

# BY FAITH Parent Guide

# **BEFORE CAMP**

# To Register

Register online at oakridgecamp.com. Through our online reservation system you will be able to pay for camp, add snack shack and activity money, and fill out necessary forms. Contact our camp office at 405-247-5433 if you need assistance or have questions. Please read through this entire guide before reserving.

You may be eligible for an early registration discount if you register at least 2 months in advance of the event. An automatic discount will be added to your cart if you are signing up multiple family members or registering early.

Payments made to Oakridge for camp are non-refundable, but they can be transferred to a different event or camper in the same season.

# FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment is due one week prior to your arrival at Oakridge. Be sure to keep your online password easily accessible if you need to log back in to make a final payment or add any optional activities. No cancellation refunds are issued within one week prior to the event.

#### HEALTH

Lice: Do a head lice check on your child two weeks in advance of your session, as well as the day of check-in.

Illness: No camper should attend camp or attempt to check-in if they are sick, including illnesses with symptoms like vomiting, diarrhea, fever, or any symptoms of COVID-19.

Medication: There are no resident nurses provided by Oakridge Camp. For emergency situations and first aid needs, there are many on-site staff certified in Red Cross First Aid & CPR. On-site staff certified in Medication Administration will also be available to securely store and administer your child's prescription medication. All prescription medications, inhalers and epi-pens must be in the labeled original container and not expired. Over-the-counter medication will be available if needed, provided you have given permission on the medication form.

Lifeguards: There will be Oakridge lifeguards overseeing the pool every time it is open during your camper's stay. Our lifeguards are certified through the Red Cross.

Emergency situations: The closest hospital is 5 miles away. In case of emergency, the Camp Director and emergency contact (parent or legal guardian) will be contacted. If needed, First Aid/CPR will normally be administered by the closest certified Oakridge staff member. If the condition is life-threatening, Oakridge staff will take immediate action to obtain the proper emergency care and will notify you as soon as possible; in cases that are not life-threatening, we will contact you to determine your desired course of action.

# Additional Expenses

Snack Shack/Gift Shop Money: If you pay online for Snack Shack money, a Camp Account will be made for your child; this system helps to prevent lost cash. We encourage guests to check-in their money on a Camp Account, but it is not a requirement. \$30-40 per person is recommended. We are not able to offer refunds for unspent funds, but unspent Camp Account money can be credited to your online registration for next year. Parents can also pay with cash or credit card to create a Camp Account on the day of check-in.

Adventure Activities: When you register online you will see the available adventure activities, as well as age limits and prices for each session. Your camper can also bring extra money to pay for these during camp, or use their Camp Account to pay.

Shirt: A camp t-shirt will be included; to guarantee the desired size, your camper will need to be registered at least two weeks in advance.





# CONTACTING CAMPERS AT OAKRIDGE

If you wish to send letters or care packages to your camper, our address is Oakridge Camp, 20007 State Highway 9, Anadarko, OK, 73005. We encourage you to mail things a couple days in advance of the session to be sure that they receive it while at camp (our address is rural). To discourage homesickness, we advise you not to contact your child by telephone while at camp. They are allowed to bring cell phones and you are welcome to contact them if you desire, but we do encourage campers to be on their phones as little as possible. In case of emergency, our office number is 405-247-5433. You can also purchase Camper Gift Baskets from our website, oakridgecamp.com, to be delivered directly to your child at camp!

# STATEMENT OF FAITH

You can read our Statement of Faith at OakridgeCamp.com.

# DRESS CODE

You can read our Dress Code and pack accordingly at OakridgeCamp.com.

# WHAT TO BRING

You can download our What to Bring List in the Forms section of www.oakridgecamp.com. Please be aware that we also plan theme nights with specific costume ideas that campers can bring. Theme night information will be available on our website by April 1.

# SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

Please prepare yourself spiritually to meet with God and His people, and have a spiritual encounter at Oakridge. We also ask that you be in prayer for all campers, staff, volunteers, and sponsors. For summer 2023 we are thrilled to be studying Hebrews 11!

