

The top half of the page features a graphic design. On the left, there is a stylized, high-contrast illustration of a wrestler in a white and black outfit, wearing a championship belt with a lion's head on it. The wrestler's mouth is open in a shout. To the right of the wrestler is a large, bright green circular graphic with a hand-drawn, splattered appearance. Inside this green circle, the word 'YEX' is written in a simple, hand-drawn font. Below the green circle, the words 'WAR CRY' are written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath 'WAR CRY', the dates 'JULY 13-18, 2026' are written in a smaller, bold, black, sans-serif font. The background of the graphic is a light gray with white splatters and faint, abstract shapes.

WAR CRY
JULY 13-18, 2026

YOUTH PASTOR
INFORMATION
PACKET

WELCOME to YEX 2026

WAR CRY

Dear Youth Pastor,

We welcome you and your youth with great excitement and anticipation for what God has in store for us this year! Much prayer and preparation has gone into **WAR CRY**. We are confident that life-changing experiences await your youth as we seek the face of God together. We look forward to your arrival - to greet new faces and welcome back returning family!

As you prepare for camp in these next few weeks, we have enclosed helpful information to ensure a smooth arrival and registration process. Please read this packet in its entirety. Please make copies of the parent pages at the end of this packet to distribute to your families so they come ready for the week and are very familiar with camp rules!

PRIOR TO CAMP, please ensure **ALL YOUTH AND CHAPERONES** have registered online. Our desire is to fill all available spots, and last-minute cancellations will keep us from accommodating campers for whom we did not initially have capacity. **PLEASE CONTACT US DIRECTLY BEFORE ARRIVAL REGARDING LAST-MINUTE CANCELLATIONS**. In addition, please pay the remainder of your balance prior to arriving. This makes the registration process go smoothly and quickly.

REGISTRATION: Monday, July 13th from 2:00-4:00 pm for visiting youth groups
3:30-4:30 pm for The Family Church Youth

Please do not hesitate to contact us by email at: laurawilliams@christianretreat.org

Blessings,

Pastors Joe & Joy Brown, Pastor Laura Williams & the YEX Leadership Team

YEX 2026 WAR CRY Camp Components

SESSIONS

Morning and evening sessions are the main focus of camp. Our Spirit-filled worship team sets the atmosphere and dynamic speakers inspire and challenge our youth through preaching the Word of God. Two breakout morning sessions provide the youth additional teaching of current, relevant topics by experienced speakers.

BATTLE ZONE X

Welcome to this summer's most extreme tournament. Battle Zone X is filled with physical and mind team challenges. Does your youth group have what it takes to become this year's Battle X Champions? Let's go!!!

X-TREME GAMES & ACTIVITIES

From dodgeball to 3-on-3 basketball to swimming to canoeing, not to mention outrageous water slides & LAZER TAG, there is so much to do at camp! Bring your sunscreen and come ready to enjoy the great outdoors!

YEX TOURNAMENTS

Ready your team and join in on these tournaments: **Dodgeball, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Pickleball, Kickball and Chess**. Signups will be via QR Code via YEX website; registration for tournaments closes Tuesday, July 14th at noon!

YEX-FACTOR

Calling the creatives - singers, dancers, actors, musicians, and poets! Come to camp prepared to audition for our talent scouts and possibly be selected to share your talents during camp sessions! More details coming!

YEX 2025 VESSEL Camp Information

HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS

All campers will be staying in air-conditioned hotel rooms, five in each room. Bedding will be provided. Towels are not provided so please bring your own. For the fifth person in your rooms, please bring an air mattress and bedding.

Please note: At this time, we do not offer married housing or special accommodations for small children.

FOOD/ DIETARY ACCOMMODATIONS

All meals will be served in our dining hall. All three meals will be served at scheduled times. This year's dinners will be catered by Chick-Fil-A, Subway and Sonny's Barbecue. Concessions will be available during non-meal times and after evening sessions. At an additional expense, youth can purchase drinks, snacks, ice cream, candy, etc. during the day and hot foods like pizza and boneless wings at night.

YOUTH PASTORS: Please ensure that all allergy information is included on registration form so our culinary staff can make accommodations.

MEDICAL ACCOMMODATIONS

We have an on-site registered nurse for the entire duration of camp.

