Slumber Falls Camp

2018 Parent Handbook

“Camp for a Week, Friends for Life”™
Welcome to the Slumber Falls Camp Family,

Thank you for choosing Slumber Falls for your child’s camp experience! Our 20-acre facility is nestled along the Guadalupe River in New Braunfels, Texas.

At Slumber Falls, children develop and grow as they learn and connect with friends and nature. Our core values of Respect, Honesty, Responsibility, and Caring are woven throughout the experience at Camp. While learning valuable social skills, campers also learn and engage in many activities that translate into life skills.

Campers will make lifelong friends and learn from our exceptional staff. They’ll learn acceptance and appreciation of all people while interacting and living with children and staff from diverse backgrounds. But most of all, they will have FUN!

This handbook will help you to prepare your child for camp. We encourage you to read and become familiar with our handbook.

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Why Camp?

Summer camps are special communities where children and youth come together for fun, friendship, growth, discovery, and learning to function within diverse communities all while being in an environment that strives for physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual safety.

Campers learn about themselves and develop strong connections and relationships to God, others, and the environment. Campers are encouraged to find themselves and support others on their journey, and camps foster a sense of responsibility. They not only take care of themselves and their belongings under supervision, they learn how to take care and respect themselves.

Camps provide an environment where young people have the opportunity to function in covenantal communities that they help design and develop skills to be competent individuals. A week without parents/guardians allows campers to discover their strengths and opportunities to grow and mature.

You are also giving your child the gift of magical childhood memories — dirt, adventure, talent shows, goofy games, story, spirit filled worships, and joke-filled days and nights spent with friends outdoors, under the stars, and around the campfire. These childhood memories
will last forever. And, as Michael Thompson, PhD, so eloquently states, “Our best childhood memories do not include adults.”

You are giving your child the chance to unplug and connect face-to-face with other kids and positive, young-adult role models. The bonding and friendships that happen at camp are different from those that occur at school and on sports teams. The intensity of living together and experiencing life together, without distractions, creates the ideal setting to form lifelong friendships and really get to know people well. Being at Slumber Falls, campers not only learn about being in relationship with God, they get to practice it and prepare themselves to lead in the church.

**Philosophy**

Slumber Falls Camp is a place of grace, love, and transformation in the lives of participants. Genuine community is fostered. A holistic approach to ministry takes place. Deep relationships with God, others, and the whole of creation are explored, built, and strengthened. Special and sacred memories are experienced and major life decisions are pondered and made. Leaders are nurtured, shaped, and empowered through our programs. Slumber Falls continues to read and stay current on best practices and life giving approaches to working with children, youth, and adults.
Scriptural References

1 Corinthians 16:14

Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Timothy 4:12 (NRSV)

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

Romans 12 (NRSV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Marks of the True Christian

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” 20 No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Isaiah 43:18-19

18 “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Hebrews 12:14 (NRSV)

14 Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Mark 12:28-31 (NRSV)

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” 29 Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”
We believe in the triune God: Creator, resurrected Christ, the sole Head of the church, and the Holy Spirit, who guides and brings about the creative and redemptive work of God in the world.

We believe that each person is unique and valuable. It is the will of God that every person belong to a family of faith where they have a strong sense of being valued and loved.

We believe that each person is on a spiritual journey and that each of us is at a different stage of that journey.

We believe that the persistent search for God produces an authentic relationship with God, engendering love, strengthening faith, dissolving guilt, and giving life purpose and direction.

We believe that all of the baptized 'belong body and soul to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.' No matter who – no matter what – no matter where we are on life’s journey – notwithstanding race, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, class or creed – we all belong to God and to one worldwide community of faith. All persons baptized – past, present and future – are connected to each other and to God through the sacrament of baptism. We baptize during worship when the community is present because baptism includes the community's promise of 'love, support and care' for the baptized – and we promise that we won't take it back – no matter where your journey leads you.

We believe that all people of faith are invited to join Christ at Christ's table for the sacrament of Communion. Just as many grains of wheat are gathered to make one loaf of bread and many grapes are gathered to make one cup of wine, we, the many people of God, are made one in the body of Christ, the church. The breaking of bread and the pouring of wine reminds us of the costliness of
Christ's sacrifice and the discipleship to which we are all called. In the breaking of bread, we remember and celebrate Christ's presence among us along with a 'cloud of witnesses' – our ancestors, family and friends who have gone before us. It is a great mystery; we claim it by faith.

