



Gauntlet 2009
Parent Meeting

Gauntlet Overview

Dates: July 20 – July 24

BigStuf:

This year for the Gauntlet we will be attending BigStuf Camp in Daytona, FL. We will be joining together with 4,000 students from across the nation.

Payments:

Complete payment must be received by June 28, 2008. If you need to know what your remaining balance is, please go to the Gauntlet table located in the atrium on Sunday.

Stay Updated:

We would love to keep you updated with how the week is going. If you would like to check in, please visit newspring.cc/gauntlet where you can find links to get signed up for text signal, check out staff twitter profiles, and even a flickr page where we will be posting pictures throughout the week.

Big Stuf Sessions:

Sessions for the Gauntlet this year will feature worship from The Steve Fee Band and incredible teaching from Perry Noble, Andy Stanley, Steven Furtick, and Lanny Donoho.

Small Groups:

Your student will be led in small group discussions by trained leaders. Each day they will discuss the topics covered in the main sessions.

Medicine:

This year we will not be taking up or handing out medicine to students. If your student requires medicine, we ask that you prepare them to be responsible for keeping up with it and taking it at the appropriate times.

Things to Remember:

Bring a bag lunch for the bus ride down to Daytona (we will be providing bottled water for lunch). Also, please remember to pack food for breakfast for each day of the week.

Emergency number:

Please use this number only in the event of an emergency (death in the family, accident, hospitalization, etc.). This number is not to contact your student and see how their week is going, or to tell them you love them.

Lee Bell, Head of Security: (864) 221-6065

Hotel Information:

Hilton Daytona Beach Resort
1-386-254-8200

Schedule for Leaving & Returning

Monday July 20

Time	Activity
4:00 AM	Arrive and Check-in at GVL Offices/Fuse Building
5:30 AM	Load Buses
6:00 AM	Depart GVL Offices/Fuse Building

Time	Activity
AM	Depart Daytona Hilton
	Travel
PM	Arrive @ GVL Offices/Fuse Building

Friday, July 24

During our return to Greenville, we will keep our progress updated via Text Signal. Please visit the Student Ministry Blog (www.newspring.cc/gauntlet) or use the computers at the parent meeting to sign up for text updates from The Gauntlet. It is your responsibility to stay aware of our location and arrival time.

We will do our best to be back on time, but we are at the mercy of traffic jams and delays. Please do not contact the church on the 24th because no one will be in the office. Thank you in advance for your patience.

Clothing & Bathing Suit Requirements

The goal of this week is to have an awesome time, while growing in a relationship with Jesus. In an attempt to take away any distractions, we are asking that everyone abide by specific dress requirements.

Beach and Pool Requirements:

- No bikinis - Bring only appropriate one-piece or tankini suits. (Appropriate means that mid-riff is not showing)
- Males: no Speedos

Meals, Worship, etc:

- No tank-tops with straps less than 2 fingers wide
- No short shorts - The rule of thumb will be: with your hands down by your side, if your fingers touch skin, you will be asked to change.
- No mid-riff shirts or other shirts that are revealing

Packing List

What to bring:

- Bible
- Notebook
- Pen
- Multiple Swimsuits (See: Bathing Suit Requirements)
- 2 beach towels
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.)
- Lip Balm (SPF 15)
- Sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher)
- Lunch for the way down
- Breakfast for each day of the week in your bag.
- Maximum of 2 bags, 1 may be luggage and 1 may be a carry-on (each student must be able to carry his or her own bag)
- Money for 1 meal on the way back and any money for the BigStuf Camp Store.
- Refillable water bottle

What not to bring:

- Cell Phone
- Tobacco products/alcohol/drugs* (Don't be stupid!)
- Weapons*
- Fireworks*
- Lighters/Matches*
- Hairspray
- Pranks*
- Water balloons/guns
- Portable DVD players/Playstations/any gaming devices
- Jewelry (or anything of value)
- Soft drinks

We do not want to confiscate items and products that are on the list above, but we'll take steps necessary to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all the students.

***Possession of these items will result in your student being sent home at your expense.**

Security Issues

One of the major concerns that you may have about the Gauntlet is your student's safety. We want you to know that we share that concern and have thoughtfully considered ways we can protect your student. We are bringing our own security team led by NewSpring's Head of Security, Lee Bell. We will also have trained medical staff to deal with any emergency/medical situations. In order to promote a secure trip (but also have a great time) we have also implemented the following precautions:

Buddy system:

This year students will be expected to remain with students in their rooms and room leaders at all times. This means that no student can leave the premises of the Daytona Hilton without their room leaders. Any student found leaving the premises without a leader will be sent home at your expense.

Adult Leaders:

There will be at least one adult leader in each room. Adult leaders will be constantly supervising their groups and will be in constant communication with staff members.

Rooming:

We are staying in nice hotel rooms, and therefore we ask that you have a conversation with your student about respecting the things in each room. Your student or you will be expected to pay for anything that your student damages.

The adult leaders will be the only ones to have access to the rooms and if a student needs to get into the room, they must ask one of the leaders to take them. Once the students are in their rooms for the night, they will not be allowed to leave. The hallways will be monitored and any student found outside of their room at night will be sent home at your expense.

Transportation:

All of the students will be traveling to Daytona at the same time. However, the buses will be split up into separate traveling groups, with leaders spread throughout the buses. Once we are in Daytona, everything is within walking distance, so we will not use any other means of transportation until we load the buses to return to Greenville.

Baggage Check*:

Before we leave for Daytona, we will have a baggage check. The easiest way to do this is for trained dogs to come and sniff the bags. This is not meant to be over the top, we simply want to ensure that certain products and items do not make it to Daytona with the students. This check will be handled with both care and discretion by the Student Ministry Staff and Greenville County Sheriff's Department.

Before bringing your luggage to the church, please make sure to identify your student's luggage with his/her name written on a piece of duct tape and then placed on the luggage.

***This includes their luggage and their carry-on**

Check-in Procedures

When you arrive on Monday, July 20, you will need to check your student in. We ask that you park by following the direction of our parking team, and enter through the main office entrance. After checking your student in, we ask that you say good-bye and exit the building. You leaving will ensure safety, efficiency and an on-time departure. Below is a diagram of what you can expect.

Fuse Building/GVL Offices -

