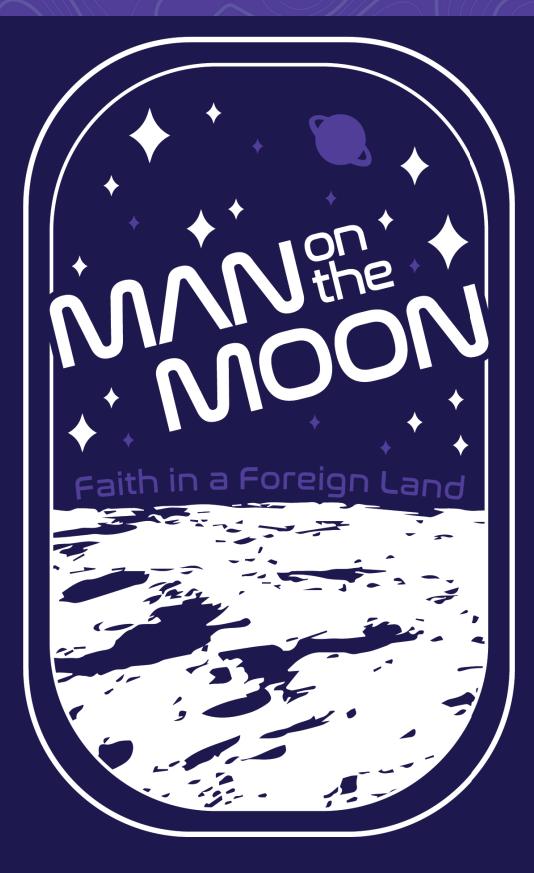
## PARENT PACKET





# CAMP EAGLE SAFETY

Your Campers' safety is our highest priority here at Camp Eagle. Of course, we want them to have fun, build Friendships, and meet God, but safety comes first!

### First Aid

We have multiple Wilderness First Responders, certified by a national training organization, on staff to respond to emergencies, as well as an on-call physician for consults.

The Medical Station is crewed 24/7 by our Wilderness First Responders.

Our summer staff goes through extensive training before camp begins. During this time, many of our staff are trained as lifeguards, which includes CPR/First Aid/AED and go through extensive training on our high elements and activities.

### **Child Protection Policy**

Our Child Protection Policy (CPP) begins with you, the adult. Before your camper attends camp, please help us educate your camper on what is acceptable and unacceptable behavior for staff and campers. This effort will help protect not only your camper but also our staff and other campers.

### Appropriate Touch

- Handshakes and high-fives
- Brief Side Hugs (Example: Congratulatory and Greeting Hugs)
- Arm around the shoulders

### Not appropriate Touch

- Private back rubs, arm tickles, massages, etc.
- Touching of private parts, whether clothed or not (no exceptions!)
- Touching a child in anger, disgust, or frustration
- Frontal hugs, do your best to avoid and do not initiate
- Sexual embraces
- Lap and leg sitting
- Kissing
- Intimate wrestling or close embraces
- Tickling

### Appropriate Talk

- Verbal praise for achievement or behavior
- Verbal encouragement
- Biblically-based teaching (non-sexual)
- Normal, healthy conversation
- Biblicall- based (non-sexual) age appropriate teaching

### Not appropriate Talk

- Compliments, comments, or questions relating to physique or body development
- Sexual jokes, or bathroom humor
- Swearing or vulgar language
- Verbal harassment or abuse
- Individual secrets or special gifts
- Sexual coaching or conversation
- Demeaning and insulting language towards another camper.

### Appropriate Territory

- Public one-on-one interaction
- Group or public environments

#### Not Appropriate Territory

- Sitting or lying on a bed with a camper
- Private one-on-one interactions
- One-on-one in cabins

### Modesty

- Staff or campers shall never "sit around" or "walk around" the cabin or cabin area without clothing covering private areas normally covered by clothing.
- Towels must be worn at all times going to and from the shower. (No exceptions!)
- It is against policy to display sexual body parts intentionally, even as a joke.
- It is NEVER ACCEPTABLE to expose the private parts of another person.