We believe the UCC is called to be a united and uniting church. "That they may all be one." (John 17:21) "In essentials–unity, in nonessentials–diversity, in all things–charity," These UCC mottos survive because they touch core values deep within us. The UCC has no rigid formulation of doctrine or attachment to creeds or structures. Its overarching creed is love. UCC pastors and teachers are known for their commitment to excellence in theological preparation, interpretation of the scripture and justice advocacy. Even so, love and unity in the midst of our diversity are our greatest assets.

We believe that God calls us to be servants in the service of others and to be good stewards of the earth's resources. 'To believe is to care; to care is to do.'

We believe that the UCC is called to be a prophetic church. As in the tradition of the prophets and apostles, God calls the church to speak truth to power, liberate the oppressed, care for the poor and comfort the afflicted.

We believe in the power of peace, and work for nonviolent solutions to local, national, and international problems.

We are a people of possibility. In the UCC, members, congregations and structures have the breathing room to explore and to hear ... for after all, God is still speaking, ...

For more information on the United Church of Christ, visit us online at www.ucc.org.
Preparing Kids for Summer Camp

For a complete list of camp policies, guidelines, and procedures, check them out online at slumberfalls.org.
Preparing for Summer Camp

Getting your camper ready for camp can be a powerfully emotional one for the campers and the parents. Helping your child understand what camp is and is not can alleviate some of their camp anxiety, especially if this is the first time away from home. While there are many strategies to help kids transition to being away from home such as sleep overs, church lock-ins, and day camps, you are the expert on identifying your child’s strengths and weaknesses in assessing how to best help your child develop their resiliency, self-confidence, and coping mechanisms. We are more than happy to chat with you and connect you to specific resources if needed. We find it helpful to read through this guide and talk with your child about what to expect at their grade level.
Session Overviews & Themes

Slumber Falls Camp offers a variety of camps that provide age appropriate activities and curriculum for campers. One of the strengths of Slumber Falls is the dedicated staff and volunteers who encourage children and youth to explore the beauty and vastness of God's creation. Campers engage in dynamic daily lessons, fun yet deeply intentional family groups, spiritual activities and worship experiences and many skill building opportunities designed to foster competency and resilience. Slumber Falls Camp is a sacred environment that fosters fun and incredible, lifelong friendships.

All camps will explore what it means to be connected as a human family through our faith and how we learn, grow, and share our beliefs and values with others. All camps have a time for Biblically based daily themes, family groups, swim times, large and small group games and activities, crafts and skill building sessions, evening activities, and a closing Vespers service at the end of each day. Most camps (except Sports Camp & Springs Alive) go to Eden Hill and engage with the residents that live there. All camps except for Springs Alive go to Landa Park (spring fed water park) on Thursday afternoon and return to camp for a hamburger cookout! While all camps share these activities, each camp has its own charm and goals for that particular age group.

Springs Alive – This camp is designed with our younger campers in grades 1-2. This camp is scheduled for July 1-4 and helps children acclimate to the camp environment through lots of activities and hands on involvement from the staff. While this camp only spans four days, children learn Bible stories, engage in fun group activities, swim, create arts and crafts, go on hikes, and explore God through creation. Campers experience a high staff to camper ratio which is around 1:3 so that they get great supervision, high staff interaction, and diverse skill sets.
Streams of Faith – We have two camps for children in grades 3-5. These week-long camps help campers develop meaningful relationships through family groups, games and activities, swimming, arts and crafts, and worship. Campers are encouraged to explore the daily lessons and week-long themes in age appropriate ways. Campers have the option of participating in talent shows, carnivals, vesper services (nightly worship), and small groups. These camps offer a variety of approaches to keep campers engaged and activities varied. Each camp is unique to the directors, and both offer amazing opportunities for campers to build life long memories and friendships.

Creeks in Creation – This camp is designed for youth in grades 6-7 and serves as a transitory type of camp experience from children to youth camping. This camp builds upon cherished camp activities of the previous camps, but starts to introduce more complex discussions relevant to young teenagers. Leadership opportunities are worked into the program as well as a variety of activities designed to build skill sets and competencies. In addition to the theme of the summer, youth at this camp explore topics on building meaningful friendships, addressing bullying, exploring their spirituality, service, justice, fairness, and other relevant topics. This is a pivotal camp for shaping youth and their faith.

