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LONE STAR

ADVENTUROUS CHRIST-CENTERED EXPERIENCES

**OVERNIGHT
CAMPER
INFORMATION
PACKET**

SUMMER 2025

LA GRANGE, TX

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CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

CHECK-IN

Check-In is from **3:30-4:30 p.m.** and is a highly organized system, located in Rejoice Hall. Upon arrival, our staff will guide you to park your car. Please leave your camper's luggage in the car, only taking **medications and mail** to check-in. Our check-in process includes stations to check in all camper medications, review liability and pick-up information, and receive their cabin assignments.

CHECK-OUT

Closing Program is from **10:45-11:30 a.m.** in the Koop Center on the final day of your camper's session, as follows:

- **5-night | Friday**
- **Weekend 2 | Sunday**
- **Week 8 A | Tuesday**
- **Week 8 B | Friday**

Our staff will help you park, and direct you to the Koop Center. 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! After closing program, you will pick up your camper at their cabin after completing our check-out process in the Koop Center:

- **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, family, friends, and/or Pioneer leaders are listed as needed.)
- **Receive your camper's medications** (if applicable).
- **Receive a card with your camper's name and cabin assignment.** (Keep this card with you for when you pick up your camper.)
- After closing program, **proceed to your camper's cabin** to pick them up.
- At this time, you will **provide the card with your camper's information to their counselor** before they can be released to you.
- Epi-Pens and Inhalers will be with your camper's counselor at their cabin.

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.

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 to change change cabin mate requests by clicking on the 'Optional Items' button.

Cabin mates 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 cabin mate requests. However, if more than two reciprocal cabin mates were requested, there is a chance that honoring some requests may not be possible. Typically, no more than 3 or 4 campers from the same congregation or friend group will be placed in the same cabin/counselor group.

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

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Camp Lone Star's medic station is equipped with basic over-the-counter medications and first aid supplies, and our Medic Coordinator 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 luggage.** Asthma inhalers and epi-pens will be given directly to the camper's counselor, who will keep them on hand at all times. All medications will be returned during the check-out process at our Closing Program.

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 food service team can accommodate your child's dietary needs.

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
 - Trading Post Refund Information
 - 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

All Trading Post money should be deposited into your camper's account at least 1 week before your camper's session. Starting this year, we will use a cashless system, so no money will be accepted during check-in. We hope this change will help streamline both the Trading Post and check-in processes.

Camp Lone Star's Trading Post offers a variety of drinks, snacks, shirts, hats, and other items. Snacks range from \$1-\$2 and merchandise from \$3 to \$35. Campers are allowed to purchase one snack and drink at each visit to the Trading Post, and on the last full day of Camp, they can buy souvenirs to take home. After Closing Program, the Trading Post will be open for families to purchase any snacks or souvenirs to take home.

Campers Age 5-12: We recommend \$20 for snacks plus additional for merchandise.
Campers Age 13-18: We recommend \$40 for snacks plus additional for merchandise.

How to Add Trading Post Money to Your Camper's Account:

1. Log into your Campwise account.
2. Click 'Make a Payment' > 'No, I Don't'.
3. Choose the camper(s) you want to add money for, then click 'Process Selected Campers'.
4. On the next screen, find the row labeled Registration, Store, Pmt. Options & Confirmation and select 'Store'.
5. Enter the amount you'd like your camper to have access to in the Trading Post, then click 'Payment Options' to enter your credit card information.

Refunds: Purchases at the Trading Post will be deducted from your camper's account. Any remaining balance will either be refunded to the card used to load your camper's account or donated to our Campership Fund, based on your selection during registration.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

CANCELLATIONS AND 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 \$125 cancellation fee for each 5-night session (\$50 for each two-night or Day Camp 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 \$125 transfer fee for each 5-night session (\$50 for each two-night or Day Camp 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.

PREPARING FOR CAMP

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS AT CAMP:

- Send familiar items from home to place on your camper's bunk bed for a comforting touch.
- Review the contents of their luggage, 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.

