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LONE STAR

CAMPER INFORMATION PACKET 2024



La Grange Campus
2016 Camp Lone Star Rd, La Grange TX 78945

CHECK IN DAY

Check-in is from 3:30-4:30pm and is a highly organized system located in Rejoice Hall. Upon arrival, Staff will guide you to park your car. Please leave your camper's luggage in the car, only bringing medication, mail, and any Trading Post money.

HEALTH SCREENING

Campers will undergo a health screening upon arrival which will include a lice check and review of all medical forms. Campers with head lice (eggs/nits or hatched) will not be accepted and session fees cannot be refunded or transferred at this point. Campers who are unexplainably symptomatic of any sickness will not be allowed to check-in and attend that camp session.

TRADING POST

Trading Post Accounts: All Trading Post money should be deposited one week before your camper's session. Money can also be deposited into their account the day of Check In by bringing cash, check, or credit card, however, prepaying will speed up Check In.

Refunds: Purchases at the Trading Post are deducted from your camper's account, and any remaining balance may be picked up at Check Out. You can choose to donate any remaining Trading Post money to our Summer Mission Partner.

CHECK OUT DAY

Our Closing Program is from 10:45-11:30am in the Koop on the final session day as follows:

- **Week-Long | Friday**
- **Weekend | Sunday**
- **Mini-Week | Tuesday**

Staff will help you park and direct you to the Koop Center. At Closing Program you will enjoy watching your camper sing songs or act out a skit. Campers also get to share stories from the week and what they learned in their time at Camp! You won't want to miss it! After the Closing Program, you will pick up your camper at their cabin after completing our Check Out process in the Koop.

CHECK OUT

You can start the Check Out process before or after Closing Program in the Koop. To check out your camper, you will show your ID to the Camp Staff and sign your name on the release form. (Campers will only be released to the individuals listed on your release form. Please ensure all parents, family, friends, and/or Pioneer leaders are listed as needed).

You will receive their medications and any TP refunds. You will also be given a card with your campers' name and cabin assignment on it to be given to the counselor before they are released to you. Immediately following Closing Program all campers will be picked up at their cabins.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ACCEPTANCE

Rules for acceptance and participation in the program are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, age, sex, national origin, disability, political belief, or religion.

CABIN MATES

Cabin mates are friends that you would like to request to be in the same cabin/counselor group with. You can log in to your CampWise account online and change cabin mate requests by clicking on the Optional Items button.

Cabin mates must meet the follow criteria:

- Both the camper making the request and the requested camper must have one another as a Cabin Mate request.
- No more than 2 years in age apart.

The opportunity to develop new friendships, some of which may last a lifetime, is one of the rich blessings that camp has to offer. Sharing the camp experience with friends is also a blessing. We will do all that we can to honor your cabin mate request. However, if more than two reciprocal cabin mates were requested there is a chance that honoring some requests may not be possible. Generally, no more than 3 or 4 individuals from the same congregation are likely to be placed in the same counselor group.

Note: Being in a Pioneer group does not guarantee cabin mate requests. Please ensure you have listed them in CampWise.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Camp Lone Star's Medic Station is stocked with basic over-the-counter medications and first aid supplies. Camp is staffed with a Summer Medical Coordinator for the entire summer. All camper medications must be checked in with the medic staff at Check In, including vitamins, sleep aids, supplements and herbal remedies. Do not pack medications in your camper's luggage. Asthma and epi-pens are turned in to the camper's counselor for them to keep with them at all times. All medications will be returned as a part of our check out process at Closing Program.

If your camper has food allergies, please indicate this in your camper's online account by selecting the **Update Info** button next to the camper's name and click on the **Medical** box. Please do this before your camper's arrival so the food service staff can be prepared to meet your child's dietary needs.

Please check your camper for lice before you come to camp. Each camper must be lice free from all active head lice, nits, and larvae before being admitted to camp. We will check for lice upon arrival.

MEDICAL EXPENSES AND INSURANCE

In the event of sickness or injury, Camp Lone Star does not include accident insurance in the summer camp fee. Should a camper require special medical treatment, prescription medicine, or hospital care during the camp session, the expenses will be forwarded to the parents or guardians.

REQUIRED FORMS | COMPLETE BEFORE CAMP

There are a number of forms that must be filled out by a parent or guardian through your camper's CampWise account at least three days prior to arrival at camp. These forms are constantly updated and must be completed annually.

To navigate to the following, log onto your Camper's account.

Click on **Update Info > Forms button**.

- Camper Information Form
- Camper Release Form
- Camper Medical Information Form
- Profile Form

To navigate to the following, log onto your Camper's account.

Click on **Update Info > Medical button**.

- **Allergy Information-** Even if your camper does not have allergies, you must select No Known Allergies.
- **Medication Information-** Select the camper's session and click the Add Medication button.
- **Over the Counter Medication Information-** Please select the medications that our camp medic can administer to your camper without calling you before the medication is administered.

In addition, an up to date annual Health History and Immunization History for each camper is a requirement of the Texas Health Code. This form is required each year. If your camper is exempt from immunizations, you must have a **CURRENT** immunization exemption affidavit on file.

