

THE DISCIPLE PROJECT 2011

June 26-30, 2011

Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, Texas

Welcome to The Disciple Project

This brochure has been mailed to all registered adults—If you are the primary adult leader for your congregation, please **customize page 4** and then photocopy this brochure for every member of your group.

MEALS

All meals will be served in Hein Dining Hall.

Meals included in the event begin with dinner on Sunday evening and end with lunch on Thursday.

Your nametag will serve as your meal ticket.

Dinner on Thursday is on your own. Feel free to bring your own snacks.



TLU is located 160 miles west of Houston and 30 miles east of San Antonio on Interstate 10 in Seguin, Texas. For a map to the campus and more information, go to their website at www.tlu.edu.

After unloading, all cars should be parked in the parking lot. Students leaving campus without their adult sponsor or Track Leader will be in violation of the covenant.

Housing: All participants will be housed in dorms. Dorm rooms house 2 people to each room. Rooms are grouped in suites of 2 with a bathroom between. No more than 4 people share a bathroom. Adults will not share a room with youth, but may share a suite.

Bring bedding and other items detailed in "What to Bring" on page 4.

Each Day at The Disciple Project

includes large group gathering times in the Chapel for music, Bible Study and worship, learning sessions related to your track, meals, fellowship opportunities and free time. For more detailed information, refer to the **schedule on page 3**.

Registration Check In:

When you arrive at TLU, come to the ASC (Alumni Student Center), located on the I-10 side of the campus on University Street. Here you will...

- receive your housing assignment and key to your room
- turn in your TLU Health Agreement & Form
- youth under 18 will turn in any medications (in its original container) to the school nurse

Note: \$35 fee for lost keys.



Emergency Contact: In case of emergency, families can call 832/594-5016 (Peggy Hahn’s cell phone) or the TLU switchboard: 830/372-8000 (answered 24 hours a day).

Commissioning Service:

As you prepare for your week at The Disciple Project, invite the congregation to send you with their blessing. In this mailing is a Commissioning Service that can be used in worship or with your family on Sunday, June 19 or 26.

Meet with Your Mentor:

- Have a conversation to get to know each other
- Make a plan to meet after The Disciple Project
- Ask your mentor to pray for you each day

Reflections:

A time each evening for your group to check in and talk about their day. Materials for this time will be distributed to each adult sponsor at the event.

Some Tracks Travel Off Campus!

Some tracks will involve day trips out into the local community or to San Antonio. Transportation will be coordinated by event staff and accomplished with church vans, rented vans or, if necessary, private vehicles.

The following tracks have included travel in their schedule: Sports & Fitness, Art, Go Serve, Photography and Amigos & Friends.

Activities

During Free Time, the following will be available:

- Alumni Student Center (ASC)
- Sand volleyball courts
- Basketball courts
- Tennis courts
- Pool (times vary each day)

A Sabbath time (rest & relaxation) is mandatory each day following lunch till 1:30 pm

Sunday—Ice Cream Social and Scavenger Hunt

Monday—PJ Night—in the comfort of our pajamas, we will learn how others are uncomfortable because of natural disasters and other problems. We’ll learn how we can help and play some too!

Tuesday—Talent Show

This is your chance to shine! Be sure to bring any props, music etc. needed for your act. Look for a sign up sheet at check-in. Auditions required.

Wednesday—Block Party

Giving: For the first time ever, we are starting a continuing scholarship fund for The Disciple Project. Offerings collected at this year’s event will be dedicated to future learners—to help offset the cost of their registration fees for this leadership training. Help others have a chance to experience The Disciple Project. Please be generous!

**OTHER SUPPLIES
TO BRING FOR
YOUR TRACK**

(see also page 4)

ART

- Smock or large shirt to protect your clothing
- Gum eraser & a white rubber eraser
- If possible, bring a sketchbook and a set of pencils (including 2H, HB, and 2B)

CAMP HOPE


- Your Staff Manual
 - Bible
 - Pen or pencil
- Note: Bible stories are not printed in the curriculum this year.

GO SERVE

- Bible
- Paper
- Pen
- Closed-toe shoes (for the service project), and
- A story of when you first observed or learned what “service” was all about.

