

# Forms to be returned to camp ASAP:

- Medical Profile
- Pre-Order and Activity Selection Form

**\*Note: We will not be able to place campers in a cabin or specialty until these forms are returned.**

## Health Care Information

The safety and health of your camper is a primary concern at camp.

- Medical staff will be staying at camp throughout the term.
- All over the counter medications and prescriptions must be checked in on opening day (**DO NOT place medicine in your camper's luggage**).
- **Original medicine containers must be placed in a zip lock bag with your child's name and instructions enclosed.**
- Prescription drugs must remain in original containers with both contents and Doctor's instructions affixed.

**The Medical Profile - Must be filled out and returned to our office before cabin placement can be made.**

- A portion of the form is dedicated for you to indicate any special needs or concerns which may affect your child's ability to fully and successfully participate in rigorous activity.
- Legal details regarding your child's participation at camp are included on the back side of the Medical Profile along with a photo release statement.
- Camp physical is recommended but not required.

## Insurance

We require all campers to be covered by their own medical insurance during their term at Deer Creek Camp. Our camper families take financial responsibility for any required medical services.

## Specialty Class Selection

- Specialty classes are part of the morning schedule designed to increase skills and enhance teamwork.
- A list of the Specialty choices may be found on the Pre-Order Selection Form which must be returned before your child can be placed in a Specialty or cabin.

## Camp Store

There will be a scheduled time for each cabin to visit the store. Big Buck's General Store sells everything from t-shirts, ball caps, shorts, stationery, cameras, water bottles and flashlights. We operate on a camp debit system. A record of camper transactions is kept in the camp store. You may set up your child's account by bringing a check or cash to camp on opening day or setting up the account when you send in tuition payments. Any unused portion is refunded on closing day.

**The store will be open for purchases on both opening and closing days for the entire family.**

## Sugar Shack

This is our fun snack bar located in the Great Hall. Snacks are handed out every afternoon after FOB (Feet on Bunk) time by our COR Team. This is part of the camp program and no charge is made for sugar shack goodies. Sugar Shack options include snacks like fruit, ice cream, cookies, trail-mix and sno-cones.

## Cabin Assignments

Cabin assignments are made according to age and term duration. We try to accommodate one cabin mate request per camper. Requests may be made at the time of registration on line or call the registrar (830) 589-7123.

## Preparing Your Camper for Camp

In preparing for summer, we would like you to feel like our partners. A few suggestions on how you can help prepare your child's heart in order to enhance the Deer Creek Camp experience.

- Look through and read the parent information together.
- Watch the DVD and talk about the activities available. Your child needs to know that you are interested in their camp activities and experiences. Campers may need to be reminded that activities are “challenge by choice”.
- Pack together and shop for any special items. Label all clothes and discuss the laundry bag and how to hang it at the end of the bunk. Girls may want to bring a shower caddy to hold shampoo and soaps to and from bathhouse.
- Prepare postage and pre-address postcards or envelopes. This will encourage campers to write home. Postcards, stamps and stationery are also available in Big Buck's Store.

### **Do NOT emphasize the negative**

- Do not warn your child of homesickness. Doing so tends to increase the probability that your child will experience it. If your child brings it up, let them know that you understand and that they may feel homesick but that homesickness does not last forever.
- Avoid unnecessary talk about home. Don't tell your camper about all the wonderful time the whole family will be having while they are gone.
- Do not emphasize how much you are going to miss them. Some children will translate this to “I feel so sorry for my mom, because she said she would miss me so much. I need to go home for her sake”.
- Do not promise to “save” them or tell them you will come get them. These thoughts will make a very conquerable homesickness battle lost before it begins.
- Be prepared for “cold feet” a day or two before camp. It is normal for children to have second thoughts. Children need reassurance that they will have the time of their life once they are at camp.

Understand that homesickness is normal and we are trained to deal with it. Thoughts will pass within the first few hours. Children do come out of the homesick feeling and the result is incredible personal growth, self-worth, and independence.

## **Communication with Your Children during Camp**

- Campers love mail from home!
- Make sure to allow for an extra day of delivery time.
- **Please do not send candy, food, gum or fireworks as they will be confiscated.**
- You may e-mail your camper but they will not be able to e-mail you back.
- Phone calls and personal visits are not permitted as they disrupt camp programming.

## **Camper Mailing Address through U.S. Postal Service:**

Camper Name and Term  
Deer Creek Camp  
P.O. Box 200  
Medina, TX 78055

## **Camper Mailing Address through Fed-Ex or UPS**

Camper Name and Term  
Deer Creek Camp  
494 Elm Creek Rd.  
Medina, TX 78055

# What Should You Bring?

Accommodations are in air-conditioned bunkhouse cabins. The following suggested packing list is for a one-week camper. Summer's Best Two Week campers should adjust accordingly.