Living Waters – This camp targets junior high youth in grades 8-9. While retaining many of the activities from prior camp experiences, this camp is distinguished by the deeper spiritual focus, service components, and family group discussions. Skilled counselors are sought out to better respond to the questions, issues, and needs of this age group. The bonding that occurs at this camp is often carried into the older camp and young adult retreat experiences.

Roaring Rapids – This camp consists of the high school group of youth at camp, in grades 10-12. Like Living Waters, the camp is more intense and speaks to the current context of the participants. Counselors are older, more mature, and serve as spiritual guides and mentors. The relationship with these campers, seek to help them mature into active, aware, and passionate members of the church. Counselors help them uncover their personal gifts and how they can use them to transform lives and communities. Campers are encouraged to wrestle with various theological stances and to develop skills to articulate their beliefs yet be humble to continue to grow and develop.
In addition to our main camps, Slumber Falls offers **four specialty camps**. These camps target youth who have specific interests in sports, ecology, and leadership.

**Eco Camp** helps deepen campers’ spiritual connection to the living world around us. The curriculum focuses on ecology and spirituality and helps youth not only connect to God in creation, but also teaches them how to respect the sacredness of all of creation and to be advocates for the environment. This camp is designed for children in grades 3-6.

**Sports Camp** incorporates leadership development skills while using sports as the vehicle for the application of these skills. Our specialty camps operate on the Bizer Retreat Center side of the camp, but they still have access to the river, swimming, and some of the recreational sites on the main side of camp. Our Sports Camp offers more active youth a camp experience to connect to others and form a community through games and sporting activities. We recommend this camp for grades 3-6.

**Counselor in Training Camp (CIT Camp)** equips passionate young people in grades 9-11 who desire to serve as resources to our younger camps while gaining skills, competencies and experience that will allow them to excel as future counselors. This camp focuses on youth development, camper safety, effective discussion leading, understanding child development, organizing games, activities, best camp practices, and worship experiences to name a few areas of focus. Any young person is required to go through this training before they are allowed to CIT at a camp.

If CIT Camp is successfully completed, the camper can apply to be a CIT for Eco Camp, Springs Alive, Sports Camp, Streams of Faith 1 or Streams of Faith 2.
Board Game Camp connects young people to one another through playing games, mainly table top games and their variants. This camp targets 8 to 10th graders (plus or minus a grade). Our world is complex and diverse, and our children must learn the skills to navigate in uncertain waters. This camp teaches leadership skills, self-confidence, critical thinking, memory retention, and communication skills to highlight a few targeted areas. In addition to table top games, campers will experience games and activities throughout the camp which include swimming, evening activities, arts and crafts, campfires, and other traditional camp programming. This camp is limited in space due to the nature of programming, so sign up early!

Exceptions to the Grades Guidelines

Slumber Falls also understands that campers have bonds with friends that might be a year older or younger. As a result, our policy allows for campers to attend camps if they are plus or minus a year from their desired camp.

Accommodations and Food Services

Slumber Falls strives to affirm and lift up the richness and diversity that comprises our global community. Staff and counselors are trained in various facets of camper safety and protection, in sensitivity and diversity issues, in spiritual enrichment, and in helping campers discover themselves. In addition to doubling staff per cabin, we also have facilities that offer air conditioned cabins, great food service that can accommodate a variety of special diets, and unisex restrooms and shower facilities that accommodate different genders and gender identities/expressions. If you have any specific questions, please contact the camp office at office@slumberfalls.org. Thank you!
# Summer Camp Session Schedule

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Camper Policy Excerpts

To read the entire policy, please contact the office or read them online.

Values-Based Camp

Slumber Falls Camp seeks to provide safe, fun, creative, and challenging camping opportunities that foster individual and family growth in areas of self-worth, responsibility, self-expression, independence, leadership, environmental awareness, and values. Our mission is to be a place of grace close to the heart of the church, and the mission and our values are the foundation for all that we do here at Slumber Falls Camp. They govern our day-to-day life and are the basis for all rules and requirements established at the camp. It is important all campers and staff strive to teach, practice, and model the values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility each day.

Inclusiveness and Non-Discrimination

Slumber Falls Camp recognizes the myriad of diversity found within creation and seeks to honor and respect this nature in all persons regardless of any label or classification including but not limited to race, age, gender, gender identification, gender expression, sexual orientation, religion, belief system, ethnic origin, disability, socioeconomic circumstance, body size, physical appearance, marital status, or military status. We seek to emulate the diversity of the world in our camps, conferences, and retreats.

