

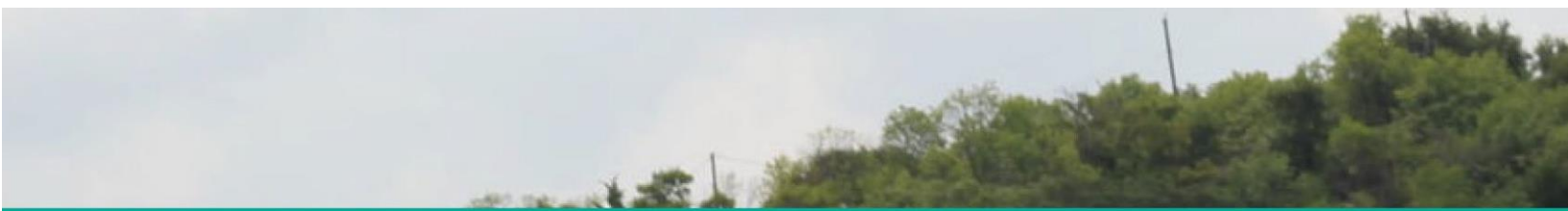


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# YMCA CAMP CARTER



## 2023 PARENT PACKET OVERNIGHT CAMP



— MEMORY MAKING — — CRAZY FUN — — LIFE CHANGING —

Dear Summer Camp Parents,

Welcome to the family, we are so very excited to have you as participants in our upcoming summer program. Summer camp creates so many opportunities for kids to learn and grow in a safe outdoor environment while under the supervision of our trained staff.

All of our staff will go through two weeks of staff training, and skill certification to ensure high standards in not only our program areas but within all that we do to create memorable experiences.

Camp is a place where you can try new things without fear of failure, where differences are celebrated and unity is strengthened. We believe kids experiencing this first hand will allow campers to grow up as strong adults representing the core values of the Y Honesty, Caring, Respect & Responsibility.

Our Mission at camp is to ensure each camper has a safe and magical experience that allows them to leave camp as the best version of themselves. Our intensely trained staff will help to create opportunities for campers to grow and succeed in Having fun, Making friends & Learning something new while practicing a “Kids & Guest first” philosophy.

As a camp Director it is my goal to create an environment that is going to provide a lifelong passion of growth and excitement for not only being outside but developing physically, socially & emotionally. We aim to be a partner in the growth of your camper as we watch them grow and change the world. We hope you will highlight the growing needs of your campers so that we will be better able to meet their needs.

At your service

Ricky Langton & the Camp Carter team

## Registration Policies

- A non-refundable deposit of \$150 per week is required for all sessions; \$200 for 2-week session and the Leadership Programs session. This deposit will be applied to the total camp tuition. If registering with less than 2 weeks to start of session, then balance is due in full upon registration (see balance due deadlines below).
- We continue accepting registrations until camp is full. Sessions are filled by strict camper to counselor ratios. Availability is contingent on gender & age.
- Balance Deadlines (balance due 2 Saturdays before the camp session starts):

| Session                     | Date               | Member Rate | Non-Member Rate | Payment Due Date |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Week 1: Western             | 05/28-06/03        | \$800       | \$920           | 5/13/2023        |
| Week 2: Mini Camp           | 06/04-06/07        | \$425       | \$475           | 5/20/2023        |
| Week 3: Heros               | 06/11-06/17        | \$800       | \$920           | 5/27/2023        |
| Week 4: Fantasy             | 06/18-06/24        | \$800       | \$920           | 6/3/2023         |
| Week 5: Color Craze         | 06/25-07/01        | \$800       | \$920           | 6/10/2023        |
| Week 6: Mini Camp           | 07/05-07/08        | \$425       | \$475           | 6/17/2023        |
| Week 7: Super Hero          | 07/09-07/15        | \$800       | \$920           | 6/24/2023        |
| Week 8: Pirates             | 07/16-07/22        | \$800       | \$920           | 7/1/2023         |
| Week 9: Survivor            | 07/23-07/29        | \$800       | \$920           | 7/8/2023         |
| Week 10: Around the World   | 07/30-08/05        | \$800       | \$920           | 7/15/2023        |
| Leader in Training (LIT)    | 07/09 - 07/22/2023 | \$1,500     | \$1,500         | 6/24/2023        |
| Counselor in Training (CIT) | 06/11 - 08/01/2023 | \$1,200     | \$1,200         | 5/27/2023        |
| Ranch Camp                  | Every Week         | \$1,050/wk  | \$1,150/wk      | Two Weeks Prior  |

