

Hey there campers and parents!

I'm Carrie, the dean of Fresh Camp 🙌 We're only a couple of weeks away from the start of Fresh camp and I'm so excited to spend the week with the "Fresh Girls" at Butler Springs Christian Camp!

The camp is called "Fresh" because you can always have a fresh start in Christ. The verse we're focusing on this year is Romans 8:28 - "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are *called* according to his purpose." We are all called to a purpose. And not only are we called, but we can also call out to God. Turns out the word "called" is pretty meaningful.

We'll spend the week learning about people in the Bible who were called by God. We'll also learn about how we are called, too, and what that means for our lives. We'll get to do a bunch of the amazing things Butler Springs has to offer - like zip-lining, climbing rock walls, and braving the ropes course. On top of that, we're going to do some fun group activities to get to know ourselves and the other girls at camp better. It's going to be so much fun!

Any mission donations gathered from the campers this week will go to Agape International Missions (AIM), the mission for this summer. AIM is a Christ-led, non-denominational, not-for-profit organization that exists to glorify God through efforts to love, protect, and care for survivors of trafficking as well as other vulnerable and exploited individuals. The goal of AIM is that survivors may come to know their worth and value in Christ, develop a dependence on Him, and develop skills for a sustainable life. You can learn more about AIM at aimfree.org.

When you're packing for camp, definitely use Butler Springs packing list, which you can find at <https://www.butlersprings.com/summer-camp>. Your camper might also want to bring an outfit they feel confident in - whether that's a dress, a cute shirt, or another type of outfit. We're going to do a fun photoshoot during the week and I'd love for each of the girls to feel their best!

Parents, as you're preparing your daughter for camp, please pray that their hearts will be open to hear what God has ready for them. Each of us is on a faith journey and this camp could be life-changing for your daughter. I am praying - as I hope you are - that each of the girls coming to camp will leave feeling more confident in themselves, and more importantly, more confident in their knowledge of God and how much He loves them.

I'm so excited to meet all of you on June 13th. I can't wait! Get excited for some amazing things that will happen at Fresh Camp!

-Carrie Nickels-