As we seek justice and equality for all, we recognize our role in learning, understanding, teaching, and advocacy. We encourage open, honest interactions so we may grow as a community.

We are committed to the following:

- Educating and teaching our campers, staff, and volunteers the strength and benefits of diversity
- Respecting and appreciating differences
- Encouraging others to find their unique voice
- Providing equitable and just treatment and opportunities to all
- Being conscientious of diverse needs in programming, development, and rhetoric, and striving to make our endeavors accessible to all
- Supporting efforts to bring about greater justice and equality thus modeling the Jesus ethic and practice.
- Being open to suggestions on how we can improve and enhance our ministries.

Dress and Grooming Code
Part of a person’s development and identity development center around appearance and grooming. While we encourage people to find ways that express themselves outside of camp, we put our emphasis on building an intentional Christian community that fosters deep, spiritual friendships based on the individual and not the clothing or appearance.

Campers’ clothing should reflect good taste and concern for the values and standards of other campers. In addition, campers’ clothing should be comfortable yet functional, allowing them to fully participate in all activities. Campers may be asked to change if the director or staff deems the attire to be inappropriate for the activity.

Inappropriate dress includes but is not limited to the following:

- Any see-through or sheer clothing or clothing with holes or cut-outs in it that reveals undergarments
- Clothing promoting alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, hate or degrading messages/images, weapons/violence, provocative or sexual messages/images, gang images, or other offensive messages
- Underclothes exposed or worn as outerwear
- Clothing that does not fully cover genitalia
- Closed toed shoes worn for all activities with the exception of pool events and shower house usage. Camps targeted at 8th grade and older are exempt unless activity warrants footwear that provides protection. Older campers must still bring closed toed shoes for some of the daily activities or if they want to wade into the river.
- See-through swimsuits (when dry or wet) and suits that are not functionally appropriate for the swimming activity or event. Swim bottoms that are held together solely with ties, snaps, or buttons are considered not functional.

In addition to clothing, we encourage proper grooming habits and expect campers of all ages to maintain basic hygiene during their stay, including but not limited to, daily showers, daily teeth brushing, hair combing, and wearing clean clothing.
Packing Check List

Items we recommend your camper bring to camp:

- □ 5 - 7 T-Shirts
- □ 1 pillow & case
- □ Sleeping Bag
- □ 5-7 pair of underwear
- □ Twin Size Sheets & Blanket
- □ or sleeping bag
- □ 5-7 pair of socks
- □ 5 – 7 pairs of shorts
- □ 2 pairs of pajamas
- □ 3 bath towels
- □ 1-2 swimsuits
- □ 1-2 beach towels
- □ Bug Spray
- □ 3 washcloths
- □ Laundry Bag
- □ Shampoo / Bath Soap
- □ Sunscreen
- □ Toothbrush / Tooth Paste
- □ Comb / Brush

MEDICATIONS
Please do not pack medications in the camper's luggage. ALL medications, including prescription & over-the-counter must be checked in at registration with the camp medical staff.

ALL medications must be in the original container from the pharmacy with the camper's name and dispensing instructions. Inhalers must have the prescription label or be in the box with the prescription label.

ALL medications must be in a zip lock bag with the camper's name clearly printed on the outside.

Personal Property

Slumber Falls Camp, the staff, and volunteers are not responsible for any lost or damaged property. Please do not bring valuables or sentimental items to camp with you.

Lost and Found

A lost and found table will be located by the checkout table on the last day of every camp. Items that do not have names or were not claimed by campers will be placed on the lost and found table. Parents are encouraged to check the table before leaving camp to look for possible lost or unclaimed items. If parents get home and realize items are missing, please call the camp within one week following the child’s camp as all of the unclaimed items will be repurposed or donated. We will ship these items back to you via United States Postal Service and add the charge to your camper’s account.
**Arrival and Check-In Procedures**

Check-In normally starts at 3:00 pm on Sunday afternoon. If your camper is coming on a week where we have two camps, check-in times may be staggered.

All camp check-ins are done in Woelke Lodge. Campers will receive their camp t-shirt, a name badge, and a souvenir water bottle. Campers will also have the opportunity to purchase a Photo CD or an online code to access all the photos taken by our staff during the week. Each CD averages 500+ hi-resolution photos. The cost is $15.00 if pre-ordered and paid for prior to camp. The cost at check-in is $20.00.