# **OPEN MIC NIGHT**

If your child is registered for 5-day camp, we will plan to have an Open Mic night one night! Please encourage your campers to bring something to share, and remind them to bring any props they need—especially songs they want. If they need to borrow instruments we will have a guitar, keyboard, and drums available that they may ask to use!



# AT CAMP

# WHAT TIME IS CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT?

# No camper may arrive before 2pm.

For Mon– Thur/Fri camps, check-in is on Monday from 2-4pm and is normally held at the main camp Chapel. Please do not arrive any earlier than 2pm; early check-in is not allowed. Check-out is 11am on Friday. If your camp ends on Thursday, check out time is 2pm.

For Friday to Sunday camps, check-in is on Friday from 2-4pm and is normally held at the main camp Dining Hall. Please do not arrive any earlier than 2pm; early check-in is not allowed. Check-out is 2pm on Sunday.

# WHEN YOU ARRIVE

All campers and a guardian should come to the designated check-in area for the session, add money to their Camp Account and pay for any additional Adventure activities if desired. Check-in team will work out meeting their counselor and dropping off luggage in dorms. A full orientation will happen on the first day of camp, after registration time.

# **BUNKING INFORMATION**

All same-gender guests will stay in dorms that have bunk rooms (capacity of 4 to 14 people, depending on the room) with common bathrooms. Your child will stay in the same room as their camp counselor and other campers in their assigned group.

# Supervision

Our supervision ratio is one counselor for every 9 campers in the dorms.

Counselors are always with campers in dorms overnight and are responsible for overseeing them throughout the entire camp experience. Campers are allowed to walk to various activities in groups of at least three people during free time (snack shack breaks and open activities in the afternoons), but must always check in with their camp counselor.

# TEAM INFORMATION

One week before camp your camper will be assigned a color team. This is for the purpose of team games (generally just one hour each morning) and small group discussion. Being divided into teams among other campers they have not yet met will also help them to connect with people outside of their counselor group.

# **VISITORS**

Parents are welcome to come to evening chapel services free of charge. You should notify Oakridge in advance (at check-in time) which day you desire to come. If any guests desire to participate in any camp activities apart from the chapel service, there will be a fee. Contact our office for lodging, meal and activity costs.

# CHAPEL SERVICES

We do chapel services once in the morning, and once in the evening. Oakridge is a faith-based, Bible-based camp.

#### **ACTIVITY INFORMATION**

All Basic and Supervised activities are included in every camper's experience. Adventure Activities can be added for an additional fee during online registration. Campers can also use Camp Account money to pay for activity fees once they are at camp.

In case of rain, guests can play in the game room and a movie will be available in the Chapel.





# **DIRECTIONS**

We are about 45 minutes from Lawton, 1.25 hours from OKC, 3 hours from Tulsa, and 3.5 hours from DFW. You can get specific written directions on our website, OakridgeCamp.com.

# **DEPARTURE**

# LEAVING EARLY

In case of dismissal due to behavioral problems, homesickness, or any other reason, camp fees will not be refunded.

In general, there are no discounts available for guests needing to arrive late or leave early. Please contact us for any special considerations. Call our office, 405-247-5433, with any questions.

# LOST & FOUND

During camp, we place Lost & Found items on the stage in the Dining Hall. Please check there before departing with your camper to make sure that any of their items are retrieved. All lost and found items except socks and underwear will be kept no longer than one month. All valuable items will be turned into the Oakridge Camp office, where they will remain for one month after the end of an event date. Guests can call our office at 405.247.5433 to discuss lost and found items. If lost items are found, guests can work out a way to handle shipping costs and Oakridge will mail out the found items.

# STORMS

Oakridge does not have an underground storm shelter. In the event of an emergency, we recommend that all guests go to a building with lower level concrete block construction. These will include: Matthew dorm, central restroom, Esther dorm, pool restroom, west dining hall, west chapel, and Ruth dorm.

OUR THANKS & PRAYERS!

OAKRIDGE CAMP STAFF