# WHAT TO PACK

- □ Twin bedding (pillow and sleeping bag or sheets and blanket)
- □ 1 nalgene or water bottle (around 32 oz)
- □ 1 Jacket or sweatshirt
- 1 raincoat
- □ 1-2 Swimsuits or swim trunks (one-piece or t-shirt to wear as a cover-up for girls)
- □ 1-2 pajamas
- $\Box$  2 bath towels and wash cloths
- □ 8 underwear
- $\Box$  8 pairs of sock
- □ 1 jeans or pants
- □ 4-5 Shorts
- $\Box$  1 tennis shoes or other closed toed shoes
- $\hfill\square$  1 pair of secure fitting shoes that can get wet/ muddy
- $\Box$  1 flip flops and/or water shoes
- □ 10 t-shirts
- □ Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, hygiene products.) Place in a gallon sized ziplock bag with the campers name on it.
- $\hfill\square$  Backpack for water, bible, towel ect
- 🗆 Hat
- □ Sunglasses
- □ Flashlight and extra batteries
- □ Sunscreen
- □ Insect repellent
- $\hfill\square$  Any medications \*see note below on how to pack medications
- □ Laundry bag
- $\Box$  Bible, notebook, and pen
- Sunscreen and insect repellent

### **Optional Items**

- □ Inexpensive or disposable camera
- $\Box$  Book to read during rest time
- Sleeping bag Campers will have an opportunity to camp outdoors during the week; if your camper is interested in this option they must bring a sleeping bag.

Please limit your bags to ONE trunk/suitcase and One Laundry bag. PLEASE DO NOT bring snacks! We like to keep our cabins critter free. Campers will have the opportunity to purchase snacks and eat them outside their cabins.

DO NOT BRING: Electronics (cell phones, video games, digital music players, e-readers), Guns, Fireworks, Water Balloons, Knives, Drugs, Expensive Jewerly or Clothing, Permanent Markers, and anything else that you would miss if it were lost!

# PACKING TIPS

### Pack With Your Camper

Packing with your child is an excellent opportunity to build excitement about camp and to talk about any anxieties or concerns your camper may have about their upcoming camp experience.

Plus, you can make sure they pack everything that they need to bring and leave at home the stuff that should stay at home.

### Use The "What to Pack" Checklist

Use the checklist when you pack. Once you are all packed, tuck the checklist in your camper's luggage and instruct them to use it when they pack their stuff up at the end of the week. That way, they have a way to make sure they've got everything they came with and are leaving nothing behind.

### What To Pack Your Stuff In

Pack your camper's stuff so you can carry it a short distance to their cabin or yurt. Storage space in the cabins and yurts is limited. Pack all your items in a hard trunk or plastic container (anything taller than 15 inches will not fit under the beds). Regular suitcases are not preferred because they are difficult to clean.

### Label Everything

Use a permanent marker to put your camper's first and last name on everything, even your camper's luggage.

If your camper loses something, it may turn up in lost and found. Unclaimed items are disposed of or donated to charity two weeks after your camper's session ends.

### Pack Appropriate Attire For Camp

Pack clothing that is comfortable in hot weather, suitable for outdoor play, and has the potential to get wet and dirty. Campers should not pack suggestive or revealing outfits or articles of clothing that promote alcohol, tobacco, drug use, sexual behavior, or contain inappropriate language.

### A Note About Swimsuits

We expect all guests and staff to dress modestly while at camp. You should always be covered by lifejacket, modest swimwear, and/or clothing unless in a private changing or shower area. Example 1: While swimming, everyone must wear a lifejacket and modest swimwear. Example 2: When removing a lifejacket, everyone must put on clothing immediately aft erwards.

### If You Are Bringing Medications to Camp

All medications (**prescription**, **non-prescription**, **and over-the-counter**) remain with and are dispensed by our Medical Staff. Please pack your medications separately from your luggage in the original prescription bottles labeled with your camper's information so that you can easily access them and turn them in to the Medical Staff during Check-In.



