

# TOMBALL, TX

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# CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

#### CHECK-IN

Check-In is from 8-8:45 a.m. on Monday only and 8:30-9 a.m., Tuesday-Friday. Checkin is a highly organized system. Upon arrival, our staff will guide you to park your car and direct you where to go next. On Monday, we will check in all camper medications, review liability and pick-up information, and receive your camper's group assignment.

#### CHECK-OUT

Campers can be picked up between 3:45-4:15 p.m., Monday-Thursday. A daily signout sheet will be available for the parent/legal guardian or designated adult listed on the release form to sign when picking up the camper. You will be stopped as you drive in and asked to show your ID each day, so please be prepared to do so.

There will be a special Closing Program for family and friends on Friday at 3:30 p.m.

### **CLOSING PROGRAM**

On Friday, our staff will help you park, and direct you to Closing Program. At closing program, you will enjoy watching your camper sing songs and share stories from the week and what they learned in their time at Camp. You won't want to miss it!

You can start the following check-out process before or after Closing Program:

- Show your ID to the Camp staff.
- Sign your name on the release form. (Campers will only be released to the individuals listed on your release form. Please ensure all parents/guardians, family and friends on included.)
- Receive your camper's medications (if applicable).
- Receive a card with your camper's name and group assignment. (Keep this card with you for when you pick up your camper.)
- After closing program, you will provide the card with your camper's information to their counselor before they can be released to you.

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### ACCEPTANCE

Our summer programs are open to all, with equal acceptance and participation for everyone, regardless of race, color, age, sex, national origin, disability, political belief, or religion.

### FRIEND REQUESTS

Friend requests can be made for friends that you would like to request to be in the same day group with. You can log in to your Campwise account online to change friend requests by clicking on the 'Optional Items' button.

## Friend requests must meet the following criteria:

- Both the camper making the request and the requested camper must mutually request each other.
- They must be no more than 2 years apart in age.

The opportunity to develop new friendships, some of which may last a lifetime, is one of the richest blessings that Camp has to offer. Sharing the Camp experience with current friends is also a blessing. We will do our best to honor your friend requests. However, if more than two reciprocal friend requests were made, there is a chance that honoring some requests may not be possible.

### MEDICAL INFORMATION

Camp Lone Star's medic station is equipped with basic over-the-counter medications and first aid supplies, and our summer Medic is onsite the entire summer. All camper medications, including vitamins, sleep aids, supplements, and herbal remedies, must be checked in with the medic staff during check-in. Please do not pack medications in your camper's backpack or bag. Inhalers and epi-pens will be given directly to the camper's counselor, who will keep them on hand at all times during the day. Inhalers and epi-pens will be sent home with your camper at the end of each day. All other medications will be returned during the check-out process at our Closing Program on Friday.

If your camper has food allergies, please indicate this in your camper's online account by clicking 'Update Info' next to their name, then selecting the 'Medical' box. Doing this prior to arrival ensures our team can accommodate your child's dietary needs for daily snack times.

Finally, please check your camper for lice before arrival. All campers must be free of active head lice, nits, and larvae to be admitted to Camp.

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## MEDICAL EXPENSES & INSURANCE

Camp Lone Star does not include accident insurance in the cost of your camper's registration. In the event of illness or injury requiring special medical treatment, prescription medicine, or hospitalization, any related expenses will be forwarded directly to the camper's parents or guardians.

### REQUIRED FORMS (COMPLETE BEFORE CAMP)

Several forms must be completed by a parent or guardian through your camper's Campwise account at least three days before your camper's arrival. These forms are regularly updated and must be submitted annually.

To complete the necessary forms, log into your camper's Campwise account and follow these steps:

- 1. Click on 'Update Info' > 'Forms' button to access:
  - Camper Information Form
  - Camper Release Form
  - Camper Medical Information Form
  - Profile Form
  - Cancellation Policy
- 2. Click on 'Update Info' > 'Medical' button to access:
  - Allergy Information: If your camper has no allergies, select 'No Known Allergies'.
  - Medication Information: Select the camper's session and click 'Add Medication' to list any required meds.
  - Over-the-Counter Medication Information: Choose the medications that our Medic Coordinator is authorized to administer without needing to contact you first.

Additionally, in accordance with Texas Health Code, an up-to-date annual Camper Medical Information Form is required for each camper. This form must be completed every year. If your camper is exempt from immunizations, you must have a current immunization exemption affidavit on file.

