

# NE NO ŠĪS PASAULES

**JĀNA 17:16**

**29. JŪNIJS - 3. JŪLIJS**

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LEKCIJAS, MŪZIKA, SPORTS, INTEREŠU GRUPAS UN CITAS AKTIVITĀTES

## SEKO MAN 2019

Camp Planning Meeting | May 18-2019

Planning and Actions



## CAMP THEME AND CLASSES: NOT OF THIS WORLD

*Continuing to equip young believers in Christ to live as they are called, in this world, but not of this world.*

**"They are not of this world, just as I am not of this world." John 17:16**

### Morning Main Class Lecture: Brent Cooper

### Morning Electives: Loving the World:

<b>ELECTIVE TOPIC</b>	<b>(Main) TEACHER</b>
Gossip, Envy, and Jealousy; Partying & Accountability	Travis Jones
Idolatry & Finding Your Identity in Christ Alone	Bethany
Social Justice and the Gospel	Neal Duffey
Sexual Purity (Women)	Veronica
Sexual Purity (Men)	Graham

### Afternoon Electives: Loving God:

<b>ELECTIVE TOPIC</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
Involvement in the Local Church	Mike & Joetta
Discipleship & Evangelism	Hannah & Cheryl
How to Study the Bible & Prayer	Cindy
Forgiveness	Karen

- *If using PPT, please use the camp template – will be posted in the GOOGLE drive by Zane'*
- *Any materials used should be translated. Please allow the Latvian translators at least 10-15 days for translations.*
- *Instructions: reach out to Toms ([toms.grenevics@gmail.com](mailto:toms.grenevics@gmail.com)) with your translations needs and complexity – he will assign a translator. We will try to keep the same translator doing your material translations and the actual speaking electives.*

**NOTE: We will post signup sheets (with spacing limitations) for however many electives (should be no more than 5 at any given time, to avoid feast of famine situations) we will have in both morning and evenings at the beginning of camp and campers will sign up.**



## SMALL GROUPS

- Each US Leader will be in a small group, as either the primary leader or partner
- Each Camper will be assigned a small group at or before registration. You will not have your final small group names until registration is completed
- Each Small group will have a translator should you need one.
- Usually at the conclusion of the camp the Small group US leaders give their small group participants a token, gift from the USA. Please think on what this may be this year for your group

**Note:** *most campers speak English very well, but please ensure translation is truly not needed. We'd hate to have campers too shy to speak up and miss deep concepts, because their English is not up to par.*

*If you sense someone in your class is not really getting what you are saying, suggest to the translator that the group should transition back to dual languages*

- Each small will have a designated room they are meeting in during the designated times  
**Note:** *due to the construction of the new addition of TCS, current layout is not known, and will be available about 10 days before camp – pending builders progress ; some meeting points may be offsite, but not further than a 3-4 min walk*
- Small group Intro Survey:  
 This year the Leadership team is proposing having a standard survey to assess where your small group members are spiritually and otherwise. The proposed questions for the survey are below (feedback welcomed, these are not final wording or order)

1. First Name, Last Name
2. Age
3. How many times have you attended "SEKO MAN" camp
4. Which school do you attend or place of employment
5. Are you active in a church
6. Your Hobby you'd like to share with your group
7. What motivated you to attend "SEKO MAN" camp
8. Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
  - a. If you are not sure, or you are questioning something about the meaning of being in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, please think on that or write it down for group leaders to address
9. 3 questions about God or religion you'd like to have addressed in this camp
10. What activities would you like to see in your local churches for you to be easier to get involved or invite your friends to
11. SEKO MAN leadership would be honored to pray for you, so if you have something specific you'd like me (as your leader) or our team to pray about please write it down (check if I can share with our entire leadership team)

**PROPOSAL:** to have a **CAMP WIDE Prayer box** – we as a leadership team can pray over prayer requests placed in the box.