If any of this information changes prior to your arrival to camp, please go in to your CampWise account and update the appropriate sections using the steps above. This greatly speeds up the Check In process.

TRADING POST MONEY

Camp Lone Star's Trading Post has a wide variety of drinks, snacks, shirts, hats, and much more ranging from \$1 - \$35. Each day campers go to the Trading Post to purchase a snack and drink. On the last full day of Camp, campers are able to purchase souvenirs to take home with them. The Trading Post opens after Closing Program for families to purchase any snacks or souvenirs to take home. We recommend that parents leave \$50 or less in their camper's account.

How can I add Trading Post money to my Camper's account?

- Login to your online CampWise account
- Click on **Make a Payment > No I Don't**.
- Select which campers you would like to add money to. Then click **Process Selected Campers**
- Here you will see a row that includes **Registration, Store, Pmt. Options & Confirmation**. Select **Store**
- Enter in the amount that you would like your camper to have access to in the Camp Store and then select **Pmt. Options** to enter in credit card information.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

More than 14 days: Cancellations occurring 14+ days prior to your camper's session will result in a refund of all payments minus a \$100 cancellation fee for each overnight week-long session (\$50 for each two-night or Day Camp session).

Less than 14 days: Cancellations occurring within 14 days of your camper's session will result in a forfeiture of all payments.

Less than 24 hours: For requests made less than 24 hours before check in, there will be no refund or transfer of registration funds.

Transfer to another session: Registration funds may be transferred to another session during the same summer if the request is made 14 or more days in advance of the session you are transferring from. If the request to transfer is within 14 days of the session you wish to transfer from, it will result in a \$100 cancellation fee for each overnight week-long session (\$50 for each two-night or Day Camp session).

Dismissal: Camp Lone Star reserves the right to dismiss any camper whose influence and conduct become detrimental in any way to the best interests of other members of this camp. Camp Lone Star will not issue refunds for campers dismissed for disciplinary reasons. Camp Lone Star will not make registration payment deductions for absences, withdrawals before the end of a session, or late arrivals.

PREPARING FOR CAMP

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS AT CAMP:

- Send familiar items from home to put on their bunk bed to add a comforting touch!
- Review contents of luggage so the camper knows what they have brought and where to find it.
- Discuss with camper how to communicate problems or concerns with their counselor.
- Review with camper what they can expect at camp if he or she is a first-time camper.
- Review camp rules and regulations so both you and the camper have an understanding of what will be expected of them at camp. This is important for returning campers as well since rules and regulations are updated each year.

CAMPER MAIL

Camper mail is distributed to campers each day after lunch. No mail is delivered to campers on the first or last day of the camp session. Packages and mail may be left at camp during Check In and will be distributed on the day indicated on the letter or package. Packages should not contain any edible items or items listed on the "what not to bring to camp" section. Any sent food items will be placed in the Trading Post for campers to have during their TP time.

To ensure proper delivery, please address your camper's mail as follows:

**CAMP LONE STAR – CAMPER NAME & SESSION
2016 CAMP LONE STAR RD
LA GRANGE, TX 78945**

Email: You can email your camper and our staff will print the letter out and deliver to your camper during mail time. Campers do not respond by email, this is a one-way only rmail. The email cut off each day is 4pm. View the steps below to send emails.

1. Login to your online CampWise account.
2. Click on **Update Info** next to the camper's name you wish to send mail to.
3. Click on the **Camper Emails** box to enable one-way emails.
4. From here you can also invite other family and friends to send emails by clicking on the "Invite" tab.

WALDO: PHOTO DELIVERY SERVICE

Camp Lone Star partners with Waldo to provide photos of your camper throughout the week! This facial recognition app allows photos to be delivered straight to your phone during your camper's session.

Your Waldo subscription donates 50% back to go toward camper scholarships!

To Enroll: Text this code to 735-343: CLS24

Not interested in photo delivery? You can still view the photos at our free web gallery! Visit waldophotos.com/galleries and enter the code CLS24 to join.

PHOTO AND VIDEO REPLICATION

Camp Lone Star reserves the right to utilize, reproduce, and/or copy all video footage, pictures, parent evaluations, etc. taken or given during any session of summer camp, after-camp evaluation, and/or Camp Lone Star event for use by Camp Lone Star in promotional and marketing publications for print or web, or any other way deemed necessary by Camp Lone Star. No camper, staff, or parent name will be published without permission in association with any of the above stated materials.

CAMPER ACTIVITIES & SCHEDULING

Your camper will travel through the day with his/her cabin group and a trained summer counselor as they participate in a full day of camp activities. A typical schedule consists of:

- Morning devotion
- Breakfast & cabin clean up
- All camp song time and VIP message
- Cabin group activities
- Lunch
- Flat on Bunk (FOB)
- Cabin group activities
- Round up
- Dinner
- Slab Time
- All Camp Activity
- Evening Devotions

SUMMER PACKING LIST

Clearly label all your camper's items, especially towels, shirts, shorts, water bottle and Bible!

