



# Camp Eagle®

## Adventure Camps

Dear Group Camp Leader,

We are excited to host your group this summer at **Camp Eagle**! We know you join us in our desire to provide a safe camp experience for youth. One important part of our responsibility to members of your group who are minors is ensuring that adults supervising them have been screened and well trained. To this end we require anyone having direct, unsupervised contact with minors at camp be screened annually as well as have completed a State of Texas Approved Sexual Abuse Awareness Program.

Our family of camps has chosen to adopt the standards of Texas state law pertaining to screening and training because, in our view, they represent the highest such standards in youth camping laws where we currently operate.

Compliance with our screening and training requirements involves three steps:

1. Obtain a satisfactory criminal history search from the State Criminal Records Search, the Bureau of Criminal Identification, or National Sex Offender Public Website
2. Complete a State of Texas Approved Sexual Abuse Awareness Program
3. Document completion of these requirements on the attached Exhibit A – Adult Leaders Form

Please return this Affidavit to your Group Camp Administrative Team at least 24 hours prior to your arrival.

Please help us comply with this important safety measure by providing written verification that the adults attending in your group have completed the background check process (A, B and C above) in the past year. We do not need to see the results for each person. We need only a signed Affidavit of Compliance (attached) from you stating that this process has been completed for each adult in attendance.

For the protection of all of the youth at camp, if any adult attending your event has a criminal history, please contact your Group Camp Administration Team to discuss options. Under the laws which are guiding us, some crimes preclude an adult's presence and some do not. In some cases you may be asked to find a substitute leader for your time at **Camp Eagle**.

Thank you for your cooperation in this process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us!

Sincerely,

Your Camp Eagle Group Camp Team

Attachments: Affidavit of Compliance Exhibit A – Adult Leaders Form

## State Camping Code Affidavit of Compliance

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Session #: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name) hereby declare that I have visually reviewed and checked the background search results and voluntary disclosure statements for all the adult members of my group who will be having or could have direct unsupervised contact with minors unaccompanied by a parent or guardian at this event we are contracted or registered to attend.<sup>1</sup>

I declare that no one in the group has a background search result that would exclude them from their role at the event and that anyone with a record of criminal conviction or crimes against a person, was identified clearly to **Camp Eagle** and that our **Camp Eagle** representative provided written acknowledgement that this individual's record does not exclude them from participation in the event.

I declare that all adult members of my group who will be having or could have direct unsupervised contact with minors unaccompanied by a parent or guardian at this event we are contracted or registered to attend have completed a State of Texas Approved Sexual Abuse Awareness Program.<sup>2</sup>  
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/cpm/training.shtm?terms=youth%20camp%20training>

Our group's organization further accepts and takes any and all liability for the actions of any individual with a criminal history granted an exception for participation.

I declare that none of the group members that will attend have voluntarily disclosed any background information that causes concern for the safety of the minors at camp, or we have obtained explicit written approval for attendance from our **Camp Eagle** Representative regarding any group member of concern. I further attest that the information submitted in Exhibit A – Adult Leader Form has been completed and is accurate.

I hereby affirm and acknowledge, by signing below, that all of my statements are true and complete, and that any misrepresentation or omission may be grounds for rejection or dismissal of members of the group from the organized camp event my group is contracted or registered to attend. On behalf of the group, I acknowledge being informed here that travel costs for the departure of any group members dismissed after arrival will not be compensated by **Camp Eagle**. I understand **Camp Eagle** may at its sole discretion choose to refund registration fees for all or a portion of the program on a pro-rated basis for non-qualifying or dismissed group members. Furthermore, I attest that I have the authority to commit to this agreement for this group's organization.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Position or Role in Group Attending or Contracted Date

State of \_\_\_\_\_ City/County of \_\_\_\_\_

This statement was signed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Expires

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

Affix Seal:

<sup>1</sup> per Texas Youth Camp Safety and Health Act, Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1 (S.B. 219), Sec. 3.0384, eff. April 2, 2015 <sup>2</sup> per Texas Youth Camp Safety and Health Act, Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 946 (S.B. 277), Sec. 1.10(b), eff. September 1, 2015