



**The essential survival
guide for leading summer
youth camp retreats at
Camp Buckner Hill
Country Retreat**

2010-11 SUMMER YOUTH CAMP RETREAT LEADERS' GUIDE JUNE – EARLY AUGUST

Driving through the Texas Hill Country, it's easy to notice that something is different. And when you hit the gravel road leading to Camp Buckner, the change cannot be denied. Life slows down. Nature takes over. The excitement and adventure of camp fill you up.

For more than 20 years, Camp Buckner has been a second home to thousands of youth and countless games, campouts, retreats and ropes course activities. Staff have spent hours upon hours behind the scenes to create an adventurous atmosphere for campers, and lives have been changed as youth hear the Gospel of Christ .

Offering a wide range of activities and facilities to suit your group's interest, Camp Buckner is the perfect place for your church's summer camp. Located 60 miles northwest of Austin, near Marble Falls, it's an easy drive from most Central Texas cities. Please know that our staff will do everything we can to make it easy for you, the planner, in order to have a fun-filled and meaningful summer camp experience. Join us!

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Sleeping Accommodations

Lodge:

- Ten-unit motel-style rooms
- Queen bed and single bed in each room
- Private bath facilities, telephone with computer connection
- Bed linens provided. No bath towels or toiletries
- Individually-controlled heating and air conditioning
- Access to ice and soda machines at the east end of the complex
- Fully-lighted parking lot
- Offers two rooms which are ADA compliant.

Chateau:

- Twenty– unit motel-style rooms
- Offers private accommodations along with telephone/computer hookups
- Baths with separate toilet and shower areas, double sinks (with the exception of our two ADA rooms)
- Heating and air conditioning
- Connecting doors between adjoining room
- Bed linens provided. No bath towels or toiletries
- Offers an assortment of three room arrangements, including:
 - * Twelve rooms with a queen bed, single bed and a bunk bed
 - * Three rooms with three single beds and a bunk bed
 - * Five rooms with four single beds.

Cabins:

For guests requiring the most cost-effective option, climate- controlled cabins are available.

Cabins Yellow Pine, Red Bud, Sycamore, and Mesquite each feature:

- Large porch
- Common foyer
- Bunk beds for up to 16 people in each wing (32 total beds)
- Two showers and three toilets per side
- Chilled water fountain
- No linens provided

Cabin Cedar provides the same accommodations for 14 and has two toilets per wing.

Cabin Live Oak contains two wings – Alpha and Omega – which do not join together.

Both sides feature:

- Chilled water fountain
- Accessible for the physically challenged
- Bunk beds for up to 16 people in each wing.

Conference Facilities

Faith Hall:

- Designed to seat up to 300 adults comfortably
- All-wood interior, rock fireplace with mantel and special commissioned paintings
- Large kitchenette includes full refrigerator, microwave and ample counter and cabinet space
- Ice and a 24-hour coffee service provided
- Large porch surrounds much of the building, with outdoor seating available for relaxing or visiting
- High-quality LCD projector permanently suspended from ceiling
- Wireless internet
- Sound system suitable for voices and/or instruments. (Arrangements for sound equipment should be made in advance. Group leaders are responsible for checking the equipment prior to use and advising camp staff of any deficiencies in advance. Damages beyond normal wear and tear are the responsibility of the group.)
- Cloth chairs designed for indoor use – may not be taken on the porch or beyond
- Available accessories include flip charts, easels, podium, tables, etc.
- Groups of 76 or more typically needed to reserve this facility
- Dimensions: 49 ft. x 78 ft. (3,800 square feet)

Craft/Doss Conference Center:

- Designed to seat 75 or fewer adults
- Kitchenette with counter space, a full refrigerator and microwave
- Restroom facilities for men and women
- Wireless internet
- Small sound system suitable for microphones, CDs and tapes. (Reservations for the audio/visual equipment should be made in advance. Group leaders are responsible for reporting in advance any deficiencies with audio/visual equipment and are responsible for damages beyond normal wear and tear.)
- Available accessories include flip charts, easels, podium, tables, television, VCR and DVD player
- Cloth chairs designed for indoor use only
- A guaranteed minimum of 50 persons is usually needed to reserve this facility
- Dimensions: 39 ft. x 28 ft. (1,092 square feet)

