

# Camp Grady Spruce



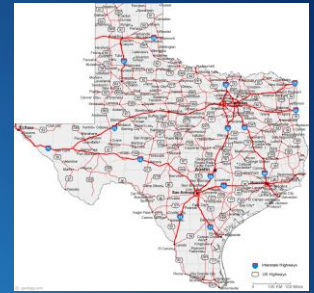


# When is Camp?



- We will be going to camp for 3 days and 2 nights from December 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>.
- We will depart from Blanton Elementary on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> around 9:00am and return on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> around 2:00pm.

# Where is Camp?



- YMCA Camp Grady Spruce- Outdoor Education Center-Main Camp in Graford, Texas approximately 120 miles west of Dallas
- Main Camp is located on the Constantin Peninsula at Johnson's Bend on Possum Kingdom Lake.
- The two towns that are closest to Grady Spruce are Graham (22 miles to the North) and Mineral Wells (32 miles east).
- [Map](#)

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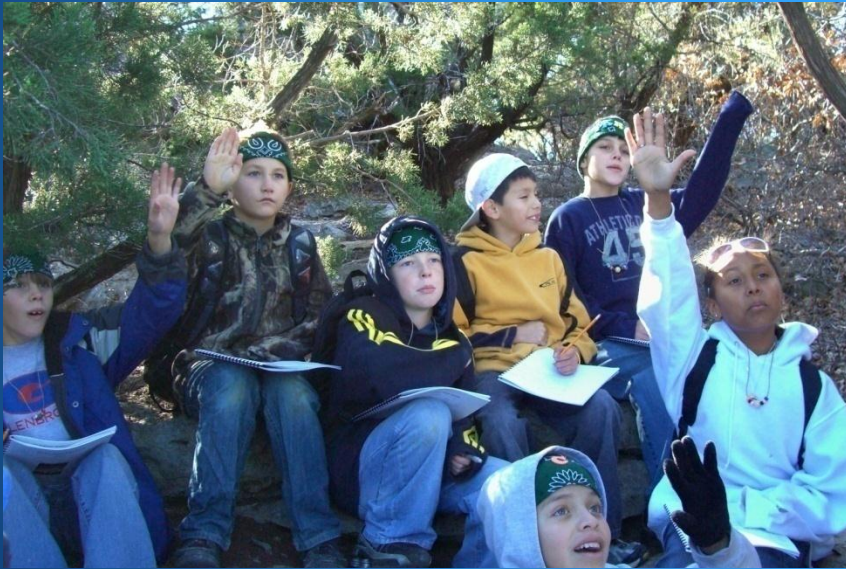


# What is Outdoor Education?

- Camp is an Outdoor Education Experience!
- Outdoor Education brings the classroom into the out-of-doors. Students learn about the environment through active, hands-on investigation. The program involves the student's entire curriculum, from math to art to science.
- The Outdoor Education Center, in addition to reinforcing the student's curriculum, stresses the importance of living together in a community, respecting the values and differences of other individuals.
- Outdoor Education is a program that cannot be taught within classroom walls. It's more than learning, it's experiencing and living within the natural environment.



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# Why Outdoor Education Camp?



## Program Objectives:

- To help students understand and experience the relationship between themselves and their environment.
- To support all components of the students' curriculum.
- To provide a positive environment in which students can succeed and develop self-confidence and self-respect and an appreciation of their own worth as individuals.
- To strengthen social relationships through respect for others, cooperation, and friendship.
- To have a safe, fun, and memorable experience.

# The Camp Experience



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# Cost



- Due to our Cookie Dough Fundraiser and other funds, the cost for students to attend camp is paid for.
- You can order a camp t-shirt for an additional cost.
- You can also bring money for the camp store which is optional.

# Departure and Arrival

- You will need to have your parents bring you to school on the morning of Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> as well as pick you up at school on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> in order to transport their luggage.
- We do not recommend riding the bus, due to limited space with luggage.



# Transportation

- Charter buses provided by Gotta Go Express Trailways, Inc.



# What to Bring



- See “What to Bring” List in packet.
- All luggage needs to be labeled with their name.
- Sleeping bags or bedrolls should be inside a plastic garbage bag and labeled with masking tape and name. Send an extra garbage bag for the trip home.
- You must be able to carry their luggage to the cabin.
- You will need to bring a backpack to carry their water bottle, camp journal, pencil, flashlight and any other necessities while at camp.

# What Not to Bring



- You are not allowed to bring any electronic items including cell phones, video games, ipods, e-readers, etc.
- New, nice, or expensive clothes and shoes and jewelry are not recommended.
- You can not bring food. All meals and snacks are provided.
- Knives or other weapons.



