



**Rocky River Ranch
Day Camp
Pointers to
Parents**





WELCOME TO THE ROCKY RIVER FAMILY!

We are thrilled that your camper will be part of over 65 years of camping tradition at RRR.

This packet is designed to prepare you and your camper for RRR Day Camp. During our many years of camping, we have found that certain procedures are essential for a smooth transition to camp life. The following information has been collected from campers, parents and staff that have shared their insights with us over the years. If you still have questions, please contact anytime. Here's to another great summer at Rocky River!

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DAILY SCHEDULE

9:00-9:30am Drop-Off

Games and Songs

9:45-11:45

Morning Activities

(Arts & Crafts, Exploring Camp,
Active games, Snack Making etc.)

12:00 pm

Lunch

Announcements/Singing

1:00 pm

Change into swim suits

1:30 pm

Free Swim at River or Pool

2:30 pm

Change out of swim suits

3:00 pm

Canteen

4:00-4:30pm Pick-Up



CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

We understand how important dropping your child off at camp is. We want to help relieve the anxiety of drop off and make the process flow as seamlessly as possible. In order to make the first day easy, we require all balances and paperwork be turned in to our office no later than **May 1st**. The required paperwork (medical recommendation, health history, day camp permission and day camper profile) can be accessed through your online account.

WHEN ARRIVING

The front gate will be open from **9:00 am to 9:30 am**. Please park in the parking lot just inside the gate and walk your camper to the pavilion. Since resident camp will be going on at the same time, we will not allow cars or parents to enter past the parking lot. If you are running late please contact the Day Camp Director to make arrangements. After you've signed your daughter in, checked the announcement board for daily announcements and told her goodbye, you will have completed the check-in process and are free to leave. On the first day of camp, please bring any necessary medication and discuss special medical instructions or concerns with the Day Camp Director.



CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

IN ORDER TO CHECK OUT, YOU (OR ANY AUTHORIZED PICK-UP PERSON) MUST HAVE A PHOTO ID

*All authorized persons must be listed on your online RRR account
(www.rockyriverranch.com)*

Pick up will be from **4:00 pm to 4:30 pm**. Please park in the parking lot and check your daughter out at the pavilion with a photo ID. If you need to pick up your camper earlier than 4:00, please contact the Day Camp Director to make arrangements.

All sessions will end on **Friday at 12:00 noon** with an opportunity for parents to interact with the RRR staff and enjoy a short closing ceremony. The program for the Day Camp parents will finish before the closing ceremony for resident camp which begins at 1:30 pm. In order to manage congestion and traffic flow, we ask that all Day Camp families are **out of the parking lot by 1:00 pm**.

*Please refer to Frequently Asked Questions for information about having a daughter in resident camp during the same session.





OTHER PROCEDURES

CAMP PHOTOS

During the session, camp staff will take each camper's photo and a group photo of the entire day camp session. A 5x7 group photo will be given to you at check-out for no charge. Purchase of your camper's individual photo is optional and can be done through your account at www.rockyriverranch.com. We will also upload snapshots of activities during each session — these may be purchased as well. Once purchased, you can download the images and print them at home. Packing an inexpensive disposable camera or inexpensive digital camera is another way to allow your camper to record her own special memories of camp.

LOST & FOUND

Camp life strives to

teach your child to be responsible for and take care of her belongings. It helps for your camper to be involved in labeling and packing her own bag for the day so she will be aware that her possessions belong to her if they show up in the Lost & Found.

Please label all items with your child's name. We will make every attempt to reunite lost items with the rightful owner before each day ends. If items are left at camp, please contact us and describe (in detail) the missing item.

Items not claimed by September 1st will be donated to a local women's shelter.

REFUND POLICY

Cancellations received in writing by our office prior to **May 1st** will receive a full refund (minus the

nonrefundable deposit). Cancellations after **May 1st** are not eligible for refunds.

CANTEEN

Campers enjoy canteen time each day after free swim, where they can choose an ice cream, candy or snack item. Your camper's canteen account is included in camp tuition, and you will not need to pay for these snacks. Campers are not allowed to keep cash at camp.