## PREPARING FOR CAMP

### 6 Things You Can Do to Help Your Camper Succeed At Camp

- 1. Discuss the camp's policies with your camper beforehand. Make sure your camper understands what the policies are and that they need to honor them.
- 2. Acknowledge your camper's concerns positively. Let them know that you understand that they might be anxious, unsure, or nervous and that it is okay to feel that way. Resist the temptation to "rescue" your child from homesickness. Acknowledge in a positive way that you will miss your camper and that you are confident they will be able to complete the camp session.
- 3. Pack together with your camper. Pack things with your camper that they will be comfortable wearing. Pack a flashlight with lots of extra batteries. Pack a favorite stuffed animal or storybook for bedtime. Use the packing list included in this parent packet.
- 4. Let your camper know that the camp staff is there to help them. Make sure they understand that they should let their counselor know if they have a problem.
- 5. Prepare your camper for spending time away from home at camp. Visit the website with your camper and look at the pictures. Encourage your camper to ask questions about camp. Practice being away from home overnight. Have a sleep-out in the backyard or at a friend's house.
- 6. Build general excitement about the week by regularly talking about it and telling friends and family about the exciting week your son or daughter has ahead of them this summer! Speak of it as though it is an accomplishment.

### Avoid Doing These 5 Things That Set Your Camper Up For Failure

- 1. Avoid making deals or bribes. For example, avoid saying, "If you don't like it, Mommy will come and pick you up," or "If you stay at camp, Daddy will get you a new bike when you come home.
- 2. Avoid statements or actions that conflict with camp policies. Avoid saying things like "If you get homesick, you can call me" when camp has a policy that does not permit campers to call home or allowing your child to pack a digital music player, e-reader, or cell phone when the packing list says to leave it at home.
- 3. Avoid sending your camper to camp during a disruptive home situation. For example, in cases where a Grandparent died last week or parents just got divorced, it's best to give your camper time to adjust. Check with us to see if it's possible to switch to a session later in the summer.
- 4. Avoid keeping helpful information from camp staff about your camper. For example, not letting staff know your camper is prone to bedwetting is counterproductive. By providing our staff with as much information as possible, you help us help your camper. Having information ahead of time saves us from " troubleshooting" a puzzling situation in search of a solution. Instead, we can be proactive.
- 5. Avoid taking your camper off prescription medications for their week at camp. Camp is a less structured environment than your child may be used to at school. Children are more active and stay up later at camp; if your camper requires medication while at home under normal circumstances, it is beneficial for your camper to continue to use the regularly prescribed medication.



# ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

### **Squirrel Bags**

Squirrel bags are a great way to get some Camp Eagle gear that is both functional and awesome! These bags come in three sizes (acorn, oak, and grand oak) and must be purchased at least one week before your session begins so they can be ready for your camper. You can buy your camper a squirrel bag on your online account.

### Acorn \$40

- 1 Camp Eagle Bag
- 1 Camp Eagle Shirt
- 1 Camp Eagle Water Bottle

### Oak \$ 60

- 1 Camp Eagle Bag
- 1 Camp Eagle Shirt
- 1 Camp Eagle Water Bottle
- 1 Camp Eagle Hat
- 1 Camp Eagle Journal

### Grand Oak \$85

- 1 Camp Eagle Bag
- 1 Camp Eagle Shirt
- 1 Camp Eagle Water Bottle
- 1 Camp Eagle Hat
- 1 Camp Eagle Hoodie

### **Rides to Camp**

Meet our staff in San Antonio or Houston for rides to camp. Rides are a **one-way trip** to Camp Eagle; campers must be picked up on the closing day. Rides must be purchased at least one week before your session begins. Space is limited and provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Houston \$160 per camper (lunch included) 9 AM at the Bass Pro Shop parking lot located in Katy Mills.

