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General Session Speaker

Bryan Tema



Bryan Tema currently serves as the Lead Pastor of Gracespring Bible Church in Richland, Michigan, near Kalamazoo. He previously served on staff at Grace Community Church of Tyler, Texas for 7 years as Student Ministries Pastor while attending Dallas Theological Seminary, and nearly 10 years as the Campus Pastor of the Lindale extension campus. Bryan has been married to his high school sweetheart, Tammy, for 25 years. They have two kids, Joshua aged 22, and Cassandra, age 19 who both reside in Texas. Bryan enjoys outdoor recreation, and is currently finding new adventures up in the great white north.

Worship Leader

Josh Langer and Band



The worship team that is going to be with us during our time together consists of missionaries and people who follow Jesus wholeheartedly. All of the musicians on the team have been involved in full-time ministry for many years and have served among the nations of the world. Josh, the main worship leader for the conference, is originally from Germany. He is an ordained minister through the Ecclesia Ministers Alliance and has studied theology with the University of the Nations. After attending a school for jazz and popular music in Germany for 3 1/2 years, he became a part of the missions organization Go-Mission e.V. in his birthplace of Augsburg.

In 2001 he came to the USA to join Youth With A Mission Tyler, Texas with a huge heart for worship. For the last several years he has served as the worship leader both at YWAM and at a local church in Lindale, Texas, where he lives with his wife Marsha and his two children. As a group of worshipers, Josh and the team are looking forward to the conference and the way God will be honored through our worship together.

MONDAY 7:30PM
**ILLUSIONIST –
GRANT PRICE**

LOCATION: Legacy Center -
Pouge Auditorium

Magician. Illusionist.
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Grant is a professional magician and illusionist entertaining audiences of all ages and sizes. He incorporates comedy, wit, and mystifying tricks that will keep you zoned-in from beginning to end!



TUESDAY 9:30PM

**LIVE & SILENT
AUCTION**

LOCATION: Legacy Center -
Pouge Auditorium

Join In The Bidding Wars!

Come prepared to laugh, out-bid your fellow camper, and go home with

something useful! Our “professional” auctioneers, Tom Graney and Kevin Edney, make the live auction a hoot! Proceeds from both auctions will be used to support specific needs at camps in our sections and CCCA National initiatives like the Corners of the Field scholarship program.

General Schedule



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22

6:00pm-10:00pm Early Arrival

MONDAY FEBRUARY 23

8:00am-9:00am Breakfast
 9:00am-12:00pm Intensive Session (Part 1)
 12:00pm Lunch
 1:00pm-2:45pm Intensive Session (Part 2)
 1:00pm-3:00pm Check-In
 3:00pm-4:30pm General Session #1:
 Legacy Center -
 Pogue Auditorium
 4:45pm-6:00pm Breakout Session #1
 6:00pm-7:15pm Dinner
 7:30pm-9:00pm Illusionist - Grant Price
 Legacy Center -
 Pogue Auditorium

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24

7:00am-8:00am Morning Devotional
 (Optional)
 8:00am-9:00am Breakfast
 9:00am-10:15am Breakout Session #2
 10:30am-11:45am Breakout Session #3
 11:45am-1:30pm Lunch - Sysco Food
 Show
 1:45pm-3:00pm Breakout Session #4
 3:00pm-6:00pm Vendor Show
 6:00pm-7:15pm Dinner
 7:30pm-9:00pm General Session #2:
 Legacy Center -
 Pogue Auditorium
 9:30pm Late Night: Live &
 Silent Auction
 Legacy Center -
 Pogue Auditorium

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25

7:00am-8:00am Morning Devotional
 (Optional)
 8:00am-9:00am Breakfast
 9:00am-10:30am General Session #3:
 Legacy Center -
 Pogue Auditorium
 10:30am-11:00am Sectional Meetings
 11:00am-6:30pm Intensive Sessions:
 Kanakuk Child
 Protection Plan
 ServSafe Manager
 Course
 OE Field Trip

