



Ozark for All
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2026

CAMPER PLANNING GUIDE



A GUIDE FOR OZARK FOR ALL
CAMPERS & FAMILIES

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR OFA 2026

WHERE?

OFA will take place at **Camp OTX** in Bandera, TX for the 6th consecutive summer.

WHEN?

Campers will depart the morning of **Sunday, August 2nd** and return in the afternoon of **Friday, August 7th**.

WHO?

OFA campers are children from community organizations across Louisiana & Texas. OFA staff are students from colleges across the southeast that are properly screened & thoroughly trained.

WHY?

The mission of Ozark for All is to facilitate the emotional and spiritual growth of children and youth, regardless of economic status, through the provision of a Christ-centered, values-based summer camp experience.

DOCUMENTS EVERY CAMPER NEEDS TO ATTEND CAMP



A VALID PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL
MUST BE ON THE **CAMP OTX PHYSICAL FORM**
AND HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHIN 2 YEARS OF
ARRIVAL DATE TO CAMP

**A CURRENT SHOT RECORD WITH REQUIRED
AGE-SPECIFIC IMMUNIZATIONS**

REQUIRED FOR CAMPERS WHO DID NOT
ATTEND CAMP OTX IN 2025 AND/OR CAMPERS
WHO ARE 12 YEARS OLD OR ABOUT TO BE 12
YEARS OLD

**AN INSURANCE CARD (FRONT & BACK) OR
INSURANCE WAIVER**

REQUIRED FOR CAMPERS WHO DID NOT
ATTEND CAMP OTX IN 2025, SUBMITTED A
WAIVER IN 2025, OR HAVE CHANGED
INSURANCE SINCE LAST YEAR

CAMP OTX AGREEMENTS

THERE ARE 3 AGREEMENTS THAT CAN BE
SIGNED THROUGH THE ONLINE REGISTRATION
SYSTEM

Questions? Contact Us!

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PARENT TESTIMONIAL

How did you see your child change after their time at camp?

After attending camp, I noticed a remarkable transformation in Lriah. She returned with a newfound sense of confidence, independence, and a genuine excitement to share her experiences. It was clear that she had grown not only socially but emotionally, too. She formed strong friendships and embraced challenges that pushed her out of her comfort zone.

What impact has camp had on your family?

Camp has had a tremendous impact on our family. Over the years, I've had my four kids—Sy'Rai, Tyran, Tyrune, and Lriah—along with my niece Jazzmine and my nephew Isaiah, participate in camp. It's been amazing to see how it's enriched each of their lives. The stories and memories they share have brought our family closer together, sparking meaningful conversations and laughter. It also gives me peace of mind knowing they're in an environment where they can thrive, learn, and grow in ways that are difficult to replicate at home.

What would you say to other parents about sending their child here?

I would tell other parents that camp is a gift for your child—a place where they can be themselves, discover their passions, and build lifelong skills. It's an investment in their growth and happiness, and the impact extends far beyond the time they spend there. Trust the process, and you'll be amazed at how they'll blossom.

Why is camp a special place for your child? Can you share a story that shows what it means to them?

Camp is special because it's where Lriah feels a sense of belonging and freedom to explore who she is. One of her favorite parts of camp is spending time with her favorite horse. She talks about him constantly and looks forward to seeing him every summer. If she could, she would spend the entire summer by his side, riding, caring for him, and building their bond. One story that stands out is how she overcame her nerves during a riding challenge with him. She said the encouragement of her counselors, along with her love for her horse, gave her the courage to succeed. That experience taught her to trust herself and face challenges head-on, and it's something she carries with her even after camp ends.



A DAY AT OFA

MORNING PROGRAM

Mornings at OFA are filled with a variety of fun-packed activities & life-shaping experiences. After kicking off the day with a delicious breakfast and an exciting morning show, campers experience an hour of OTX's famed Team Competition. After a short break to relax & chill out, all campers participate in morning activities. Campers will travel with their cabins to experience a variety of distinct morning activities throughout the week. Through these activities, campers have a total blast while bonding with their cabinmates.



AFTERNOON PROGRAM



It is truly a STAMPEDE. That's right, after another delicious meal and some short down time in the air-conditioned cabins, it's time for the one and only OTX Stampede. Activities are open and kids are free to do what they want, as many times as they want, for as long as they want. Each day there are new and different surprises thrown in to keep it fun and interesting. The OTX store is available for grabbing a quick snack, visiting with friends, and taking a break from the excitement.