On Tuesday, all campers will wear the new camp shirt for a group photo taken by a professional photographer. At the end of the week, they will receive a 5x7 photo of the campers and staff from their week of camp.

Week long camps conclude at 10:00 AM Saturday morning with a traditional closing circle at Vesper Point or Bethel Worship area. The campers will pick up their group photo, camp roster and if they purchased one, their photo CD’s.

**Check-out Procedures**

Check-out is scheduled for 10:00 am Saturday morning for all full week camps. Springs Alive will check-out at 10:00 am on Wednesday, July 4th. Pick-up your camper and their belongings on the patio of Woelke Lodge. Please remind your camper to pick up their camp roster and photo prior to leaving.


**Camper Adjustment**

Living away from Mom and Dad can be difficult at times, but it's something we all must experience in order to fully develop as a mature person. Overnight camping offers the first-time camper the perfect opportunity to tackle this hurdle in life.

Our camping experience with first-time campers has provided us with the knowledge needed to help the new camper successfully acclimate to the new camping environment. Time and personal attention are given to make the children feel at home. In such an atmosphere, youngsters become more self-confident and camaraderie flourishes. Our entire staff is recruited and trained with this objective in mind.

We’re committed to the happiness of our campers and we stand ready to offer the understanding and special attention first-time campers require. It is truly a rewarding experience to guide a camper as he/she learns the pleasure of playing and working in cooperation with others. Helping campers develop their own individual talents and independence is what we do best!
Parent Information

Directions to Slumber Falls

Slumber Falls Camp
3610 River Road
New Braunfels, TX  78132

Coming from Austin: Exit IH35 at Exit 189 onto Highway 46 West (aka Loop 337), drive for approximately 3 miles. At the stop light, turn right on River Road (at the Shell station) and drive 1.7 miles to the "Y" in the road. Take a right at the “Y”, continue on River Road for .5 miles. You will see the green gate and the Slumber Falls sign on the right. You will see the green gate and the Slumber Falls sign on the right.

Coming from San Antonio: Exit IH35 at Exit 184 onto Loop 337, drive approximately 5 miles. At the stop light, turn left on River Road (at the Shell station) and drive 1.7 miles to the "Y" in the road. Take a right at the “Y”, continue on River Road for .5 miles. You will see the green gate and the Slumber Falls sign on the right. You will see the green gate and the Slumber Falls sign on the right.

Coming from Houston: Exit IH10 near Seguin onto Hwy 46, drive approximately 16 miles to New Braunfels. When you pass under IH35, continue on Hwy 46 (aka Loop 337) for approximately 3 miles. Turn right on River Road (at the Shell station) and drive 1.7 miles to the "Y" in the road. Take a right at the “Y”, continue on River Road for .5 miles. You will see the green gate and the Slumber Falls sign on the right. You will see the green gate and the Slumber Falls sign on the right.

If River Road is closed just past the Shell Station due to flooding of Blieders Creek, there is an alternate route. We have provided a map of this route for your convenience on the next page.
Alternate route to Loop 337 from Slumber Falls Camp in the event that Bleider Creek floods and River Road is not accessible.

**Directions to Camp from IH-35**
- Take Exit for Grunew Road if coming from IH-35 on right
- Turn Right on Grunew Road
- Turn Left on Ervenberg Ave., follow road, go under train tracks
- Turn Left on Edwards Blvd.
- Turn Right on River Road
- Turn Right at “Y” of River Road and the River Road Ice House

**Directions to Camp from Hwy. 46**
- Take Exit for Rock Street, on Right of Loop 337 / Hwy. 46
- Turn Left on Grunew Road
- Turn Left on Ervenberg Ave., follow road, go under train tracks
- Turn Left on Edwards Blvd.
- Turn Right on River Road
- Turn Right at “Y” of River Road and the River Road Ice House

**Directions OUT of Camp**
- Turn Left out of Slumber Falls
- Turn Left on River Road
- Turn Left on Edwards Blvd.
- Turn Right on Ervenberg Ave., this will intersect with Grunew Rd after you go under the railroad tracks
- Turn Right on Grunew Road
- Take Grunew Road back to Loop 337 to go into New Braunfels
Alternative Ways of Getting to Camp

**Airport**

Slumber Falls Camp makes airport runs to the San Antonio Airport on Sunday mornings. The cost of each vehicle run is $50. If you have multiple campers coming that trip, then the cost is divided among those passengers in that vehicle.