INTENSIVE SESSION • PRE-CONFERENCE

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Denton

MinistrySafe Safety Systems For Camp

Don't miss this excellent training opportunity at no cost to CCCA Members! CCCA has partnered with MinistrySafe to provide CamperProtect as a strategic initiative to help camps improve abuse-prevention policies. Attorney and MinistrySafe founder Kimberlee Norris offers camp leaders state of the art tools and training created by attorneys who litigate sexual abuse cases, staying abreast of evolving state reporting, training and screening requirements. After decades of litigating sexual abuse cases, Norris and her law partner founded MinistrySafe to help Christian organizations meet legal standards of care and reduce the risk of sexual abuse. CamperProtect Sectional Trainings- Here's what you can expect to walk away with:

- Practical resources created by attorneys who litigate sexual abuse cases.
- MinistrySafe sample camp policies, tailored to most camp activities.
- Documents to implement an effective camp screening process.
- Offender characteristics gleaned from 30 years of offender studies.
- Case studies of sexual abuse in camping context.

Kimberlee Norris

INTENSIVE SESSION • PRE-CONFERENCE

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Lonestar

Timber Management

Each summer the camping industry reports critical injuries and fatalities as a result of falling trees and limbs. The recent two year drought along with various infestations in certain areas, have both resulted in a higher rate of tree and limb failures threatening the safety of staff and campers. The Kanakuk Tree Safety System includes 3 Protection Zones, 4 Tree Categories, 2 Tree Inspection Stages, and a Tree Hazard Rating system. Attendees will receive 3 hours of tree risk plan training with 2 additional hours of field work, also including a full color policy and procedure manual with forms, checklists and training examples. In addition, each attendee will receive a digital copy of the entire work for easy implementation.

Rick Braschler

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

MONDAY

4:45pm-6:00pm

TRACK: Leadership

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Lonestar 1

The Four Essential Practices Of An Effective Leader

Effective leadership comes down to four habits. Fail to honor even one of them and your team will flounder. It has nothing to do with your position, your tenure, your personality, or even your experience. You can be the hardest working member of your team, the smartest one in the circle, and the single most loyal fan of the organization and still not be an effective leader. Not even passion can make up for the failure to honor the four essential practices of effective leadership. Regardless of the organization - from Fortune 500 to 501c3 - these four habits make all the difference in the world when it comes to your team's success. Guaranteed!

Paul Wilson

TRACK: Operations

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Lonestar 2

Time Management

Everyone needs to be more productive, but it can be overwhelming to know where to start! Join Jesse Garner, Administrative Director of Camping at Pine Cove, as he walks through simple time management and productivity techniques that will help you get out from under the overwhelming flood of things to do.

Jesse Garner

TRACK: Staff Ministry

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Denton 1

Leading Staff - What The World Tells Us vs. What Jesus Shows Us

As leaders in Christian camp and conference ministries, we are asked to be both a boss and pastor at the same time - leading our teams to excellent outcomes while also leading our staff spiritually, as well. And, since our field so extensively hires and develops young people, many of us are asked to teach and mentor Biblical leadership to younger leaders, as well. Join Trey and Julie as we talk through the idea of leading summer and full-time camp staff in the unique, and often counter-cultural, way that Jesus modeled through his words and, even more, his actions.

Trey Tull

TRACK: Facilities

LOCATION: Frontier

Bed Bugs: Your Demise Or Theirs?

A brief history of bed bugs, how they effect the hospitality industry, bed bug biology, how to minimize problems and your liability plus much more!

Tony Icpnea

TRACK: Food Service

LOCATION: Magnolia

The Future Of Food

Let's learn about processed vs. fresh and how to work with dietary concerns and issues around food. With a changing market in the food industry and food allergies, how do you keep up with the change and implement processes into your food service that will make guests excited and welcomed into your dining hall? Come learn how to gather foods from healthier sources and reduce practices in your kitchen that may be harming the health of your guests.