ONLINE STORE/CARE PACKAGES

Our online store allows you to purchase items such as t-shirts, stuffed animals and other RRR souvenirs. You may have items mailed home or delivered at camp. Items delivered at camp will be distributed at the end of the camp day.

WEBSITE RESOURCES



Things you can do through your online account at
rockyriveranch.com

- Pay your session balance **before May 1st.**
- Complete your online forms: Health History, Day Camp Permission, Day Camper Profile **before May 1st.**
- Print out Medical Recommendation Form for your doctor to complete. Upload the completed form and your child's Vaccination Records **before May 1st.**
- Edit medications
- List persons authorized to pick up your camper
- View and purchase photos of your camper
- Order items from the store/ care packages
- Make a Campership Fund donation to help send kids in need to camp (Under Additional Options menu, select Donations)



HEALTH INFORMATION

CAMP NURSE ON SITE

Our camp nurse is on site at all times and is available for medical needs. She will administer medication, attend to minor injuries and overall camper health care. We like to collect camper health information ahead of time so that we are prepared for any medical needs. There are two medical forms required:

(1) Health History Form

This form can be completed online via your RRR account. Just log-in, click on Document Center (under Additional Options) and complete the information for each camper. This form must be completed by **May 1st**.

(2) Medical Recommendation Form

This form must be downloaded, printed, completed by your doctor's office and returned to the RRR office. In the Document Center of your online account (under Additional Options), you will find the Medical Recommendation Form located on the right-hand side. This form can be mailed, faxed, uploaded or emailed back to the RRR office and must be received 2 weeks prior to your camper's check-in day.

MEDICATIONS

Since the day camp day is short, we prefer morning and evening medicines to be administered at home. If a prescription medication MUST be administered between the hours of 9-4, please let us know by entering these medications on your online account. Click on your camper's name from the account detail page. On the lower left you will see a "Manage" button under Medications. Please enter the name and dosage for each medication. ***This info can be edited on your account until 1 week prior to your session.*** Please email if any changes occur after this time.

WHEN ARRIVING THE FIRST DAY:

Please meet with the Day Camp Director if your child needs medication to be administered by the camp nurse. Note that all medications **must be in the original bottle or container from the pharmacy. We do not accept expired prescriptions.**

By state law, the nurse will not distribute medications that are not

in the original containers. Prescriptions must have the camper's name and dosing instructions on the label. Please check that the instructions you leave match the doctor's dosage. The information will be entered in the nurse's ledger to ensure that the meds are given to your camper as required. The online forms also serve as permission to treat your camper in the event of an emergency.

MEDICAL TREATMENT

Our camp nurse or director will notify parents if a camper exhibits symptoms that are deemed worthy of concern.

Please do not send your child to camp if she is running a fever or is in poor health. We try to provide the safest and healthiest environment for all campers. In an effort to keep everyone in good health, we ask that you consult a doctor before bringing your child to camp if she has recently suffered from or been exposed to an illness. We also ask that you check your child for head lice several times in the weeks leading up to camp.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I HAVE ANOTHER DAUGHTER WHO IS ATTENDING RESIDENT CAMP DURING THE SAME SESSION. HOW WILL DROP OFF AND PICK UP WORK?

Drop off will be on separate days which will provide you a chance to focus on each daughter's check-in separately. Pick-up on Friday will be on the same day during Day Camp Session 2 and 4. During those days, please arrive at 12:00 noon to participate in the closing activity for Day Camp. You will then need to wait until Closing Day activities for Resident Camp begin at 1:30. You are welcome to stick around the pavilion chatting with your camper or you can drive into Wimberley and come back for the resident camp closing at 1:30.

WILL THE DAY CAMPERS AND RESIDENT CAMPERS SEE EACH OTHER DURING THE DAY?

Day campers and resident campers will have separate schedules during the day, however, they will get to see each other during canteen time! This will be a chance to eat a snack, play games together and mingle.

WILL COUNSELORS APPLY SUNSCREEN AND BUG REPELLENT FOR MY CHILD?