## CAMP 1<sup>st</sup> DAY and WELCOME:

- During Registration each camper will receive a packet containing:
  - Camp Summary and SEKO MAN Honor Code and TCS rules
  - Emergency contacts and Emergency Muster Points
  - Layout of TCS with markings of Elective rooms, Small group rooms, and Sleeping Room designations
  - Summary of all Electives
  - Summary of the Different Workshops
  - Explanation of Quiet time and what that means
  - Tentative schedule and time for picture taking (instructions to wear a T-shirt)
  - A page dedicated to inviting the camper to invite their parents, friends to the Camp Worship Services at night
- Camper will receive their T-shirt, nametag and other “starter gifts”
  - USA volunteers will be asked to sign up to man these different stations
- Designated volunteers (US and Latvian) will be needed to escort/lead new campers to their sleeping rooms – idea is to be more welcoming to newcomers, help encourage and start a relationship with them upon arrival, rather than just pointing them in a general direction of a room

## GYM LAYOUT:

- 2019 marks a new era: proposal is lay out chairs (we have over 100) and face the stage. A smaller (more down to earth) stage will be created for teachers, and the band. The bleachers will be pushed to the back and will be utilized ONLY for the evening church services.
- Screen will set up for lectures and worship
- Proposal for discussion: small groups could be requested to sit together since we now have chairs which can be layout out appropriately



## CAMP COMMUNICATION:

In efforts to improve communication there will be:

- Scheduling posters on walls and the TV screens
- WhatsApp group for the US leadership team
- WhatsApp group for the US and Latvian Leadership team
- WhatsApp group for the entire camp – this is going to be a “one way” communication only by select leaders, but will allow for more flexibility in schedule changes and any other changes possibly



## US TEAM TRAVEL LOGISTICS:

Camp Dates: 29 June – 3 July

Travel Dates: 25 June – 5 July

Arriving in RIX on June 26

### DFW Team Itinerary:

Tue 25 June	Dallas - London	BA 1589	05:00 PM - 08:10 AM	Economy
Wed 26 June	London - Helsinki	BA 6032	10:20 AM - 03:15 PM	Economy
Wed 26 June	Helsinki - Riga	BA 6028	04:10 PM - 05:20 PM	Economy
Fri 05 July	Riga - Helsinki	BA 6025	09:40 AM - 10:50 AM	Economy
Fri 05 July	Helsinki - Chicago	BA 6089	01:55 PM - 03:20 PM	Economy
Fri 05 July	Chicago - Dallas	BA 4438	05:50 PM - 08:14 PM	Economy

Meeting at DFW airport on June 25 at: \_\_\_\_\_

### Team as of May 18, 2019

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|-------------------|--|
| 1. Brent Cooper   | 9. Veronica Almodovar                        |
| 2. Karen Cooper   | 10. Cathryn Shaw                             |
| 3. Mike Cummins   | 11. Graham Jones                             |
| 4. Joetta Cummins | 12. Bethany Jones                            |
| 5. Neal Duffey    | 13. Zane Gruzina - tentative                 |
| 6. Cheryl Duffey  | 14. Cindy Barry                              |
| 7. Travis Jones   | 15. Heba Rahwan (prayerfully considering)    |
| 8. Hannah Peck    | 16. Evija Johnston (prayerfully considering) |
|                   | 17. Kelly Jackson (prayerfully considering)  |

### Next Camp Planning Meeting:

June 8, 2PM, Cooper residence



## TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS

**1) Passports**-Everyone will require a passport to enter the EU. There are no exceptions. You will not be allowed on the plane in the US without a passport. If your passport is set to expire within 6 months of your arrival in the EU you may want to go ahead and renew it since some countries require that you have at least 6 months left on your passport in order to enter the country. It is a good idea to make a copy of the face page of your passport and keep it in your luggage in case your passport is lost or stolen. Do not put your passport in your checked luggage. You need it on your person while you travel.

**2) Luggage**-Each traveler is allowed two checked pieces of luggage. The maximum weight is 23 kg or 50 lbs. You are also allowed one carry-on piece. Your carry-on piece must fit in the overhead or under the seat in front of you. Guitars can be tricky. The price to check an extra piece of luggage is about \$100. When you check in make sure the routing on your luggage is correct. You can do this by looking at the baggage tag. You do not need to bring your entire wardrobe with you. There is a washer and dryer at the school available for your use. Make sure you have your name and address on each piece of luggage you take.

