

TEXAS ASTHMA CAMP FOR CHILDREN

STAFF INFORMATION

LOCATION / ARRIVAL

A directional map is included on the last page of this information. **Camp staff, including counselors, should arrive at Camp Tyler on Saturday, June 9 no later than 1:00 p.m.** This time will be important for the building of a cohesive staff.

DEPARTURE

Camp staff, excluding Activity Instructors, is expected to remain at the Camp from the beginning of Orientation at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 9 until the last child leaves on Friday afternoon, June 15. If everything goes well the first week, the second week will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 17 and last through June 22. Camper pick up begins at 2 p.m. Each Friday, you will need to stay until the last camper is picked up and the campgrounds pass the Camp Ranger's inspection.

Camp Staff is expected to remain on the campgrounds at all times unless a special request has been made specifically to and granted by the Camp Director. You may leave the camp during your break time, but you must sign in/out in the Clinic.

CLINIC ROTATION

Each counselor/nursing student will complete scheduled clinic rotations during each week of camp under the direction of the Medical Director and the Camp Nurse Director.

MEDICATIONS

Each child will bring a seven-day supply of his/her current medications to camp. The medical staff will take charge of these items at registration and will organize all medical routines to be administered by the Counselors during the weeks of Camp. **Any medication, over-the-counter or prescription, that you bring to camp must be left in the Clinic away from the kids unless you have received special permission/instructions from the camp Medical Director or Nurse Director.**

PHONE CALLS

There is a pay telephone available to you for personal phone calls. We realize that you may want to keep in touch with your family, but please try to do this during your break periods.

Use of cell phones Wake Up to Lights Out is prohibited; however, cell phones may be used to contact your family on breaks. Use of cell phones after lights out may be negotiated with the Camp Director.

Campers are prohibited from having or using cell phones during camp. Parents have been notified of this. If one of your campers asks permission to call home, please notify the Camp Director. The child is probably homesick, however we have found from past experience that children rarely stay homesick unless they talk to their parents on the phone and often one homesick child triggers homesickness among the other children. The parents have been told that if they are anxious about how their child is doing, they can call the Camp Director.

Staff Information cont.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS: Clinic: (903) 262-1274 or Kitchen: (903) 262-1259
MAIL

Mail can be sent to you at the following address:

Texas Asthma Camp @ Camp Tyler
15143 Camp Tyler Road
Whitehouse, Texas 75791

LUGGAGE

Please try to pack all belongings in one or two large suitcases, trunks, or duffel bags. Be sure to label all items (including luggage) with your name. The camp WILL NOT be responsible for lost items.

LAUNDRY

There is no regular laundry service. There is a washer and dryer that you can use in a crunch, however, please try to bring enough clothing to last the week.

DISCIPLINE POLICIES

The Staff hopes very much that each camper will be well-behaved, since the camp is designed for everyone to have a good time. We would regret very much having to send a child home, but if the situation warrants it, we will.

Any camper misbehaving will be warned twice by the Counselors or Activity Instructors before being sent to talk with the Camp Director. Please keep in mind that the second trip to the Camp Director will mean a trip home, regardless of the time of day or night. You can use this effectively as a warning.

In addition, NO behavior that is damaging to the camp facility or dangerous to any camper or staff member will be tolerated. This will result in immediate dismissal from camp (again, regardless of the time of day or night).

Please discuss this discipline policy with your campers.

Additionally, the Staff is expected to behave in a responsible and mature manner at all times.

Absolutely no behavior on the part of the Staff that endangers a child or causes any child to feel embarrassed or inadequate will be tolerated.

WHAT TO BRING:

Clothes/Bedding:

Towels and Washcloths

Beach Towel

Pillow and Pillow Case

Bedding - sleeping bag, or twin sheets and a light blanket

Underwear

Socks (Bring lots! - NO tennis shoes without socks.)

Shorts

Jeans

Swimsuit

Shoes - at least two pairs / **NO SANDALS OR OPEN-TOED SHOES**

One pair of old tennis shoes that can get wet

At least one pair of very comfortable tennis or walking shoes

T-shirts (Lots!)

Jacket or sweatshirt

Pajamas/Cover-up in case you have to bring a child to the clinic in the middle of the night.

Raincoat or umbrella

Ideas for Skit Night

Water Gun - it will be your only defense during the water gun fight!!!! I'm bringing a Super Soaker!

Personal and Other Items:

Alarm Clock - very important!!

Soap and soapbox

Toothbrush and toothpaste

Shampoo/Conditioner

Comb and brush

Kleenex

Personal hygiene items

Mosquito repellent (ONLY creams/lotions or pump sprays - NO aerosol sprays!)

Flashlight with **strong** batteries

Book/Stationary for rest hour

Sunscreen #15 or higher

Laundry bag or extra pillowcase

Miscellaneous/Optional Items:

Change for the Coke machine (Soft drinks will be provided in the clinic, but if you are a junkie, you may want to bring change. If you bring your own soft drinks, they need to be stored in the Main Lodge.)

Change for pay phone (the phone system won't let you make long-distance calls)

Camera and film

Sunglasses