

## Pre-camp Briefing for Church Camp 2019 (12-15 June) at Lotus Desaru

### Prologue

Thank you campers for entrusting us with 4 days and 3 nights of your time as we come together for Church Camp 2019. As a church we want to hear from God (from His Word, through His people and by our prayers) at this camp. We want to hear what God wants Grace Baptist Church to be. What does it mean to be “Grace Together”? Having received the grace of the gospel of Jesus Christ, how we as one church are to live out the applications of the gospel. How can we be a “loving” and “truthing” community on gospel mission together for the world?

I invite you to prepare your hearts as we prepare to hear from God. I ask that we prepare ourselves by reading Romans 12:1-21 and 1 Peter 4:1-19 two to three times before the camp. Saturate our minds with God’s Word. And pray. Pray that God’s Spirit will speak to us through His Word. Pray that we will truly come together as one church, to humbly wait and hear from God. And pray even as the Camp Committee makes our final preparation – that things will go well so that there will be little hindrance to our time together.

Looking forward to our time together! See you 12 to 15 June!

Keep in the Love of God,  
Ollie.

### A. Camp committee members

Colin Soh	Chairman	Thomas Choong	Transport
Martin Chan	Camp Cmdt	Stanley Yin	Publicity
Oliver Chia	Programme	Jonathan Tan	Publicity/Games
Joel Tang	Registration/F&B	Wong Ann Chye	Sponsorship
Mok Chuan Hao	Registration	Diana Seah	Treasurer
Kagen Lim	Logistics/F&B	Eddie Tan	AV/Publicity Advisor
George Yeo	Logistics	Ngo Thian Chye	Member

### B. Brief on Programme and Preparation

1. Programme Aims:
  - a. Deepen and broaden relationships with each other for life together as a church.
  - b. Come together to paint a picture of what GBC will look like as we live out the Gospel together.
2. Pray that God will bless the camp.
3. Prepare to share in small group:
  - a. Short testimony of when and how you came to be a Christian.
  - b. A high and a low point in your life in the last 6 months.
  - c. Prayer points to pray with different group each day.
  - d. How you would like to see the church grow – in living out Gospel together.
4. Read following passages from the Bible: Romans 12:1-21, 1 Peter 4:1-19.
5. Create WhatsApp Group for admin and coordination for Camp Groups.

### C. Immigration

1. **Validity of passports:** Minimum 6 months (**expiry after 16 Dec 2019**)
2. **Ensure passport is stamped at Malaysian immigration (both entry and exit)**

3. Visa not required for most nationalities (see table of countries requiring visas).
4. Immigration cards: No longer required for Causeway.

#### **D. Travel Insurance**

1. Package includes personal accident insurance of \$10,000. Do consider getting additional travel insurance of your own.

#### **E. Personal Items to Bring**

1. **Medication for chronic conditions** (eg. asthma inhalers, blood pressure) and common medication (eg. diarrhoea, anti-allergy, fever & sore throat)
2. Insect repellent and cream for insect bites (may have sand flies in June)
3. Sunblock
4. Clothing for 4 days & 3 nights
5. Attire and shoes for outdoor recreational activities (2 afternoons)
6. Swim wear and sandals for pool
7. Water bottle to stay hydrated
8. Toiletries and personal grooming kit (hotel shampoo and soap provided)
9. Bible (hardcopy or offline) and stationery
10. Phone charger
11. Torchlight (optional)
12. Umbrella (optional)
13. Credit cards and Malaysian Ringgit for purchase of drinks/snacks at resort or nearby shops; and lunch/shopping stop on the way back. Suggest at least RM 200.

#### **F. Snacks & Drinks**

1. Snacks and drinks may be purchased at resort store or nearby shops.
2. Bring your own coffee if you must have good coffee.
3. Boil tap water before drinking.
4. Room has kitchenette with kettle, refrigerator and microwave.
5. No cooking allowed in rooms (hotel rules).

#### **G. Safety**

1. No swimming in the sea (strong currents).
2. Sea sports is discouraged – for your own safety.
3. Stay hydrated.

#### **H. Camp Doctors**

1. Drs Gerald Chua and Siew Jo Keow. Please inform them of any existing medical conditions if necessary.

#### **I. Wifi and Data Roaming**

1. Free wifi at resort. Wifi speed is good in rooms.
2. 1 GB Data Roaming from \$5-10, depending on your service provider.

### **DEPARTURE ON 12 JUNE 2019**

#### **J. Coach from Church to Resort**

1. Meet in church by 8:00am. Bus will leave at 8:30am sharp.
2. You will be gathered to board bus according to Bus Manifest. Check your name and details are correct on Bus Manifest.
3. Journey will take about 2 hours. There will be 1 toilet break at SG checkpoint. Arrival at Lotus Desaru expected around 11:00am.
4. Bring some water and snacks on board bus in case of hunger/thirst.