ALL MEDICATIONS need to be turned in at registration and will be administered accordingly by nurse.

SQUAD INFO

SQUAD is a unique and essential component to camp. They are a group of 18-25 year olds who are serving in various ways: running outdoor games, doing behind the scenes setup, and MUCH more - they help keep everything moving! See attached score card to see how your group can earn points during activities!

YEX 2026 WAR CRY

Info for Youth Pastors

This is just for YOU!

Not only do we want your youth to leave impacted and transformed, but we also want **YOU** to leave invigorated and refreshed!

Your primary role at camp:

We want you to spend time with your group, getting to know them better and making shared memories that strengthen your group.

We have specific times scheduled so that you can meet with your youth.

Take time to recap the days' activities and session topics.

While your youth group is involved with activities & sessions:

You need to be present with your group during all sessions. During games, we encourage you to participate to model building community for your group.

We do our best to keep each youth group together in teams to foster this growth.

There are opportunities for ministry following each session.

Special opportunities for YOU!

YOUTH PASTOR LUNCH @ Chapel Theater in Main Building

Come eat together & receive encouragement along with leadership training from seasoned minister, Camp Pastor Eddie Taylor.

YOUTH PASTOR LOUNGE @ Joy Room, 2nd fl in Miracle Manor

After every evening session, come enjoy fellowship and complimentary food and beverages, **EXCLUSIVELY** for YOUTH PASTORS!

WE APPRECIATE YOU SO MUCH! Thank you for your commitment to pour into your youth and choosing to join us for **WAR CRY**. This camp would not be possible without YOU! We hope and pray you feel like a part of our family!

PARENTS:
START
HERE

Summer Nights!

Camp Pack List:

- Modest, casual clothing
 - T-shirts and/or tops
 - Jeans, sweats and/or shorts
 - **Modest** swimsuit
 - Girls: Modest one-piece or must wear long, dark-colored T-shirt over swimsuit
 - Guys: Must wear shirt at all times except at pool
 - Girls: Do NOT pack: mini skirts, crop tops, off the shoulder tops or short shorts
- **NOTE: Camp leadership WILL ask you to change if clothing is inappropriate**
- Towels & Washcloths
- Beach towel for the pool
- 3 plastic hangers to hang towels and wet clothing
- Water shoes
- Toiletries (Toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.)
- Bible, notebook and pen
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Sleeping bag, blanket & air mattress - if needed for extra youth in room
- Spending money for concessions (available during the afternoon and after evening services) and YEX Merch

DO NOT BRING:

- Knives or weapons of any kind
- Cigarettes, e-cigs or vaping pens
- Drugs of ANY kind
- Fireworks

MONDAY



Get your
GLOW on!

TUESDAY



Be a King, Queen,
Knight or Medieval
character with flair!

WEDNESDAY



Wear your fave
YEX Camp or
Camp vendor's
merch!

THURSDAY



Sport your CAMO
& Join in for Fire in
the Night worship!

FRIDAY



Wear your new
WAR CRY tee!

WAR CRY 2026

CAMP RULES

WHAT TO DO:

- Show up at least 5 minutes early to all sessions
- Carry an attitude that exudes respect, willingness and servanthood
- Dress appropriately, very modestly
- Take showers daily
- Bring Bible, pen and camp notebook to each session
- Wear Camp lanyard with schedule at all times (you will need it to enter the dining room and main sessions).
- Respect all leadership and church staff
- Staff's discretion will be used regarding inappropriate clothing (boys and girls)

WHAT NOT TO DO:

- Violate people or property (threats, verbal abuse, fighting)
- Show Public Displays of Affection (PDA)
- Opposite gender wrestling
- Stealing
- Use profanity or racial slurs
- Disrespect authority
- Use tobacco, alcoholic substances, or non-prescription drugs
- Fight or bring weapons
- No Guys on the Girls Floor and No Girls on the Guys Floor!
- Have in possession or view pornography
- Leave campus without permission
- Use shaving cream, toothpaste or toilet paper other than intended use
- Wandering away from public areas
- Leave room after curfew
- No guy/girl ministry time i.e. praying together alone
- Not abiding by these rules will result in disciplinary action that could include dismissal from camp at your expense.