



Dear Parents,

Camp begins at 9:00am. Have your child here by **8:45 on Monday** so they have plenty of time to sign in and for you to take care of any last minute items. Along with all of our activities, we will serve our campers snacks and lunch. **Your child will be ready to be picked up at 4 pm Monday through Thursday, and 5pm on Friday.** To get a first-hand look at what campers have been experiencing during their camp week, join us for our Closing Program on Friday from 4-5 pm.

Follow the signs on Blattner Road for dropping off your child. **ALL CAMPERS WILL BE DROPPED OFF ON THE LAKESIDE ON MONDAY MORNING.**

On Monday morning as you drive through, STR Managers will meet you at your car to give you your camper's name badge, parent envelope and your child's t-shirt. **We encourage your child to wear their new camp t-shirt to camp on Tuesday which is the day we will be taking camp group photos.** Inside your "parent" envelope there will be two claim cards; whoever is picking up your child in the afternoons MUST have one of these in their possession OR a picture of it on their phone for us to release your child to them.

All children will be dropped off on the upper level. Some parents may be directed to the red area or yellow area which are located on the lower level after you drop off your children. The red area is for those who may still need to pay (checks to be made out to Strong Tower Ranch) and the yellow area for those who need to see the First Aid Staff person and to complete any necessary medical forms.

The emergency contact numbers are located on the back of the parent pick up cards.

MONDAY AFTERNOON PICK UP:

Explorers (7-8) and Pathfinders (9-10) are picked up at the same location they were dropped off at. (lakeside).

Navigators (11-12) are picked up at a new location. If you are **ONLY** picking up a Navigator you can follow the signs for Navigator pick up. If you are picking up campers from Lakeside (Explorers & Pathfinders) and Navigator you will need to get the Lakeside Campers (Explorers and Pathfinders) first and then follow the signs for the Navigator (11-12) pick up.

Trailblazers (13-14 year olds) Pick up location down Sunshine Lane(turn left at the STR tower), drive past the barn and proceed to the circle turn-around.

TUESDAY - FRIDAY DROP OFF

Explorers, Pathfinders, and Navigators are dropped off on lakeside.

Trailblazers are dropped off down Sunshine Lane (turn left at the STR tower), drive past the barn and proceed to the circle turn-around.

**Children will receive their backpacks and water bottles after camp has started.
The backpacks and water bottles will stay at camp until the end of the week.**

PLEASE LABEL ALL BELONGINGS. We keep unclaimed items for one month, and then donate them to a local thrift shop.

There will be plenty of food available for your child. **If he/she has food allergies or special dietary needs, feel free to supply your own lunches and/or snacks. However we do need to know what foods you will be providing.** Please let Kim Derrington know if you have concerns in this area. Phone or text 314-560-7988 or email daycamp@stranch.org.

Use the following guidelines when preparing your children for camp:

- **Children must wear closed-toed shoes.** There will be lots of walking and some activities with horses.
- Girls are encouraged to wear their swimsuits under their clothes to save time in the changing room; they may change into dry clothing afterwards if they wish. Girls must wear one-piece swimsuits, or two piece swimsuits with t-shirts over them.
- Boys are encouraged to wear their swim shorts to camp; they may change after swimming if they wish.
- Backpack or tote-bag with the following items: Towel, Change of clothes in a plastic grocery bag, in case clothes get wet, Sun screen.
- All prescription or non-prescription medications must be given to the camp first aid person in its original container with written dispensing instructions. Inhalers or epi-pens will be given to the Leader of your child's group by the /first aid person. The Leader will keep them in their First-Aid Fanny Pack which is with them at all times.

Items NOT to bring to camp:

- Electronic devices of any kind
- Cell phones. If your child needs to make an emergency phone call, he/she will have access to a phone.
- Games, toys or food (with the exception of food for special dietary needs as described above)
- Knives, firearms, explosives, illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages or anything that may be construed as a weapon (parent will be notified)
- Money or any valuables that could be lost or stolen. Strong Tower Ranch is not responsible for lost or stolen camper items.

We do not normally cancel camp if it rains. We will have alternate activities for the campers.

Closing Program on Friday

You are invited to attend our Closing Program on Friday. It will start at 4:00 and be over at about 4:45pm. Please arrive by 3:45 and take the Sunshine Lane entrance by the Strong Tower Ranch sign. You will be directed to the parking area by our attendants.

If your Camper is riding home with someone else, you can expect your Camper to arrive home an hour later than normal.

Thank you for trusting your children to us. We are doing our best to teach them very important life skills and Bible truths while enjoying God's beautiful creation.

If you have any specific instructions or needs for your child before camp begins, please contact Kim Derrington at 314-560-7988, or daycamp@stranch.org.

See ya at camp!

The STR staff