- A \$30 charge is made for all returned checks. Funds to cover check and NSF charges will be accepted in cash, cashier check, money order, or credit card.
- Session transfers will be granted based on availability. Any session change must be requested in advance of the session start.
- Admission as a camper at YMCA Camp Carter carries many privileges and responsibilities. Campers found with tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs or weapons will immediately be dismissed without a refund. In addition, should a behavior or discipline problem affect our work with other campers or their enjoyment of Camp Carter, we reserve the right to dismiss those campers responsible without a refund.
- A high quality program can only take place in an orderly, mutually respectful, and caring environment. Child guidance is a process where children take increasing responsibility for their own actions. At the YMCA, we take the happiness and safety of our participants seriously. Therefore, we work very hard at creating a safe and fun environment. Along with our efforts, we need the children to help us by following some simple rules. Below is our behavior agreement.

## Behavior Guidelines for Success

Here at Camp Carter, we want to provide a safe and fun environment that promotes the growth, character development, and skills of every camper. As we are all well acquainted with no camper is perfect; each one will have moments of being upset and allowing those big emotions to influence their actions. Our goal is to help each camper continue to learn how to develop and implement the skills to make wise and responsible decisions in the face of those big emotions. Our desire is to love, serve, and care for each camper by taking the time to demonstrate, explain, and implement positive and appropriate actions and responses before, during, and after those moments of big emotions with ourselves, other staff members, and every camper. Our hope is that as they watch, interact, and talk with us, they will join us in these actions and responses.

### **Please read, review, and talk with your camper about the following Behavior Guidelines for Success:**

In realm of our mission statement of putting Christian principles into practice, YMCA Camp Carter wants to develop and display our core character qualities of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility, as it is a large part of our commitment to offering a safe and exciting camp experience.

#### **Four Core Values:**

1. **Caring:** Be kind; be compassionate and show you care for yourself and those around you; express gratitude; forgive and offer forgiveness
2. **Honesty:** Be reliable and truthful by upholding your words and commitments; do not steal or cheat; have the courage to do the right thing—even when no one is looking
3. **Respect:** Be kind and polite to others and yourself with your words and actions; interact with others and yourself with love and patience
4. **Responsibility:** Be proactive with your actions and words; take ownership for your actions and words; make wise and thoughtful decisions; be quick to forgive and offer forgiveness

## **Out-of-Bounds Actions, Responses, and Reactions:**

1. **Hands-On:** More times than not, campers placing their hands on each other, in any manner, is the cause of conflicts. Hands-on includes: hitting, slapping, biting, pushing/shoving, punching, choking, pinching, scratching, tripping, kicking, stealing, etc.
2. **Sensitive Words:** We all know how quickly jokes turn into using harmful words that are sensitive to others. We also know how quickly having big emotions results also using harmful words that are sensitive to others. Examples of these words are: Derogatory "jokes" and statements, insults, cussing, inappropriate language and topics, degrading and/or belittling words, peer pressure, nagging, teasing, gossiping etc.
3. **Bullying:** Whether in forms of verbal or physical, intentional or unintentional, Out-of-Bounds actions, responses, and reactions all result in bullying. Bullying does not promote, create, display, or teach a safe and fun environment, and therefore, it is something that we cannot tolerate due to the lack of care towards each other.

## **DISCIPLINE**

Campers are expected to treat fellow campers and staff with respect and to abide by camp rules. It is our policy to use a three-step procedure when disciplining campers:

1. Verbal warning
2. A behavior agreement with their counselor
3. A conference with the Summer Camp Director

Severe behavioral incidents require a phone call home and may necessitate bypassing the three steps and moving directly to a conference with the Executive Director and/or the Operation Director and Program Director(s). Any child verbally or physically abusing or "bullying" another camper may be sent home at any time. **Bullying** is absolutely not tolerated. Parents of campers who are being sent home must make arrangements for the child to be picked up within three hours of being contacted. Campers sent home due to behavioral problems will not be entitled to any refund of fees.