**3) Currency**-The official currency in Latvia is the Euro. They converted from the Lat in January of 2015. There will be ATM machines in Riga and Talsi and at the airports where you can exchange your money. They usually are cheaper than the exchange booths at the airport. In order to use your ATM card in the EU, you will need to alert your bank of the dates that you will be travelling in the EU. If you do not alert your bank, the transaction may be declined.

**4) Credit Cards**-The businesses in the EU take US credit cards. Most of the cards over there are chipped so if you have a chipped card you should try to use that one. Before you leave the country you will need to call your credit card company and put a travel alert on your card. If not, they may think someone has taken your number and may decline the transaction. You should also check and see if there is a foreign transaction fee for use and how much it is. (most are around 3%)

**5) Hair Dryers and Curling Irons**-Latvia uses 220v as opposed to 110v used in the US. If you try to use your curling iron or hair dryer, even with a converter, there is a good chance it will burn out. We have purchased several curling irons and hair dryers that we leave there for the use of the American team. I would encourage everyone to use them rather than bring your own.

**6) Computers**-Your computer has a converter built into it where it can run and be charged on 110v or 220v. The only thing you will need is an adapter to the European type plug. You can get them at any travel shop or order them on Amazon. They are very cheap and you will need one when you are there to charge and operate your computer. There is free Wi-Fi over the entire school and in the hotel we will stay at for those who need access to the internet. For those who want to talk to their families, most Americans use Skype or FaceTime to connect with their families.

**7) Cell Phones**-Your cell phone will work in the EU but it is very expensive. Most of the American team will place the phone on airplane mode and use the Wi-Fi to retrieve emails check Facebook, etc. If you are going to be using the cellular feature you should check with your provider and get an international plan for the time we will be in the EU. Otherwise you will be facing a very large bill.

**8) Hotel**-While in Riga we will be staying at the Radisson Daugava. It has free Wi-Fi and free breakfast. Your hotel charges are included in the price this year.



**9) Spending Money**-You should bring spending money depending on what you want to do and buy. Most of the meals will be provided though there will a few you will need to pay for. The transportation to and from Riga is provided. However, if you want souvenirs or do things like Segway Tours in Riga, you will need extra money. Also, while in Riga you will need money to pay for your meals. (breakfast is free)

**10) Clothing**-The weather is usually in the 70's when we are there. However, there have been times when the weather has been in the 90's and when it has been in the 60's. The day before we leave when you are packing I would encourage all to check the weather forecast for Latvia and pack accordingly. We will also be attending a church service the first Sunday we are there. The guys should wear long pants (jeans are OK) and a collared shirt. Girls can wear long pants and a blouse. No one should wear shorts to the service. We have washer and dryer available so it is not necessary to carry your entire wardrobe to Latvia. Bring comfortable walking shoes!

**11) Bibles**-Be sure and bring your Bible, even if you use an app for your Bible. During the camp and evening service we ask that you do not use your iPads or AppBibles but use your hard copy. This way no one will think that we are not paying attention to the service.

**12) Sleeping**-The students will sleep with the Latvian students and adults will sleep in the upstairs dorm or classrooms. The sun does not set until around midnight so if you have difficulty sleeping in rooms with light, you may want to bring eye masks which can be picked up fairly cheaply at Walgreen's or CVS.

**13) Medical Insurance**-Travel insurance is available. However, the cost of medical care over there is extremely low and may be in excess of the cost of travel insurance. Your US health policy may or may not provide coverage in the EU.

**14) Medications**-If you are on medications, do not pack the medicine in your checked bag. Checked bags have been known to be delayed by several days. You should place your medications in your carry-on bag or in your purse to insure it stays with you.

**15) Safety**-We have never had a problem with safety on any of our trips. One reason is we insist that no one goes out in the cities by themselves. You must have another person with you at all times when in Riga.

**16) Departure Day**-On our day of departure, you will need to be at the airport at least 2 hours prior to departure. You will receive information about the terminal and gates. Do not forget your passport!