YES! Our well-trained staff are very cautious about sunburns and bug bites. We are very dedicated to making sure your child stays safe and healthy and will help them apply sunscreen and bug spray throughout the day.

WHAT WILL MY DAUGHTER DO WITH ALL OF HER STUFF DURING THE DAY?

Each camper will have a cubby where she can store her belongings- lunch, towel, swim suit, extra change of clothes etc.

HOW WILL SWIMMING WORK DURING THE DAY? WHAT IF MY CHILD IS NOT A STRONG SWIMMER YET?

During the first day of Day Camp, we will have a swim check for your daughter. The swim check will be held by the lifeguards and will give them an idea of your daughter's swimming ability. We will have lifevests for girls who need/want them. We will also have a rope in the pool to separate the shallow end and the deep end. In the river we may require all children to wear lifevests in the deeper parts of the river depending on the level and the flow. We will have multiple lifeguards at the river the pool. Our lifeguards are all Red Cross certified.

HOW WILL LUNCH WORK EACH DAY?

Please pack a lunch for your daughter each day. We will provide snacks and ice water throughout the day.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN I VISIT MY CAMPER WHILE SHE'S AT CAMP?

For the safety of all of our campers, Rocky River does not allow visitors on the campsite while camp is in session. Parents are only allowed in the parking/pavilion area between 9:00-9:30 am and 4:00-4:30 pm. Parents may not go past the cone markers at any time during the camp sessions.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CAMPER GETS SICK AT CAMP?

Rocky River takes health care very seriously. Our wellness center is well equipped, staffed and maintained for our campers who need special care, and our camp nurse is on-site throughout the season. Our counselors are trained in CPR and First Aid. Should any concerning health issue arise, a staff member will contact the parents right away.

WHAT IF I NEED TO DROP OFF LATE OR PICK UP EARLY ONE DAY?

If you need to drop your camper off late or pick her up early please contact the office before hand via email: info@rockyriverranch.com or call 512-847-2513. You can also contact Hannah Brock on her cell phone via call or text at any time: 512-417-0517.

IS THERE A DRESS CODE?

The campers will be very active throughout the day, so we encourage girls to wear comfortable clothing that they don't mind getting messy in. The girls are required to wear shoes that will stay on their feet (no flip flops), and they will also need to wear river shoes that will stay on their feet when they go to the river (no flip flops or crocs).

WILL THERE BE THEME DAYS FOR MY DAUGHTER TO PARTICIPATE IN?

YES! Check your emails on **April 1st** for more information. We encourage campers to participate in this by wearing themed clothes, socks, hats, hair styles or anything else that fits the theme!

WILL MY DAUGHTER DRAW TO SEE WHAT CAMP TEAM SHE WILL BE ON?

Day campers will not draw to be on a team. Teams will only be drawn during resident camp sessions. Something to look forward to!

OUR SUMMER PLANS CHANGED. CAN I GET A REFUND FOR CAMP?

Rocky River will refund the tuition minus the deposit up until **May 1st**. Please submit your cancellation in writing so that we can process your refund as quickly as possible.



ROCKY RIVER DAY CAMP PACKING LIST

Please label all items brought to RRR

REQUIRED

- Water bottle (with camper's name)
- River shoes (not flip flops or crocs) that stay securely on feet with a backstrap or backpanel, e.g. old athletic shoes, "water shoes" with backstrap, etc.
- Sunscreen
- Towel
- Swimsuit
- Packed lunch

RECOMMENDED

- Bug spray
- Tote bag or backpack
- Hair ties and hair brush
- Extra change of clothes/underwear
- Swim goggles and swim shirt
- Hat/cap
- Theme Day outfit!

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Cell phones
- Electronic devices
- Cash
- Valuables
- Clothes that cannot be stained/ruined
- Tobacco products, alcohol, weapons of any kind.

Cell phones are NOT ALLOWED.
If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact the Day Camp Director prior to arrival or on check in day.

We hope you understand that we cannot assume liability for any camper's personal property. For this reason, please leave articles of value (monetary or sentimental) at home.