# Accommodations



- Students stay in modern cabins that have heat and air conditioning, hot and cold water, sinks, toilets, a shower. Each cabin contains 16 beds.
- Students will sleep on the bottom bunks only.
- Cabins at Main Camp were remodeled recently and are very nice.
- Boys and girls cabins separated.
- There will be approximately 9-12 students per cabin with 2 parent chaperones.
- The teachers and nurse stay in a cabin near the student's cabins.

# Cabins



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# Cabin Groups and Activity Groups

- You will be able to request 4 people they would like to be in a cabin with and we guarantee they will be with at least one of those people. Students will find out their cabin assignments when we arrive at camp.
- Each cabin has a color, name, and flag.
- Total of 8 cabins- 4 girls and 4 boys.
- 4 activity groups consisting 2 cabins each (1 boy, 1 girl)



# Sample Schedule

7:50 Flag

8:00 Breakfast

9:00-11:30 Trails/Activities

12:00 Lunch

1:00-2:00 Rest Hour

2:00-5:00 Trails/Activities

5:50 Flag

6:00 Dinner

7:00-9:00 Evening Activities and Snack

10:00 Lights Out



# Trails



Man and the Environment



Johnson's Peak



Devil's Island

# Activities



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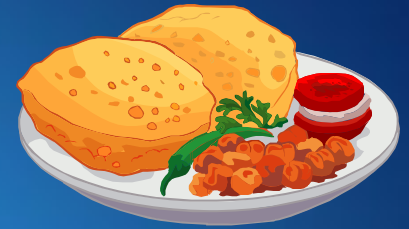
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# Meals and Snacks



- You will need to bring a sack lunch for Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and pack it in their backpack (not their luggage).
- All other meals are provided and are delicious.
- Meals are served buffet style so everyone can eat as much as they want. In addition to the main course they also provide a salad bar at every meal.
- Visit website for a sample menu. Camp can accommodate most special dietary requirements with advance notification.
- Food Waste Program to teach students about conserving food and composting.
- Students get snacks during the day for between meals.



# Dining Hall





# Behavior



- You will be expected to demonstrate good behavior at school leading up to camp.
- You will be expected to follow the expectations of a Noble Knight and be a safe, respectful, and caring learner at camp.
- Students will fill out their goals and sign a contract promising to follow the expectations.
- Students who do not demonstrate appropriate behavior while at camp will receive consequences including missing out on activities or loss of privileges.

# Incentives

- While at camp we have an incentive/reward system.
- We award beads for completing activities and demonstrating good behavior and being a Noble Knight.
- Your goal is to build an awesome bead necklace to have as a momento!
- Each cabin votes on a camper of the week and they receive an award!





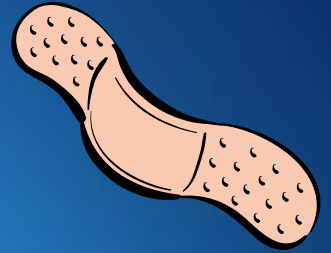
# Curriculum



- The Camp Outdoor Education Experience supports our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) and will help students build knowledge and skills for the Science STAAR test.
- Students will be provided with a Camp Journal with activities, trail guides with questions, and daily reflections to complete. This will be taken as a multiple grades in science, math, language arts, and social studies.



# Safety Comes First!



- Safety of the students and everyone at camp is top priority.
- Students are under constant adult supervision.
- The camp staff as well as Nurse Terri are trained in first aid and CPR.
- Nurse Terri will have your child's health card while at camp. Please make sure it is updated.
- Students do not swim in the water. Life jackets are mandatory during boating activities.

# Medications

- Forms in packet must be completed and returned along with medications for any medication to be administered at camp.
- Nurse Terri will not have any medications to give you unless your parents send them.
- All medications must be turned in to and administered by Nurse Terri. Students can not transport and possess medications while at camp, prescription or over-the-counter.
- Need doctor's note for an over-the-counter medicines.



# Camp Store



- There is a store that students may purchase souvenirs and snacks.
- They have Soft Drinks, Sport Drinks, Bottled Water, Snacks, Postcards, T-shirts, Shorts, Hats, Visors, Cameras, Flashlights and Stuffed Animals.
- If you choose to send money with your child, please be sure their money is in a ziplock or envelope labeled with their name.

# The Camp Staff

- David Touchon is the camp director and lives on site.
- The camp staff includes trained naturalists that lead the activities and teach the trails.
- They are awesome!





# Website

- Check the Camp Link on Ms. Passons webpage for updated information, forms, etc.
- For more information about the camp, visit the YMCA Camp Grady Spruce Website at <http://www.campgradyspruce.org>





We are going to have a  
terrific time at camp!