

SUMMER CAMP!

Parent Packet



Getting excited for Summer?

Hello, I'm Bryan Turner, the Spring Break & Summer Camp Director at Camp Wilderness Ridge. Here we all have "camp names," so most of the campers know me as "Taco." (Ask me why; I love to tell the story!)

We are SO BLESSED that you are sending your son to Camp Wilderness Ridge. Without your trust in our ministry, we couldn't have the opportunity to make a difference this summer!

Please read through all the information in this packet, as it will probably answer a lot of the questions you may have before your son arrives at camp!

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If you still have questions, please drop us a line at the information below. See you soon!

Yours in Christ,

Bryan "Taco" Turner

A Little About CWR:

Our Mission:

"Camp Wilderness Ridge exists to change the world through the leadership of REAL men."

(That's why we're so blessed to get to work with your sons)

We Teach:

REAL Life with Jesus Christ is:

- **R**eproducing disciples (Matthew 28:18-20)
- **E**steeming God above all (Mark 12:30)
- **A**nnouncing the Good News (Luke 24:46-47)
- **L**iving for others (Mark 10:45)

REAL Life as a Man of God is:

- **R**eject passivity
- **E**xpect God's greater reward
- **A**ccept responsibility
- **L**ead courageously

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Check-in & Check-out Schedule



Woodsman & Ranger Challenge Camps

Sunday Check-in

- 3:00pm Gate @ Main (new) Entrance opens
Check-in begins @ Welcome Center
Get to know your son's counselors
@ Cabins
- 4:30pm Parent send off
(See you Friday evening, parents!)
- 5:00pm Camper Orientation begins
@ Amphitheater

Friday Check-out

- 5:30pm Parents arrive @ CWR
- 6:00pm Special Awards Dinner for campers
and their families @ Café
- 7:00pm Head home

*For Woodsman and Ranger Challenge Camps,
check-in is each Sunday from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.*

*To ensure our staff has time to prepare for your
son's arrival, the gate will be closed until 3:00pm.*

Father/Son Camp

Saturday Check-in

- 10:00am Gate @ Main (new) Entrance opens
Check-in begins @ Welcome Center
Get settled in & meet your cabin-mates
@ Cabins
- Noon Lunch & Camper Orientation @ Café

Wednesday Check-out

- 10:00am Pack up & get ready to
- Noon Special Awards Lunch @ Café
- 1:30pm Head home

*For Father/Son Camp, check-in is
Saturday from 10:00am to noon.*

Your family is invited to our end-of-the-week wrap-up and celebration dinner, where we will announce the winners of Cabin of the Week and Campers of the Week! We will also show a video of highlights from the week, and you'll get a copy of the DVD.

Please let us know how many people you expect to bring to Friday's dinner at time of check-in! Thank you!

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UPDATE! Directions to CWR



WE HAVE A NEW ENTRANCE TO OUR CAMP PROPERTY!!! PLEASE NOTE THE UPDATED DIRECTIONS BELOW!

This is a brand-new entrance which is still in progress, so it will not show up on Google Maps or your GPS, and there is not an official address. Please follow the directions below and bear with us as we work to provide your sons with an authentic, affordable, and safe wilderness experience.

The closest address on Google Maps is **416 Old Antioch Road, Smithville, TX 78957.**

From Austin Area

1. Go **EAST** on **Hwy. 71** through **Bastrop, TX.**
2. After passing Buc-ee's (at Hwy 95 North), go 9.3 miles more.
3. Turn **LEFT** onto **KLBJ Road.**

From Houston Area

1. Go **WEST** on I-10 toward **Columbus, TX.**
2. EXIT and merge onto **TX-71 W.**
3. After the 3rd Smithville exit (Hwy 95 South), go 1 more mile.
4. Turn **RIGHT** onto **KLBJ Road.**

Continued from KLBJ Rd...

