



Texas Tech University Junction Outdoor School Summer STEM Camp July 22 – 25, 2018 (5th – 8th graders)



This summer, let your kids experience a **STEM**/Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (**TEKS**) combination of *Learning* and *Adventure* at the **Texas Tech University Outdoor School (OS)**.

Your camper will be taught by certified OS Staff and Natural Resource Professionals through engaging hands-on learning and outdoor recreation.

Some of the activities include:

- * aging a tree
- * astronomy
- * bird identification
- * cast a fishing rod
- * plant identification
- * composting
- * kayaking
- * wildlife tracking
- * hiking
- * tubing
- * water sampling
- * low ropes

Attending an Outdoor School Summer Camp will be the highlight of your summer!

Register Now:

Cost: \$500.00 per camper (Includes all activities, food, and lodging.)

Roundtrip transportation provided from Lubbock.

To hold your spot in camp, fill out the **2018 Summer Camp Registration / Permission Form** and send it in with your **\$100 registration fee**. (The \$100 registration fee is non-refundable unless there is a medical reason, which requires a letter from your doctor.) Once received, we will e-mail a confirmation letter to you with a reminder of your balance and date due.

** The **camp balance is due in full by June 22, 2018** (30 days prior to arrival). **

Red Raider Discount:

Take advantage of our **Red Raider Discount** and save **\$50.00** when you sign up by May 1, 2018.

Refund Policy:

If you need to cancel, contact us at least **30 days** prior to arrival at camp to receive a full refund less the \$100 non-refundable registration fee. Otherwise no refund.

Expectations:

On the first day of camp, each camper will attend orientation that includes behavior expectations and safety rules. We will emphasize Student Behavior Guidelines (attached). Our goal is to create an atmosphere where campers feel comfortable, are ready to get up each day to learn new things, and establish lifelong friendships.

All staff members are trained to handle behavior problems through positive reinforcement, redirection, and if needed, age appropriate consequences.

For additional information, contact Melody Plumley, Texas Tech University Interim OS Program Coordinator, outdoorschool.junction@ttu.edu, or 806-834-8935.

Mailing Address: Texas Tech University Center at Junction
Outdoor School
P.O. Box 186
254 Red Raider Lane
Junction, Texas 76849



Texas Tech University Outdoor School Summer Camp Registration / Permission Form



Permission to attend:

I, as parent, guardian or managing conservator (circle one) grant permission for my minor child to participate in the summer camp being held at Texas Tech University Llano River Field Station in Junction, Texas during the dates indicated. I understand that participation of my child is voluntary and optional on my part. I am aware of the dangers inherent in-group activities. In consideration for my child being allowed to participate in this activity, I agree to assume full responsibility for my child's safety and medical treatment. I agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless Texas Tech University, its Board of Regents, officers, agents and employees from any and all liability for personal injury including death or for damage to property that may occur to my child or to others as a result of my child's participation. The terms hereof shall also serve as a release and an assumption of risk for my minor child's heirs, executor and administrator and for all members of my child's family, and may be pleaded as a bar to litigation. Jurisdiction of this matter and venue shall lie in Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas. I have read this Release and Hold Harmless agreement and understand, and voluntarily accept, its terms. The privilege to go on this trip carries with it the obligation for a student to conduct him/herself in such a way that credit will be reflected upon the student, school, and home represented. Correct dress and behavior for this trip will be observed.

Student's Name: _____

Gender: (circle one) Male / Female School Name & Town: _____

Grade: (entering in the fall of 2018): _____

Student T-Shirt size: (circle one) Adult Small Medium Large XL XXL

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Publicity: I hereby grant Texas Tech University Outdoor School (OS) staff permission to photograph my child and publish pictures taken for my enjoyment and for souvenir purposes. *I understand that by checking **NO** my child **will not** be included in any pictures.*

*Parent's Signature: _____ Yes ___ / No ___ (check one)

Emergency Information:

Family Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____ Phone: _____

**** If for some reason I am not available at the above numbers, please contact: ****
(Name a friend, relative or neighbor)

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone: _____

In case of accident, sudden illness, or in the event that I cannot be reached immediately by telephone, I hereby authorize the attending adult to refer this child to the above named doctor, emergency facility and/or Kimble County Hospital. I further instruct the above named health care providers and/or Kimble County Hospital to grant my designees the power to act in loco parentis until I can assume responsibility. I further understand that just as at my child's school, medical care is my financial responsibility.

*Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____



Medications and Special Concerns

T If your child is not taking medications, please write NONE and sign where indicated.

T ALL medications must be in the original bottle from pharmacy and dosage must be current.

Student's Name: _____ Gender: (circle one) Male / Female

Please share special information about your child including asthma, allergies, food allergies, special dietary concerns, sleepwalking, nocturnal incontinence, allergies to bug spray, etc...

Check here if the food allergies are so severe students cannot be in the same room with food.

Directions for Administering Medications (Please Print):

Medicine Name and Dosage	Breakfast Time	Lunch Time	Dinner Time	Bed Time

Medicine explanations:

(For more writing space, please attach a sheet of paper.)

I/We hereby request, and give permission to Texas Tech University OS staff, medical personnel, Kimble County Hospital and/or appropriately trained teachers to administer medication and/or aid.

*Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Doctor's special instructions (if needed):

Doctor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Doctor's Signature: _____ Date: _____












Summer Camp Student Behavior Guidelines




Rights and Expectations:

We believe all students have the right to a quality outdoor experience. We also believe, as teachers, we are entitled to instruct students without interruptions due to inappropriate student behavior. By signing below, you are stating that you and your child have read and understand the following guidelines, consequences and procedures.

Guidelines for Students:

-  Will be attentive and participate in all activities to the best of my ability.
-  Will respect the rights of others, and their property.
-  Will respect the Texas Tech Outdoor School (OS) property.
-  Will not curse, use vulgar language, horseplay, bully, or fight other campers.
-  Will not litter, and only put trash in containers provided (inside and out).
-  Will be sure to take someone with me wherever I go, unless told otherwise by staff.
-  Will only use activity areas during allotted times, supervised by OS staff.
-  Can use mobile phones only at designated times approved by OS staff.
-  Understands that non-compliance of guidelines could mean automatic dismissal.

Consequences and Procedures:

-  Students will receive a verbal warning.
-  If misbehavior continues, parents/guardians will be notified, student will lose their right to participate in activities, and possibly sent home.
-  Campers will be dismissed immediately with no refund for:
 - Physical assault of another person
 - Damage, destruction, or theft of personal or university property
 - Sexual encounter
 - Misuse of university computers
 - Possession of alcohol, tobacco products, illegal drugs, fireworks, or any sort of weapon (including firearm or knife)
 - Bullying
 - Any other behavior that the Director deems harmful or unsafe to the camp

*Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____



Texas Tech University Junction Outdoor School Summer Camp Information Sheet



The Texas Tech University Outdoor School (OS) is devoted to creating innovative educational programs. We provide a setting where students become engaged in the natural world and discover the joy of learning. We immerse learners in authentic, hands-on activities that stimulate imagination, develop a curiosity about life, and create an environment where we share discoveries.

Certified teachers and staff work to monitor and care for your child for the duration of their stay.

Why should your child go to the OS Summer Camp?

- T** Summer Camp provides your child with meaningful time to learn science.
- T** Summer Camp has a variety of environmental programs that meet state educational standards, incorporate outdoor recreational activities, and help develop leadership qualities through teamwork activities.

Students attend Summer Camp for 3 nights / 4 days. During this stay, they will become Scientists, Astronomers, Ecologists, Ornithologists, Aquatic Biologists, and Nature Explorers. They will collect and record data using the scientific method throughout their stay.

Will my child receive excellent care?