5. Please visit the toilet before departure – especially children.
6. Bus I/C(s) to ensure:
  - a. Correct headcount at departure, before leaving customs and rest stops.
  - b. Coach luggage compartment door is closed especially after clearing Malaysian customs.

#### **K. Parking at GBC**

1. For those leaving their cars in GBC, park at **2<sup>nd</sup> level**. Shutter gates will be closed after.

#### **L. Driving**

1. Check car coolant level, tyre pressure and spare tyre.
2. Ensure petrol tank is 3/4 full at Singapore customs.
3. Speed limit on Malaysian highways is 110 km/h.
4. Travel via Woodlands Checkpoint is shortest but may take longer – depending on jam at Causeway. Second Link at Tuas has smoother traffic but distance is 40 km longer. Best to check traffic conditions before setting off (Download **“Beat the Jam”** iPhone/Android App)
5. “Touch ‘n Go” card is needed to pay for tolls for Malaysian Immigration and along the way to the resort.
6. Toll charges both ways approx. RM50.

#### **M. Purchase/Top-up the “Touch ‘n Go” card at the following locations**

1. Self Service Kiosk (vending machines) before Immigration in Johor Bahru (RM only).
2. Can top up at some toll booth with words “TAMBAH NILAI” (RM only), or 7-Eleven, Watsons & Shell petrol stations. See [touchngo.com.my](http://touchngo.com.my) for more info.

#### **N. Directions to Lotus Desaru**

1. Refer to map.

#### **O. Arrival at Lotus Resort**

1. Arrive by 11:15am latest
2. Free parking is available at the resort (uncovered).
3. Proceed directly to Ballroom with luggage. Welcome drinks provided there.
4. Camp Opening at 11:30am in Ballroom.
5. Lunch is provided at the resort’s Seaview Restaurant after the briefing.
6. Check-in is from 2 to 3 pm in ballroom.

#### **P. Address of Lotus Resort**

Lotus Desaru Beach Resort  
Lot 1854, Jalan Desaru  
Bandar Penawar  
81930 Kota Tinggi  
Johor Darul Ta’zim, Malaysia  
Tel: +607-884 2800  
Fax: +607-884 2998  
Website: [lotusdesaru.com](http://lotusdesaru.com) (or see hotel listing on TripAdvisor website)

#### **Q. Durian Party, estimated RM15.00 per pax (opt in)**

## Camp Programme

Time	Wed 12 Jun	Thu 13 Jun	Fri 14 Jun	Sat 15 Jun					
7.00 am		Small Group Devotions							
7.30 am		<u>Breakfast</u>							
8.00 am	<b>Assemble in GBC</b>								
8.30 am	<i>Travel to Lotus Desaru</i>	Worship		Towards Our Vision of Grace Together					
9.00 am		<b>Message ONE*</b>	<b>Message TWO*</b>						
9.30 am		<u>Tea-Break</u> Group Discussions	<u>Tea-Break</u> Group Discussions	<b>Check-out</b>					
10.00 am									
10.30 am									
11.00 am									
11.30 am	Welcome & Briefing	<u>Lunch</u>							
12.00 pm	<u>Lunch</u>								
12.30 pm	<u>Lunch</u>	Playing Together: Indoor Games		<b>Envisioning Grace Together*</b>					
1.00 pm					<b>Check-in (Ballroom)</b>				
1.30 pm	Icebreakers & Sharing of Personal Testimonies	Playing Together: Outdoor Games		Pool & Games					
2.00 pm									
2.30 pm	Free and Easy	Free and Easy		<i>Travel back to Singapore @ 4:30pm</i>					
3.00 pm					Icebreakers & Sharing of Personal Testimonies				
3.30 pm	Free and Easy	Worship		<i>ETA: 6 pm</i>					
4.00 pm									
4.30 pm	<u>Dinner</u>	BBQ Dinner							
5.00 pm				Free and Easy					
5.30 pm	Workshop	Small Group Devotions							
6.00 pm				<u>Dinner</u>					
6.30 pm	Small Group Devotions								
7.00 pm				Worship					
7.30 pm	Exhortation Grace Together	Workshop							
8.00 pm				Exhortation Grace Together					
8.30 pm	Small Group Devotions								
9.30 pm				Small Group Devotions					
10.00 pm									

\* Concurrent children's activity

### Countries Requiring Visas for Malaysia (less than 30 days)

Afghanistan (visa with reference)	Congo Republic	Mali
Angola	Côte d'Ivoire	Mozambique
Bangladesh	Djibouti	Myanmar (ordinary passport)
Bhutan	Equatorial Guinea	Nepal
Burkina Faso	Eritrea	Niger
Burundi	Ethiopia	Nigeria
Cameroon	Ghana	Pakistan
Central African Republic	Guinea-Bissau	Rwanda
China	Hong Kong (C/I or D/I)	Serbia & Montenegro
Colombia	India	Sri Lanka
Comoros	Liberia	Taiwan (>15 days)
Congo Democratic Republic	Argentina	Western Sahara

Map showing directions from GBC to Lotus Desaru - via Woodlands or Tuas.

