



Camp Eagle®

LIFE-CHANGE THROUGH ADVENTURE



SUMMER 2017

This summer will focus entirely on Jesus, the Bread of Life—the One who sustains, the One who gives eternal life!

In this age of instant gratification, the world is at our fingertips and everyone wants something. Everyone is hungry for something. We hunger for everything from relationships, money and possessions to power and purpose. But what truly sustains us is Jesus. He says “...eat of me and you will never go hungry again.”

This summer, as we kick off the New Testament section in our 7-part journey through the Bible, we want every camper to slow down, turn off distractions and feast on the true food and drink: Jesus! Campers will study the life of Christ from start to finish, encountering scripture every step of the way. We pray that as they discover more about who Jesus is, what He teaches us and what He will do, God will reveal His perfect love and plan for each camper in a way that drastically changes them. We have faith that Jesus satisfies, bringing refreshment and new life that can only be found in Him!



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Payment + Refund Policy

- Payment made for a registered camper/camp group, whether set up on a monthly payment plan, three equal payments or paid in full, will only be refunded a percentage of the full amount due for the registered camp. The percentage refunded will be based on the number of months that pass between the time of registration and the time of the camp's start date. You will only be refunded a percentage of your paid amount based on how many months you have left before camp's start date and the total cost of camp. For example, if you sign up for camp eight months before its start date and pay in full the amount of \$600, then decide to cancel your registration three months before camp starts, your \$600 total for camp will be divided by your eight months of reservation, making each month equal \$75 of the \$600 total. Since you had waited five of the eight months to decide to cancel, those five months will not be refunded; only the three months left before camp will be refunded in the amount of \$225 (3x75).

- Our cancellation policy is based on payments made on the monthly payment plan. If you signed up for the monthly payment plan, all payments are non-refundable. If you signed up for any other payment plan, you will be refunded the amount that would have been unpaid at the time of cancellation, had you signed up for the monthly payment plan. For example, if you paid in full 6 months prior to the final payment due date, and you cancel three months later, you would be refunded half of the amount paid (3 months' worth).

Camp Eagle Safety

Your camper's safety is our highest priority here at Camp Eagle. Of course we want them to have fun, build friendships, and meet God, but safety holds the trump card. That's why we've taken these measures:

We have multiple Wilderness First Responders, certified by a national training organization, on staff to respond to emergencies, as well as an on-call physician for consults.

The Medical Station is manned 24/7 by our Wilderness First Responders.

Our Summer Staff goes through an extensive 3-week training before camp begins. During this time, our staff becomes lifeguard certified, CPR/AED certified, and trained for all of the adventure activities we offer.

Medications:

Medications for your camper should be placed in a labeled zip lock bag with instructions. Medications will be given as often as prescribed, solely by the Wilderness First Responder on staff in the medical station.

In order to provide the best camp experience possible, we feel it necessary for your camper to completely engage in camp life and activities. To help make this happen, we discourage phone communication between campers and parents. Our staff is trained to handle homesickness. In extreme cases, we will set up phone calls as deemed necessary.

Summer Camp Office - 8am - 5 pm: (830) 683-3536

Medical Station: (830) 683-3540

Health + Safety Updates

Dear Parent,

Camp Eagle takes your child's safety very seriously and seeks to be proactive in order to prevent harm as much as possible. Surely, you are just as aware as we are of the multiple incidents of abuse in the news that have happened at youth serving organizations across the country. Thankfully, through God's protection Camp Eagle has never had an incident like that occur here. That being said, we have continued to review our policies and procedures and have implemented a Child Protection Plan (CPP). While your child's protection has always been our highest concern, we have now created policies and procedures into a multi-step plan to keep your child safe in every area of camp.

The CPP begins with you, the parent. While we DO NOT discuss sexuality as part of our curriculum, it is important that they have an age appropriate discussion with you before they attend camp. Help us educate your child on what is acceptable and unacceptable behavior for staff and/or children. This effort will not only help protect them, but our staff and other children as well.

For information on Camp Eagle's Child Protection Plan, please contact the summer camp office.

Camp Eagle serves approximately 15,000 guests each year who come from all over the US. Due to the high volume of guests that are continually coming and going, we are at a higher risk and seek to be proactive in eliminating and preventing transmittable bugs- the most common of which are lice and bed bugs. Contrary to popular belief, these bugs are not more prevalent in any one particular demographic or social class. All of us are susceptible and need to take preventative measures to keep them out of our homes. Here are some preventative measures you can take to help insure bugs don't find their way to camp or back to your home.