**Bus**

If your camper is arriving by Greyhound, the nearest drop off location is in San Marcos (338 S Guadalupe St, San Marcos, TX 78666). Their phone number is (512) 392-4649. The cost for this pick-up service is $30 and can be divided among the others in that pick up vehicle.

**Church Carpools**

Contact your local church to see if there is a carpool going from the church. Sometimes other churches are willing to carry youth to camp if they have the space.

**Via the Guadalupe**

If your child is tubing to camp down the Guadalupe River, our camp steps are located downstream from the first crossing pass Huaco Springs Camp. Hippie signs are along the fence line, unless a flood takes them away. Please make sure that the camper’s luggage is sealed water tight and tethered to his/her tube to ensure your child arrives with all their belongings. Please check the water flow of the river to ensure that your camper arrives in the proper check in window. There is no cost for this, but a staff member will be waiting with a camera and video equipment to greet your child. Please let us know the approximate arrival time!

**What to expect from the Slumber Falls Pick-up Staff**

A Slumber Falls staff member will greet you at the coordinated pick-up location. They will be wearing a SFC shirt (most likely a staff t-shirt). Your child will know the name of the person picking them up, and the staff member will introduce their name. Other communication verifications can also be used upon request such as code words, hand signals, or funny facial expressions! 😊
# A Typical Day at Camp

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<th>Time</th>
<th>Activity</th>
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<tr>
<td>7:00am</td>
<td>Wake up bell</td>
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<td>Morning Watch (devotional time)</td>
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<td>8:00am</td>
<td>Breakfast</td>
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<td>8:30am</td>
<td>Cabin Clean Up</td>
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<td>9:00am</td>
<td>Introduction of the Theme of the Day (whole camp)</td>
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<td>Explore the Theme in small groups (family groups)</td>
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<td>Morning activity/game</td>
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<td>Lunch</td>
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<td>Singing, mail call, announcements</td>
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<td>1:00pm</td>
<td>Horizontal Time (rest time in cabins)</td>
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<td>Supper</td>
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<td>6:00pm</td>
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<td>Evening program (scavenger hunts, talent night, skits, etc)</td>
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<td>8:00pm</td>
<td>Snack</td>
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<td>Vesper Service (evening worship led by campers in family groups)</td>
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<td>Showers and preparing for bed</td>
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<td>Cabin time (sharing as a cabin in reflections on the day)</td>
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<td>Bed time</td>
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<td>Lights Out</td>
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The schedule above is a reference for younger campers as an example. Depending on the camp, the activities can change. Older campers will stay up later and have other activities.
Slumber Falls Camp Policies

In an effort to live out our mission, the following policies have been established and will be administered by the Director of Outdoor Ministry according to guidelines established by the Camp Council and the South Central Conference Board of Directors. Guidelines are located in the Policy Manual in the camp office. Any questions should be directed to the Director of Outdoor Ministry.

Hazardous Materials
Fireworks, explosives, and flammable or other hazardous materials are prohibited.

Weapons
Firearms, ammunition or weapons of any sort are prohibited.

Drugs
Illegal and illicit drugs are prohibited.

Alcohol
Possession or consumption of alcohol during any Slumber Falls Camp sponsored event is prohibited.

Smoking
Smoking is not permitted inside any facilities.

Pets
No pets are allowed without prior approval of the Director of Outdoor Ministry. All pets must be on a leash at the discretion of the Director of Outdoor Ministry.

For the safety and integrity of those who use this camp, anyone involved in behavior deemed detrimental to Slumber Falls Camp will be asked to leave.

Further information and guidelines are located in the manual on Policies and Procedures, located in the camp office. Any questions should be directed to the Camp Staff.
**Dietary Needs / Restrictions**

Slumber Falls takes great care to do our best to accommodate children with food allergies. Here is a list of some of the common allergies we encounter and can manage:

- Peanut / Tree Nut allergy
- Lactose intolerant
- Gluten –Free

We do have a salad bar option available for vegan and vegetarian diets. We offer a large selection of food at meals so that even “picky” eaters can find something to their liking. We cannot provide specialized menus for individual campers. If your child has a special medical diet, contact the office to see what options are available.