5000 Katy Mills Cir #415, Katy, TX 77494

San Antonio \$75 per camper 1PM at the Bass Pro Shop parking lot located at The RIM 17907 I-10, San Antonio, TX 78257

You can reserve your campers ride to camp on your online account.

### Donations

We never want finances to be the reason campers can not experience a week full of outdoor adventure, authentic relationships, and Biblical truth. If you would like to donate to our camper scholarship fund, you can do that on .....

### **Camper Credit**

Camp credit is spending money for campers. Choose the dollar amount for your camper to use all week. **Please do not send cash**; this way, they do not have money to get lost. You can also monitor and add additional camp credit at any point during the week to your camper's account. At the end of your camper's session, the remaining funds will go to the designated place selected at the time of purchasing. You will have 2 options, to donate the remaining balance, or get a refund if balance is over \$5. to refund.

### Roommate Request

Request a roomie! We know it's a blast attending summer camp with a friend, so you can now request a roommate for your camper on your online account. Roommates must be the same gender, be no more than two age grades apart, and roommates must request each other. You can request roommates here under the "Roommate Request" section.

### **Camp Photos**

We know that you want to see your camper having the most amazing week of their life. We have a new photo system where you will easily be able to find pictures of your camper!! We send out these links to your email on the first day of camp!



# MAIL & PACKAGES

### Campers LOVE to get mail!

The best way to ensure timely delivery is to leave it with us when you drop off your camper. We will deliver mail collected at Check-In throughout the week at lunch. Things to consider when packing care packages for your camper.

- Keep them small No larger than 12" x 15" x 3/4". With the number of campers and staff we have at Camp Eagle each week storage for big boxes can be an issue.
- Please, no food or candy Food and candy can attract unwanted insects and critters and can also create challenging situations, especially if other campers have specific food allergies.

### **Camper Mail**

We encourage you to "pre-write" your cards and letters and drop them off with us on Check-In day. However, if you would like to send your camper mail, please make sure to send it well in advance (at least a week)

### Sending a Package

If you choose to mail a package rather than leave it during registration, Please send it well in advance of your camper's week at camp (at least a week). **All packages must be shipped via UPS.** 

### Send Online Camper Mail!

If you want to send messages to your camper, you can purchase a Camper Mail package to send your camper personalized messages during their time at camp. **The one-way email service** will be active the day your camper arrives at camp. Messages are delivered every day at lunch. You can purchase an unlimited Camper Mail package for \$10 on your online account.

### Address your packages and letters to:

(make sure you send them well in advance)

### For Headwaters Campers (1st-5th grade)

[Your Child's Name] Care of Camp Eagle- Headwaters 6424 Hackberry Road Rocksprings, TX 78880

### For Riverse Edge Campers (6st-8th grade)

[Your Child's Name] Care of Camp Eagle- Rivers Edge 6424 Hackberry Road Rocksprings, TX 78880

### For Eagel Quest Campers (9th-12th grade)

[Your Child's Name] Care of Camp Eagle - Eagle Quest 6424 Hackberry Road Rocksprings, TX 78880



# **ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE**

Since many of our families have campers attending multiple campuses at the same time, we have scheduled Opening Day and Closing Day so they can participate at both campuses.



**Check-in is between 3:00 - 5:00 pm at the Headwaters Barn**; follow the Summer Camp check-in signage as you enter the camp property. Take the first right after the water crossing; you will see the Headwaters Barn and parking lot at the top of the hill.

Check-in will take place in the Headwaters Barn, where you can talk with our medical staff, meet the camp staff and get your cabin assignment. Please make sure to have any medications your camper has out and ready to give to the medical staff. Only Headwaters campers need to take their luggage to the barn.

If you are dropping off campers at multile campuses, please drop off your Headwaters Camper first.

Once checked in and at your proper campus, our staff can assist you with your luggage and help you find your cabin or Yurt. After getting your camper settled and taking a few moments to meet the counselors and new friends, be sure to give a big embarrassing kiss good-bye before heading out.

### DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUSES:

#### **Rivers Edge:**

Please drive back to the county road and follow the signage for Rivers Edge. You will take a right at the fork, drive under the suspension bridge and follow the signs to Rivers Edge! When you pass the giant Nueces Cayon Mine on your right, you are almost there!

### Eagle Quest:

Please drive back to the county road and follow the signage for Eagle Quest. You will take a right at the fork, drive under the suspension bridge and follow the signs to Eagle Quest! When you pass the main camp area you are almost there! Look for a Kayak and a sign to Eagle Quest on your right.



When you check out your camper, please make sure to have your **camper pick-up code.** You can find this on the main page of your online account.

**Headwaters:**The Closing Program will begin at 10 am at the Headwaters Barn. Take the first right after the water crossing; you will see the Headwaters Barn and parking lot at the top of the hill.

**Rivers Edge:** Closing Program will begin at 10:30 am at the Riers Edge Meeting Yurt. drive under the suspension bridge and follow the signs to Rivers Edge! When you pass the giant Nueces Cayon Mine on your right, you are almost there; Rivers Edge will be on your left.

**Eagle Quest:** Closing Program will begin at 10:30 am at Eagle Quest drive under the suspension bridge and follow the signs to Eagle Quest, on the right just past main camp.



# **GETTING TO CAMP**

#### **Driving Directions**

\*Double-check your GPS, MapQuest, or Google Maps! They will sometimes take you the wrong way. Please use these directions to double-check your route.

**From San Antonio:** Take I-10 West toward El Paso past Kerrville to exit number 490. The sign says Hwy 41, Mountain Home/ Rocksprings. Turn left under the highway and head west on 41. After 2 miles (at Mountain Home) you will cross Hwy 27. Then at 22 miles later you will come to the intersection of Hwy 41 and Hwy 83. Continue west on 41 another 16 miles, then turn left onto Hackberry Road, which is a dirt road. Camp Eagle is 8 miles ahead.

**From Austin:** Take 290 West through Johnson City, Fredericksburg, and Harper. Go south on 479 to I-10 and then go west one exit to Exit number 490 (Hwy 41/Mountain Home, Rocksprings). Turn left under the highway and go west on 41. After two miles you will cross Hwy 27. Continue on Hwy 41 for 22 miles to the intersection of 41 and Hwy 83. Cross 83 and go 16 more miles on Hwy 41. Turn left onto Hackberry Road, which is a dirt road. Camp Eagle is 8 miles ahead.

**From Abilene:** Get on Highway 83 south going towards Junction. In Junction follow the signs for Highway 83 south on to Interstate 10 and stay on I-10 until you see the exit for Highway 83 south towards Uvalde. Take Highway 83 south about 30 miles until you come to the intersection for Highway 41. Turn right onto Highway 41 going west. Stay on Highway 41 for about 15 miles until you come to Hackberry Rd and see the signs for Camp Eagle. Turn left onto Hackberry Road and continue 8 miles until you reach Camp Eagle.

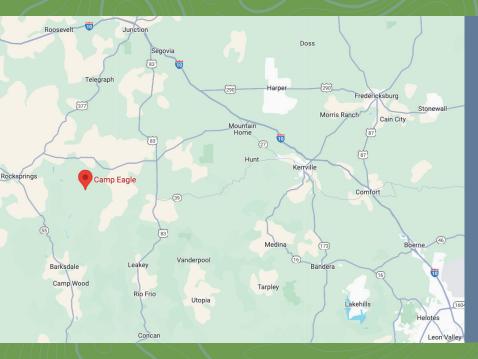
**From West Texas:** Get on Interstate Highway 10 going east towards Junction. Pass through Junction about 8 miles until you come to the exit for Highway 83 south towards Uvalde. Take Highway 83 south about 30 miles until you come to the intersection for Highway 41. Turn right onto Highway 41 going west. Stay on Highway 41 for about 15 miles until you come to Hackberry Rd and see the signs for Camp Eagle. Turn left onto Hackberry Road and continue 8 miles until you reach Camp Eagle.