Pecos and Packsaddle Conference Rooms:

- Designed to seat 50 adults comfortably
- Located across the hallway from Faith Hall
- Kitchenette with sink, full refrigerator, granite countertop, shelves and microwave
- Dry erase board available and audio/visual aids may be requested
- Wireless internet
- Groups of 25 persons or larger generally utilize this facility
- Dimensions: 30 ft. x 24 ft. (720 square feet)

Cherokee Meeting Room:

- Designed to seat 20 adults around board room table
- Located at the back portion of the Camp Office complex
- Access to kitchenette with sink, full refrigerator, coffee service
- Wireless internet
- Dimensions: 27 ft. x 11 1/2 ft. (310.5 square feet)

Food Services

Dining hall

- Inside seating for up to 225 people
- Additional seating available at the picnic tables on the porch
- Banquet reservations can be made in advance
- Country cooking served “cafeteria-style”
- Vegetarian diet requests must be made in advance through group leaders
- Meal serving times of 8 - 8:30 a.m., 12 - 12:30 p.m., and 6 - 6:30 p.m. unless other arrangements have been made in advance
- Boxed lunches available with advance notice

Services Pricing

Unless otherwise indicated, these costs include the price for lodging, the number of meals indicated and a conference room suitable for your group's size. Camp Buckner reserves the right to change the meeting rooms for groups, but will not assign a group to a conference room in which the number of persons exceeds our suggested capacity.

Youth Camp Pricing Structure 2008 Prices

Cost per person: (Dinner on arrival dates thru breakfast on departure date)

Includes:

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| Lodging | Meals | Horseback Riding |
| Meeting facility | Canoeing/kayaking | Challenge Course |
| Blob | Pool | |
| Archery | Hayride | |
| A/V equipment as available | Campfire (if not under a burn ban). | |

Cost per person:

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| 3Nights/8 Meals | \$225 per person |
| 4Nights/11 Meals | \$295 per person |
| 5Nights/14 Meals | \$355 per person |

Booking

PRIORITY BOOKING:

Minimum of 225 people for a 4 or 5 night stay
(Monday – Friday or Saturday)
291 Maximum number of guests

OTHER BOOKING:

Minimum of 225 people for a 3 night stay (Friday- Monday)
291 Maximum number of guests

Guaranteeing 225 gives your group exclusive use of camp which includes:
All meeting facilities (Faith Hall, Pecos, Packsaddle and Craft/Doss)
6 Cabins
20 Chateau rooms
10 Lodge rooms

Bookings of less than 225 please contact the guest services director to check availability.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TIMES:

Arrive after 2 pm on arrival date
Depart by 10 am on departure date

**Advance arrangements must be made if you seek different arrival or departure times*

CAMP STORE:

The Camp Buckner Store sells a variety of retail items including t-shirts, caps, water bottles, flashlights, pens and more. Refreshments such as soda, fruit drinks and candy can also be made available. The group leader should make arrangements 2 weeks prior to the retreat to ensure the camp store will be open at the desired times.



Additional Services/ Options

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| Additional Activities: | |
| Paintball | Local Vendor. Call Guest Services Director for information. |
| Additional Meal costs | \$9.00 per person per meal |
| Age & Number limits: | |
| Canoeing/Kayaking | 6 years old 15 person max 30 min time slots |
| Blob | 6 years old |
| Pool | no age limit |
| Archery | 6 years old 10 person max 30 min time slots |
| Horses | 10 years old for trail ride 10 person max 1 hr time slots |
| Ropes | Individuals must have completed 5th grade 45 person max 3 hr time slots |

Scheduling Activities

Activities must be scheduled between: 9am– 12 noon; 1:30 pm-5:30 pm

*unless advance arrangements have been made

*Only available night activity offered is the pool. Pool closes at 10:30 pm.

Free Recreation Options:

- Sand Volleyball
- Soccer
- Basketball at the covered, (and lighted) sports pavilion
- Ping pong
- Horseshoes
- Softball (limited equipment provided)
- Exploring the 800-acre wood
- Walking and hiking trails (Trail Map available at Camp Office)
- Catch and release fishing (bring own equipment)

Other Recreation Options and Local Attractions:

Advanced lead time of four weeks is needed to facilitate the following events:

Golf - Camp Buckner is in close proximity to the new Tom Kite Championship Golf Course “The Legends on Lake LBJ.” For green fees contact the golf course at (325)-388-8888. Check out legendsonlakelbj.com for more information.