**Online Registration**

We invite you to register your camper(s) online through our website at [www.slumberfalls.org](http://www.slumberfalls.org). You will be directed to our UltraCamp registration system. If you set up an UltraCamp account previously, please log into your account and update any information that may have changed. **PLEASE DO NOT SET UP A NEW ACCOUNT.** You may then register your child or yourself for any of our camps.

If you do not have an UltraCamp account, you will need to set up a new account and then add the members of your family that you want to register for camp.

For your convenience, we have provided step-by-step instructions for setting up a new account and registering a camper:

**Step by Step**

1. Open your internet browser and go to our website, [www.slumberfalls.org](http://www.slumberfalls.org). On the home page, click on "2018 Summer Camps".
   
   a. A new window will open, please take a moment to read through
this page.
2. Click on the green “Slumber Falls Camp Register Now” box at the bottom of the page.
3. A new window will open asking, “I already have an account” or “I DO NOT have an account”. If you already have an account, please enter your Username and Password. If you DO NOT already have an account, click on the “Create an Account” button.
4. Enter the primary contact person information (this is normally a parent or guardian), complete all fields with a red asterisk and check all Role check boxes that apply.
5. Scroll down and enter any additional contacts for this account. This is where you would enter your children as campers, Father, Grandparent etc.
6. Set up your password, the system will default to use your email address if you do not enter a password.
7. Click "Create an Account" at the bottom.
8. You will be taken back to the opening page and can now register your camper for the camp of their choice.
9. Click on your child’s name under “Make an individual reservation for:”
10. After you click on your child’s name, a new screen will open and you will be asked to confirm the grade of the child. Use the pull down menu to choose the grade they entered in the fall of the camp year. Click on the “Save Grade” button.
11. A new screen will open with all of the camp sessions your child eligible to attend. Choose the session by checking the box next to the session name. Click on the "Register" at the bottom of the page.
12. The camper information window will open. Please answer ALL questions. If something does not pertain to your camper simply enter N/A. When all fields and check boxes have been completed, click next at the bottom of the page.
13. Enter your Alternate Contact(s) information, click next at the bottom of the page.
14. The Registration Information page will open. If your camper has a roommate request, please enter the name here and click next at the bottom of the page.
15. The Discount page will now open. Please check the discounts
that your camper is eligible for. If none of the discounts apply to you, simply click next at the bottom of the page.

16. The **Health History form** will open, please answer ALL questions. If something does not pertain to your camper, simply put N/A or None. Check the Completion Acknowledgement box, click to electronically sign the form. You will be shown several different signatures all of your name, click on the one you like best, click on “Adopt Signature” and then on “Sign Form”. Your signature will now appear on the form. Click next at the bottom of the page.

17. The **medication screen** will now open. Please indicate “Yes” or “No” if your child has any medication. If “Yes”, click the next button at the bottom of the screen and you will be taken to another page to enter the medication and dosage instructions. Enter one medication at a time and click the “save medication” button. If there is only one medication, click the “save and proceed button. If “No”, click on the next button at the bottom of the page.

18. The **Insurance screen** will open. If your child is covered by health insurance, please enter the information here. You may also upload a copy of your insurance card but it is not required. Check the “Completion Acknowledgement” box, and click on the next button at the bottom of the page.

19. The **Donation page** will now open. If you would like to make a donation to Slumber Falls you may do it here. If not, click on the “No Thank You” button at the bottom of the page.

20. Click "**Proceed to Check Out**" if you are ready to pay and do not have any additional reservations or donations to add. Click "Add Additional Reservations" if you have more than one camper to register. If you choose this option you will repeat Steps 4-20.

21. If you "Proceed to Check Out" on the above step, verify what is in your cart is correct, click on "**Proceed to Payment**".

22. On the Payment Options page, click on one of the following:
   a. Pay All Items in Full
   b. Pay the Minimum Amount Due
   c. Other Payment Options

23. On the next Payment Options screen choose one of the following:
a. Pay this Reservation in Full  
b. Pay the Minimum Amount  
c. Pay Other Amount  

24. Click “Continue Checkout”  

25. The Payment Method screen will open, choose one of the following:  
   a. E check, you will need to enter your bank account information, click “Submit/Schedule payment” at the bottom of the screen  
   b. Credit Card, you will need to enter your credit card information, click “Process Order” at the bottom of the page  
   c. Check or Money Order, click on “Complete Order” at the bottom of the page  

Your reservation is now complete. 😊

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact Terri Armstrong in the camp office at 830-625-2212 or office@slumberfalls.org
Available Discounts

We realize that with rising costs of living, families need all of the help that they can get when considering sending their children to camp. Therefore, we have a number of summer camp discount options available.