EVENING PROGRAM

Just as the sun is beginning to set over the majestic hills, the entire camp participates in nightly, age-specific, energetic worship services. These are filled with singing, dancing, skits, and the presentation of the gospel in a casual upbeat environment. After that, it is time for OTX's signature Special Events. Every night has a different theme and is filled with music, laughter, games, snacks, & just plain old-fashioned fun. The evening closes out with an age-appropriate cabin devotional.



7:45AM

WAKE UP

8:00AM

GOOD MORNING
OTX & BREAKFAST

9:00AM

TEAM COMPETITION

10:05AM

CHILL OUT

11:05AM

MORNING
ACTIVITIES

1:05PM

LUNCH

1:45PM

REST PERIOD

3:00PM

STAMPEDE

5:30PM

DINNER

6:25PM

WORSHIP SERVICES

7:10PM

SPECIAL EVENT

8:45PM

DEVOTIONALS
AND SHOWERS

TEAM COMPETITION

**MAXIMUM
EFFORT**

**TRUE
SPORTSMANSHIP**

**MAXIMUM
ENTHUSIASM**



Campers spend a short part of each day as members of one of two teams - **RED** or **BLUE**. Each morning, using an all-play philosophy, campers play a competitive game to earn points for their team. Throughout the session, a running score is kept so that at the close of each Camp OTX session, one of the two teams, the Red or the Blue, is declared the final victor. At Camp OTX, we believe there are very valuable lessons to be learned through our team competition. We constantly focus on the three flames of team competition:

Maximum Effort, True Sportsmanship, and Maximum Enthusiasm



STAMPEDE



**WATER
PARK**

**OUTDOOR
ADVENTURE**

**CREATIVE
SKILLS**

CHOOSE ANY ACTIVITY AT CAMP!

Campers have the freedom to choose any activity at camp in over two hours of supervised free time! No advanced sign-ups required and campers can choose as many different activities as time allows. Not only is every activity open, but there are also tournaments, hikes along Commissioner's Creek, trail rides, cooking clinics, wild life viewing, and much, much more! Every Stampede is different and every Stampede is a total blast!



SPECIAL EVENTS



GAMEDAY

- Favorite Sports Jersey
- Baseball Cap
- Gym Shorts
- Eye Black Stickers



RANCH PARTY

- Plaid Shirt
- Overalls
- Denim Shorts
- Bandana



Red, White, & Blue

- Favorite USA Gear
- Stars & Stripes
- Denim
- Patriotic Gear



Christmas

- Red and Green Clothes
- Christmas Tshirt/Vest
- Santa Hat
- Reindeer Antlers



CAMP OTX XTREME

- Mix & Match Outfits
- Hawaiian Cowboy
- Groovy Disco Athlete
- Patriotic Santa

Each night Camp OTX hosts different theme parties and campers can dress up for the event as little or as much as they like. Use the chart above to get some ideas for types of clothing campers like to wear. Events are listed in the order of their occurrence.

WELCOME TO THE

UNMATCHED

TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

VALUES-BASED, CHRISTIAN LED, SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE



Since 1985, the Torn family has dedicated their lives to creating a premier camp environment and experience for kids. The Torns believe firmly the Lord has blessed them with amazing staff, driven by purpose and committed to the mission of serving kids. Each of the three summer camp environments created by the Torns have been meticulously planned to blend premier natural beauty and scenery with the most diverse and exciting camp programming in America.

That programming is based on six core values.

ACHIEVE GREATER

SELF-CONFIDENCE

DEVELOP A MORE POSITIVE

SELF-ESTEEM

LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF

FRIENDSHIP

GROW A STRONGER SENSE OF

INDEPENDENCE

UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF

TEAMWORK

CULTIVATE CHARACTER WITH

INTEGRITY



F. I. T.

FIRST IS THIRD

First Is Third is the overriding spiritual philosophy of Camp OTX. We believe true success in life is only possible by placing God first, others second, and ourselves third. By placing ourselves third, by being F.I.T., we actually come in first in the game of life. Each session, one camper from each cabin is recognized for exemplifying our F.I.T. philosophy.

ALUMNI TESTIMONIAL



Ethan attended Ozark for All as a camper for 7 years and served this past summer as a counselor. Read about the impact OFA has had on Ethan:

Before I went to OFA, I had a rough experience at another camp, and it really made me question if camps were for me. When I got to OFA, though, it felt completely different. It showed me what a camp should actually be like. I learned to bounce back, made some lifelong friends, and got closer to God. Now, I try to make sure others have the same positive experience I had. The first thing OFA taught me was how to handle tough situations and move forward. After what happened at the other camp, I was nervous about trying again, but the atmosphere at OFA was so welcoming. One activity that stood out to me when I first got to camp was skateboarding. At the time it felt like the most dangerous thing to do at camp, but I went and I did it anyway. That moment wasn't just about the challenge itself but it was a preview of the strength and bravery that camp would help me discover in myself. The friendships I made at OFA are another big reason it means so much to me. I met people who I'm still close to now, even years later. We didn't just hang out and have fun; we actually got to know each other in a way that felt real. I think it's because everyone was just themselves. No judgment, no pressure, just honest connections. Those friendships helped me realize how much better life feels when you're surrounded by good people. Another huge part of my time at OFA was how it brought me closer to God. I grew up with faith, but I never really understood what it meant to live it. At OFA, there were these quiet moments like devotionals or just sitting in the cabins and thinking. It wasn't anything dramatic, but over time, I started to feel more connected. I left camp with a better understanding of what being a believer actually looks like in everyday life. Now, as a counselor, I get to see camp from a completely different perspective. It's a big responsibility, but I enjoy it. I try to create the same kind of environment that helped me so much when I was a camper. Whether it's leading activities or just talking to a camper who's having a tough day, it feels good to be in a position to help. I want every kid to leave OFA feeling stronger, more confident, and like they belong. Looking back, OFA turned out to be one of the most important experiences of my life. It helped me grow in ways I didn't expect, teaching me resilience, showing me the value of real friendships, and deepening my faith. Now, I get to pass that on as a counselor, and that feels like life coming full circle.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

TRAVEL TO & FROM CAMP

Most OFA campers will ride on the charter bus with their partner organizations. Buses will leave on the morning of Sunday, August 2nd, and return on the afternoon of Friday, August 7th. You will receive communication about specific times & addresses in the weeks leading up to OFA.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

At Camp OTX, safety is the number one priority. Camp OTX has a Health Center staffed by an on-site physician and nurses. A full-service clinic is located 8 miles away in Bandera. If your child becomes ill or injured while at Camp OTX, the guardian(s) will be notified if the camper is seen by the camp physician, or if, at the sole discretion of the Camp OTX Medical Staff, notification is necessary.

If your camper takes any medication (prescription or over the counter) on a daily or as-needed basis, send the medication form and corresponding medications together in their original containers to Camp OTX. It is preferred that these be shipped to Camp OTX by May 10th, 2026. If that is not possible, we will allow medication to be collected at drop-off but it **MUST** be in its original container and kept together with the medication form. It is not necessary to send basic over-the-counter medications that your child does not take on a daily basis, such as those for fevers, colds, etc. Camp OTX provides these medications when determined necessary by the Health Center Staff.

Each camper must receive a physical **on the Camp OTX Physical Form**. This form is available on the MyOTX dashboard. A signature is required on both pages of this form. Immunizations are mandatory. No exemptions or exceptions.

CAMP OTX CABINS

Camp OTX cabins are arranged by age group and gender. A typical cabin arrangement is 10-13 campers with 2-3 counselors. Cabins are fully air-conditioned and campers sleep in comfortable bunk beds. All cabins have in-cabin shower, bathing, and toilet facilities with touch-free soap dispensers, faucets, and commodes.

BIRTHDAYS

We love birthdays at OFA! Campers with birthdays while at camp are celebrated in many ways. They start their day with an announcement and celebration at the Morning Show, and their entire cabin gets a birthday bag with decorations, hats, & other fun items. The birthday boy or girl receives a Stampede Fast Pass and a treat at lunch to share with the cabin while the entire camp sings "Happy Birthday!"



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



REGISTRATION FEE

If your organization has decided to cover the registration fee for its campers, please disregard this section.

What is it? The registration fee is a \$40 non-refundable fee required for all participants. This fee will be placed in the camper's store account for store purchases.

How do I submit it? It is our strong preference that you pay this fee on the camper's MyOTX Dashboard via credit card. If you need to pay in cash, please coordinate with the staff at your organization to let them know.

When do I submit it? If possible, we prefer to receive the registration fee when you are registering your camper online. If that is not possible, we prefer to receive the payment by June 26th. Contact the staff at your organization if this presents an issue.

ADDITIONAL STORE MONEY

At their discretion, parents/guardians may choose to increase their camper's store account balance by way of the Camp OTX Go App. If a camper brings cash to camp and has not paid the registration fee (& your organization is not covering it), that cash will be applied to cover their registration fee and will be non-refundable. Please consult the example below for a better understanding.

"Camper Suzie pays the registration fee and submits an additional \$40 into her store account. Her beginning store balance is therefore \$60; she spends \$10 and has a balance of \$50 at the end of the session. Camper Suzie would receive a \$10 refund because \$40 (registration fee) of her store account is non-refundable."

Note: Store refunds are issued in the form of a single check to the partner organization. It is the responsibility of the partner organization to distribute this sum to respective camper families.

