Pineywoods
BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT

Church Reference Form

(rev. November 2026)

We, the management and staff of Pineywoods Camp, are grateful for the adults who are willing to give of their time and serve during summer camp!!! As an adult Sponsor, each of them is expected to be a leader and a guide. They participate in summer camp to lead kids/teens to Jesus and to train them to serve Him. Part of a Sponsor's job at camp is to diligently observe the kids/teens in the group. It is to protect the kids/teens at camp, the ministry of Pineywoods, and the integrity of your church.

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This encampment operates under an annual permit issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services and is required to operate according to the requirements of the Texas Youth Camp Safety and Health Act.

Our policies, rules, and procedures reflect those requirements. Like the camp organization, each adult at summer camp must comply with the state regulations and meet every requirement for those supervising kids/teens:

1) Annual criminal and sex offender background checks
2) Completion of a state-approved sexual abuse and child molestation training program
3) A character and integrity reference provided by you via the Church Reference Form (next page)

Regarding background checks, the following types of criminal convictions or deferred adjudications will preclude him/her from attending camp.

A misdemeanor or felony under Texas Penal Code:

- Title 5 (Offenses Against the Person) excluding a Class C misdemeanor under §22.01 (Assault)
- Title 6 (Offenses Against the Family)
- Chapter 29 (Robbery) of Title 7
- Chapter 43 (Public Indecency) or §42.072 (Stalking) of Title 9
- §15.031 (Criminal Solicitation of a Minor) of Title 4
- §38.17 (Failure to Stop or Report Aggravated Sexual Assault of Child) of Title 8
- Any like offense under the law of another state or under federal law

Sponsors are required to complete an online commitment form,
but we are asking for your help prior to our processing and clearing each adult to serve at camp.

WE ARE ASKING YOU
TO PRE-SCREEN PROSPECTIVE ADULT SPONSORS PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE CHURCH REFERENCE FORM!!!

Know the adults. Know if there are issues or convictions that would preclude them from attending camp and/or consequently working with the kids/teens at your church.

If there is any question about a prospective Sponsor and his/her ability to serve during camp, please call the Pineywoods Camp Director.

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Church _____ City _____

	Full Legal Name of Sponsor (FIRST, MIDDLE & LAST. Alphabetize by last name.)	Preferred Name (Person goes by this name.)
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This is to certify that I know and vouch for the above-named individuals who will come with our church as Sponsors to Pineywoods Baptist Encampment. These persons are trustworthy, of good character, striving toward spiritual maturity, and will reflect the love of Christ to others who are participating in the camp experience at Pineywoods.

I understand that our church is responsible for the proper selection of Sponsors and for ensuring that each adult submits all required documentation. I have pre-screened each of these individuals and know of no reason or conviction that would preclude them from serving at camp.

I understand that they are subject to dismissal from camp for any improper action while acting in this capacity.

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Church Representative Signature | Leadership Position/Title | Date