

# Camp Grady Spruce

## November 12-14, 2018





# When is Camp?



- We will be going to camp for 3 days and 2 nights from November 12th-14th.
- We will depart from James A. Arthur Intermediate on Monday, November 12th around 8:45 a.m. and return on Wednesday, November 14th around 3:00 p.m.



# Where is Camp?



- YMCA Camp Grady Spruce - Outdoor Education Center - Main Camp in Graford, Texas (approximately 90 miles west of Kennedale)
- 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 North) and Mineral Wells (32 miles East)
- YMCA Camp Grady Spruce - 3000 Park Rd 36, Graford, TX 76449

# 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 students 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 is more than learning, it is experiencing and living within the natural environment.

# 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!

# Curriculum



- The Camp Outdoor Education Experience supports our 5th 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.



# Cost



- The cost per student is \$135 for the 3 day and 2 night program. The cost includes lodging, meals, and all activities.
- The cost per chaperone is \$80 for the 3 day and 2 night program. The cost includes lodging, meals, and all activities.
- Students can bring money for the camp store which is optional. We will collect the money during luggage drop off. Teachers will meet students on the steps of the camp store to hand out the money.

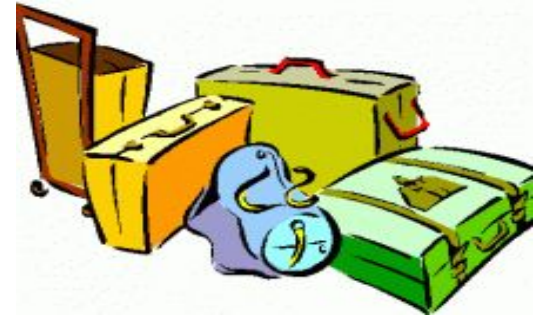
# Departure and Arrival



- Students will arrive at school just like they do on a regular day.
- All student campers will ride the bus to camp.
- Chaperones can follow the bus or go ahead of the bus and enjoy the peace and quiet of camp before the students arrive.
- Chaperones may sign out their camper on the day we depart from camp so that their child can ride home with their parent. Chaperones will not be allowed to sign out any child other than their own.



# Luggage Drop Off and Pick Up



## Luggage Drop Off:

- Sunday, November 11th 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. will be luggage, medications and money drop off
- All campers will bring their camp bags to the gym and chaperones will be asked to pick up luggage to transport to Camp Grady Spruce.

## Luggage Pick Up:

- Parents can pick up luggage, medications and left over money on Wednesday after we return to JAA. Anything left on Thursday will be sent home with the student on Friday before Thanksgiving break.

# What to Bring to Camp?



- Students will get a list and reminders when it gets closer to camp.
- All luggage needs to be labeled with their name and cabin.
- 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.
- Students will need a small backpack to carry their water bottle, camp journal, pencil, flashlight and any other necessities while at camp.

# What NOT to Bring to Camp?



- Students 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.
- Students can not bring food. All meals and snacks are provided.
- Knives or other weapons.

# Camp Store



- There is a store that students may purchase souvenirs and snacks.
- The store sells soft drinks, sport drinks, bottled water, snacks, postcards, YMCA Camp 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 baggie labeled with their name. The money will be collected at luggage check in so that we can have the money available to students when it is their time to go to the camp store.



## Meals and Snacks



- Students and Chaperones will need to bring a sack lunch for Monday, November 12th (lunch) and pack it in their backpack NOT 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 have responsibility of setting up and cleaning up (Hopper Duty).

# Accommodations



- Chaperones stay with students in modern cabins that have heat and air conditioning, hot and cold water, sinks, toilets, showers and 16 beds.
- Students can choose top or bottom bunks.
- Cabins at Main Camp were remodeled recently and are very nice.
- Boys and girls cabins are separated.
- There will be approximately 10-12 students per cabin with 2-4 parent chaperones.
- The teachers and nurse stay in a cabin near the student's cabins.

# Bunk Beds

While at camp students will be sleeping on bunk beds. While bunks are safe and have a large side railing, if a child is an active sleeper and not used to sleeping on a top bunk, it may not be the best choice for them. Please consider the following questions in deciding whether or not you would like to allow your child to sleep on a top bunk. If you answer yes to one or more of these questions we recommend your child sleep on a bottom bunk.

- Does your child sleep through the night?
- Do they get up frequently to use restroom or for other reasons?
- Does your child have nightmares/night terrors?
- Does your child end up in a different location than went to sleep?
- Do they move around a lot while sleeping?
- Do they adapt well to sleeping in a new environment?



# Cabins





# Cabin and Day Groups



- Students will be able to select 4-5 people they would like to be in a cabin with and we guarantee they will be with at least one of those people.
- Each cabin has a name. (Boys = Cherokees, Cheyennes, Mohawks, Comanches, Navajos, Apaches, Mohigans, Sioux) (Girls = Bonham, Travis, Austin, Houston, Milam, Bridger, Bryan, Bowie, Lamar)
- 4 day groups consisting of 3-4 cabins each (boys and girls)

# Sample Schedule

7:40 a.m.	Hopper Duty
7:50 a.m.	Flag Ceremony
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Trails (2 hours)
11:40 a.m.	Hopper Duty
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Camp Store, Rest, Gaga Ball, Football, Soccer, Basketball, etc.
2:30 p.m.	Trails (2 hours)
5:40 p.m.	Hopper Duty
5:50 p.m.	Flag Ceremony
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Evening Activities
10:00 p.m.	Light Out and Cabin Checks



# Trails - Man and Environment



# Trails - Archery/Toast Burning/Compass



# Trails - Devil's Island



# Trails - Johnson's Peak

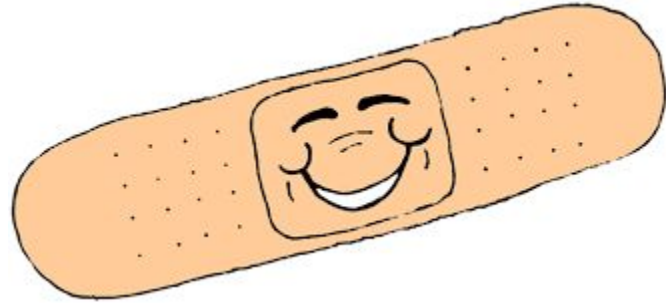


# The Camp Staff



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

# Safety Comes First!



- Safety of the students and everyone at camp is top priority.
- Students are under constant adult supervision.
- Our own, Nurse Kelly will be at camp with us.
- Nurse Kelly will have your child's health card and information while at camp and will administer prescription and over the counter meds.
- Students do not swim in the water. Life jackets are mandatory during all boating activities.



# Medications



- Forms in packet must be completed and returned along with medications for any medication to be administered at camp. These forms and medications must be turned in to Nurse Kelly at least a week before we leave for camp. A separate form must be filled out for each medication.
- All medications must be turned in to and administered by Nurse Kelly. Students can not transport and possess medications while at camp, prescription or over-the-counter. Inhalers are an exception if the student can demonstrate proper use to the nurse.

## Medications (cont.)



- Only send the amount of medication needed for the time at camp.
- Prescription medications need to be in their original container with the prescription label and must be accompanied by the completed medication form.
- Over-the-counter medications need to be in their original container and must be accompanied by the completed medication form, signed by the parent and doctor. Over-the-counter medications will not be administered without a doctor's signature.



## Behavior

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- Students will be expected to demonstrate good behavior at school leading up to camp.
- Students will be expected to follow the expectations of a Wildcat and be 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.



We are going to have a terrific  
time at camp!