



Calling All Junior Daughters of the King

Dear Junior Daughter Directresses and all Interested Senior Daughters,

Accompanying this letter is an invitation to the **First Annual Junior Daughters of the King Assembly In the Diocese of Texas to be held at Camp Allen at Campsite 3 on December 7-9, 2007.** In an effort to allow time for the girls to be picked up from school and for drivers to navigate Friday evening traffic, we will **begin at 7:30 pm Friday.** (If you will be arriving late, or if an emergency occurs that makes you unexpectedly late, please call me so we will not worry.) We will plan to **depart at noon on Sunday.** With the generosity of our DOK Diocesan Executive Board, we can offer this 2-night stay at Camp Allen for **\$10 per person.** It is really important that we avail ourselves of this wonderful opportunity.

I do not have the details on the program ready for this letter, but I can tell you we will play, learn, pray, serve, and eat!!! Not necessarily in that order. Junior Daughters can be in second through twelfth grades. I am aware of the different needs of these different ages, so we will be doing things that everyone can enjoy. You can assure your older girls they will not be doing lots of "little girl" things. We really will try to make it a wonderful experience for everyone. It is important that you let me know not only the number of girls, but also the age of each of the girls you are bringing, as well as any special needs or circumstances so we can address the needs and interests of all.

Campsite 3 is all at ground level and is dormitory style so you and your girls will be intermixed with women and girls from other chapters, not only in activities but also in sleeping and bathroom arrangements. Everyone will need to bring the following:

- Sleeping bag (or twin sheets and blankets)
- Pillow
- Towels, washrags and soap
- Individual toiletries (toothbrush, shampoo, etc.)
- Closed toed shoes (flip flops may only be worn to and from the bathrooms)
- Pajamas and slippers or flip-flops (robe, if desired)
- Casual Clothes for Saturday and Sunday
- Coat or Jacket appropriate for the weather
- Musical Instrument, if you play. (no, do not bring the piano!)
- Bible

Do not bring weapons, drugs, alcohol, headphones, radios, i-pods, mp-3 players, televisions, etc. Girls will be asked to leave their cell phones with their Directress from the time you arrive until time to leave.

Each Directress or group leader will need to collect a registration form for each girl and adult and a medical release form from each girl by **Sunday, Nov. 18th.** Using those forms, you are to complete the **Chapter Assembly Registration Form** and get it and a check for the registration fee of \$10 per attendee (one check for \$10 x # of people made out to Daughters of the King) to me by **Monday, November 26th.** You can send the Form in an e-mail and mail the check or you can send them both by mail. The most important thing I need by Nov. 26th is the number and ages and special needs of girls attending AND the information on all the adults coming with you (i.e., How many, what can/will they do to help, and how do I contact them!!!)

***You are to keep the forms the girls and adults give you.
Please make a copy for me and put each set in a folder.
You will bring both folders to the Assembly where you will give me one and keep one.***

The Executive Board really wants every girl to be able to come and encourages the Senior Chapter at each church to consider providing the \$10 per girl. If any girl wants to come and there is not a \$10 scholarship available, please contact me and we will take care of it. By direct order of our DOK Executive Board, no one is to be turned away because of financial reasons. (Now doesn't that sound official?!!! And I think it is wonderful that they feel that way!)

You will remain responsible for each of your girls during the Assembly. (You can have them leave their cell phones in your car when you arrive, or bring a bag to keep them in, but plan on something to keep them safe and unavailable.) If you have a girl needing prescription medication, you are to keep the medication and dispense it as directed by the girl's parent. No girl may attend without a designated adult sponsor. (i.e., no you cannot drop your girls off and enjoy a leisurely get-away at the conference center!!!!) Use your powers of discretion, knowledge of your girls, and common sense in determining how many adults you NEED to care for the girls you are bringing, but at a minimum, we must follow Diocesan Guidelines. This means you must have one adult for every 8 girls in grades 2-8, and one adult for every 12 girls in grades 9-12. I strongly recommend that you have a minimum of 2 adults either in the same vehicle or one adult in each separate vehicle driving caravan style. That way, if you have a problem on the road, there are 2 adults to deal with the situation. Every group should also have a first aid kit for minor emergencies, extra toiletries, tampons if appropriate, etc. Think ahead; remember your Girl Scout Training! I have my CPR/First Aid card, please tell me if you do, or if any adult with you is a nurse or doctor.

**ALL ADULTS MUST HAVE TAKEN THE SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN training.
It is the responsibility of each Directress to make certain
that each adult in attendance has done this.**

I will be working out the details of food and program and am open to suggestions and volunteers. For the moment I know I need every group to **bring 2 canned drinks and one bottled water per attendee and a snack to share with everyone.** These will be stock-piled in the kitchen for use by the entire group.

I hope I have covered everything and addressed most of your questions. If not, send your questions and ideas and I will send out addendums and be happy to answer your questions. I am very excited about this effort to bring the girls and adults together for a wonderful weekend at Camp Allen where we can share our faith and our walks as Daughters and I am looking forward to all of us getting to know each other better as we strengthen the Junior Daughter Program.

With Great Affection and For His Sake,

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