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Dear Trailblazer & family,

We're so grateful that you've chosen to join us for Trailblazer Retreat 2025, Into the Unknown. Our core Scripture for this year is the Hall of Faith, Hebrews 11. Reading at least Chapter 11 in advance would be very helpful. If possible, reading all of Hebrews will create a richer understanding throughout the week.

The mission of Strong Tower Ranch (STR) is to be a safe place where kids may experience refuge from the cares of the world and be strengthened, refreshed and equipped. Toward that goal, the Trailblazer Retreat will be a time of intentional change from the norm. To achieve that safe haven of peace:

- **Camper Drop Off - Monday, July 28 at 3:00 pm**
 - Girls - Wilderness Cabin
 - Guys - Lakeside Pavillion
 - *Look for signs, balloons & greeters for each location after you turn onto Blattner Road.*
 - *The Wilderness Cabin Road is a left before the small bridge on Blattner. If you go across the little bridge you've gone too far.*
- **Camper Pick Up - Friday, August 1 at 10:00 am**
 - Girls - Wilderness Cabin
 - Guys - Lakeside Pavillion
- If a camper leaves STR at any time during the Retreat they may NOT return.
- All overnight counselors will be 18 and over and will be led by mature (even older) adults.
- **ALL electronic devices, including cell phones, are to be left at home. We will verify with each camper that they did not bring electronic devices.**
- A list of emergency contact phone numbers will be provided in the event you must contact your camper.

What to expect at the Retreat:

- All normal Day Camp activities - such as horseback riding, swimming, boating and more coupled with our yummy camp meals and snacks.
- Plus Retreat Additions - breakfast and morning gatherings, night time fireside devotionals and worship, additional small group time and some fun new middle school only activities. And, extra time to bond and develop community.

The first Trailblazer Retreat last summer created some lifelong memories and God moments. We prayerfully believe that He will do the same this summer. We can't wait to see how God uses this year's retreat to establish or grow faith in each soul He touches!

In Him,
The Strong Tower Team

PACKING LIST:

> THE BASICS

- Clothing - shorts, shirts, socks, underwear, pj's, pants & a hoodie
- Shoes - 1 or 2 pairs of tennis shoes or similar for running/playing games & slides or flip flops (if you have them) for the shower house
- Swimsuit (1 piece for girls preferred) & beach towel
- Bath towel & washcloth
- Toiletries - toothpaste/brush, soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant
-- whatever you need to be ready for the day :)
- Sunscreen & bug spray
- Medication - All medications **MUST** be given to the staff person in its original container with written dispensing instructions.
- BEDDING*:
 - Girls - twin bedding - pillow, plus sheets & blanket
 - Guys - sleeping bag, camping mattress and/or cot, or hammock
- Bible*

**If you are lacking any of these, please email tpenney@stranch.org as STR will supply as needed.*

> OPTIONAL

- Camp chair
- Rain jacket
- Refillable water bottle - camper will receive a small STR one (see below)
- Snacks beyond those provided - **NO** nuts please & be willing to share
- Goggles, dirty clothes bag, hat, sunglasses, any extras you have to have

> WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Electronic devices - such as phones, computers, gaming devices
 - Weapons
 - Cash, irreplaceable keepsakes
 - Energy drinks
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PROVIDED BY STR

- Monday - dinner **ONLY**
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks
- Friday - breakfast **ONLY**
- Camp backpack & water bottle
- Camp t-shirt