### **Not abiding by these rules may result in suspension and/or termination from the program.**

- YMCA staff and management reserve the right to dismiss/dis-enroll a child from the program if the child's behavior is disruptive to the program and/or compromises the safety of themselves, other children and/or staff. Children suspended/terminated from the program will not qualify for a refund.
- NO REFUNDS will be issued if a camper leaves camp for any reason other than a medical emergency. Medical emergencies apply only to campers and their immediate family. Proof of medical emergency will be required before any type of refund will be processed. Refunds are made on a pro-rated basis and the deposit remains non-refundable

## Illness and Exclusion Criteria

- All immunizations must be current. Children must be healthy enough to participate in the program's daily routine. We do not have the facilities to care for sick children and therefore do not allow them to attend the program. For the safety and comfort of your child, please keep them home until they feel better and no longer present the danger of passing on their illness.
- If you are keeping your child home due to illness, please contact the camp prior to arrival via email and let the staff know of your child's absence. When your child has a fever (fever of 101) or vomiting/diarrhea, please make sure they remain at home 24 hours after their temperature and symptoms returns to normal. We may require a physician's release for any medical or health condition. If your child becomes ill while at camp, you will be asked to pick up your child as soon as possible.
- Exclusion from camp may include, but not limited to the following illness/communicable health problems:
  - Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
  - A chronic runny nose with colored discharge
  - A chronic cough
  - A fever
  - Vomiting or upset stomach
  - Signs of general fatigue or discomfort
  - An open rash
  - Head lice
  - Knowledge that the child has had a fever within the past 24 hours
- Please notify the Camp Carter if your child or any member of your immediate household develops a communicable condition (as defined by the local health department), such as COVID-19, pink eye, chicken pox or lice. Parents are responsible to notify Camp Carter as soon as possible. In the case of a life-threatening illness, please notify the Camp Carter immediately. It is important for us to post a notice to other parents as soon as possible.
- In the case that your child becomes ill during the program, you will be contacted as soon as possible. If the parent or guardian is unable to be reached, the child's emergency contact will be notified. It is the responsibility of the parents to arrange for the child to be picked up from camp as soon as possible.

## Overnight Camp's Cancellation Policy

- There is a \$150 non-refundable deposit due upon registration.
- All cancellations must be made via phone call, cancellation form, or emailed to [camper@ymcafw.org](mailto:camper@ymcafw.org) . We must receive this request no later than two weeks prior to the start of your camper's session (all start on Sunday). The entire cost is forfeited for all cancellations made within the 2-week prior to the session's start day, as well as and "no shows". A medical emergency to the camper or immediate family member OR a contagious illness of a camper (doctor's note required for both) are the exceptions. Summer school or vacations are not exceptions. However, we will work with you to change sessions if space is available.

## Camper Photos

We will be taking photos periodically throughout the week, with the goal of posting them to Campminder at the end of the week. This is a good way to see a snapshot of what your camper is doing, and share ~~te~~ moments with your network, photos may be uploaded in real time as we process them and add them into our system. Please have patience with us as we upload them during the summer and check your campminder for more information! We do our best to get pictures of every child, but some children avoid the camera and some activities cannot be photographed safely.

## Meals

Cooked meals including breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided every day at camp's dining hall. This is included in the price of camp. If you'd like to find out more about the weekly menu please contact the Overnight Camp leadership team closer to the start of a session.

## Consent and Health Forms

All camper Consent and Health Forms will be emailed to you prior to the start of camp via CampInTouch—Camp Minder. Please have these forms completed at least one week prior to your camper(s)' arrival at camp.

If you do not have access to the internet, you may stop by Camp Carter during regular business hours and complete the forms there. Camp Carter will also have a limited number of tablets at check-in for form completion. Please allow 30 minutes to complete forms for each camper. Each child **MUST** have their own paperwork. New forms are required **EACH YEAR**.

## Check-In

Camper check-in is on Sunday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Camp Carter Registrants will NOT be admitted before this time. The camp staff is busy getting camp ready for a week of fun!

Please call by 5:00pm. on Friday prior to check-in to inform us if your child needs to arrive later than the scheduled check-in time.

## Check-In Procedures

1. Burger's Lake traffic is typically a hassle and will have you waiting in line for quite a bit. You will want to go around the traffic by driving on the left hand side of the road. Officers should be there to help direct you to camp. You will just need to inform them that you are going to Camp Carter.
2. Leave camper's luggage in the car!
3. Parents must fill out any forms that have not been received by the office prior to camp.
4. You will receive your child's cabin and counselor assignment.
5. You may turn in money for your child's account at the camp store.
6. You will meet with the camp health care provider to:
  - a. Make sure all health forms are signed and on file
  - b. Turn in any medication (you will need to have all meds on hand-please keep them separate from your child's luggage); we can only accept medication in its original bottle (including over-the-counter meds) with the doctor's current prescription printed clearly on the bottle
7. Your child will receive a head check
8. You will meet your child's counselor and drop your child off at their cabin-you may help them set up their bunk if you would like, then we would ask you leave the cabin by the end of the hour drop off so we may get started with our Camp activities!