Only send clothes and bedding that have recently been cleaned and run through the dryer on high heat. Wipe down all non-cloth items with a warm washrag before sending to camp. If you are sending luggage or items that have

recently been in high-risk areas (hotels, camps, dorms, apartments, airports, etc.) check them for signs of bed bugs and treat them accordingly.

Pack all your items in a hard trunk or plastic container (anything taller than 15 inches will not fit under the beds) that you can wipe out and sanitize or soft duffel bag that you have run through the dryer. Regular suitcases are not preferred because they are difficult to clean.

When you return home, run all of your camper's belongings, including the bag, and what they have on through the washer and dryer. The dryer on high heat is the most effective way to kill hard-to-see bed bugs. Wipe down well, and look through anything that can't go in the dryer. Check for signs of bed bugs on all belongings before you bring them back in to your house.

We have bedbug proof mattresses, we train our staff to look for signs of bed bugs, and we inspect for bed bugs between every camp session. We don't expect bed bugs to disrupt our program this summer but want to make you aware of the possibility. Please take all of these precautions for your home and ours.

Teach your camper proper hygiene when it comes to washing hair and sharing hats, scarves, bandanas or anything else they would put on his or her head. This is the best way to prevent lice. If you notice your child scratching their hair prior to or after camp attendance please have them checked by a health care professional. Many home methods or over the counter options are messy and ineffective.

We are looking forward to our best summer yet and anticipate God doing incredible things in our lives. Thank you for entrusting us with your children. We take the responsibility of their safety and enjoyment very seriously. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Julia Green

Individual Summer Camp Director

Packing List

- Twin Bedding (pillow and sleeping bag or sheets and blanket)
- (1) Nalgene or water bottle (around 32oz)
- (1) Jacket or Sweatshirt
- (1) Raincoat
- (1-2) Swimsuits or Swim Trunks (one-piece or t-shirt to wear as a cover-up)
- (1-2) Pajamas
- (2) Bath Towels and Wash Cloths
- (8) Underwear
- (8) Sock Pairs
- (1) Jeans or Pants
- (4-5) Shorts
- (1) Tennis Shoes or other closed toed shoes
- (1) Flip Flops and/or Water Shoes
- (1) Pair of shoes to get muddy
- (10) T-shirts
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, hygiene products)
- Backpack for water, Bible, etc.
- Bible, Notebook and Pen
- Sunscreen and Insect Repellent
- Fiesta Costume

Please limit your bags to ONE trunk/suitcase and ONE laundry bag. PLEASE DO NOT bring snacks! We like to keep our cabins critter free. Campers will have the opportunity to purchase snacks and eat them outside their cabins.

DO NOT BRING: Electronics (cell phone, computer, iPod, etc.), Gum, Fireworks, Water Balloons, Knives, Drugs, Expensive Jewelry or Clothing, Permanent Markers, and anything else that you would miss if it were lost!



Additional Add-Ons

Your online registration account will help you prepare for and interact with summer camp! Here you can:

Camp Credit

Purchase Camp Credit: spending money for campers. Choose the dollar amount for your camper to use all week. Please do not send cash, this way they do not have money to get lost. You can add additional Camp Credit at any point during the week on your camper's account. You can add Camp Credit by clicking the link to the left of your homepage. This can all be used in our camp store or snack shop

Squirrel Bags

Purchase a Squirrel Bag! Squirrel Bags are a great way to get some awesome Camp Eagle gear. These bags come in three sizes and must be purchased one week before camp begins so that they are ready for your camper. You can purchase your camper a squirrel bag on their account!

Camp Photos

View photos! We have a talented photographer on staff that will take photos of the camp activities for you to view and purchase. Check out your camper's account to view photos of their exciting time at camp. Keep your eyes peeled for the password in the information email you will receive before your camper arrives at camp!

Camp Emails

Send emails! If you want to send emails to your camper, you can purchase an email package to send your camper personalized emails during their camp week. This can be found on your camper's account. An unlimited email package may be purchased for \$10.

Roommate Request

Request a roomie! We know it's a blast attending Summer Camp with a friend, so you can now request a roommate for your camper on your account! Roommates must be the same gender, no more than two grades apart and must request each other.

Ride to Camp

Book a ride! We are excited to be offering transportation from San Antonio and Houston this summer! We will only provide transportation if the minimum number of campers sign up. Space is limited and provided on a first come first serve basis.