- T** Facilities are kept very clean and dorms are climate controlled for comfort.
- T** Meals are nutritious and served by certified food handlers in the university cafeteria.
- T** Instructors will ensure campers get their rest and are properly cared for with any special health concerns such as allergies, diet, medication, or sleepwalking. All personal matters are kept confidential.
- T** Parent visits are discouraged during Summer Camp due to possible interruptions of scheduling and instruction. If you have an emergency or need to get in touch with your child, feel free to call **325-446-2301**, 8am – 5pm.
- T** Kids like to get mail while at camp, so feel free to send a card or letter. Mail early!

Mail to: Child's Name
TTU Outdoor School
P.O. Box 186
Junction, Texas 76849



1st Day Drop-off and Registration: 12noon – 1pm / Cafeteria

Last Day Pick-up: 1:00 -1:45pm / Cafeteria









Clothes and Equipment

PLEASE label everything with your child's name. Students will be spending a lot of time outdoors, so they need to be prepared for all types of weather. Please help them pack clothes that are rugged and informal.




Bedding – pack bedding in a plastic bag so that it stays clean and dry.

-  Pillow with pillowcase
-  Sleeping bag or sheet and blanket








Clothing and Personal Items

-  Enough clothing for the scheduled days, plus one extra outfit
-  Long pants: jeans or other rugged pants
-  Shorts: use of shorts will be limited by activity
-  Sweatshirt, windbreaker, or jacket
-  Extra socks in a zippered bag for the river
-  Closed-toe, durable shoes (No flip-flops, crocs, or sandals, please)
-  Sleepwear (shorts are acceptable as sleepwear)
-  Extra shoes that can be used in the river (No flip-flops, crocs, or sandals)







Shower Needs

-  Toiletry items: deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb/brush, etc.
-  Washcloth and towel
-  Optional: shower shoes or *flip-flops* may only be worn for showering

Other Needs

-  Rain gear or poncho (just in case)
-  Insect repellent
-  Sunscreen and lip balm
-  Disposable camera (make sure it is labeled with student name)
-  Hat/Visor and sunglasses
-  Plastic bag for dirty/wet clothes
-  Optional items
 - o Flashlight
 - o Letter writing materials (stamp, envelope, paper)

Please do NOT bring:

-  Curling Irons, Flat irons, or hair dryers (we will provide hair dryers if needed)
-  Electronics: handheld game devices, CD players, iPods, iPads, etc.
-  Food (including candy and gum) or soft drinks
-  Pocket knives or other sharp objects
-  Make-up, jewelry, nail polish, perfume
-  Large amounts of money

Directions to Texas Tech University Outdoor School Junction, Texas

From San Antonio:

Take I-10 West to Junction exit 460. Follow Loop 481 toward Junction. Turn left on Ranch Road 2169. Follow 2169 to the stop sign at Flatrock Road. The entrance to the OS is in front of you.

From Austin/Fredericksburg:

Take 290 West to I-10 West. Take I-10 West to Junction exit 460. Follow Loop 481 toward Junction. Turn left on Ranch Road 2169. Follow 2169 to the stop sign at Flatrock Road. The entrance to the OS is in front of you.

From Rocksprings:

Take 377 North toward Junction. Approximately 5 miles past the South Llano River State Park, turn right on Flatrock Road and follow to the stop sign. The entrance to the OS is on your right.

From Sonora:

Take I-10 East to Junction Exit 456. Follow 83/377 South (N Main St.) into Junction. At the 377 South intersection (across from Lowes Market), turn right at that light. Turn left onto Flatrock Road and follow to the stop sign. The entrance to the OS is on your right.

From Menard/Eden:

Follow 83 South into Junction. Stay on 83/377 South until you come to the 377 South intersection (across from Lowes Market), turn right at that light. Turn left onto Flatrock Road and follow to the stop sign. The entrance to the OS is on your right.

From Brady/Mason:

Take 377 South into Junction. Stay on 83/377 South until you come to the 377 South intersection (across from Lowes Market), turn right at that light. Turn left onto Flatrock Road and follow to the stop sign. The entrance to the OS is on your right.

Texas Tech University Center at Junction