## Check-Out

All families are invited to attend their camper's closing ceremony. We are excited to announce that we have extended camp to Saturday! In saying so, our closing ceremony will be Saturday mornings at 9:30am. Check-out will take place after the closing ceremony ends at 10:00am, please meet us at the point and bring your ID with you. Campers will be excited and ready to see you, please allow them to stay with their counselor until we check your ID to take them home. After our ceremony concludes we will have campers go into the dining hall and wait with their counselor at tables-you will sign out with either the Unit Leader or APD checking ID's, please wait outside as a staff will walk your child out to you through the doors.

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Any adult (18 years of age and up), including parents, picking up a camper must have their name listed on the camper's Pick-Up Authorization List. Any authorized adult that is signing out a camper must have a Photo ID – even parents. We **will not** release any camper to anyone who without a Photo ID or that is not on the Authorization Pick-Up list—no exceptions. Please have your ID ready, this is for the protection of your child. If



you need to pick a camper up at an earlier time, please contact the camp office well in advance to make arrangements with the directors. Early pick-up will be at the camp office.

## Camp Store

Each day, campers will have the opportunity to visit the camp store. The camp store carries items such as beverages and snacks, t-shirts, hats, water bottles, souvenirs, etc. Items in the store range in prices from \$2.00 to \$40.00. A good rule of thumb is \$4 per day, plus any additional for souvenirs. At check-in parents may deposit money into a personal account for their camper. When campers make purchases at the store, their account is debited for that amount. Cash is preferred camp store money. Campers should not keep money with them at camp. Refunds can only be received after Closing Ceremony at the camp store via cash. If a camper has \$10 or less left in their store account, the remainder will be donated to our annual scholarship campaign. If you have any questions about this, or how these funds are used do not hesitate to contact us!

## Activities and class offerings

NEW! Track classes are available each week but will alter and change throughout the summer. Campers will stay with their Class counselor in the mornings where there will be different activities centered around these opportunities and tracks. Each track offers all campers an opportunity for Archery, challenge course and canoeing throughout the week integrated within their track choices:

- Adventure
- Expeditions
- Splash
- Global
- Multi-or Wacky Sports
- Specialty
- Themed

Activities at Camp Carter take place during Class times each morning. Classes are designed to introduce campers to new activities, as well as increase their knowledge and skill in familiar activities. Campers will choose one track for the week on Sunday evening.

### **Activities may include, but are not limited to the following skills:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arts &amp; Crafts</li><li>• Canoeing</li><li>• Hiking</li><li>• Outdoor Living Skills</li><li>• Archery</li><li>• Gaga Dodgeball</li></ul> | <p>Challenge Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rifery (age 10+)</li><li>• Skeet Shooting (age 12+)</li><li>• Team Sports</li><li>• And more</li></ul> |
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**Please note: Optional specialty add-ons may take place at the same time as a skill area listed above.**

## Schedule

A Typical Day will look something like this:

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| 7:15 A.M. Rise and Shine!  | 1:45P.M. Rest Period   |
| 7:30 A.M. Flag Raising/ Line Up                                  | 2:45 P.M Cabin Time  |
| 8:00 A.M. Breakfast  | 3:45 P.M Younger Unit-swim, store and cabin activity         |
| 8:30 A.M. Morning  | 4:45 P.M. Older Unit-swim, store and cabin activity          |
| 9:00 A.M. Announcements /Specialty Add-ons (Horse Camp) pick-ups | 6:00 P.M. Get ready for dinner, dress up and evening program |
| 9:00 A.M. Class #1-1 hour  | 6:20 P.M. Flag lowering                                      |
| 10:00 A.M. Class #2-1 hour                                       | 6:30 P.M Dinner  |
| 11:00 P.M. Class #3-1 hour                                       | 7:30 Evening program activity                                |
| 12:05 P.M Cabin Clean / Cabin Meet Up                            | 9:00 P.M. Back to Cabins/Showers                             |
| 12:40 P.M Line Up for Lunch                                      | 10:00 P.M. Lights Out / Unit Devotionals                     |
| 12:45 P.M. Lunch   |  |

### **Sample Week Evening program:**

Sunday evening: Crazy opening campfire and crew drawing

Monday: Unit Night

Tuesday: All camp game

Wednesday: Crew night-outpost or challenge

Thursday: All camp game

Friday: Closing campfire

## Horseback Riding

Horseback riding programs can be combined with Overnight Camp at YMCA Camp Carter.

