

# Camp Holy Wild

## Camp Policies

**Most guests do not need rules and regulation. We believe that problems occur from thoughtlessness and ignorance rather than malicious intent. Our guidelines are reasonable and the policies are designed to protect all guests and to preserve our facilities. The goal of Camp Holy Wild is to help our guests enjoy their visit rather than to enforce rules and regulations. We require camp directors, group leaders, and/or sponsors to see that these few simple guidelines are followed.**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Camp directors, group leaders, and/or sponsors must provide the camp with a schedule for their planned activities two weeks prior to arrival
- All groups must notify the camp office upon arrival and provide the following:
  - A Guest Registration Form from every person in attendance
  - Names of those in your group designated as director, assistant director, and nurse/first aid person
  - An updated schedule (if applicable) of your planned activities or programming
  - A check/cash for the estimated cost of your camp less any reservation deposit (**Sorry, no refunds will be given for missed meals or early departures**)
  - A separate check/cash for damage deposit of \$350.00
  - Certificate of Insurance naming Camp Holy Wild as additionally insured
- All camp employees are assigned specific responsibilities. If you need assistance, please contact the appropriate camp administrator or on call person
- Mail (Incoming) should be addressed as follows:
  - Name of Recipient/Group
  - Camp Holy Wild
  - 22152 Baptist Encampment Rd.
  - New Caney, TX 77357
- Mail (Outgoing), properly stamped and placed in the outgoing mailbox located in the cafeteria (will be mailed daily)
- Messages for recipient/group will be handled on a “call-back” basis
- Name and number for “call-back” will be taken and dispatched to camp director/leader
- There must be at least a 1:10 ratio for those staying in the same assigned room or facility, one (1) mature adult supervisor for each ten (10) campers
- Each camp should have a designated person in charge of first aid and camper medication, Camp Holy Wild does not provide these services. **In case of an accident or medical emergency 9-1-1 will be called**
- Vehicles must observe a ten (10) mph speed limit. Once vehicles enter camp property, they may not be used except for loading and unloading. If specific circumstances arise where a vehicle is required, please notify a camp administrator (**THIS IS STRICTLY ENFORCED**)
- Smoking is not permitted in any building

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- **Fireworks and firearms are strictly forbidden**
- Shaving cream, water balloons, and water gun fights are not permitted in or near any buildings
- Pets are not allowed
- Campfires are prepared by Camp Holy Wild staff only unless otherwise discussed with camp administrators
- Guests are permitted only in those buildings assigned to their group
- Each group is expected to leave the facility as they find it—neat and clean. All garbage should be in garbage bags and be sure all toilets are flushed
- All groups and their guests are responsible for any damage and abuse of the property
- Please help us conserve energy by turning off lights and water when not in use. **Only camp staff** should set or change thermostats for heating and air conditioning
- Any illness or injury should be reported immediately to a camp staff
- **Alcohol and non-prescription drugs are strictly forbidden**
- The Camp Administrators reserve the right to eject from the camp grounds any person or persons believed to be endangering the safety or other guests, or unduly causing distractions that interfere with the enjoyment of the other guests
- Please try to observe the 12:00 midnight curfew

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

- Furniture and equipment should not be moved from any building without permission from the camp administrators
- All bunks are twin sized. No linens are furnished. Each person should bring linens, towels, soap, and other personal items
- Again, there should be no open food or eating in any part of the cabin. All eating of food should be either in the cafeteria or outside.
- There is **NO COOKING ALLOWED** in any of the cabins, including cabins that have kitchens

## **RESERVATIONS**

- Dates for camps, retreats, and day use must be arranged by phone or e-mail prior to sending a request form
- “Group Reservation Request Form”, “Acceptance of Policies Form”, and deposit checks must be received within ten (10) working days after reserving date to ensure reservation of dates requested
- A deposit for the designated amount is due from all groups and will be applied to payment of camp fees. **Cancellation notification must be made fourteen (14) days prior to camp arrival to receive refund**
- **For groups booking during June-August**, half of the required deposit is **non-refundable**.
- Payment of camp fees is due on arrival. Please make payment with one check for your entire group
- Exclusive use of the camp requires a commitment to pay for two-hundred (200) campers for camps and one-hundred fifty (150) for retreats.
- There will be a minimum charge of forty (40) campers for any overnight groups (tent campers included)
- **Confirmation of the actual number attending must be made within five (5) business days prior to your camps arrival or a change in numbers will be non-refundable**
- Our “Guest Registration Form” is required for each member of your group

## FOOD SERVICE

- The meal schedule is as follows unless other arrangements have been made prior to arrival:
  - Breakfast 8:00am
  - Lunch 12:00pm
  - Dinner 5:00 pm
- Friday evening dinner will be served no later than 6:30pm
- No group may bring food or refreshments to sell during their camp or retreat
- Day visitors meals require advance notice
- The Snack Bar is available upon request at time of reservation
- **SPECIAL DIETS**
  - Individuals with special diet requirements mandated by a doctor will be provided for. Please advise us of these needs two weeks **BEFORE** arrival
    - Special Note: Outside of our salad bar, we do not provide alternative meals for personal diets and preferences.

## RECREATION

- The Swimming Pool is available from May 1<sup>st</sup>-October 1<sup>st</sup>, weather permitting. The camp will provide lifeguards, and swimming is only permitted when they are on duty. All campers must obey lifeguards to maintain pool privileges. We will try to accommodate all groups in attendance. No swimming is allowed in fishing ponds or creek
- The maximum number of people inside the fenced pool area is forty (40)
- The American Red Cross requires a 1:20 ratio. One (1) lifeguard per twenty (20) swimmers in fenced pool area
- If your camp would like to provide a lifeguard of their own we must receive a copy of their lifeguard certification and driver's license prior to arrival
- For any recreation other than swimming, shoes will be required
- Two (2) multi-use fields are available for rec games. Bats, balls, and bases are available or you may bring your own
- Fishing is allowed from stocked ponds. Equipment is not provided by Camp Holy Wild. **Catch and release only**
- Bonfires and hayrides are available if requested at time of reservation
- There are nature trails throughout our 110 acres to hike. Lake Houston Park adjoins the camp and has over six miles of surfaced hiking trails
- The Zipline and the Giant Screamer Swing are available for your enjoyment at a small fee of \$5.00 per person per element. All facilitators are certified in securing you in the harness and overseeing your safety. All elements are offered between 8:30am-12:00pm

**The goal of Camp Holy Wild is to provide a place for spiritual growth and development, for fellowship and recreation. Reservation requests from non-church groups will be considered on a case by case basis. Please contact the camp office if you have questions regarding your group. Thank you.**