Mail + Packages

Sending Mail

Campers LOVE to get mail! The best way to ensure timely delivery is to leave it with us when you drop your child at camp. If you choose to mail a package rather than leave it during registration, please send it well in advance of your camper's week at camp (at least a week). All packages must be sent via UPS.

Address your packages to:

For Teen Campers (8th-12th grade)

[Your Child's Name]
Care of Camp Eagle - Teen Camp
6424 Hackberry Road
Rocksprings, Tx 78880

For Junior Campers (1st-7th grade)

[Your Child's Name]
Care of Camp Eagle- Headwaters
6424 Hackberry Road
Rocksprings, Tx 78880

Helpful Tips for Writing Your Camper

(Shepherd, The Art of the Personal Letter 104)

Children often get homesick when they first arrive at camp, but by the time camp is over, they don't want to leave. Your letters can help by reassuring him that his home still exists while he is temporarily away, and by affirming his own newly established world.

Mail your first letter before he leaves, to ensure that it will be waiting for him when that first pang of homesickness strikes. Tuck a short letter into the footlocker of a first-time camper and maybe hand one to his counselor to deliver if the child needs a boost.

Your letters should not remind the child of how homesick he could feel. Blaze a trail for him toward autonomy with warm, light, up-beat bundles of news and encouragement, rather than heavy, emotional outpourings of attachment and worry. Set a good example by learning the camp rules, and don't regress by trying to sneak contraband cell- phone text messages to your child. Don't undermine the camp's agenda by focusing his attention on you and your needs. Write with open-ended questions, and keep the focus on the child's adventures at camp, not on what he is missing at home.



Preparing Your Child

We strongly encourage you to help prepare your child for their week of camp. It's possible that there are fears within both you and your child about their week away. By preparing early you can help dispel some of those fears. Here are a few creative ways you can prepare your camper for the impact their week of camp is bound to have on them.

- If your son or daughter has never been away from home overnight without you, plan a weekend stay with a friend to give them a small taste of what it's like.
- Acknowledge their fear and be overly reassuring that everything will be okay and that they will have a blast.
- Register for camp with a friend or another kid and regularly have them over to talk about camp and allow the two to begin forming a bond.
- Visit the camp on a weekend before the summer so they can meet some of staff and see the property.
- Build a general excitement about the week by regularly talking about it and telling friends and family about the exciting week your son or daughter has ahead of them this summer! Speak of it as though it is an accomplishment. The ideas are endless, and you as a creative and concerned parent will know how best to prepare your child. Drop off time is not the place to prepare your child. Anticipate the change that will take place and be ready to help foster the change when they return home. Sending your child to camp is a decision you will not regret!



Arrival

Since many of our families have campers attending Headwaters and Teen Camp at the same time, we have scheduled Opening Day and Closing Day so that they can participate at both campuses.

Headwaters

Opening Day at Headwaters begins at **4:00pm**. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early and gates will open promptly at **4:00pm**. Check in is at the Headwaters Barn; please follow the signage for the Headwaters Campus as you enter camp property. It is the first right after the taking in the beautiful views from low water crossing.

Drop Off

Drop off will take place in the Headwaters Barn where you can talk with our medical staff and meet the camp staff. Parents will pull into a parking spot where you will be greeted by a staff member and receive assistance with your luggage, if needed. Sign your camper in at the Headwaters Barn where you will find out your cabin assignment. After taking a few moments to meet the counselors and new friends be sure to give a big embarrassing kiss good-bye before heading out. Once your child is with their cabin, drop off is finished and you may leave.

There are weeks when the line of cars waiting for the gates to open wraps its way down the county road. If this occurs please do not park on the low water crossing. This way the road remains open for vehicles to pass if necessary.

Teen

Opening Day at Teen Camp begins at **4:00pm**. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early and gates will open promptly at **4:00pm**. Check in is at the Headwaters Barn; please follow the signage for the Headwaters Campus as you enter camp property. It is the first right after the taking in the beautiful views from low water crossing.

Drop Off

Drop off will take place in the Headwaters Barn where you can talk with our medical staff and meet the camp staff. Parents will pull into a parking spot where you will be greeted by a staff member and receive assistance with your luggage, if needed. Sign your camper in at the Teen Camp Campus where you will find out your cabin assignment. After taking a few moments to meet the counselors and new friends be sure to give a big embarrassing kiss good-bye before heading out. Once your child is with their cabin, drop off is finished and you may leave.