- Bed Linens: twin size sheet set and blanket or sleeping bag (Alpha Campers: We advise that you bring a sleeping bag to use for a potential campout)
- Pillow
- Bath Towel
- Toiletries: body soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant
- Clothing: a change of clothes for each day, as well as extra sets (for younger campers, consider bagging outfits in gallon ziplock bags as it can be hard to keep track of what has been already worn)
- Tennis Shoes or Closed Toed Shoes
- Closed Toed Lake Shoes: water shoes that can get muddy/ dirty
- Bible, Notebook, Pen
- Water Bottle (Important Opportunity: Remind your camper that hydration is important, especially when you are spending all day outside. Consider setting a goal with your camper for how many of their size water bottles they should drink a day during their time at camp)
- Swimsuit: girls need a one-piece suit or tankini that completely covers midriff
- Swim Towel
- Raincoat or Poncho
- Sunscreen and Insect Repellent
- Flashlight
- Bag for Dirty Clothes

As you help your camper prepare for their time at camp, help familiarize them with the items that are packed.

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

In an effort to create the best camp environment for everyone, we ask that parents monitor what is packed for camp attire. Campers may not wear short shorts, tight or extra low-rise pants, tight or revealing t-shirts, cropped shirts, or bikini style swimming suits. A camper will be asked to change if they are not in compliance.

If any of the following items are found, they will be confiscated and can be picked up by parents at the end of the session:

- Cell phones, smart watches, tablets, or other electronic devices
- Weapons (including pocket knives), lighters, illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco/vaping/juul products or fireworks
- Gum, candy, food or other edible items
- Any prohibited clothing items

EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES

CAMPER RULES

Please read these rules and regulations with your camper. Rules apply to all campers for the safety and protection of all involved. Camp Lone Star requires both campers and staff to treat each other, camp property, and camp rules with respect.

DRESS CODE: In an effort to create the best possible camp environment for everyone, we ask that parents monitor what is packed for camp attire. Campers may not wear short shorts, tight or extra low-rise pants, tight or revealing t-shirts, cropped shirts, or bikini-style swimming suits. A camper may be asked to change if they are not in compliance.

ELECTRONICS: Campers are not allowed to make or receive phone calls during their camp session, unless it is an emergency. Cell phones, smart watches, tablets, and electronic games are NOT permitted at Camp Lone Star and will be confiscated. Confiscated items can be picked up by the parents at the end of the session.

FIGHTING: Fighting is not tolerated under any circumstances. Campers who engage in fighting could be sent home and their opportunity to return to camp in the future will be evaluated.

CONTRABAND: Campers found with weapons, lighters, alcohol, tobacco/vaping products/juuls, or illegal drugs will be dismissed from the camp program.

BEHAVIOR PLAN

To create a safe and healthy environment for all campers, Camp Lone Star uses a process of progressive discipline to help guide behaviors. At the beginning of the week, cabin groups will spend time together gaining an understanding of what is expected of them. During the course of each day, if a camper's behavior needs attention, they will first receive a warning. If the behavior continues, the cabin counselor will have an individual conversation with the camper seeking to understand their actions and to remind them of the purpose behind camp's rules. After further unresolved infractions, the camper's parents/guardians will be called and the option of being sent home will be discussed.

Certain behaviors, especially those that involve physically acting out toward others will result in staff moving directly to a parent/guardian phone call and potentially being sent home.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I GIVE PERMISSION FOR SOMEONE TO PICK UP MY CAMPER?

Campers will be released only to the individuals listed on the Release Form in the camper's CampWise account. If you need to have someone else pick your camper up from camp, and they were not added at Check-In, the parent/guardian should email their approval to info@camplonestar.org. No camper will be released without the presentation of a photo ID.

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE SUMMER STAFF?

All summer staff go through a comprehensive interview process which includes a background check, a written application, required written references, and a personal interview. All counselors are over the age of 18.

WHAT TYPE OF TRAINING DO THE SUMMER STAFF GO THROUGH?

All summer staff participate in an immersive two-week training program which includes training on theology, Bible study, program leadership, brain + child development, and more. All staff also are First Aid/CPR/AED certified.

HOW ARE CABIN ASSIGNMENTS MADE?

Campers are assigned to cabins according to their age and biological sex. While we do our best to honor cabin mate requests, we cannot guarantee that your request will be granted.

Teen campers stay in cabins according to their age and biological sex as well; however, they are also split into co-ed Day Groups according to their age. We cannot guarantee that your cabin mate request will be a part of your camper's Day Group.

Cabin assignments are typically made the week prior to campers arriving to camp.

CAN I VISIT MY CAMPER DURING THE WEEK?

There will be no visitation by parents or other family members during your camper's session. Camp Lone Star welcomes visitors to camp during Check-In and Closing days only.

WHAT IF MY CAMPER FORGETS SOMETHING AT CAMP?

Items found after campers depart will be stored at Camp Lone Star's lost and found. Please call our Camp Office if you realize your camper has left something behind. Camp will mail lost and found items only if shipping is paid in advance with a credit card. Items that have not been claimed by the end of the calendar year will be donated to a local charitable organization.