If any of this information changes before your camper's arrival, please update the relevant sections in your Campwise account using the steps above. Keeping this information current helps speed up the check-in process.

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### TRADING POST

The Trading Post is Camp's dedicated snack and merchandise area. Throughout the week, snacks and drinks will be provided to your camper, as they are included in the registration fee. On Friday, you will have the opportunity to purchase Camp Lone Star merchandise for yourself and your camper. Please note that transactions can be made via Credit Card only.

## CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

More than 14 days before the session: Cancellations made 14+ days prior to your camper's session will receive a refund of all payments, minus a \$100 cancellation fee per camper, per session.

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

Less than 24 hours before check-in: Requests made less than 24 hours before check-in will not be eligible for a refund or transfer of registration funds.

Transfer to another session: Registration funds may be transferred to another session within the same summer if the request is made 14 or more days in advance of the original session. Requests made within 14 days of the original session will incur a \$100 transfer fee for each session.

Dismissal: Camp Lone Star reserves the right to dismiss any camper whose behavior is deemed disruptive or harmful to the Camp community. No refunds will be issued for campers dismissed for disciplinary reasons. Additionally, Camp Lone Star does not offer registration cost adjustments for absences, early withdrawals, or late arrivals.

# DURING YOUR CAMP SESSION

### WALDO: PHOTO DELIVERY SERVICE

Camp Lone Star partners with Waldo to provide photos of your camper throughout the week! Using facial recognition technology, Waldo delivers photos directly to your phone during your camper's session.

When you subscribe to Waldo, 50% of your subscription fee goes toward our Campership Fund (camper scholarships)!

To Enroll: Text the code CLS25 to 735-343

Not interested in receiving photos directly? No problem! You can still view all the photos in our free online gallery. Simply visit waldophotos.com/galleries and enter the code CLS25 to access the photos.

Note: The only guarantee to see your camper in photos is by signing up for Waldo.

## PHOTO & VIDEO REPLICATION

Camp Lone Star reserves the right to use, reproduce, and/or copy any video footage, pictures, parent evaluations, etc. taken or provided during any summer camp session, after-camp evaluation, and/or Camp Lone Star event. These materials may be used for promotional and marketing purposes, including print or web publications, or in any other way deemed necessary by Camp Lone Star. Rest assured, no camper, staff member, or parent's name will be published in association with any of these materials without explicit permission.

# CAMPER ACTIVITIES & SCHEDULING

Your camper will spend the day with their day camp group, led by a trained summer counselor, participating in a variety of Camp activities. A typical day includes:

- Daily Welcome/Check-In
- All-Camp Song Time & VIP Message
- Day Camp Group Activities
- Lunch
- Flat on Back (FOB)
- More Day Camp Group Activities
- Daily Closing/Check-Out

You can also view a more detailed example of your camper's daily schedule at camplonestar.org/tomball-summer/

# PACKING LIST

### WHAT TO BRING/WEAR

Please make sure all items are clearly labeled, especially towels, shirts, shorts, water bottles, lunches, and Bibles!

#### **BRING:**

- Bed Linens & Pillow: Twin-sized sheet set and blanket or sleeping bag for FOB (Flat on Back) or quiet time each afternoon. These items will be left at Camp for the week.
- Raincoat or Poncho
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Swim Towel
- Closed Toed Lake Shoes: Shoes that can get muddy/dirty
- Bible, Notebook, Pen
- Water Bottle: Camp Lone Star will provide each camper with a water bottle for the week, which will stay at Camp until the end of the week.
- Lunch: Campers should bring a cold lunch each day, clearly labeled with their first and last name (no microwave access available). An ice pack is strongly recommended to keep the lunch cold. However, if necessary, lunches can be stored in a refrigerator. Please pack items that your camper can easily open, eat, and enjoy independently.

### **WEAR:**

- Swimsuit: To respect each camper's privacy and ensure their safety, we ask that campers come wearing their swimsuit as part of their daily outfit. For boys, this can be as or under their shorts/pants. For girls, under their clothing and covered by their outerwear.
  - Modesty Guidelines: For females, a modest one-piece swimsuit without cutouts or tankini that covers midriff. For males, swim trunks of modest length, no speedos or jammers. This is for the comfort, safety, and modesty of all campers. All campers must wear shirts, shorts, or sufficient cover over swimwear to and from water activities.
- Comfortable Clothing: For outdoor activities, rain or shine.
- Tennis Shoes or Closed Toed Shoes
- Small Drawstring Backpack

As you pack, please help familiarize your camper with the items they will need each day to ensure they're ready for a fun week at Camp!