The best way to take advantage of camp's horseback riding facilities is to register for this summer's "Equestrian Specialty Program" (ages 8-16 & under 180 lbs) program. For more information check out the horse tab at [www.campcarter.org](http://www.campcarter.org), or contact Stephanie Pottichen at [spottichen@ymcafw.org](mailto:spottichen@ymcafw.org). Please note these programs are for ages 8+.

## Fishing

Campers will have the opportunity to fish at various times throughout the camp session. Fishing time is supervised by a Camp Carter staff member. Staff is present solely to oversee the well-being of all campers at this waterfront activity. Campers may supply their own fishing equipment-please put a piece of duct tape across the handle with camper first and last name and leave outside the cabin.

## Packing

Here is a suggested packing list...Please mark all items with camper's name. We always have a lot of Lost and Found and will put it out on the last day of camp!

- Trunk/Suitcase/Duffle Bag
- Backpack or Tote Bag for daily use
- Sleeping Bag and/or Twin Sheets
- Pillow and pillowcase
- 2 Bath Towels and Wash Cloths
- Toiletries (soap, toothbrush, shampoo, etc.)
- Good Attitude!
- 2 Pairs of Tennis/Athletic Shoes
- Sandals/Flip-Flops (for pool only)
- Pajamas (2 pair)
- Jacket and/or Sweatshirt
- Shorts (6-7 pair)
- Jeans / long pants for horseback
- Dress Up Costumes for theme nights
- A white bandana for their crew
- Crew color clothing gold, red or green for Wednesday-if new to camp please pack all three options
- Boots (if your child is riding)
- T-Shirts (3+)
- Socks and Underwear
- Swimsuit and Towel
- Flashlight and batteries
- Water Bottle (required)
- Stamps, Envelopes, Paper & Pen
- Non-Aerosol Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen
- Sense of Fun and Adventure
- Camera/Film (we recommend disposable cameras)
- Sunglasses
- Hat/Visor
- Raingear
- Deodorant
- Crazy campfire costume-no masks or blow up costumes
- Tropical Tuesday Hawaiian shirt
- Chacos if wanted-only can be worn after lunch

### What to leave at home:

- Cell Phones
- Knives
- Firearms
- Fireworks
- Trading Cards
- Animals and pets
- Items of sentimental / monetary value
- All forms of "tech-toys"
- Vapes
- iPods
- Cell Phones
- Matches
- Alcohol
- Illegal Drugs
- OTC Drugs
- Cash or Credit Cards

We encourage our campers to be unplugged while at camp and hope you can honor this request. Any of these prohibited items brought to camp will be collected by our directors, and returned at the end of the session. Please note that cell phones are prohibited!

**If these items are found, they may be taken up by the camp directors. Parents may request them after closing ceremonies. YMCA Camp Carter is not responsible for lost, stolen or broken articles.**

## Mail

Parent may write letters and mail care packages to your camper during his/her session.

- \*Letters: Keep your child up to date on what is happening at home, but be careful to keep your letters positive! Be creative and send photos, have a pet write a letter, etc. Make sure to send letters a few days before camp starts, so that they have a better chance of arriving in time for your campers stay! You can also drop off letters to the staff at Check-in and we will deliver them on the date you request.
- \*Care Packages: Non-Food care packages are welcome at camp. We do not allow food in an effort to keep cabins clean and bug-free. Make sure to send packages a few days before camp starts, so that they have a better chance of arriving in time for your campers stay! You can also drop off packages to the staff at Check-in and we will deliver them on the date you request.
- If you would like to pre drop off instead of mailing packages this year we will take camper mail at drop off-please address mail to your camper with their first and last name and we will take it on the day you would like to drop mail off on.
- Letters and care packages should be addressed as follows:

Camper's Name  
YMCA Camp Carter  
Session Name or Date  
6200 Sand Springs Rd. Ft. Worth, TX 76114

## Phone Calls

Camp is a time for children to develop independence and escape from distractions such as TV, the internet, and phone calls. Guidelines concerning camper phone use are as follows:

- Cell phones are NOT allowed! If a camper brings a cell phone to camp, it will be taken up and kept in the office until the child is picked up at check-out.
- Campers will NOT have access to camp phones except in the event of an emergency. If persistent homesickness or illness occurs, camp staff will contact parent/guardian(s) to discuss the situation.
- Our camp office is open Mondays through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00 pm. The office phone number is 817-738-9241.