Swimming - Available May through September in our highly acclaimed pool. A four-week notice is required so that certified lifeguards will be available.

Ropes Challenge Course - High elements (personal challenges) and low elements (team building) are offered in increments of four hours or more at our course. At least four-weeks notice is required so that certified facilitators will be available.

Hayride - Explore the camp grounds in recommended groups of up to 15 adults per ride.

Campfire - Camp Buckner will set up the wood for you at one of our fire rings. There is a small charge for this service. Bonfires may be negotiated for an additional fee. Camp is always subject to county “burn bans.” Campfires must be arranged in advance.

Paintball - Camp Buckner established a paintball course in 2002. Groups may work with a local provider to supply equipment and personnel. Camp recommends at least a four-week notice so that you can have adequate time to work with the outside vendor.

Longhorn Caverns - A favorite for many and just behind the Buckner property on Park Road 4. Arrangements should be made directly with the park at (512) 715-0255.

Enchanted Rock - Spectacular views of the Hill Country available only an hour drive away. Arrangements should be made with the park at (915) 247-3903.

Vanishing Texas River Cruise - As long as the river is up, this is a great option and a chance to see bald eagles in the wild. Arrangements may be made directly with the company at (512) 756-6986.

Shopping - Burnet and Marble Falls are both 15 minutes away and Fredericksburg is about one hour from camp, as well as the new Hill Country Galleria in Bee Caves.

Medical Emergencies

- Camp strongly recommends that each group bring along a person who is at least certified in basic first aid and CPR. Additional training is preferred.
- Basic medical information on each participant – including signed permission to treat them in case of an emergency as well as the right to transport them when necessary – should be kept by the group leader or medical personnel at all times.
- Each group is strongly urged to bring an adequate first aid kit to care for the needs of its members.
- Groups should prepare for its own medical necessities, including any known medical conditions of its members.
- While each group is ultimately responsible for their own medical issues, there are some additional steps you need to be aware of before you arrive.

All Summer Youth groups must supply their own nurse and supplies to attend to campers needs. Camp Buckner does NOT provide a camp nurse, but WILL provide a nurses station.

First: In the case of an emergency requiring EMS, you may dial from any camp phone (9) + 911. Tell the dispatcher that you have an emergency at Camp Buckner at 3835 FM 2342. It is vitally important to meet the ambulance at the front gate and then guide them to the victim. In the meantime, camp personnel should be contacted by dialing (9) 512-755-4985 or extensions 3401 or 3402. The EMS team is currently one mile away from our property.

Second: For medical issues requiring a physician, the Marble Falls Minor Emergency Center [(9)(830) 798-1122] is ready to assist you. Their office hours are: Mon. – Sat. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. They are located in Marble Falls at 1701 Hwy 281 North, on the south side of the highway.

Third: For emergencies requiring a physician after hours or for individuals who prefer to be treated in an emergency room, Seton Highland Lakes hospital is located just inside Burnet on Hwy 281. Their number is (512) 756-6000.

**For other Camp Buckner policies, please refer to
your agreement or go to our Web site at
www.campbuckner.org
email us at campinfo@buckner.org**



About Camp Buckner

Camp Buckner was established in 1987 to place our guest in the most positive, fun-loving Christian atmosphere possible. Our staff at Camp Buckner strives to have a servant's heart and attitude in everything we do. Camp Buckner was built from the ground up on 800 acres in the beautiful Texas Hill country. We are located near Burnet and Marble Falls Texas. We are an hour northwest of Austin.

From August through mid-May, we operate as a retreat and conference center. From mid-May through July, we operate as a Christian camp retreat center.

Camp Buckner is a ministry of Buckner International, a diverse global ministry to orphan and at-risk children and families. Established in 1879, Buckner has answered children's needs throughout our history. Today, our services include a global humanitarian aid program, volunteer missions opportunities, community enrichment and prevention programs, an international network of residential, foster care and transitional housing services, domestic and international adoption, support programs for children living in orphanages in other countries and five retirement communities.

