



SUMMER HANDBOOK



Camp Fire | Central Texas

COVID 19 Information

At Camp Fire we will continue to follow the processes we have put in place for the summer to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

1. All campers and staff will wear masks unless eating, swimming, or boating.
2. All campers will be screened upon arrival each morning. This includes temp. checks, and parents will complete the screening questionnaire each morning.
3. Campers will be grouped at the beginning of the week based upon how they arrive to camp. If they ride in a van, that's the group they are in. Campers dropped off at camp will remain with the group they arrive with on the first day. Example. As kids arrive to camp by parents on Monday. They will be assigned a group with a counselor. When that group is full, we will begin filling the next group. No campers will be moved from group to group.
4. Campers will not be changing clothes at camp. Swimsuits should be worn under clothing or campers could wear rash guards etc.
5. Campers will need to bring their own water bottle. We will have water stations for water refill. We can not loan out water bottles this year and parents will be called to bring another bottle. It is not safe to be without water in the heat.
6. Campers will be expected to maintain 6 feet of separation whenever feasible. We recognize that is not always possible but it is our goal.
7. Campers will be in groups of 10 campers and two instructors under most circumstances. The exception will be during lunch when counselors will relieve each other for breaks.
8. Do not send a camper to camp if anyone in the family has symptoms, has tested positive in the last 14 days or is awaiting a test result.
9. We are not able to give refunds due to COVID illness or other illness.
10. Please don't hesitate to call Barb Dunnam 479.685.8730 with any questions or concerns



Welcome to Summer Camp!

We are excited to have your child join us as we begin a new summer of Camp Balcones at Emma Long Park. The information provided is to help you gain a better understanding of how camp is structured and what to expect for your campers summer fun.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Contacting camp - Please use the CAMP PHONE. This phone will be used as your main communication during the summer. Please do not ask counselors for cell phone numbers. It detracts from the time that is spent with our campers. This number will be provided via email.

Arrival and Departure - There are two possibilities for camp arrival and departure. The first is traditional drop off and pick up by parents at Camp Balcones. Parents may pickup or drop off between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm each day.

Drop off: simply bring your camp kid to camp and log in with the counselors on duty. ***Drop off is at the PAVILLION. The PAVILLION is to the left right before you reach the entrance/pay station at the park entrance.***

Drop off at Van Stops are during posted route times.

Pick up: you MUST go to the Pavillion A staff member will locate your camper by schedule on the property and have them brought to you. ***Parents must pickup campers at the Pavillion only.***



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Tentative Schedule

This schedule can change but is provided as a guideline.

Campers Arrive

First Activity Period

First Activity Period Ends

Lunch

Second Activity Period *Begins*

Second Activity Period Ends

Snack

Vans Depart

End of Day



Activity Period Sessions

Swimming/ Waterfront - During Swimming or Waterfront, your camper will be on the water. They will be exposed to Canoeing and Kayaking during the week as well as having a daily opportunity to swim.

Art - Campers will participate in Art as an integrated activity rather than a stand alone program.

Archery/Outdoor Games We will provide weekly exposure to Archery.

Science/Outdoor Programs During Science and Outdoor programs your camper will be hiking, exploring the park and learning weekly theme specific subject matter that gives them a broad under-standing of how we all fit in this amazing ecosystem that is earth.

Additionally, during each day your camper will participate in Council Circle. It is a time for building the spirit and intent of Camp Fire to help each of our kids Find the Spark, Lift Their Voice and Discover who THEY ARE. Your camper will have time during each day to reflect on their experiences.

Van Routes We do our best to remain on schedule and ask that you help as well. We must depart our locations on time each day. Please ensure you drop off **PRIOR** to scheduled departure or it can make us late for other parents.

***Thank you for joining Camp Fire!
We are happy to welcome you to the family.***

Discipline Measures - The measure taken will be determined at the time of the incident. The following are some measures used.

- **CORRECTION** - Camper is reminded of the rules and is asked once again to follow them.
- **SAFE PLACE** - Campers is asked to take a break (no longer than 15 minutes) in order to cool-off and calm down. This may not be possible on the trail or in certain program locations
- **COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS** - Serious problems will be conveyed to the parent immediately by phone. Small problems will be communicated at the end of the camp day. Parents also may be informed of any "safe place" period administered.
- **SUSPENSION/WITHDRAWAL** - Serious or continuing problems may result in suspension and/or immediate withdrawal. This de-termination is made by the camp director. Camp Fire may refuse a child's participation based upon behavior or communication with parents. Behavior that jeopardizes the safety or participation of others will not be tolerated.
- **Note: No refund will be issued for suspension or removal from Camp by Camp Fire or parents.**

Personal Belongings - Personal items should be left at home as they can get lost, stolen, or broken. Any items brought in must have prior approval by the camp director. Camp Fire of Central Texas is not responsible for any items lost or damaged. Please do not bring money to camp.

Phones - Youth may not use phones during the camp day.

Lost and Found - Items not claimed by Friday of the current week will be given to charity.

Clothing - The campers are outside for the majority of the day, so please dress the campers according to the weather. **All campers must wear appropriate closed toed footwear to camp. Be advised we are in a natural environment outdoors. This means snakes and hazards may be present and closed toed shoes, as well as footwear that can be worn in the water are required.**

Appropriate Footwear - Our camp is a outdoor nature based camp. Campers **MUST** wear closed toe shoes each day. No sandals or flip flops allowed at any time. Please label all articles of clothing with family name.

Swimming The campers will swim daily conditions permitting. It is recommended that children bring a swimsuit and towel. Always wear bathing suit under morning clothes. They will be carrying personal item with them so please ensure it is easily handled by your camper. Campers should come to camp with Sunscreen/Insect Repellent already applied. They will have time before swimming to apply more. Campers must be able to apply their own sunscreen/Insect Repellent. Counselors will also remind campers to reapply during the day. Please no products containing DEET.

CAMPERS WILL NOT BE USING THE CHANGING AREAS AT CAMP.
CAMPERS WILL NOT BE CHANGING CLOTHES. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

No pool toys or floats allowed. Certified life vests are allowed. Campers will be required to carry those with them during the day. We do not have storage.

Swim Test - All campers are assumed to be non-swimmers pending a swim test. Once campers have been swim tested they will be given a Tyvek band for the week. **DO NOT REMOVE THIS BAND.** This **BAND INDICATES YOUR CHILDS SWIMMING ABILITY.** It must remain on their wrist for the **ENTIRE WEEK.**

Grouping - All of our campers will be based upon arrival and departure method. We can't honor requests to move children from group to group.

Lunch & Snack - It is the parents' responsibility to pack a lunch with beverage for their child every day. We will provide a daily afternoon snack. Please ensure they have their water bottle each day. A camper that does not have a water bottle will be provided one. Parent accounts will be charged 5.00.

Absences and Refunds - *There are no refunds for absences.* There are no refunds within 30 days of camp. Parents may exchange a week for a different week if there is space available. There is a 100.00 fee for each change. but we can't process refunds. Staffing is based upon attendance as are supply purchases, insurance etc. Every camper will receive a tshirt and hat on the first day of the first camp they attend for the summer. Replacements are available. T-shirts are 20.00 dollars, and Hats are also 20.00

Medications We can not store medication at camp. Please make sure your child's regularly prescribed medications are adjusted to reflect this. Children may not carry medications. Exceptions are rescue devices such as Epi-Pens and Inhalers, which must be labeled by the pharmacy and kept in the original container at our office.

