TRANSPORTATION TO MYSTIC

*****PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY*****

1.) Driving your daughter to camp: Please arrive between 9:00am-12:00pm on Opening Day. After check in, you may unload your daughter's belongings at her cabin. To ease homesickness and the anxiety felt by some campers on Opening Day, we urge you to not stay long after bringing your daughter to camp. This will help us have the campers' full attention. Counselors are ready and eager to help campers make their bed, unpack, and get settled into the routine of camp life. Campers will then begin a day full of fun and scheduled activities.

2.) Charter Bus Transportation: Buses are available from Dallas, Houston, and Austin. We highly encourage your daughter to ride the bus if there is a departing location near you. Campers begin their camping experience on the bus. They will get to know girls from their town that they will recognize throughout their camp term. We have found riding the bus encourages new friendships and makes the transition from home to camp much easier. Older campers entertain the new and younger campers by telling funny stories, explaining Mystic traditions and teaching camp songs.

<u>NOTE</u>: By request of campers and parents, all beds are assigned before campers arrive. Exchanging of beds will be allowed after every camper in the cabin has arrived. **Please do not send a cell phone with your daughter on the bus.** Bus chaperones will have one if needed.

CHARTER BUS RESERVATION INFORMATION:

- 1) Make a bus reservation by mailing a check to the Mystic representative in Houston, Dallas, or Austin whose name is below.
- 2) Write your camper's name and term on the reservation check, along with your email on the memo line.
- 3) Campers need to wear shorts, nametag (mailed to you prior to camp), and bring a sack lunch with a drink. *Reminder - No cell phones!
- 4) Campers may take one trunk, one laundry or duffel bag, and one fan on the bus. Put your daughter's name and cabin on <u>all</u> luggage. Please respect what the representatives and bus companies can accommodate on the buses. If you prefer shipping your luggage to Camp Mystic, use FedEx or UPS.
- 5) The charter buses typically arrive at Camp Mystic by 11:00am from Austin and 1:00pm from Dallas and Houston.

HOUSTON AREA BUS:

Your check is your reservation. Mail \$110 check to: Mrs. Christy Heno 2922 University Blvd Houston, TX 77005 (713-305-7312) or

teamheno@msn.com *Please include campers name & term on check.

RESERVATION DEADLINE:

1ST TERM: BEFORE MAY 15TH 2ND TERM: BEFORE JUNE 15TH 3RD TERM: BEFORE AUGUST 1ST

Opening Day Departure Information:

Meet at IKEA at 7810 Katy Fwy (1-10 at Antoine) by 7:00am to check in. Bus leaves promptly at 7:30am. <u>Pack a sack lunch and</u> <u>drink</u>.

Note: Mothers wishing to chaperone the bus may contact Mrs. Heno. Chaperone's daughter will ride free (*mothers of first-time campers are ineligible to chaperone).

Opening Day Departure Information:

DALLAS AREA BUS:

Meet at North Park Mall in front of Macy's (northeast corner on Park Lane at Central Expressway) by 6:00am to check in. Bus leaves promptly at 6:30am. <u>Pack a sack</u> <u>lunch and drink</u>.

Note: Mothers wishing to chaperone the bus may contact Mrs. Sands. Chaperone's daughter will ride free (*mothers of first-time campers are ineligible to chaperone).

AUSTIN AREA BUS:

Your check is your reservation. Mail \$50 check to: Mrs. Carla Smyrl 3408 Hillview Road Austin TX 78703 (512-413-6244) or

<u>cbsmyrl@gmail.com</u> *Please include campers name & term on check.

RESERVATION DEADLINE:

1ST TERM: BEFORE MAY 15TH 2ND TERM: BEFORE JUNE 15TH 3RD TERM: BEFORE AUGUST 1ST

Opening Day Departure Information:

Meet at Austin Oaks Church (Formerly named First Evangelical Free Church), 4220 Monterey Oaks Blvd. by 7:00am for check in. Bus leaves promptly at 7:30am. Snacks and beverages will be provided on the bus. No need to pack a sack lunch.

3.) Flying to Camp - Transportation from San Antonio Airport: If your daughter will be flying into the San Antonio airport and will need to be picked up, please contact our office at 830-238-4660. Below are important details about airport transportation:

- Book a flight that arrives in San Antonio **AROUND 12:00pm** on Opening Day. If before 12:00pm, please be aware your daughter may have to wait in baggage claim until all others needing a ride have landed.
- Submit your daughter's flight information on the online Travel Form at least 4 weeks before camp.
- A Camp Mystic staff member will meet your daughter at the Southwest Airlines Baggage Claim Area. A camp vehicle will transport campers from the airport to Mystic.
- Airport transportation will arrive <u>after</u> the other charter buses have arrived at camp.
- A fee of \$25 will be added to your daughter's commissary account for airport transportation.