If you are dropping off campers at both campuses, please drop off your Junior Campers at Headwaters first then drive back to the county road. You will take a right at the fork, drive under the suspension bridge and follow signs to Teen Camp! When you pass the giant Nueces Canyon Mine on your right, you are almost there!



Departure

Since many of our families have campers attending Headwaters and Teen Camp at the same time, we have scheduled Opening Day and Closing Day so that they can participate at both campuses.

Headwaters

Closing Ceremonies will begin at **9:00am**. Families are welcome to join us for breakfast at **8:30am**. Plan to stick around for Closing Ceremonies beginning after breakfast where you will get the chance to see photos from the week, hear stories of what God showed us and watch your campers have some fun. After Closing Ceremonies, the Coffee Shop and Nueces Canyon Outfitters will be open until **11:00am** for your family to enjoy together. This is also a great time to bring your friends and family to experience some of what Camp Eagle offers. You won't want to miss out on this exciting taste of Camp Eagle as we celebrate a great week of camp!

Teen Camp

Closing Ceremonies will begin at **10:30am** in order to give parents with campers at both programs the opportunity to participate in both!

Register for 2018!

Register on Closing Day to get \$100 off of your registration fees for camp!

Every year we fill up faster and faster. Make sure your child has another amazing summer at Camp Eagle by filling out the quick and easy form in the packet you will receive when you sign out your camper.

Pay attention on closing day for more information about some great giveaways that will allow you to share your Camp Eagle experience with your friends for free!



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Getting to Camp

Driving Directions*

*Double-check your GPS, Map Quest, or Google Maps! They will sometimes take you the wrong way. Please use these directions to double check your route.

From San Antonio: Take I-10 West toward El Paso past Kerrville to exit number 490. The sign says Hwy 41, Mountain Home/ Rocksprings. Turn left under the highway and head west on 41. After 2 miles (at Mountain Home) you will cross Hwy 27. Then at 22 miles later you will come to the intersection of Hwy 41 and Hwy 83. Continue west on 41 another 16 miles, then turn left onto Hackberry Road, which is a dirt road. Camp Eagle is 8 miles ahead.

From Austin: Take 290 West through Johnson City, Fredericksburg and Harper. Go south on 479 to I-10 and then go west one exit to Exit number 490 (Hwy 41/Mountain Home, Rocksprings). Turn left under the highway and go west on 41. After two miles you will cross Hwy 27. Continue on Hwy 41 for 22 miles to the intersection of 41 and Hwy 83. Cross 83 and go 16 more miles on Hwy 41. Turn left onto Hackberry Road, which is a dirt road. Camp Eagle is 8 miles ahead.

From Houston: We recommend taking Hwy 290 to Austin or I-10 West to San Antonio and follow the directions for those cities!

From Abilene: Get on Highway 83 south going towards Junction. In Junction follow the signs for Highway 83 south on to Interstate 10 and stay on I-10 until you see the exit for Highway 83 south towards Uvalde. Take Highway 83 south about 30 miles until you come to the intersection for Highway 41. Turn right onto Highway 41 going west. Stay on Highway 41 for about 15 miles until you come to Hackberry Rd and see the signs for Camp Eagle. Turn left on to Hackberry Road and continue 8 miles until you reach Camp Eagle.

From West Texas: Get on Interstate Highway 10 going east towards Junction. Pass through Junction about 8 miles until you come to the exit for Highway 83 south towards Uvalde. Take Highway 83 south about 30 miles until you come to the intersection for Highway 41. Turn right onto Highway 41 going west. Stay on Highway 41 for about 15 miles until you come to Hackberry Rd and see the signs for Camp Eagle. Turn left on to Hackberry Road and continue 8 miles until you reach Camp Eagle.

From Dallas/Ft. Worth: We recommend taking 377 South to Granbury and on to Stephenville, or 67 south through Cleburne and on to Stephenville. From Stephenville, stay on 377 south through Brownwood and Brady. After going through downtown Brady, take 190 west to Menard. In Menard, turn left onto 83 south. Continue on 83 south to Junction. At I-10 get on and go east approximately 6 miles to the 83 south exit. Follow 83 south another 29 miles to highway 41. Turn right (west) and go 16 miles. Take a left turn (south) onto Hackberry Road, which is a dirt road. Camp Eagle is 8 miles ahead!