- Super Saver - $30 off if registered and paid in full by February 1st
- Early Bird - $20 off if registered and paid in full by April 1st
- Military - $30 off (Active military ID of camper parent required)
- Family (3+) - $25 off per camper from the same immediate family
- CIT - $200 off camp (applied at registration)
- Bring A Friend (BAF) - $25 off for camper and 1st time friend
- Director / Counselor Incentive – Direct or counsel for one of our camps and your child attends free

Scholarships

We know that affording to send your child to camp can be difficult, there are scholarship funds available. The normal expectation is for the family, the church, and the camp to each contribute one-third of the total camp fee.

For your convenience, we have included a Scholarship Form for you on the next page. Please complete the form and sign it.

You may return the form via email, fax or regular mail.

Email: office@slumberfalls.org
Fax: 830-625-4688
Mail: Slumber Falls Camp, 3610 River Road, New Braunfels, TX 78132

You will be contacted within a week with the scholarship award decision.
2018 APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE
Slumber Falls Camp

Camper Name _____________________________________________________________
Address ___________________________________________________________________
City ___________________________________ State __________  Zip ___________
Phone Home___________________Work__________________Cell__________________
Parent Signature _________________________________Date______________________
Camp Session ______________________________  Camp Dates ____________________

Camp Registration Fee (based on application date)_______________________________________
Amount provided by family $_______  □ Credit card  □ Check # _____
Amount provided by the local church $_______  □ Credit card  □ Check # _____
Amount requested for scholarship $ ________
       TOTAL      $ ________

Reason for request: ___________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________

Request supported by local pastor:
LocalChurch ______________________________________________________________
Pastor’s Name (please print) _________________________________________________
(Pastor’s Signature)____________________________________ Date __________

Office Use Only
Event ____________________________________________________________________
Authorized by_________________________________ Date _______________________

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**Health History**

Please know that we take the health of your camper very seriously. In case of the need for medical attention, our medical staff is available 24 hours a day during the entire time that camp is in session.

Should the need for a doctor arise, we have contracted with Dr. Randall Jacks and his Associates at the Hill Country Medical Center as our physicians on call to provide the complete medical attention that your camper may require.

In the case of emergency, we are less than 5 minutes from New Braunfels Emergency Services. There are two local hospitals close to camp, Resolute Health Hospital and Christus Santa Rosa.

**Cancellation Policy**

We know that unforeseen things happen at the worst times. If you should need to cancel your child(s) reservation, the cancellation would be subject to the following fees:

- Cancelled on or before May 1 - $50
- Cancelled after May 1 - $235
- Cancelled after June 1 – No Refunds for June Camps
- Cancelled after July 1 – No Refunds

Refunds will only be made payable to the party that paid the fee and in the same manner of payment (credit card, check etc).
Keeping in Contact with your Camper

During the week, campers receive mail each day. In recent years the majority of mail has been in the form of email which is printed and delivered to the camper at lunch. We have set up the following email specifically for parents, family and friends to send little notifications to their camper: camper@slumberfalls.org

Please put the camper’s name in the subject line. We will not print any e-cards or email with photos due to the need to conserve ink and paper. Each camper is only permitted to receive one email per sender per day. We thank you for your understanding.

FAQ’s

We do our best to answer any and all questions a parent may have in this handbook. But, occasionally we have some questions that aren’t covered, for instance:

- Does the camp flood? No, even though we are on the banks of the Guadalupe River, the main part of camp sits approximately 80 feet above the river.
- Do you have an evacuation plan? Yes, in the event of an evacuation, all campers and staff would be taken to Faith UCC Church in New Braunfels
- Do we accept roommate requests for camp? Yes. You are allowed only one roommate request. We try not to have more than two friends in any one cabin. This promotes meeting new friends and dissipates the chances of other campers feeling left out.
- Do we have campers participate in a swim test? Yes, each camper is given an individual swim test by the camp lifeguards prior to the first group swim.
- Do we have private bathrooms and shower facilities? Yes, the cabins that have restrooms are all single toilet and single shower stalls. The community shower house has two sides, one for males and one for females. Each side has private toilets, showers and dressing areas.
No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are On Life’s Journey, You’re Welcome Here

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