

D-NOW

2024

Student Handbook



Why D-NOW?

Our Purpose - To provide an age-appropriate opportunity for all youth to experience the presence of God through prayer, Bible study, small group fellowship, and recreation.

Our Program - To provide a Bible-based program designed to help all youth grow in their relationship with Christ and to equip them to do the work of their ministry. To provide recreation that will challenge them to work with their peers as a team in a way that will bring honor to God.

Our Promise - To do everything, by God's grace, to bring all campers to a one-on-one relationship with Jesus Christ. To encourage campers to be strong in their commitment to Christ in three areas: personal, family, and church life.

Our Facilities - D-NOW is held on the campus of Navarro Mills Baptist Church. There are dorms for both girls and boys. They boys will be dormed at Navarro Mills Family Life Center and the girls will be dormed at First Baptist Dawson Family Life Center. All daily activities will be held at Navarro Mills. We are so grateful for the contributions of our brothers and sister at FBC Dawson and their willingness to work alongside us this year! The campus at Navarro Mills contains an outdoor pavilion that can seat around 100, a large indoor sanctuary that seat up to 150, and a large family life center with full-service kitchens, classrooms, and areas for entertainment. A basketball court, a play field, a common room for board games and activities, an arcade with air hockey, ping pong, foosball, and classic arcade games. The concession stand is fully stocked with a popcorn machine, cotton candy machine, slush machines, espresso machines, and more.

Registration—Registration forms are attached to this packet. Fill out every part of the form and turn it in on the day of camp. Girls will turn in their registration at FBC Dawson during check-in, and boys will turn in their registration at NMBC when they check-in. If your child still has an outstanding balance, it must be paid by the start of camp.

What to bring - We Suggest:

- Bible
- Toiletries
 - Shampoo/Conditioner
 - Body wash
 - Feminine products
 - Deodorant
 - Toothbrush/Toothpaste
 - Hairbrush
 - Shower Shoes (flip flops or water shoes)
- Towels
 - Bath Towel
 - Beach Towel
- Swimsuit (Girls should bring a one-piece suit. Boys should include a shirt to wear with their swim trunks.)
- Clothes for the week (D-NOW dress is casual. However, shorts should be finger length for both males and females. Spaghetti straps and undershirts are not permitted.)
- Closed-toe shoes for daily wear
- Backpack
- Blow-Up Mattress or Cot
- Bedding
 - Pillow
 - Blanket
 - Sheets
- Sunscreen
- Flashlight
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Concession Stand Money

Dress Code - Dress should meet the highest modesty of Christian standards. Campers wearing clothing that is too revealing, containing inappropriate messages, or draws unnecessary attention will be asked to change into appropriate clothing. No sleeveless tank tops. T-shirts and hats cannot promote alcohol, tobacco, drug use, or undesirable messages. Males are expected to wear a t-shirt at all times. All shorts must be past the length of a campers' fingers when their hands are by their side. Campers wearing shorts shorter than finger's length will be asked to change into pants or capris. Campers wearing too tight of pants will be asked to wear a long T-shirt. Campers must be clothed while transitioning to the pool or water activities. Female campers are encouraged to wear one-piece bathing suits during camp water activities. Campers wearing two-piece bathing suits will be asked to cover up with a colored T-shirt. Campers must wear a T-shirt if in swim trunks. For personal safety, Shoes should be worn at all times.

Concession Stand - The concession stand will be open during posted times each day except the day of departure. Soft drinks, candy, chips, popcorn, and toiletries (limited) are available for purchase at the concession stand when open. Credit cards are welcome in the concession stand for purchases over \$5.00. All sales are final.

Visitors - During D-NOW, Navarro Mills Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Dawson campuses will be closed to visitors unless prior arrangements have been made.

Check-In - During check-in, all medication (including over-the-counter) in their original containers will be turned in to the Camp Nurse. During check-in, groups will receive lodging assignments. As some facilities may be under maintenance, we insist that all groups check in before heading to the dorms. **Please do not arrive any earlier than one hour before check-in, as preparations will still be underway. Staff will not be in place to begin registration until 4 pm for either campus. Dinner will be served at 6 PM.**

Illness—In cases of illness, campers should inform their counselor and then visit the camp nurse. The camp nurse or counselor will assess the camper for prevailing symptoms. If the first aid staff deems it necessary, the camper will be referred to Navarro Regional Hospital in Corsicana. The camp nurse must dispense any and all medications and log each dose.

Camp Rules

Conduct- Every camper is expected to conduct themselves in a Christian manner and obey all the rules.

Lights out- This time will be specified on each camper's daily schedule, and no Campers are to be outside their dorm after this time.

Building use- The director will assess any damage done to the buildings, and the camper responsible will be charged for replacement. Each dorm must be swept/vacuumed and cleaned each day and on Friday before departure.

Out of bounds- Boys are not permitted in the girls' dorm area, and girls are not allowed in the boys' dorm area.

Dining Hall - No meals will be eaten away from designated eating areas. After eating, each camper must dispose of plates, cups, and silverware in the designated garbage area. Styrofoam cups must remain in the garbage area. Food is not permitted to be brought back to your dorm or onto the gym floor. Tampering with food items will not be tolerated. After each meal, a designated group of campers will assist in cleaning the dining hall and kitchen.

Attendance- All campers are required to attend all Bible study classes and services at the worship centers. Attendance is taken to ensure camper safety. No one should be in the dorms during class or worship. If a camper is ill, the camper is expected to be at the first aid station.

Counselors—One responsible adult (over 18 years old) must accompany every 10 campers from your group. The counselors are responsible for expressing behavioral expectations, maintaining discipline, and dressing appropriately in their assigned groups.

Vehicle Use- Do not exceed the posted speed limit signs. Do not ride on the outside of any vehicles or on the tailgates of trucks. Church vehicles will be the primary vehicles used for transportation. Camper vehicles should be parked in designated areas during the duration of camp. Campers should not have access to vehicles during camp. If the camper leaves in the vehicle, they have forfeited their position at camp and are not allowed to return.

Prohibited—The following items are prohibited on church campuses. Possession of these will result in confiscation until the duration of the camp is completed: laser pointers, radios, cell phones, headphones/earbuds, firearms, fireworks, weapons of any kind, water pistols, water balloons, skateboards, rollerblades, and pets of any kind.

Consumption of drugs, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or vaping in any form is prohibited and will result in the police being contacted and charges pressed.

Unless married, campers are not allowed to publicly display affection. These include hand-holding, hugging, kissing, snuggling, violating bubbles, and more. Depending on the severity of the violation, campers may be asked to leave camp and forfeit their spot.

All pranks are prohibited, and if caught, pranksters will be sent home immediately.

Privacy—Respect the privacy of others. Radios, iPods, and cell phones are prohibited. The staff of D-NOW will curate all media. Take the time to get away, unplug, and draw closer to God! Campers should respect each other's privacy and not go through each other's belongings.

Violation of any of these rules may result in expulsion from D-NOW. Choosing not to comply will result in a forfeiture of camp fees and privileges.

For any other questions, concerns, or complications see the camp directors and leaders.

Directors: Pastor Ben Butler and Pastor Matt Covington,

High School Girls Leader: Sara Raines

Jr. High Girls Leader: Rebekah Butler

High School Boys Leader: Pastor Ben Butler

Jr. High Boys Leader: Pastor Matt Covington

Camp Nurse: Hyla Brock

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Romans 3:21-25



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