## Staff

The Camp Carter staff is carefully selected to ensure that your child has an enjoyable camp experience. We strive to recruit responsible, caring, quality staff members to serve as role models for campers.

- Each cabin is supervised by a Senior Counselor who is at least 18 years old and an additional staff member either an Associate Counselor or a Junior Counselor at 17 years old.
- Overnight camp leadership staff is comprised of upper level college students and graduates.
- All staff members undergo extensive screening and training (including CPR/First Aid certification and criminal background checks) prior to being placed on the job.
- Certified lifeguards supervise all pool and waterfront activities.
- Equestrian instructors are experienced and trained wranglers.
- Camp health care providers hold certifications that meet standards set by the Texas Department of Health. Camp has an on call doctor and is just minutes from Cook's Children's Hospital.
- Our program and staff/camper ratios comply with Texas Department of Health standards, and are licensed and inspected by the State of Texas

## Christian Emphasis

Developing spiritually through Christian programs is an important part of life at YMCA Camp Carter. Each session, campers have the opportunity to share in fellowship through daily devotionals, weekly chapel services, and singing graces at mealtimes. These gatherings are attended by everyone at camp and emphasize morals, values and friendship. YMCA Camp Carter welcomes all persons without regard to religion, race, color, national origin, or political belief.

## Raggers and Leathers

The YMCA Ragger and Leather programs, for campers 12 and up and 9 and up respectively, focus on personal growth. They are designed to encourage campers to take an in-depth look at their beliefs, their strengths and weaknesses, and invite them to accept the challenge to grow in spirit, mind and body.

The levels of the Ragger and Leather are listed below.

| <b>SYMBOL</b> | <b>CHALLENGE</b>   | <b>MINIMUM AGE</b> |
|---------------|--|--------------------|
| Blue Rag      | Loyalty to God, community, and one's best self   | 12                 |
| Silver Rag    | Acceptance of or rededication to a Christian way of life or spiritual growth           | 13                 |
| Brown Rag     | Christian Service  | 14                 |
| Gold Rag      | Understanding, concern and acceptance of others  | 15                 |
| Red Rag       | Sacrifice of time, talent and personal will  | 16                 |
| Purple Rag    | A dedication toward excellence and noble living in all Christian service opportunities | 18                 |
| White Rag     | Full-time Christian service  | 21                 |

| <b>SYMBOL</b> | <b>CHALLENGE</b>   | <b>MINIMUM AGE</b> |
|---------------|--|--------------------|
| Triangle      | Growth in body, mind and spirit  | 9                  |
| Square        | Growth in body, mind, spirit and friendship  | 10                 |
| Circle        | Becoming close to God through appreciation, love and concern for the earth and all that He has created | 11                 |

We believe the power of camp lies in:

### **RELATIONSHIPS**

- Campers will establish meaningful friendships with campmates
- Campers will find a positive role model in counselors and camp staff
- Campers will learn to effectively communicate with others
- Campers will learn positive techniques for problem solving

How does this happen?

- Campers are placed in cabins/groups with peers
- Counselors and staff are trained to meet the developmental needs of campers
- Campers are encouraged to express their feelings constructively
- Campers are encouraged to solve problems through mediation of camp staff

### **CHARACTER**

- **RESPECT:** Campers will develop a respect for their peers, camp staff and the environment.
- **HONESTY:** Campers will be responsible for their own actions and attitudes.
- **RESPONSIBILITY:** Campers will learn to take care of the camp and their personal environment.
- **CARING:** Campers will learn to balance individual needs with those of their group or community.

How does this happen?

- Campers are encouraged to appreciate the differences in others and accept other's for who they are.
- Campers are encouraged to own up to their mistakes and apologize to others when they have done wrong.
- Campers participate in daily cabin clean-up, dining hall clean-up and litter hikes.
- Campers are encouraged to recognize the needs of others and act with a spirit of generosity.

