

Parent Information



Where is the camp? Collin County YMCA Adventure Camp, near Anna, and Westminster, 20 minutes north of McKinney. A map to the camp is available at www.collincountyadventurecamp.org

What is Outdoor Education? The camp program is more than a field trip. Designed as an extension to the classroom experience, the carefully developed hands-on curriculum follows the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for the students' grade level in all disciplines; science, math, language arts and social studies. In addition, students form stronger relationships with each other and adults, gain self confidence, and connect with nature.

Who supervises the students? Each school sends teachers of the students, whose role is to oversee the entire program. The school also selects parents to chaperone students. Chaperones are responsible for supervising students during programs during the day, and in lodging at night. Two chaperones are in each cabin. YMCA staff members teach classes, and facilitate the overall program. YMCA staff members are carefully selected, have background checks, and are trained in all areas of camp operation.

What about food allergies, or diet concerns? The food service staff can plan the menu around many needs. If your child has any dietary concerns, please give us a call, and we will be happy to help! Should someone need to bring along special foods, they can be stored in our kitchen, no problem. The camp menu is planned with variety in mind, there is a breakfast and salad bar, several side dishes, and two entrees each meal. Soy butter and jelly is available (in a separate area of the dining hall) as an additional choice as well.

Where do students sleep? Our cabins are heated, air conditioned, and serve as storm shelters. Restrooms and showers are located in the cabins. Cabins have bunk beds, hand towels and electrical outlets.

What about medication and health care? Safety of your child and everyone at camp is our top priority. School personnel are responsible for medication oversight and student health care. All YMCA staff members have first aid, AED and CPR training. Camp is wheelchair accessible. Emergency services are located nearby.

What about extreme weather? Safety is our first concern. Thunderstorms and lightning will result in alternate programming (for which camp is prepared). In light rain, cold and sun, scheduled programs continue. The "Bring Along" list includes: a water bottle, sun block, a hat, and rain gear.

Will there be opportunities for recreation? The program is designed to be both educational and fun, and to keep students occupied and interacting all the time.. Many short breaks are planned throughout the program. Recreation equipment such as playground balls and basketballs are provided.

I am interested in other programs at the camp. How do I learn more? Collin County Adventure Camp offers program for all kinds of groups, including churches, scout groups, families, and corporate groups. There are opportunities for your community, or volunteer service.