical things such as housing, name tags, away day, etc. Please email this to [camptepeyac@lifeteen.com](mailto:camptepeyac@lifeteen.com).
- ✓ **Copy of insurance card** (or letter indicating who will be responsible for medical expense.)

## ARRIVAL TO CAMP

Please arrive to camp between 1:00pm - 3:00pm in order to register and get your group settled before the **MANDATORY** chaperone's meeting at 4:00pm. Please call when you are about an hour away. We want to have the summer staff ready to greet your bus. If you are going to be late, it is imperative that you let us know!

**Office:** 928:778-5397      **Cell:** 480-586-8213

## DIRECTIONS TO CAMP:

### How to get to Prescott, AZ from Phoenix:

1. Take I-17 North from Phoenix (towards Flagstaff).
2. Exit I-17 at Highway 69 (North) to Prescott. The sign at the exit (#262) says Cordes Lakes or Cordes Junction.
3. After you exit, you'll curve to the left. Stay on this road all the way into Prescott.
4. You will pass through several small towns: Mayer, Dewey, Humboldt, and Prescott Valley.
5. When you enter Prescott, you will be on Gurley Street, which is the main street through town.

### How to get to Camp Tepeyac from Prescott:

1. Turn Left in downtown on Wiskey Row/Montezuma St.
2. Turn Right on Copper Basin
3. Travel 5 miles up the mountain to our sign  
**\*The last two miles are not paved**

## WHAT ARE THE ROLES?

**Group Leader:** This is the person organizing the trip and **the main group contact** throughout the registration process. The Group Contact must be an adult, age 21 or older, **who is actually attending the camp with the group.** Written and verbal correspondence takes place between the Group Leader and the Life Teen staff.

**Adult Chaperone:** See section below for specific guidelines for the role of a chaperone.

**Youth:** Participants in summer camp. These include incoming freshmen (entering 9th grade) through graduating seniors (Class of 2010) for Life Teen weeks. EDGE week youth are incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders through graduated 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Incoming freshman are invited to go to either camp. Please prayerfully consider the appropriate camp week for your incoming freshman.

**Ratio:** For the effectiveness of summer camp and for the good of all involved in summer camp, we strongly recommend at least *one adult per six campers*. **If you have male and female campers, you must have at least one male chaperone and one female chaperone.**

## ROLE OF AN ADULT CHAPERONE

To attend camp as an adult chaperone, you must be at least 21 years old. While at the camp, the adult chaperones are to participate as any camper would. They will be the role model of openness to God throughout every adventure. Sometimes the adventure may not be comfortable for the adults but their willingness to try it out will give your teens hope for a trustworthy and steady relationship. Along with having fun, they will be responsible for the actions and participation of your youth. Throughout the day, they will need to keep the youth on task to the adventure at hand. And at night, enforce the curfew and lights out rules of the camp. Sleep becomes a key factor when allowing the spirit to move. They will need to be present and attentive during the sessions at night, because they may be the small group leaders immediately following. The discussion and questions for the group will be explained at the beginning of the day. So, when deciding on which adults to bring, please inform them of their responsibilities at camp and make sure they are prepared.

Chaperones must be able to carry out the role of supervising their group and participating in various activities. Keep in mind this is a camp experience; the terrain at Tepeyac is hilly and a lot of walking is required. It is recommended that all chaperones be physically fit enough to meet the demands of a week of camp.

## WHAT HAPPENS AT CAMP?

The Life Teen International staff plans, prepares, and executes the programming -- so the hard work is already done. Your duty as a youth minister is to arrive at camp, and play and pray with new friends from every corner of the world. Each week-long camp includes the perfect balance of time to encounter Christ and time to play. Every week, a line-up of dynamic presenters, talented musicians, and dedicated priests serve along with camp staff to encourage a deeper relationship with Christ for each camper.

## PACKING

### WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

- clothes for paintball and messy games that you can throw away afterward (pants are REQUIRED for paintball and long sleeve shirts are highly recommended)
- clothing that is comfortable, modest, & appropriate for climbing and outdoor games and activities
- sweatshirt or jacket for evening
- one piece bathing suit or shirt to cover
- toiletries
- towels
- linens or sleeping bag/ pillow
- shoes
- one pair that is closed toe tennis shoes
- money for snacks and t-shirts at the store
- water bottle
- flashlight
- sunscreen
- sunglasses or hat
- rain jacket, poncho, or umbrella
- Bible, journal, rosary

### WHAT NOT TO BRING

- cell phones
- CD player
- iPods
- satellite radios
- tobacco products
- drugs
- alcohol
- weapons
- lighters
- magazines
- computers
- portable gaming devices
- anything that may distract you or others from the camp experience

## RULES ON CLOTHING

At Life Teen summer camp we require all campers to respect others as well as their own bodies. We require all campers and adults to adhere to our modesty guidelines. Below are the rules for the sake of comfort, safety and modesty.