### **SKILLS**

- Campers will learn new skills.
- Campers will follow proper skill area procedures.
- Campers will increase self-esteem through excellence in skill areas.

How does this happen?

- Campers attend skill areas daily and are encouraged to try something new.
- Campers are oriented to safety rules and supervised by staff at each skill area.
- Campers will receive awards in certain skill areas to recognize achievement.

### **HAVE FUN!**

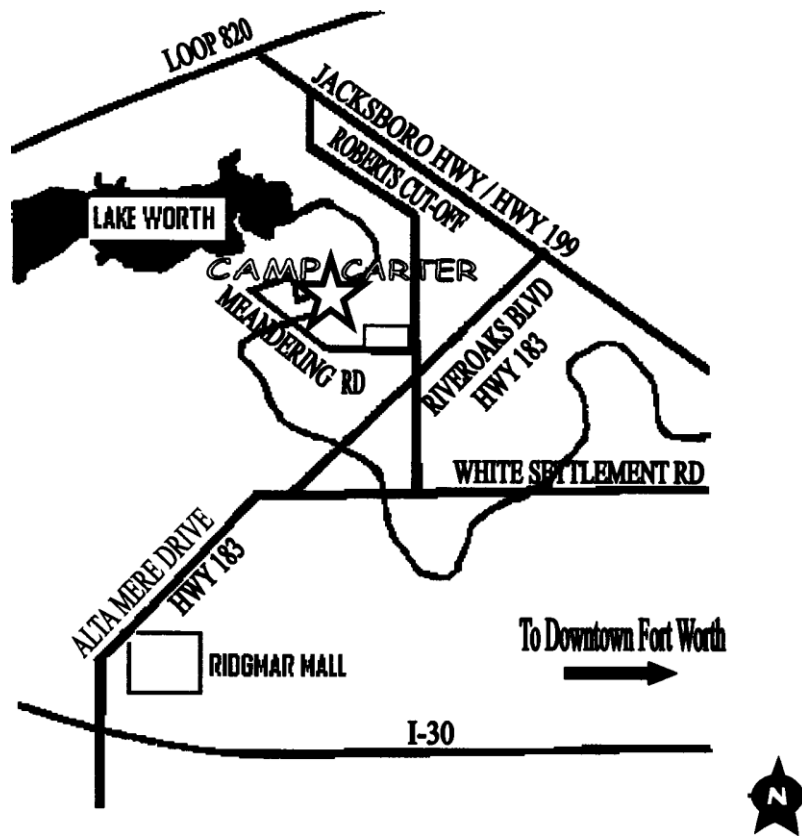
- Campers will develop a sense of self-confidence.
- Campers will learn to express emotions.
- Campers will develop a deeper sense of personal satisfaction.

How does this happen?

- Campers are encouraged to participate in games, songs, skits and camp silliness.
- Camp staff role model positive behavior through hugs, high fives and positive words, laughter and smiles.
- Campers are awarded through Broken Arrow, Boy & Girl of the Session, Points of Light, Character Awards and Camper of the Week.

**-Your YMCA Camp Carter Team**





**6200 Sand Springs Road  
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**From South IH-35:** Take I-30 West. Take 183 North (exit 7B). Sign says 183/341 NAS FW JRB/Green Oaks. Follow signs to 183 north. Ridgmar Mall will be on your right. Go 3.5 miles to Robert's Cut-off. (Note: road changes to 183 **East**). Look for CVS on Right, Taco Bell on left. Turn **left** on Robert's Cut-off (sign is very small). Turn **left** on Meandering Road, Qwik-way shop is at corner. Travel approx. 1 mile, road forks. Take fork to **right**. Go across river, past Burger's Lake, follow road around to end. Turn **right** into Camp Carter.

**From IH 30:** Follow directions above.

**From North IH-35:** Exit 820 West. Take Jacksboro Hwy / 199 East exit (exit 10A). Follow signs to 199 **east**. Home Depot is on right. Turn **right** on Robert's Cut-off, first light. Continue 2.5 miles on Robert's Cut-off through neighborhood. Pass elementary school on left. Turn **right** on Meandering Road (Qwik-Way shop on right). Continue 1.5 miles, road forks. Take fork to **right**. Go across river, past Burger's Lake, follow road around to end. Turn **right** into Camp Carter.

**From 820 East or West:** Follow directions above.