## LABEL ALL ITEMS!

- sleeping bag or sheets and a blanket
  - pillow
  - laundry bag for dirty clothes
  - soap, towels, washcloth
  - toiletries-caddy (convenient carrying)
  - **one-piece** swimsuit
  - water bottle
  - sunscreen
  - rain jacket or poncho
  - hat/visor
  - insect repellent
  - inexpensive camera (labeled)
  - shorts (6-8 pairs)
  - jeans (1 pair)
  - t-shirts (6)
  - Theme night clothes
  - socks (8-12 pairs)
  - pajamas
  - Bible, pen, journal
  - Flashlight
  - Tennis, shower, and river shoes
  - Favorite stuffed animal
  - Stationery/stamps
- **Remember logos on t-shirts need to be appropriate and girls' shirt straps must have a two-finger width.**
  - **Water bottles, hats, t-shirts, shorts, stationery, laundry bags, flashlights, etc. are available in the Camp Store.**

## Things to Leave at Home

- Jewelry
- I-Pods
- Electronic games
- cell phones
- magazines
- gum
- candy
- alcohol
- tobacco
- pranks

**\*Note:** All edible items will be taken up by staff. Food invites unwanted critters into the cabins. Please do not send care packages with any of these items. Confiscated items will be returned at closing.

## **Cancellation Policy**

Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable. Tuition (not deposits) will be transferred to the following summer.

## **Absences or Withdrawals**

The Camp reserves the right to dismiss any camper whose influence or conduct becomes detrimental to the best interest of the program. No refunds will be made for dismissed campers or withdrawals.

## **Directions to Camp**

Camp is located one mile outside of Medina, Texas 78055. Directions are on the website [www.DeerCreekCamp.com](http://www.DeerCreekCamp.com)

### **From San Antonio**

Take Hwy 16 North toward Bandera

Stay on Hwy 16 for an additional twelve miles to the town of Medina

Take a left (West) on Hwy 337 toward Vanderpool and go one mile

Camp is located on Elm Creek road on the left

### **From Austin**

Go through Fredericksburg and go West on Hwy 16 to Kerrville

Stay on Hwy 16 up and over the mountain to Medina

Turn West or Right onto Hwy 337 toward Vanderpool and go one mile

Turn left on Elm Creek Road

Camp is on the right

## **Suggested Lodgings in the Area are Available Online**

Nearby accommodation suggestions may be viewed online at [www.DeerCreekCamp.com](http://www.DeerCreekCamp.com) in the parent information section.

## **Airport Information**

We pick campers up from any airline. Deer Creek Staff, wearing uniforms and nametags, will greet your camper. You will not be able to furnish the airline a staff name until the week of camp however, an airline information form, once signed by you, will authorize a Deer Creek Camp representative to pick up your child.

**Arrival:** Airline flights need to arrive at the San Antonio airport between 1:00 and 3:00 Sunday afternoon.

**Departure:** Flights need to be scheduled for 1:30-4:30 Saturday afternoon

There is a \$25.00 one-way shuttle charge-\$50.00 roundtrip charge.

**A two week lead time is necessary for airport shuttle reservation**

## **Typical Adventure Camp Schedule**

7:30-9:00	Wake Up, Flag Ceremony, Breakfast
9:00-10:45	Cabin Clean-Up, Bible Study Huddle
10:45-1:10	Specialty Activity and Bear Tribe Competition
1:10-2:45	Lunch, FOB (Feet on Bunk or Flat on Back)
2:45-3:00	Snack attack at the Sugar Shack
3:00-6:00	Activity Rotations and Swimming at the Waterfront
6:00-8:00	Supper, Showers, Evening Activity
8:00-9:45	Team Meeting, Cabin Huddle

## **Pre-Registration Procedures for next summer- Early Bird**

You will be given an opportunity to pre-register your child and siblings for next summer on an Early Bird Registration card. There will be a table set up at closing to turn in the registration form and deposit. This is a benefit given only to our current campers and their siblings. You will be guaranteed term of your choice by pre-registering. Open registration for the public will begin September 1<sup>st</sup>.

# The Big Days

## Opening Day Schedule

We can hardly wait to see you! The gate will be open and our “welcoming committee” will greet camp families from 4:00-5:00PM Sunday. Counselors will be prepared to properly greet your children at that time. The check in table will have:

Cabin Assignments  
Medication Collection Station  
Store Account Station  
Pre-Ordered Camp Store Items

You are welcome to help your camper make up their bunk and stow luggage. Campers will begin the evening program at 5:00 with an all camp swim down at the river. Parents will be able to participate in the Parent Pow Wow from 5:00-6:00PM.

## Closing Day Schedule

All parents are encouraged to attend camp closing activities. Camper accomplishments will be highlighted and many joys and excitements will be shared. Continental Breakfast will be served for the whole family.

**8:15** Parents arrive, Pick up bags in designated Baggage Areas

**8:30** Flag ceremony, breakfast, pick up meds, lost and found, and store cards

**9:15** Cabin Huddles, Presentation of Cabin Awards

**9:45** Meet in the Deer Dome-glimpse of team meeting

**10:00** All Camp and Specialty Activity Awards

Camp Store will be open to pick up camper money envelopes or purchase shirts for brothers and sisters.