2020 Baptist Youth Camp of the Ozarks GUIDELINES FOR BIBLE MEMORY

Ps 119:11 plainly declares "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Memorizing God's Word will enable campers to resist and escape temptation.

The goals of this event are simple:

- 1. To be able to lead someone else to Christ (guidelines 1 and 2);
- 2. To comprehend entire thoughts or ideas from God's Word (guidelines 5 and 6);
- 3. To hide as much of God's Word in the camper's heart as possible.

So that "all things be done decently and in order" (1 Cor. 14:40), we have established the following guidelines:

1. In order for a camper to qualify as a Bible Memory contestant, the "Romans Road" plan of salvation must be quoted word-perfect in the following order:

Romans 3:10, 23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9,10,13. Verses must be quoted to the Camp Talent Coordinators.

- 2. All potential contestants must register and qualify with the Camp Talent Coordinators before 4PM, on the Monday of camp.
- 3. Guidelines 1 and 2 are prerequisite to be eligible to be a contestant.
- 4. Each contestant must have two (2) reference lists: one for the camper and the other for the Listener. A contestant may add to these lists as needed.
- 5 Each contestant must begin by quoting passages consisting of a minimum of 5 verses. There must be a minimum of 25 verses quoted during this portion of the competition. This can be done many ways, such as 5 sets of five, one passage of 25, etc.
- 6. These passages must be quoted perfectly, as a whole, with at least one passage being attempted in a sitting. If a passage of 5 verses is attempted, and 1 word in a single verse is missed, then the whole passage must be requoted.
- 7. Guidelines 5 and 6 are prerequisite to all other verses being quoted (individual or further passages).
- 8. When a contestant has qualified and met the prerequisites, individual verses and/or passages may be quoted. Individual verses are as the name implies, individual. A sequential order or a complete thought is not required. NOTE: See guideline #9.
- 9. A minimum of five (5) verses, individual or passage, must be attempted at one time. Contestant receives credit for any or all of the verses quoted in accordance to the guidelines. (This rule is intended to protect the limited time of each Listener)
- 10. No repetitive verse or verses will be allowed.
- 11. Each qualified contestant will be assigned a Listener to whom the verses will be quoted.
- 12. Verses may be quoted to the camper's assigned Listener until Thursday of camp at 4PM.
- 13. All verses, individual or passage, must be from the KJV Bible only.
- 14. To be counted, the verse must be quoted "word-perfect" without help from the judge or any outside source.
- 15. Should any questions arise or clarifications be necessary, the Talent Coordinator shall be responsible to settle the issue. The decision of the Talent Coordinator shall be final.