RESTRICTIONS

All activity, medical, and medically verifiable dietary restrictions must be submitted through the MyOTX dashboard. If a restriction is required, please provide specific instructions in the online restrictions or allergies sections. We endeavor to prioritize your camper's well-being and will try to adhere to disclosed restrictions within reason. In addition, we will attempt to accommodate requests related to chronic medical conditions and camper health or medical issues. However, Camp OTX cannot guarantee that all requests will be met. Each case is considered on an individual basis. All campers enrolled at Camp OTX must comply with the Essential Eligibility Criteria of a Camp OTX Camper (found in the Health Forms). While many camper health or medical conditions are effectively managed during the camp session, final approval for enrollment is at the sole discretion of the Camp Director. Please refer to the Camp OTX Health Registration section on your camper's MyOTX dashboard for further details.

OZARK FOR ALL SAFETY & CAMPER CARE

ONE OF OUR OWN

Safety is the cornerstone of what we do. We treat everyone like they are a part of our own family. We have excellent systems and procedures in place to create a safe environment that will cultivate a remarkable experience.

SAFETY

Your child's safety is our number one priority while he or she attends camp. While we cannot completely eliminate the possibility of a child becoming ill or being injured while at camp, we do recognize that before the "camp experience" can be anything else to the child, it must be a secure environment for the child to learn and grow. OFA is staffed by a licensed, on-site Physician and at least 2 Registered Nurses who live in our Health Center. In addition, OTX has access to Ambulance service nearby as well as air evacuation services, if needed, in the case of an extreme emergency.

STAFF RECRUITING

It is our goal to create a secure environment for your child. We go to great lengths to ensure that the staff is properly screened (including a background check, references, & voluntary disclosure) during the application and interview process and then thoroughly trained (including abuse prevention training) so that your child will be surrounded by the finest young Christian role models that colleges around Texas have to offer. Camp OTX is highly selective during the interview process and only selects high quality christian role models to be a part of your child's camp experience.

Ratios: The assigned staff to camper ratio is 1:3. Within the cabin, there are 2-3 counselors per 10-12 campers.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

We take a comprehensive approach to your child's health and wellness. Ways we do this include, but are not limited to, hygiene checks, medication dispensation, allergy management plans and a proactive and preventative approach to sanitizing and disease control. We place a strong emphasis on the "Big Five":
Hand Washing, Hydration, Nutrition, Rest, & Sun Protection

CAMPER CARE

The Camper Care Program is an integral part of camp and is designed to help make the best experience for campers and their families. Among the many facets of Camper Care are the Camp Moms. Camp Moms serve as a mom away from home and help make the transition from home to camp as smooth as possible. Camp Moms Cover: Family Communication, Homesickness, Nutrition, & Special Situations.

CAMPER TESTIMONIALS

— A M A R I —

“One thing I love about Ozark for All is going swimming with my friends. My favorite part of camp is smashball and Team Competition. Something I learned this week is to be yourself and be brave.”



— K E N N E T H —

“One thing I love about Ozark for All is the waterpark. My favorite part of camp is the store. Something I learned this week is to put God first, others second, and ourselves third.”

— A S H E R —

“One thing I love about Ozark for All is the amazing people that I get to surround myself with. My favorite part of camp is the waterfront. Something I learned this week is to always be open to meet new people.”



OFA PACKING LIST

ITEMS TO PACK

Apparel:

- 8 T-Shirts
- 8 Pairs of Shorts
- 8 Pairs of Socks
- 8 Pairs of Underwear
- 3 Swimsuits (no two pieces)
- 2 Pairs of Pajamas
- 1 Jacket or Sweatshirt
- 1 Pair of Pants
- 1 Pair of Flip Flops (shower shoes)
- 2 Pairs of Tennis Shoes
- 1 Pair of Old Shoes or Water Shoes
- Rain jacket or poncho

Misc:

- Laundry Bag For Dirty Clothes
- Water Bottle

Toiletries:

- Shower Bag
- Soap/Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Hairbrush
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray

Bedding:

- 1 Pillow
- 1 Set of Twin Sheets
- 1 Blanket or Sleeping Bag
- 2 Towels & Washcloths
- 1 Towel for Swimming

EXTRA ITEMS

- Bible
- Journal
- Pen/Pencil
- Flashlight
- Hat
- Costumes for Special Events

PACKING TIPS

1. Label EVERYTHING, especially your luggage!
2. For the bus: pack a lunch, snack, & water
3. Electronics will be collected upon arrival to camp & returned on the last day

Don't worry if your camper is unable to bring all of these items. We will have some extras on-hand if a camper needs something during their time at OFA.

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