

## ***Dear Camper and Parent,***

**THANK YOU** for choosing Buffalo Gap Camp this summer!!! Are you ready for some fun? We are!  
**We have included a list of things for you to bring to camp and some helpful notes for Parents.**

- >>>>>> Bible <<<<<<<< Seriously, Please send your camper with a Bible! We don't want anyone to be left out during the lessons and worship times!
- ○ For non-readers or early readers - it would be great if non-readers or early readers brought their own children's bible.
- Medications IN ORIGINAL CONTAINERS. The Camp Medic will keep these items and distribute them as prescribed.
- Play Clothes for every day at camp plus a couple of extra sets (t-shirts and shorts that you don't mind if they get dirty).
- Theme day clothes: About a week prior to each Camp Session, we'll send you another email that will have information about daily themes, along with any other last-minute info.
- FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY one set of "dress up" clothes for Thursday dinner and dance
- Socks and undergarments. Bring more than you think you will need. Prepare for a couple of days where you might have to change undergarments more than once.
- Sleep Clothes
- Closed toe shoes for play (tennis shoes)
- Shower shoes (flip flops)
- Pool shoes, especially for those that get blisters on their feet when they swim in pools. (It's a concrete/plaster bottom).
- Some cash for snacks at the pool from the concession stand and camp swag (t-shirts, stickers, hats, etc.). (Campers will give their money to the concession stand folks at check in where they can access it safely until the closing ceremony.)
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Swimming suit
- Bathing towel
- Swimming towel
- Shower items and washcloth
- Toothpaste and toothbrush
- Hair brush
- Deodorant/antiperspirant
- Sleeping bag and/or bedding for a single bed. Some campers just bring a sleeping bag. Some bring sheets and a blanket.
- Pillow(s)
- Hat
- Flashlight

### **Pro Camper / Insider tips!**

**Organization is key with having a clean cabin...**each day the cleanest cabin gets custody of the ultimate prize - The golden broom!

**A lot of campers bring "trunks" instead of suitcases** as they can fit more items in them, they can lock them if they want to, and it is better for organizing your things to find them quickly during the week

○ **Shower caddies** are helpful as there will be a lot of walking back and forth from the bathhouse.

○ **Bringing a bag for dirty clothes** helps keep your dirty things away from your clean ones. Sometimes a trashbag does the trick.

**Things NOT to bring:** electronics, cell phones, alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco or vaping products, fireworks.

**Letter writing...** Pens/pencils and a notebook are just good items to have, especially if you want to send your friend "letters" and make them do the brown squirrel dance at lunch!

**NAPS???** If you are not a good nap-taker, bringing a book to read, a drawing pad to draw on, or a journal to write in is a good idea. We have feet-on-bunk time every day and non-nappers struggle if they do not have a way to spend that hour.

**Sunglasses** are a great addition to your packing list, but they are not required. It gets sunny out here!

**Fanny Packs!** Seriously, these things are a HIT around camp. Great for keeping a small tube of sunscreen, bug spray, hand sanitizer, and an extra face mask on you at all times. Many counselors wear them all week.

**Reusable water bottle!** We have watering stations around camp with disposable cups, but having your own bottle cuts down on waste and makes it to where you have water whenever you feel the need.

**Theme days:** If you choose to participate in them, we dress for "Theme Days" – for example; Superhero day (favorite superhero shirt), Twinkies day (match someone at camp), Out of This World day (camper interpretation, what do you think is "out of this world?" i.e. mermaids, cats, Whataburger, JESUS DUH! You get it) and/or Beach day (Hawaiian shirts and flower crowns). We'll send you an email a week prior to your Camp session filling you in on details for your session.

- **Don't forget your Immunization Records and Medical Insurance Cards! We MUST have an Immunization Record for EVERY Camper by State law.**
- Campers / Participants will be pre-assigned their Cabins. We will try to accommodate special requests as we are able, but can make no promises. While we understand that kids want to be with their friends, we also want them to get to know new friends!
- Camp Check-In STARTS AT 4PM and goes to 5:30pm. You are most welcome to arrive before 4PM, but we will not be ready to check you in until 4PM.
- Camp ends Friday morning after the 10am closing worship service, which usually lasts 30 minutes or so. Please invite whoever is picking you up to attend the worship service! Because of other groups that will be using the property over the weekends, all Campers need to be picked up BY NOON AT THE LATEST.
- If you're new to Buffalo Gap Camp, our physical address (for GPS, etc) is:  
700 Litel Street, Buffalo Gap, TX 79508.  
 We're on the main road through town (FM89), right across from the Town Hall / Fire Station.
- Mail Call is a fun time at Buffalo Gap, and happens at Lunchtime. We encourage your family and friends to send you letters at:  

Your name  
 Buffalo Gap Presbyterian Camp  
 PO Box 397  
 Buffalo Gap, Texas 79508
- If your parents would like, they can drop off mail / packages for you at Check-In, and we'll see that they're delivered during the week.
- Friends and Family can also send you emails, addressed to [office@buffalogapcamp.org](mailto:office@buffalogapcamp.org). MAKE SURE to put the Campers name in the Subject Line so we can identify and deliver it during Mail Call.

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When you arrive at the Campground, we'll have lots of Camp Staff around to help you get checked in and settled, so don't worry! Here's the basic routine:

1. Greeters at the Main Gate will greet you, and point you towards parking and the Check-In location.
2. Park your car and grab: Paperwork (immunizations, registration, etc), Medications, and any Money for photos, swag, or snacks. (Leave luggage, etc in your car for now.)
3. At the Check-In location, we'll:
  - a. Double-check any paperwork, accept any payments due, confirm Emergency Contacts, and assign your Cabin.
  - b. The Medic will collect all medications (prescription medication MUST be in original containers) for safekeeping and review Health information.
  - c. If you like, you can also:
    - i. Order some Camper Photos (\$5 each and they will be available at the end of Camp),
    - ii. Deposit any concession stand money in our "Buffalo Gap Bank",
    - iii. Buy some Camp swag (T-shirts, stickers)
    - iv. Drop off any Mail / Packages for delivery throughout the week.
4. Once checked in, a Camp Staffer will assist you in unloading your luggage and finding your cabin.
5. Campers then change into swimwear, and head to the Ool (notice there's no "p" in it, lol) for your Swim Test.
6. Once you've completed your Swim Test, you'll work on your Name/Swim Tag, get settled into your Cabin, and then we're "off and running"!!!

We know you are going to have a great time at Camp - we look forward to meeting you, learning about God, and enjoying each other's company in the great outdoors!