- No strappy tank tops or short shorts - Please be respectful of your body and of others by dressing modestly. Wear shirts that cover your shoulders and chest, and shorts that cover your thighs. A majority of activities during the day will be outside where the weather is hot and the sun shines brightly. By covering these areas, you will avoid getting sunburned.
- No low riding shorts or pants (cheershorts, running shorts, soffeas) - Many activities involve bending, sitting, and moving around. If you place your hands at your side, the shorts should at least meet your fingertips.
- Please make sure that your shirt covers all of your stomach and back when you sit down or raise your arms above your head.
- One piece bathing suits: if worn when rafting/tubing, short must be worn.
- Two piece bathing suits: if worn when rafting/tubing, a shirt must go over the bathing suit and short must be worn.

## COMMON QUESTIONS:

### ARRIVAL TO CAMP

*When does camp begin and end?*

Camp begins with registration at 2:00pm on Monday. There will be a MANDATORY chaperone's meeting beginning promptly at 4:00pm. Camp ends with lunch on Saturday around 1pm. (Please note that Life Teen Week 11 begins on Sunday and ends on Friday.)

*Can we come early or stay late?*

If your travel plans require that you arrive early or stay late, we can accommodate your group; however the cook is not here on "non-camp days". We can provide cereal and sandwiches, but we encourage you to go into town for your own meals, or to bring food with you for the extra day you are there. The cost is \$40 per person. Please let us know as soon as possible if you need additional lodging.

### HOUSING

*Where will our group stay?*

Due to the different ratios of males to females from week to week, we cannot plan exact housing until we receive all of the rosters from the groups coming for your week. Groups are housed in sleeper cabins that sleep 12 each. Bathrooms are located outside of the cabins.

*Can chaperones bring their small children to camp?*

We are unable to accommodate non-camper children in camper housing. We value families and provided that you have enough chaperones staying with your teens, we would be happy to help you find additional suitable housing in the surrounding area.

*Will our group be housed together?*

We promise to do our best to house your group together; however, sometimes it is not possible to keep an entire group together. We never put one teen by themselves. We will always keep part of the group together.

*Do you assign rooms or do we?*

We leave room assignments up to the discretion of the group leader. When you arrive at camp, your housing assignment will be given to you. It will be up to you to decide how to split your teens and chaperones between the designated rooms.

## MEALS

*One of my teens or chaperones has dietary restrictions. Can you accommodate these?*

We try our best to accommodate dietary restrictions. It is imperative that you inform the camp as far in advance as possible, in order to give the chef enough time to make any necessary adjustments. It is recommend that the person bring supplemental snacks.

## TRANSPORTATION TO CAMP

*My group is flying into the Phoenix airport. Do you offer transportation to the camp?*

We are unable to offer transportation from the airport to camp. However, we do have a list of available shuttles from the Phoenix airport.

Shuttle Contacts: (Mention summer camp and that Tepeyac referred you)

•Shuttle U

Phone: 928- 442-1000 or 1-800- 304-6114

Website: [www.shuttleu.com](http://www.shuttleu.com)

•Prescott Transit Authority

Phone: 1-800-445-7978

Website: [www.prescotttransit.com](http://www.prescotttransit.com)

For both companies, you will need to make arrangements ahead of time, If you wish to stop for lunch, please let them know before you arrive. Also, make sure that you let them know that you would like to me dropped off at Camp Tepeyac.

*We would like to travel with another group. Are there any groups from our area coming?*

We would be happy to put you in contact with any parishes in your area that may be coming to camp.

## PRIESTS/RELIGIOUS

*Can we bring our priests or seminarians to camp?*

Absolutely! We welcome and highly encourage it! Please contact our office to arrange housing. If a seminarian or deacon is coming as a chaperone, he must pay the full camp fee.

## CONTACTING HOME

*Do you have cell phone service at the camp?*

Currently only a few cell phone providers have service here. However, we recommend that teens and chaperones bring a calling card if they need to call home.

## PACKAGES AND MAIL

Yes! Campers love mail. Please be aware that we DO NOT have mail delivery to Tepeyac. Anything sent US mail should be mailed to: P.O. Box 3296, Prescott, AZ 86302-3296. Packages can also be sent UPS or FedEx, addressed to 2600 S. Tepeyac Rd, Prescott, AZ 86303. Please address everything to Camp Tepeyac and include your campers name and parish. Anything received after your camper has left camp will be returned to the sender.

If you have any other questions or need any more information, please contact Tepeyac at 928-778-5397 or [camptepeyac@lifeteen.com](mailto:camptepeyac@lifeteen.com).

**We look forward to seeing you this summer!  
Know that you are in our prayers.**