5. Stay **LEFT** at split (0.1 mi), onto **Ann Powell Road.**
6. At first stop sign (0.7 mi), turn **LEFT** onto **Park Road 1C.**
7. After 1.5 miles, turn **RIGHT** onto **Old Antioch Road / Turkey Run.**
8. After 1.4 miles, follow the curve to the **RIGHT** to stay on **Old Antioch Road.**
9. Go 0.3 miles farther, then turn **LEFT** into **Camp Wilderness Ridge.**

There is a marked parking area 0.2 miles down the dirt entrance road. Please stay to the RIGHT of the power poles, and DRIVE SLOWLY.

The trail to the **Welcome Center** begins just after the designated parking area.



Scan here with your smart-phone to get **directions** in your favorite GPS app.

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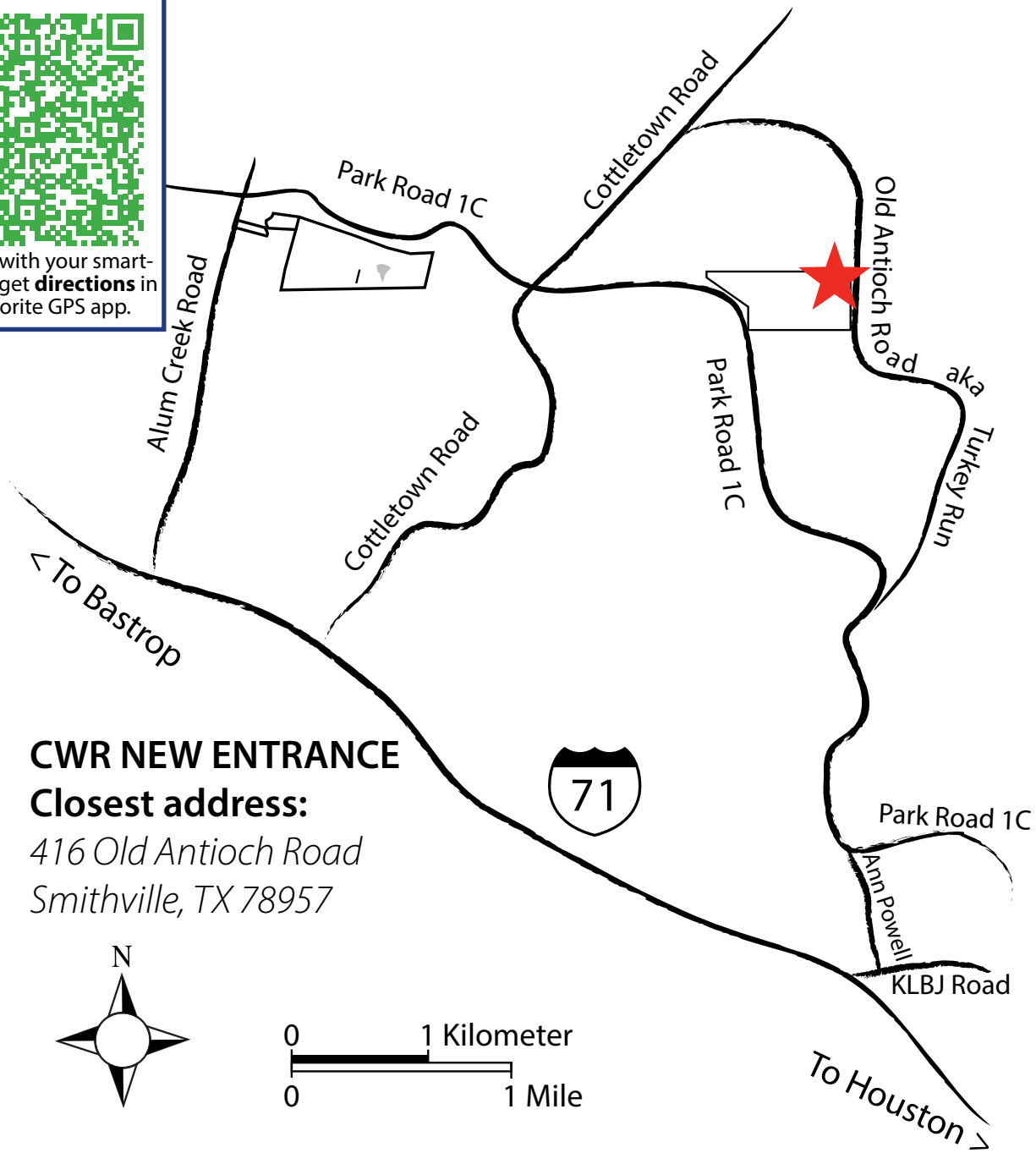
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Map to CWR