THE SCHEDULE

June 26-30, 2011 at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas

Sunday, June 26	Monday, June 27	Tuesday, June 28	Wednesday, June 29	Thursday, June 30	
	8-8:30 Breakfast	8-8:30 Breakfast	8-8:30 Breakfast	8-8:30 Breakfast	
	8:45-10 Bible Study	8:45-10 Bible Study	8:45-10 Bible Study	8:45-10 Bible Study	
	10:15-12 Session II	10:15-12 Session V	10:15-12 Session VIII	10:15-12 Session X	
	12-1:30 Lunch / Sabbath	12-1:30 Lunch / Sabbath	12-1:30 Lunch / Sabbath	12-1:30 Lunch / check out at	
	1:30-3 Free Time Talent Show Auditions	1:30-2:30 Free Time Talent Show Auditions	1:30-3 Free Time	1:30-2:30 Closing Worship	
	2-3:30 Registration		2:30-4 Session VI	2:30 Homeward Bound	
	3:30-4:15 Kickoff	3-5 Session III		3-5 Session IX	
	4:30-5:30 Track Intros		4:30 - 5:30 Large Group		
	5:30-7 Dinner	5:30 - 6:15 Dinner	5:30 - 6:15 Dinner	5:30 - 6:15 Dinner	** Housing available Thursday night if needed at extra cost - advance reservations required! Email your request to yfm@gulfcoastsynod.org
	7-8:30 Session I	6:30-8 Session IV	6:30-8 Session VII	6:30-7:30 Prep for Block Party	
8:45-9:45 Worship	8:30-10:30 Evening Activity for whole community	8:30-10:30 Evening Activity for whole community	7:30-10:00 Evening Activity for whole community		
9:45-10:30 Mentor Meeting in chapel / Ice Cream Social and Scavenger Hunt	<i>PJ Night - LWR Service project (bring appropriate pajamas)</i>	<i>Talent Show</i>	<i>Block Party at the Barn</i>		
10:30-11:30 Reflections in Church Groups	10:30-11:30 Reflections in Church Groups	10:30-11:30 Reflections in Church Groups	10:00 Clean up		
11:45 In Dorms	11:45 In Dorms	11:45 In Dorms	11:45 In Dorms		
12 In Rooms	12 In Rooms	12 In Rooms	12 In Rooms		
12:30 Lights Out	12:30 Lights Out	12:30 Lights Out	12:30 Lights Out		

THE DISCIPLE PROJECT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY...

The Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, ELCA
 Texas Lutheran University
 with contributions from St. John's Lutheran Church in Angleton, Texas and Diane Campbell

MUSIC

- Bring your own musical instrument
- Bible
- Drummers bring your own sticks/cymbals/hand drums
- Students must bring a song (original composition or song from a favorite composer) that they have shared with their mentor and plan to share in their community after Disciple Project.

PHOTOGRAPHY

- A camera that you are familiar with
- Camera memory card
- Cable to download images to a computer
- USB flash drive (1 GB min if you have one)
- Camera manual
- Spare batteries (especially if you use disposables)
- Camera battery charger
- If you own a DSLR camera with multiple lenses, bring your favorite 1 or 2 lenses along with your camera

SPORTS & FITNESS

- Week's worth of athletic clothes
 - Sneakers & socks
 - Refillable water bottle
 - Bible
 - Athletic gear for your favorite sports
- Please mark everything with your name!

Questions? Feel free to email us at yfm@gulfcoastsynod.org or call the synod office at 281/873-5665.

WHAT TO BRING TO DISCIPLE PROJECT

For your dorm room: You will have 1 roommate and share a bathroom with others in your suite. You will have your own bed.

For your safety & health:

A nurse will be on duty throughout the event. No swimming will take place without a lifeguard. Participants will wear a nametag on a lanyard at all times.

Personal items: Pack enough for a 5 day learning event which includes a street party and other recreational opportunities such as sports, music, and a talent show.

For your Track: People at this event will be attending one of 9 different tracks. Many of these tracks have additional things you need to bring. **See the list on pages 2 & 3.**

- Sheets & light blanket or a sleeping bag (*beds are twin-long*)
- Pillow
- 2 towels, washcloths & soap
- Medication in original container, including any pain reliever you may need.
- Change of clothes for each day (*casual, please*)
- Tennis shoes
- Water bottle
- Swim suit
- Sun screen
- Insect repellent
- Something to sleep in
- Appropriate pajamas for Monday night activity/service project
- Personal items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, soap, blow-dryer.
- Shower shoes (*optional*)
- Umbrella or rain jacket (*optional*)
- Sweatshirt in case classroom air-conditioning gets cold
- Cellphones (*rooms do not have phones*)
- Any props you need for the Talent Show on Tuesday night
- Backpack with Bible, (NRSV, CEV or NIV preferred versions)
- Pen, pencil & highlighter

All participants under 18 will be required to turn in their medication at check in, as provided in the TLU Agreement & Health Form included in this mailing. Bring this Health Form with you to TLU!

A Covenant has been signed by every Disciple Project Participant: "By registering I am participating in an event, which has as its purpose: Christian worship, fellowship and growth. As a minor (under age 21), I will refrain from using alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and I understand that no smoking is allowed. As an adult (21 or over), I will show good judgment and serve as a responsible role model in all aspects especially in regards to alcohol consumption. Adult alcohol consumption is not allowed in the presence of minors attending this event (other than for sacramental purposes). I will not bring anything that could be considered dangerous (fireworks, knives, lighters, etc.). I will participate fully in the event, honor time commitments and respect the rights of others. I understand that failure to abide by this covenant will result in consequences; one of which includes being sent home immediately at my own expense."

And now a word from your sponsor...