



May 31, 2021

Dear Parents & Campers:

For those of you who have been to RRVHC before, please read this information carefully. We have made changes to several procedures and it is imperative that we follow these guidelines as much as we possibly can.

We have been planning for a great week at Red River Valley Honors Camp! We are praying for a week of spiritual growth, fun, and safety. Not to mention the beginnings and renewals of lifelong friendships. Our theme this year is “Road Trip” with Matthew 7:13-14 as our theme verse. Is your “Road Trip” in life traveling through the wide gate or the narrow gate and where will it lead? Pastor John Swadley is planning a week of sermons and teaching opportunities based on this concept. It will no doubt be an enjoyable learning experience for campers and staff alike.

When packing, be sure to refer to the sections below: “Dress Code, Camp Survival Kit, and What to Bring.” Parents, please make sure that only clothes which comply with the dress code are packed for camp. Dress clothes are preferred for the Friday Banquet. The boys will need nice clean long pants/jeans and for the girls, we prefer a dress or skirt according to the dress code length. Please bring some extra old shoes for wet activities. A plastic poncho is handy in the event of rain. Citation Award recipients will want to bring their plaque for a special presentation at the Friday night banquet.

Check-in and pick up will be similar to last year. As we continue to work through details, some of the following instructions might change. If that is the case, the additional information will be provided on our social media accounts as well as via email. Campers should plan to arrive at camp on Saturday, June 19th between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. See the last page for directions to the camp at Wickes, AR (not in North Little Rock).

ALL staff and campers will enter the camp through what many refer to as the back entrance. Parents and drivers are asked not to exit their vehicles which will help with traffic flow. Camper check-in will begin at 3:00. Anyone arriving early will be asked to stay off the campgrounds until this time. The nurses will be stationed at a pavilion just inside the campgrounds. Campers will unload and be screened with a temperature check. Campers must have ALL medications available at this time, including over-the-counter, vitamins and supplements for the nurses to collect before checking in.

Campers will reload into vehicles and proceed to the next pavilion. At this stop they will deposit all extra spending money in the camp bank, keeping some for the snack shop later that evening. Please bring only \$1, \$5 and \$10 bills. There will be a camp snack shop and craft store open every day. The craft store items range from optional crafts, t-shirts, and miscellaneous items varying in price. We usually provide some teasers on Facebook leading up to camp. Your camp fee does include an Honors Camp T-shirt that the camper will get Saturday evening. At the end of the week Campers will have the opportunity to make an offering to the camp pastor and worship leader.

After making their deposit, they will receive their first activity of the week, a fun scavenger hunt to familiarize them with the campgrounds, see their old friends, and hopefully make some new ones. They will also be given their team and cabin assignment. With this information, girls will then be able to unload their luggage and immediately cross the bridge to find their home for the week. We will have staff available to help move luggage. Those vehicles with boys will need to reload and proceed to the boys' cabins where they too can get settled in. After all campers have been unloaded, vehicles will continue to exit out through the main entrance.

When campers make it to their cabin, they will be greeted by their counselor and provided with additional instructions, their name tag, camp shirt, and several other important items they'll need for the week.

Following the policies of the state of Arkansas, the governor and health department, face coverings will not be required at camp this year. Campers and staff may optionally wear a mask based on their own comfort level. If this is the case, we respectfully ask that they bring 8 clean masks to be used one per day with preferably one or two extra. Staff will not be laundering face masks this year, so it will be the responsibility of the camper to wear a clean mask daily. Staff will also not be enforcing any face covering requests, it too will be the responsibility of the individual to wear their mask when they feel the need. Staff does reserve the right to request the removal of a face covering in the event it is deemed to be causing adverse health effects. This would likely be limited to the activity field in the case of overheating, shortness of breath, or similar situations.

Campers love to get mail so be sure to mail a letter by Tuesday, June 22nd or it may not get to the camp by Friday, the 25th. Mail to: Camper's Name – RRVHC, c/o Bogg Springs Baptist Camp, 784 Hwy 84, Wickes, AR 71973. **DO NOT SEND MAIL TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ADDRESS.**

If you need to get word to us, you can communicate via our email: camp@RRVHC.com. To see pictures during camp you can "Like" us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/RRVHCamp/>) and follow us on Instagram (@RRVHC). While we will attempt to post pictures of every camper, it is likely that some campers will get posted more than others.

If you need to call us in case of an EXTREME emergency, call (870) 385-2443 and ask for Henri Pousardien, DJ Walker, or Joel Culberson. To help avoid creating problems with homesickness, campers do not have access to a phone or cell phone. We will call you for any rare instances of medical situations or discipline issues.

Honor Camp Verses—work on camp verses before you come! They are attached or you can print the verse cards on our Website, www.RRVHC.com. Remember **JH** verses are for junior high age, those going into **6th- 8th grade (in the fall)**. **HS** verses are for high school, those going into **9th grade – recent HS grads (in the fall)**

All reciting **MUST** be done in the King James, New Kings James, New International Version (1984), OR English Standard Version translations, cannot be mixed. A verse must be completely one version. We desire and expect all campers to complete all verses plus a review by Friday morning of the camp week in order for their teams to receive maximum points and for campers to earn individual awards.

