

Hi Camper,

So you've signed up for camp (or someone signed you up and is making you go). As you prepare for Safari 3, there are a couple of things I wanted to share with you as dean for the week. First, my name is Zachariah Mays and I live in Springfield, Ohio. I'm married and have four children all of which keep our family busy.

Summer camp is going to be an incredible time of fun, but also a time to explore two questions that knowing the answers to will change your life: 1) Who is Jesus? 2) Why does it matter?

Jesus is the single, most-important individual to ever have lived. He is the centerpiece of Christianity and catalyzed a revolution that this world desperately needed then and still needs today.

We will have fun, we will form friendships, we will spend lots of time outside, we will walk a lot, we will be dirty most of the week, but my prayer all along has been and will be that you encounter Jesus in a way that you haven't before and in doing so, he changes your life for the better, forever.

Before camp, I wanted to share three things that will make camp an incredible experience for you this summer:

- 1) A flexible attitude - at camp, we have a schedule. But with regularity, that schedule gets changed, often times without any kind of warning. Because of this, a flexible attitude goes a long way in maximizing the enjoyment of camp.
- 2) A willing attitude - there will be things at camp that are within your comfort zone. There will also be things outside of your comfort zone. A willingness to try new things will serve every camper well.
- 3) An encouraging attitude - mark my words, there will be a moment at camp when someone else within camp could really use some encouragement, maybe even from you. If all of us do our part to encourage one another, camp will be a place you cannot wait to come back to next summer.

I'm looking forward to an incredible week and will be praying for all of you as we countdown the days.

In Him,  
Zachariah

P.S. Please bring a bible and a notebook :) If you need a bible, please let camp know.