From Dallas/Ft. Worth: We recommend taking 377 South to Granbury and on to Stephenville, or 67 south through Cleburne and on to Stephenville. From Stephenville, stay on 377 south through Brownwood and Brady. After going through downtown Brady, take 190 west to Menard. In Menard, turn left onto 83 south. Continue on 83 south to Junction. At I-10 get on and go east approximately 6 miles to the 83 south exit. Follow 83 south another 29 miles to Highway 41. Turn right (west) and go 16 miles. Take a left turn (south) onto Hackberry Road, which is a dirt road. Camp Eagle is 8 miles ahead!

**From Houston:** We recommend taking Hwy 290 to Austin or I-10 West to San Antonio and follow the directions for those cities!



# **GETTING TO CAMP**



Please know we are an outdoor adventure camp in every sense of the phrase. Even Our 8-mile dirt road driveway is an outdoor adventure. While a 4x4 is not necessary, we do ask that you abide by the 25 mph speed limit until you cross the river where the speed limit changes to 15 mph and be please courteous of the 2-way traffic.

6424 Hackberry RD Rocksprings, TX 78880 (830) 683-3219

## LOCAL LODGINGS

If you'd like to break up your journey to Camp Eagle and rest along the way, we recommend staying in one of the many Kerrville's hotels. Kerrville is the nearest town to Camp Eagle, located approximately 70 miles east. Please fill up your gas tank prior to leaving Kerrville!

### Hampton Inn

2038 Sidney Baker Street, Kerrville, TX 78028 (830) 257-0600

### Days Inn

2000 Sidney Baker St, Kerrville, TX 78028 (830) 896-1000

### **Y.O. Ranch Resort** 2033 Sidney Baker St, Kerrville, TX 78028 (830) 257-4440

Inn of the Hills 1001 Junction Highway Kerrville, TX 78028 (830) 895-5000



# PAYMENT & REFUND POLICY

- Payment made for a registered camper, whether set up on a monthly payment plan, three equal payments, or paid in full, will only be refunded a percentage of the total amount due for the registered camp.
- The percentage refund will be based on the number of months between registration and the camp's start date. You will only be refunded a percentage of your paid amount based on how many months you have left before the camp's start date and the total cost of the camp.

For example: if you sign up for camp eight months before its start date and pay in full the amount of \$450, then decide to cancel your registration three months before camp starts, your \$450 total for camp will be divided by your six months of reservation, making each month equal \$75 of the \$450 total. Since you had waited five of the eight months to decide to cancel, those five months will not be refunded; only the three months left before camp will be refunded in the amount of \$225 (3x75)

• Our cancellation policy is based on payments made on the monthly payment plan. If you signed up for the monthly payment plan, all payments are non-refundable.

For example: if you paid in full 6 months before the final payment due date and cancel three months later, you would be refunded half of the amount paid (3 months' worth).



### **Eagle Connect**

Eagle Connect is an Eight week aft er summer discipleship program for our campers and counselors who want to conti nue to connect over video calls and Bible studies. Once a week, they will hop on a call to catch up with their group and walk through the topic for the week. Learn More by Downloading the Camp Eagle Connect App for iOS and Android

As a way to say thank you and serve you throughout the year, join us at Camp Eagle for our new Camp Eagle Birthday Parti es! Come for One Day, One Night or Two Nights for a fun get away with your child, their friends and parents and celebrate your child's birthday the Camp Eagle Way! Prices vary per package. Please contact us for more informati on and to register.



# WE ARE HERE IF YOU NEED ANYTHING!

If you have any questions or need anything, please feel free to reach out to us, we are here to help!

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# **REGISTER FOR 2025**

### Register on Closing Day to get 10% off of your registration fees for camp!

Every year we fill up faster and faster. Make sure your child has another amazing summer at Camp Eagle by filling out the quick and easy form in the packet you will receive when you sign out your camper.

Pay attention to closing day for more information about some great giveaways that will allow you to share your Camp Eagle experience with your friends for free!