Campers can complete the entire review at any point in the week prior to Friday at noon, but they will still be required to say each day's verse on that day to earn the daily 100 points. By completing the entire review, they will be given a bonus 200 points for that accomplishment. Additionally, if a camper is able

to say the previous day's memory verse, they will receive an extra 100 point bonus. You can work on these verses as much as you want to before camp.

Last year, in order to follow the Arkansas Covid-19 policies, we implemented several new policies. At this time, there are no directives from the governor or the Department of Health. We will of course continue to monitor this. The decision was made by the board, with input from our nursing staff, to keep our handwashing station before every meal, and to keep our flag pole arrangement in the shade of the recreation barn. All other policies such as increased distancing at meal times and reduced capacity bunks have been removed from last year.

Thank you for allowing us to minister to your child(ren). If you have any questions regarding this year's camp, feel free to contact me at (501) 753-6577 (Office), (501) 772-0447 (Cell), or camp@RRVHC.com.

Training them to serve Him,

Henri J. Pousardien

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Camp Commander

P.S. Please call right away should you need to cancel. We can still send back part of your registration fee *if you cancel at least 7 days prior (by June 12th)*. However if you need to cancel because of the Coronavirus for you or your family, this year we will give you a full refund anytime up to the first day of camp.

Camp Location

Bogg Springs Baptist Camp
784 Hwy 84, Wickes, AR 71973

Note: the camp is not located in North Little Rock, AR--this is our administrative office.

“Check-in” is from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 19th. (Campers receive activity points for their team between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.) Please remember, arriving late causes extra work for counselors and staff to help a camper “catch-up” and throws the balanced teams off for the first points of the week, but please drive safely even if you arrive late. All non-campers and non-staff should plan to leave before 5:00 p.m.

All campers need to stay the whole week, June 19-26 (Saturday to Saturday as was stated in the camp registration.) Trying to arrive late or leave early throws off the balance of the teams and does not give us a chance to draw the spiritual teaching of the week together for that camper (including the last morning’s quiet time).

Please make arrangements for campers to be picked up between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. on the morning of Saturday, June 26th, (Each cleaned cabin must pass inspection before campers of that cabin can leave.)

As mentioned earlier additional information regarding the specifics of this year’s drop off and pick up processes will be provided soon. Thank you for your effort to drop off and pick up your child(ren) within the above times.

Directions: Bogg Springs is located on HWY 84, 2 miles north and 4 miles west of Wickes, AR. The Bogg Springs road turns west approximately 20 miles south of Mena or 20 miles north of DeQueen on Hwy 71.

Distances to Wickes, AR 71973

Baton Rouge, LA	398	Midlothian, TX	251
Centerview/Warrensburg, MO	399	Oklahoma City, OK	251
Dallas, TX	221	Olsburg/Riley, KS	482
Joplin/Saginaw, MO	248	Ottawa, KS	387
Kansas City, KS	396	Richland, MS	366
Kilgore, TX	158	San Angelo, TX	478
Little Rock, AR	137	Sedalia, MO	413
Longview, TX	146	Southaven, MS	282
Lowell, AR	215	Springdale, AR	173
Manhattan, KS	478	Springfield, MO	307





May 30, 2021

Dear Parents,

Hello! We hope this finds you well and excited to see your child grow in their faith during Red River Valley Honor Camp (RRVHC). We want to take a moment and introduce you to Base Ministry (formerly Youth Missions International (YMI)). We encourage youth through missions as a great way to answer the need of more young people to lead in ministry.

We have invited Base Ministry (YMI) over the last several years to be a part of your child's camp experience. At RRVHC we provide practical, peer-to-peer evangelism training and practice. If your child chooses, they will attend a class each day to prepare them for an afternoon of an authentic ministry experience off campus where they will lead ministry as a team. We love being able to empower your students to share their faith here and create an avenue in which they feel comfortable sharing their faith back at home as well.

We continue to see this aspect of your child's development as important and have invited Base Ministry back again this year! Your child will only be getting a snippet of what they are capable of in serving and leading. After the experience we will have times to reflect on what they saw and how God stirred in their lives. We would encourage you to continue that conversation with your child when they get home. There are three practical ways you can encourage the heart of your child as they look to serve Jesus in their communities:

1. Look for authentic ministry experiences they can be a part of. Whether this is alongside your local church in your own community or on a trip overseas, we encourage you to seek out these opportunities for your students.
2. Share with them both, your testimony and your Gospel presentation. Sharing your own journey will help them see God move throughout your life and encourage them to stand up and share their own faith.
3. Pray for your child and their desire to make their faith real and sharing it with others. We have seen time and time again when somebody is able to share their faith, it causes them to make it their own. Praying for your son/daughter to have opportunities to share their faith will have long lasting impact in their lives.

We are so thankful for the opportunity you have given us to serve in developing your students. To see more about what Base Ministry does please go to www.trainleaders.org. If your church does not have opportunities for your student to be involved in sharing their faith Base Ministry would love to speak with you about how they can serve your local church and generate some authentic ministry experiences. Base Ministry would love to answer any questions you might have as they prepare for camp. Please feel free to e-mail them at info@ymimissions.org with any questions!

Looking forward to another great week of camp!

Henri Pousardien
RRVHC Camp Commander