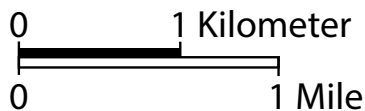
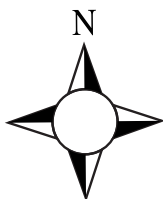
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CWR NEW ENTRANCE

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What to Pack



“MUST-HAVES”

- Sleeping bag or blanket
- Pillow
- Bible
- Notepad and pen
- 5 pair of underwear
- 5 pair of socks
- 1 pair of closed-toe shoes
- 5 short-sleeve t-shirts
- 1 pair of shorts
- 1 pair of long pants
- Bathing suit
- Weather appropriate clothing (check forecast)
- 1 bath or beach towel
- Flashlight (and batteries)
- Toiletries
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen

Note: Closed-toe shoes AND socks must be worn at all times outside of cabins, showers, and pool.

Note: Sunscreen & insect repellent will be provided, but it's good to bring some that can be carried around.

Special Considerations

If your son has dietary restrictions please let us know as soon as possible by contacting us at the info below, so we can prepare for his arrival. Also, at time of check-in, be sure to inform the Camp Nurse/Medic verbally and give him any special snacks so they may be distributed at appropriate times.

“NICE-TO-HAVES”

- Flip flops for pool/showers
- Extra pair of sturdy shoes or hiking boots
- Extra pair of shorts
- Extra pair of long pants
- Extra bath or beach towel
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Camouflage clothing (for games)
- Fishing pole
- Backpack
- Small folding pocket knife
- Camera (not a camera phone)
- Water bottle/canteen/hydration bladder
(Each camper will be given a CWR water bottle, but many campers like to bring their own)

What Not To Bring

It's equally important that your son leave some things at home. These items will be collected and stored in the Camp Office until the end of the week of the camp week, and returned when parents arrive.

The following items are not welcome at camp:

Cell phones, gaming devices, music players, and other electronics, and toys are distractions from engaging in activities and God's creation.

Non-folding knives, fireworks, and weapons (even toys) are potentially dangerous.

Food, snacks, and drinks attract insects to cabins.

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Paying Balances,
Camp Store,
Camper Mail Call



Paying Your Summer Camp Balance

You can choose one
of three ways to make
balance payments:

1) To pay online before
arriving at camp, go to:

[http://wildernessridge.com/
summer-camp-balance-payment](http://wildernessridge.com/summer-camp-balance-payment)

Upon clicking the "Donate" button, you'll be able to
choose how much you would like to pay at this time.
(You will need to know your balance!)

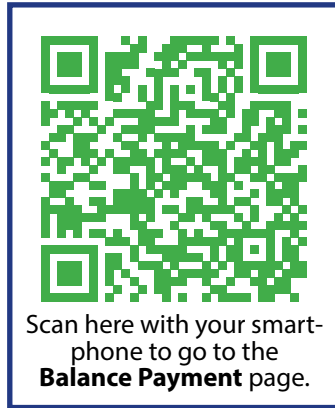
You may enter the camper's name for which you are
making a payment on the last page of the PayPal
purchase in the "Special Instructions" box.

2) To mail in payment before arriving at camp,
please make a check or money order out to:

*Camp Wilderness Ridge
Attn: Finance Manager
P.O. Box 1025
Smithville, TX 78957*

3) Payments can be made in-person at the time of
check-in for your camper's camp week(s). You can
pay by cash, check, money order, or credit card.