# PACKING LIST

#### WHAT NOT TO BRING

In an effort to ensure a positive and comfortable environment for all campers, we kindly ask parents to monitor the clothing worn and/or packed for Camp. Please note the following clothing guidelines:

- Inappropriate attire includes:
  - Short shorts
  - Tight or low-rise pants
  - Tight or revealing t-shirts
  - Cropped shirts
  - Bikini-style swimsuits.

A camper will be asked to change if they are not in compliance.

#### **Prohibited Items**

The following items are not allowed at Camp. If found, they will be confiscated and can be picked up by parents at the end of the day:

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

Camp Lone Star is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

# RULES & EXPECTATIONS

### **CAMPER RULES**

Please review these rules & regulations with your camper. These rules are in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all involved. At Camp Lone Star, we require both campers and staff to show respect for each other, camp property, and the rules.

Electronics: Campers are not permitted to make or receive phone calls during their session, except in the case of an emergency. Cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, and electronic games are not allowed at Camp Lone Star and will be confiscated. Any confiscated items may be picked up by parents at the end of the day or week.

Fighting: Fighting is not tolerated under any circumstances. Campers who engage in fighting may be sent home, and their eligibility to return to Camp in the future will be evaluated.

Contraband: Campers found in possession of weapons, lighters, alcohol, tobacco/vaping products (including Juuls), or illegal drugs will be immediately dismissed from the Camp program.

#### BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

To maintain a safe and healthy environment for all campers, Camp Lone Star follows a progressive discipline process to address behavior concerns. At the start of each week, day camp groups will spend time together gaining an understanding of what is expected of them.

If a camper's behavior needs attention during the week, they will first receive a warning.

If the behavior continues, the summer counselor will have a one-on-one conversation with the camper to better understand their actions and reinforce the purpose behind Camp's rules.

If behavior issues persist, parents/guardians will be contacted, and the possibility of sending the camper home will be discussed.

Certain behaviors, particularly those involving physical aggression toward others, will lead to immediate parental contact and may result in the camper being sent home.

# PREPARING FOR CAMP

#### SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS AT CAMP

- Review the contents of their backpack or bag each day, so your camper knows what they've packed and where to find it.
- Discuss with your camper how to communicate any problems or concerns with their counselor.
- Talk through what to expect at Camp, especially if this is your camper's first time attending.
- Go over Camp rules and regulations to ensure both you and your camper are clear on what is expected of them. This is important for returning campers too, as rules and regulations are updated annually.
- Please be sure to apply sunscreen and insect repellent to your camper before they arrive each day.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

Campers will only be released to individuals listed on the Release Form in the camper's Campwise account. If someone not listed on the form needs to pick up your camper, please email your approval to registration@camplonestar.org. A photo ID will be required for camper release each day.

### WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR SUMMER STAFF?

All summer staff undergo a thorough selection process, including a background check, written application, references, and a personal interview. All counselors are over the age of 18, and Counselors in Training are between the ages of 14-17.

### WHAT TYPE OF TRAINING DO SUMMER STAFF GO THROUGH?

All summer staff participate in an immersive training program, covering topics such as theology, Bible study, program leadership, brain and child development, and more. All staff are also First Aid, CPR, and AED certified.

### HOW ARE DAY GROUP ASSIGNMENTS MADE?

Campers are assigned to groups based on age, typically finalized the week before campers arrive at Camp. While we strive to honor friend requests, we cannot guarantee that all requests will be fulfilled.

#### CAN I VISIT MY CAMPER DURING THE WEEK?

To maintain a focused and immersive experience, there are no parent or family visits during your camper's session. Camp Lone Star welcomes visitors during Check-In and at Closing Program only.

### WHAT IF MY CAMPER FORGETS SOMETHING AT CAMP?

Any lost items will be stored in our Lost & Found. If you realize your camper has left something behind at Camp, please call us at (979) 968-1657. We will mail lost items only if shipping is paid in advance by credit card. Unclaimed items by the end of the calendar year will be donated to a local charitable organization.

To review additional FAQ's, visit camplonestar.org/tomball-summer/