CAMPER MAIL

Camper mail is distributed daily after lunch, except on the first and last days of the Camp session. You may leave mail and packages at check-in, and they will be delivered on the day indicated on the letter or package. Please note that packages should not contain edible items or any items listed in the "What Not to Bring" section. Any food items sent will be placed in the Trading Post and made available to campers during their Trading Post 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 send your camper an email, and our staff will print it out and deliver it during mail time. Please note that this is a one-way communication, and campers will not be able to respond by email. The daily cutoff for emails is 4 p.m. To send an email, follow these steps:

1. Log in to your Campwise account.
2. Click on 'Update Info' next to the camper's name you wish to send mail to.
3. Select the 'Camper Emails' box to enable one-way email communication.
4. From here, you can also invite family and friends to send emails by clicking the 'Invite' tab.

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 cabin group, led by a trained summer counselor, participating in a variety of Camp activities. A typical day includes:

- Morning Devotion
- Breakfast & Cabin Cleanup
- All-Camp Song Time & VIP Message
- Cabin Group Activities
- Lunch
- Flat on Bunk (FOB)
- More Cabin Group Activities
- Round-Up (Camper Skits)
- Dinner
- Slab Time
- All-Camp Activity
- Evening Devotions

PACKING LIST

Be sure to **clearly** label all of your camper's items, especially towels, shirts, shorts, water bottles, and their Bible!

Here's a suggested packing list to ensure they're prepared for their time at Camp:

- **Bed Linens:** Twin-size sheet set, blanket or sleeping bag. (For Alpha Campers, we recommend bringing a sleeping bag for a potential campout.)
- **Pillow**
- **Bath Towel**
- **Toiletries:** Body soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant.
- **Clothing:** A change of clothes for each day, plus extra outfits. For younger campers, consider packing outfits in gallon ziplock bags to make it easier to keep track of what's been worn.
- **Sneakers or Closed-Toed Shoes**
- **Closed-Toed Lake Shoes:** Water shoes that can get muddy or dirty (no open heel shoes like Crocs).
- **Bible, Notebook, and Pen**
- **Water Bottle:** Remind your camper that staying hydrated is important, especially when you're spending all day outside. Consider setting a hydration goal with your camper for how many bottles they should drink each day.
- **Swimsuit:** 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.
- **Swim Towel**
- **Rain Jacket or Poncho**
- **Sunscreen and Insect Repellent**
- **Flashlight**
- **Bag for Dirty Clothes**

As you pack, take the time to help your camper become familiar with the items they'll be bringing. This will make it easier for them to settle in and feel comfortable during their Camp experience.

PACKING LIST

WHAT NOT TO BRING

To maintain a positive and respectful Camp environment, we ask that parents carefully monitor the clothing items packed for their camper. Campers may not wear: short shorts, tight or low-rise pants, tight or revealing t-shirts, cropped shirts, or bikini-style swimsuits. **If a camper is not in compliance with the dress code, they will be asked to change.**

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

- Cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, or other electronic devices
- Weapons (including pocket knives), lighters, illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco/vaping products, or fireworks
- Gum, candy, food, or other edible items (Any food items brought will be stored in the Trading Post and available to campers during their TP time.)
- Any prohibited clothing 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 session.

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, cabin 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 cabin 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.

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.

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.

WHAT TYPE OF TRAINING DO SUMMER STAFF GO THROUGH?

All summer staff participate in an immersive two-week 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 CABIN ASSIGNMENTS MADE?

Campers are assigned to cabins based on age and biological sex. While we strive to honor cabin mate requests, we cannot guarantee that all requests will be fulfilled.

For teen campers, cabin assignments are also based on age and biological sex, but campers are grouped into co-ed day groups. Cabin mate requests may not align with day group assignments.

Cabin assignments are typically finalized the week before campers arrive at Camp.

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/lagrange-summer/

HAVE QUESTIONS?
CONTACT US.

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