Brian Gardener

TRACK: Outdoor Education

LOCATION: Gove Lodge

OE Program Forum

This session is set aside for OE directors and staff to meet and talk about common issues and to develop a long term strategy for building capacity within CCCA sections to support OE program needs. The goal of this forum is to build a working community of OE professionals within the CCCA network.

OE Panel

TRACK: Other

LOCATION: Chamberlain

Internship Forum

This session is set aside for internship directors to meet and talk about common issues and to develop a long term strategy for building capacity within CCCA sections to support internship program needs. The goal of this forum is to build a working community of Internship professionals within the CCCA network.

CCCA Panel

TRACK: Other

LOCATION: Mabee Lodge

Fundraising From Nothing To Sustainability

This seminar will focus on fundraising from the ground level. We will focus on the types of fundraising vehicles that are the best for your camp now and in the future, where to start, best practices, how to engage your board and staff, how to build your base, how to look for foundations and large donors, and how dreams might become realities.

Scott Shaw

TRACK: Other

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Denton 2

Incorporating Watersports And Safety Into Your Camp Program

The session will educate directors and staff on ways to add a Waterski program to any camp Lake or no lake.. The benefits of Adding a Waterski cable system to your camp. The session will also focus on incorporating safety in several aspects of the waterfront with a focus on Boat Driver safety, Inflatable water park equipment set up and operation and increased risk with towables in the camp setting. . A summer Camp's lake front has always been one of the most popular areas at camp and over the years camps have added new programs to meet the demands of the campers. This growth has also added safety hazards and risks. Waterskiworks will address these issues and provide safety awareness and accident prevention.

CCCA Panel

BREAKOUT SESSIONS
TUESDAY
9:00am-10:15am

TRACK: Leadership

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Lonestar 1

Changing The Way We Think About Change: An Appreciative Inquiry

Leading change is a critical element for Christian leaders. Appreciative Inquiry (AI) is a perspective, a process, and a philosophy which can and has been used for accomplishing any critical organizational task. Come learn about the foundational elements of this powerful and energizing change model.

Dennis Queen

TRACK: Operations

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Lonestar 2

Process—The Key To A Stable Camp Future

We will cover why process is necessary and how it stabilizes camps.

Ron Griffin

TRACK: Risk Management

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Lonestar 3

ABC's Of Employment Law

We are all familiar with the old adage “you are only as strong as your weakest link” and we interview carefully to put together the best team or staff possible. We use creative advertisements, specialized interview strategies, and personality profiles to find

those perfect candidates. All of these things seem great! But are they really? What if in our creativity we are stepping across lines that could get our camps into hot water?

Scott Reib

TRACK: Staff Ministry

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Denton 1

The Heart Of A Healthy Staff Ministry

Most all camp staff are in constant demand to work, serve and give but how do we care for and fill them back up as they are poured out? Join Julie and Trey for a practical discussion on what are critical elements and dynamics for ministry to staff in any camping paradigm.

Julie McClain

TRACK: Guest Services

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Denton 2

The Value Of Retail Sales In Camping

A discussion of the benefits of Retail sales, both financially as well as part of the overall camp experience.

Bill Carroll

TRACK: Facilities

LOCATION: Frontier

Great Camp Buildings

Greg serves as a speaker and guest lecturer on planning and design to the American Camp Association, Girl Scouts of the USA, YMCA of the USA and other organizations within the greater camp community.

Jackie serves as the project manager for the comprehensive master plan for Sky Ranch.

Greg Copeland & Jackie Kaminski

TRACK: Food Service

LOCATION: Magnolia

Food Presentation

Are you willing to change your approach to food prep and service to include presentation? This is sensory for the camper - that part that makes us feel something (valued, motivated to try it, etc.) when we see the food, wanting to dive into our food such as when we are served at a nice restaurant.