**To request the amount of your balance due,
please email cody@wildernessridge.com
or call (512) 538-8733.**



Scan here with your smart-
phone to go to the
Balance Payment page.

Camp Store

We now have a camp store with a few low cost items,
like t-shirts, hats, fleece jackets, wristbands, stickers,
Bibles, books, rain ponchos, Nalgene brand water
bottles, etc.

A DVD copy of the end-of-week camp video is
included in the price of camp. These will be given out
at the family celebration dinner on Friday evening.

Daily snack (canteen) is already included in your reg-
istration fees.

Camper Mail Call

Your son will really appreciate receiving mail from
you that encourages them to engage in the incredi-
ble activities and learning process.

For packages or mailed letters:

*Camp Wilderness Ridge
Attn: Summer Director
P.O. Box 1025
Smithville, TX 78957*

For email messages:

camp@wildernessridge.com

You may also pre-write any letters or pre-make any
care-packages and drop them off in our Camper
Mail Call box at time of check-in. Be sure to put your
campers name and what day the mail should be
given out.

*Please do not send food, snacks, or drinks, as your camper
will be receiving 3 meals, dessert, and an afternoon snack
each day, and these items attract insects and mice to the
cabins.*

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Keeping Your
Son Safe, Healthy,
& Happy!



We take your children's safety very seriously.

Our full-time staff is trained and certified in what is known as the Kanakuk Child Protection Plan, the nation's best expertise on keeping campers safe.

We have a variety of safety protocols in place at every level of our organization, and our staff is carefully screened, background- and reference-checked, and trained.

The child-friendly version of this training that your campers learn are:

The 3 T's:

Good Touch vs. Bad Touch
Good Talk vs. Bad Talk
Good Territory vs. Bad Territory

The 3 R's:

Recognize, Resist, Report
(as seen in the flyer to the right)

Modesty

No Bullying

We cover this info with your campers during orientation on the first day of camp (along with clearly communicating other camper expectations).

We believe this helps teach your child valuable skills that will continue to protect them after they leave camp at school and other public places.

Stay Safe

THE 3 R'S

Recognize

Modesty · No Private One-On-Ones
Good and Bad Touch · Good and Bad Talk
No Bullying · Protect Your Space

Resist

If anyone or anything makes you uncomfortable, **RESIST**, say **NO**, and go to a safe adult.

Report

If you find yourself in an uncomfortable situation or see someone else involved in one, please **REPORT** the incident to a safe adult. You may...

1. Talk to, call, or email a safe adult.
2. Call **1.800.4.A.CHILD**

Kanakuk Child Protection Plan

kanakukchildprotection.org

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Medical Form

If possible, please print off the Medical Form, fill it out before camp, and bring it with you to check-in. Blank forms will be available as well.

In case of any major medical emergencies, Smithville Regional Hospital is only seven miles from the camp's location. We have fast access to local emergency responders, and have a trained medic/nurse on staff at all times.

Medication

ALL medications must reported on the Medical Form and dropped off with the Camp Nurse/Medic. The Nurse/Medic will dispense medications at designated times or as appropriate according to doctor's instructions, so please be sure to bring doctor's note and the original containers for any meds.

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Behavior:

Our preference is that no one is sent home. However, our policy is that no one member of the group has the right to diminish the experience of any other member of the group.

We will cover the following expectations on the first day of camp, but it helps if you brief your camper on these ideas before arriving at camp, and let them know that you expect the same from them. We use the S.T.A.R.S. method:

- Self-control
- Truth
- Awesome Attitude
- Responsibility
- Show Respect

If an issue continues to interfere with campers' physical or emotional safety after attempts have been made to resolve it, a phone call home will be made by the Summer Camp Director. We request that you work with us on resolving the issue, and acknowledge that your camper may be sent home at the Director's discretion.

Homesickness:

While it is possible for every camper (or staff member) to experience homesickness, focusing on what is ahead frequently helps us to fully experience and enjoy all that camp has for us. Our staff is trained on strategies that may help campers. We ask that you partner with us in encouraging your camper to stay the full week.

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