



May 27, 2020

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. The theme this year is 20/20 Spiritual Vision. And from Acts 26:16-18 Pastor John Swadley will be challenging us throughout the week to “... *open our spiritual eyes in order to turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God...*”

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 look different this year. A more detailed breakdown will be heading your way by the end of the week to hopefully answer any questions you might have. Campers should plan to arrive at camp on Saturday, June 20th 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 are required to wear face coverings while on the campgrounds inside their vehicle and are **not allowed to exit the vehicle at any time**. Camper check-in will begin at 3:00. Anyone arriving early will be required to stay in their vehicle until that time. The nurses will be stationed at a pavilion just inside the campgrounds. Campers will unload and be screened with a temperature check and short health survey, ALL medications will be collected at this time as well. Campers must have ALL medications available at this time, including over-the-counter, vitamins and supplements.

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. 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, several other important items they'll need for the week and a bandana.

Every morning, each staff member and camper will receive a clean, team colored bandana to be used as a face covering. Face coverings will be required for bible hours, chapel times, while standing in line for meals and during flag poles. They will NOT be required during activity periods, while in their bunks or while eating. This directive has the potential for change leading up to camp and we will provide more information when applicable. The bandanas will be marked with the individual's name, collected every evening, laundered by a member of our staff, and returned back to the same person on a 3 bandana cycle. There are NO exceptions. All campers and staff are required to follow this directive. Campers are welcome to bring their own face coverings, but we are recommending the use of the camp provided item to help with overall health, safety and hygiene.

Campers love to get mail so be sure to mail a letter by Tuesday, June 23rd or it may not get to the camp by Friday, the 26th. Mail to: Camper's Name – RRVHC, c/o Bogg Springs Baptist Camp, 784 Hwy 84, Wickes, AR 71973

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 (RRVHC) 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 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 card 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.

In order to follow the directives put in place by the governor of Arkansas along with the Arkansas Department of Health to the best of our ability, there will be other changes that we hope will have minimal impact on our week. These include, but are not limited to the following. We have increased distancing during meal times, using more of the cafeteria space to let us spread out a bit more. Bunk beds will be arranged to meet the recommended spacing in our cabins for sleeping. Additional hand washing stations will be setup and used prior to every meal before a staff member or camper enters the cafeteria. Where possible, games and activities will be chosen based on field spacing. Our flag pole area will be enlarged to provide more space and brought into the shade of the recreation barn.

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 13th)*. 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.

RED RIVER VALLEY HONORS CAMP DRESS CODE

Campers (and parents) are required to exercise discretion and modesty regarding the selection of camper's clothing. Christian young people can hurt their testimony and possibly offend others by the clothing they wear and the way in which it is worn. Outfits, which are too tight, too short, or offensively imprinted, although not intentionally worn to be provocative, nonetheless often are. As such, they are not honoring to the Lord, and should be avoided. With this in mind, the following dress code will be used at Honors Camp.

Girls

- All shirts and blouses must have sleeves. T-shirt sleeves may be rolled up.
- Halter-tops, bare-midriff, or tightly form fitting clothing are not allowed—no tank tops at all.
- Shorts are acceptable, but the inseam must be at least 5" in length. Shorts should be no shorter than their fingertips at their side. Shorts must also be of the loose fitting “walking shorts” variety and not split-sided jogging shorts, or volleyball “spandex” style shorts alone or under other shorts. Leggings may be worn under appropriate length shorts. (Modesty for girls with baggy shorts)
- Dresses must be at least the same length as the shorts described above. Sun dresses must have shoulder sweater covering.
- T-shirts and other garments with “worldly writing or language” are not allowed.
- Swimwear—one-piece with full front lining is preferred. A tankini style two-piece suit that completely covers the midriff area, with full front lining is acceptable. Both must meet the following guidelines: No cut-offs, plunging necklines, and/or high-cut leg openings are allowed. "Shirt and shorts (or towel around the waist) must be worn to and from the pool.

Boys

- T-shirts and other garments with “worldly writing or language” are not allowed.
- All shirts must have sleeves. T-shirt sleeves may be rolled up.
- Shorts are acceptable, but must be no shorter than three (3) inches above the knee (approximately the width of a dollar bill above the knee). Shorts must also be of the loose fitting “walking shorts” variety and not split-sided jogging shorts, or “spandex” style bicycle shorts alone or under other shorts.
- Race-type swimwear (tank suit) is not allowed. No cut-offs are allowed in the pool. A cover shirt must be worn to and from the pool.

This dress code is not intended to be “heavy-handed” or restrictive, but it is for the purpose of avoiding any problems before they start. If there is any question about any article(s) of clothing, the camper's counselor will speak to him/her about it privately. In all cases, the Camp Commander’s word will be final.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION —WE APPRECIATE IT!

Camp Survival Kit

- ➡ Pillow and sleeping bag.
- ⚙ At least eight (8) sets of clothing according to the dress code for very HOT weather. Water bottle with name.
- 🧺 Laundry bag.
- ✝ “Sunday Best” clothes for the Friday Banquet. Prefer: Girls dresses/skirts; Boys long dress pants.
- 👞 Tennis shoes, or very sturdy footwear, for all game activities. Extra old shoes for “Wet-Activities” recommended. No sandals, slip-ons, toe shoes, or water shoes of any kind during active games. NO BARE FEET on campgrounds at any time!
- 👕 You won’t need your Awana uniform.
- 📖 Bible, pen, pencil, paper for Chapel-Bible hour.

What to Bring

- ★ Towels, washcloth, soap, deodorant, shampoo, comb, and other personal items.
- ☺ Toothbrush, toothpaste, chap stick, sun-screen.
- 💵 Spending money in \$1, \$5, & \$10 bills. Money will be deposited in the camp bank, which is open afternoons.
- 🚫 DO NOT bring food (not allowed in cabins), tobacco or alcoholic products, radios, CD/DVD, TV, MP3, electronic games, cell phones, knives of any kind, comic books, novels, nor any magazines to camp.
- 🎵 Do bring musical instrument, accompaniment, CD/Dvds and your singing voice.
- 📷 We do post pictures from the week on social media.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Henri Pousardien at 501-753-657, 501-772-0447, or camp@rrvhc.com

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 20th. (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 20-27 (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 27th, (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