Michael Kase

TRACK: Outdoor Education

LOCATION: Gove Lodge

Understanding Education Standards In OE Curriculum Design

If you want to work with a public school in today's educational climate, your program will need to be tightly aligned with stand and/or national standards. This session will feature a public school educator who has experience with a camp outdoor education program and will show you how to locate state and national standards, how to interpret them, and provide participants with the practical information they need when designing OE curriculum.

Erin York

TRACK: Outdoor Education

LOCATION: Lakeview

Developing An Educational Program To Support Your Internship Experience

An internship experience can be more than just a work experience. Learn how to develop an educational plan for your

program beginning with establishing a program philosophy, creating appropriate learning opportunities and learn about new technologies that can enhance the learning experience.

Todd Witt

TRACK: Other

LOCATION: Mabee Lodge

Social Media Marketing: How To Create A Social Media Marketing Plan That Fits You

Is social media marketing not a key component of your marketing plan, but you want it to be? Or perhaps you're wondering if social media marketing is even worth the effort? This seminar will focus on determining the necessary components of a social media marketing campaign that fits your camp. You'll walk away knowing the difference between social reach and reliable reach, a quick review of selected social media tools, and 6 questions you must ask so that you can develop a social media marketing plan. This seminar is not taught by a social media expert, but someone learning as much as they can and wants to share insights worth knowing.

Kevin Edney

TRACK: Other

LOCATION: Chamberlain

Serving Children With Special Needs

The goal of this session is to help camps that may have a small number of campers with special needs understand how to make the camp experience better for those children.

Special Needs Panel

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

TUESDAY

10:30am-11:45am

TRACK: Leadership

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Lonestar 1

Fulfilling Your Calling: How To Successfully Administrate Your Vision

This very practical, content-rich workshop utilizes engaging “Edutainment,” practical and proven resources, and multimedia illustrations to help you learn how to build and maximize the Top Level Leaders of your ministry. You will walk away with “TOOLS IN YOUR HAND” to begin transforming your Board and the key leaders in your ministry.

Clay Staires

TRACK: Risk Management

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Lonestar 3

Lessons Learned After 25 Years Of Insuring Camps

In this workshop we will discuss claims that have occurred in the past and the lessons learned regarding the terms and conditions contained in insurance policies. Participants should gain a better understanding of the terms and conditions in their insurance policies and which terms can be altered for their benefit.

Robert Monaghan

TRACK: Programs

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Denton 1

Partnering with Churches to Provide Great Camps and Retreats

A look at how the programming, training and service can all work together to support the local church and expand the Kingdom of God.

Alton Belew

TRACK: Guest Services

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Denton 2

Hiring And Training For Maximizing Guest Services

Melissa Daniels, Director, Strategic Accounts has been working for Hyatt Hotels Corporation for almost 27 years and began as a corporate trainee. Training and thinking outside of the box when hiring to service guests is a commitment that is not taken lightly. Come learn how to build strength in people who work for you, embracing the excitement of hospitality and maximizing the experience of both the camper and their parents.

Melissa Daniels

TRACK: Food Service

LOCATION: Magnolia

Is Your Kitchen A Heart Attack Waiting To Happen?

Can it be said, of your camp, that the same warmth, provision, and ministry found in your home kitchen can be found in your camp kitchen? Camp can't function without the kitchen being on time and providing the nutrition we need all day long but are we driven by schedules and

checklists, waiting for the next cattle drive through our food lines so we can shoo the guests away to begin the thankless routine again? Learn the experiences of one camp director that forged a philosophy of service in the kitchen as a powerful link to complete the camp experience for their guests.

Ruth Bennett

TRACK: Outdoor Education

LOCATION: Gove Lodge

Interacting With State And Federal Outdoor Organizations

Participants will hear from representatives from various state and federal agencies associated with outdoor education to learn about their strategies for delivering outdoor education as well as learn about resources that are available to camps for use in their OE programs.

Representatives from: Texas Parks and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and Project WET

TRACK: Other

LOCATION: Mabee Lodge

Building A Self-Managed Team: Crafting High-Performance In A Few Hours A Week

Most of us have too much on our plates. You need teams of full-time and summer staff who are capable of making good decisions in real time so you can focus on other things. What are the keys to equipping a team to lead itself? This breakout session will allow team leaders to explore best practices to minimize performance shortfalls and build teams who rock the house without you babysitting them.

Luke Freeman

TRACK: Other

LOCATION: Chamberlain

Camping Over There

Wonder what a camp in the Middle East looks like? How they do camping in Siberia? What it like in Africa? At this interactive seminar we'll take a global visual tour and answer those questions. We'll also walk through a practical handout on what you need to know about cross-cultural camp ministry.

Dan DeGroat

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

TUESDAY

1:15pm-2:30pm

TRACK: Leadership

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Lonestar 1

Surviving The Storm

Challenges, troubles, trials, pain – do we have to go through them? Why? How should we respond? This seminar looks at our responses to the storms of life, from small crises to epic moments when we're not sure we'll survive. What can we do to ensure we'll come out the other side stronger and better equipped to minister in Christian camping and in life?

Gregg Hunter

TRACK: Risk Management

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Lonestar 3

Strategies To Shatterproof Your Camp

In life and in Christian Camping we often don't know what we don't know. I call these areas "knowledge gaps" and it these very gaps that get us into trouble. So, we are going to back to the ABC's of employment law and fill in some of those gaps. There are some very specific strategies that you implement in your organization that will help to eliminate these "knowledge gaps."

Scott Reib

TRACK: Programs

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Denton 1

Inclusive Summer Programming

What works and what doesn't work when constructing a program with disabilities in mind.

Kyle Wells

TRACK: Guest Services

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Denton 2

How Pre-Registration Can Drive Camp Attendance

There are many thoughts on how to increase camper retention. A pre-registration approach that fits your camps unique style can be a major force in driving retention. We will look at different approaches to pre-registration and discuss if and how it can benefit your camp.

Bill Carroll

TRACK: Facilities

LOCATION: Legacy Center - Lobby

Sky Ranch Camp Tour

Take a guided tour of Sky Ranch Van with the Facilities Director and see the facilities, infrastructure, activities and operations from a closer look.

Sam Hasz

TRACK: Food Service

LOCATION: Magnolia

Solving Issues In A Changing Food Service Industry

Let's talk about creative solutions and not get bogged down in the "good ol' days." Sure you might be a Camp, but that doesn't mean we have to stick with the reputation that everyone thinks when you hear the words, "Camp Food."

Paul Biles

TRACK: Outdoor Education

LOCATION: Gove Lodge

Benchmarking Tour: East Texas Gators Wildlife Park

East Texas Gators Wildlife Park is a small, non-profit alligator rescue that operates on donations and fees collected from visitors to their educational facility. When nuisance gators are trapped by Texas Parks and Wildlife, they are brought to the facility. One method of supporting the effort is by providing educational programs for schools. The park has more than just gators. The experience includes interaction with a multitude of other animals. This facility was selected for a benchmark because it provides a good example of how to start up and maintain a nature center on a limited budget.

Todd Witt

TRACK: Other

LOCATION: Mabee Lodge

Males And Millennials: Insights Into Successfully Recruiting Summer Staff

Christian millennial focus group feedback on Christian camp counseling. Case study: changes in recruitment process at Pine Cove (2006-2013). Includes: profile of counselors; factors in deciding to counsel; parent's role; retention; predictors of male retention; impact of recruiter. Discussion/ Application

Chris Grant

TRACK: Other

LOCATION: Chamberlain

Next Gen Leaders

The CCCA Next Gen Strategic effort encourages young camp leaders and camping veterans to engage in mentoring relationships by offering training and resources to the section leadership teams. Come to this session to find out more about what it means to be a mentor or mentee and what you can hope to expect out of this effort to continue to raise up the Next Generation of Christian camping leaders and professionals and promote deeper relationships within your section.

Doug McClain

