



# HERMANN SONS LIFE

CAMP

## 2021 Registration Information

**ATTENTION CAMPERS!** This is your special invitation to spend an exciting week in the Hill Country at Hermann Sons Life Camp. The fee for a full-week session at our Riverside Camp for girls or Hilltop Camp for boys is only \$275.

Children, ages 9-14, choose one week from the seven full-week summer sessions. During their six-day adventure, campers participate in a variety of fun and challenging activities under the caring guidance of our trained staff.



Weeks for attendance are assigned by order received through the registration process. After May 15, second week options will become available.

Campers are grouped in cabins according to their age. Friend requests are taken into account, however, are not guaranteed. Camp policy dictates campers separated by two or more years of age are placed in different cabins.

Premiums and lodge dues must remain current to attend Camp.

## How to Register Your Camper

*We understand that this seems like a long process, however, once your information is entered into our system, it will be stored until your camper becomes inactive for 1-2 years. If you have another child who will be registering for Camp or Dance, you will be able to access your account and register them for those benefits without having to re-enter any contact or payment information.*

*If you have any problems completing the registration process, please contact the Home Office Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. by calling 210-226-9261 or 800-234-4124.*

1. Go to [hermannsonslife.org](http://hermannsonslife.org). Scroll to the bottom of the Home Page and click "Camp Registration." That will take you to a page where you can begin the registration process. Or you can go to Member Benefits, then Camp and then Application to begin the process.

2. Once you are directed to the Class Juggler log in screen you will need to click on the "Register Now" button in the top right hand corner.

3. It will ask you for your access code. **21CMPRFUN** is the code you will need to complete registration. (Note: The system will ask you for this code several times.)

4. You will be asked to set up your own username and password. (Username will be your email address.)

5. It will then take you step by step to set up your family's information.

6. You will be asked to accept the Class Juggler user agreement.

7. Once you have agreed to this you will be sent to the welcome page. This page will show you how to add your campers and your payment information.

8. Once that step is complete you are able to shop for sessions. On the menu to the left there is a "Shopping Option." Click on it and you will see "Shop for Classes."

9. This will take you to the Store screen.

10. You will be asked to enter your access code again.

11. Choose the store labeled 2021 Camper Store.

12. A list of available sessions will show up on the next screen.

13. Choose your session, and add the student that you are registering for this session. At the bottom, you have the option to add Camp vouchers or donations to the Hermann Sons Life Camp Grief Support Session. Click "Add Class to Cart."

14. Your session will go into your cart. Once you have registered all of your campers you will then go to your cart to check out.

15. Complete the check out through **YOUR CART ONLY. DO NOT USE the "Make a Payment" option.** This may result in an error.

16. Before your payment can be processed, the Home Office staff must verify your child's eligibility. Once the Home Office completes this step, which may take 1 to 2 business days, we will process your payment using the credit or debit card information you have entered. You will then receive your Camp Confirmation email. The email will include five important forms.

### YOU ARE NOT DONE YET!

To make your child's stay with us the best it can possibly be, we need to gather information from you.

**1. DORM ASSIGNMENT and CHECK OUT FORM** - This is a form that you will complete and submit online. It will ask the following questions:

- Does your camper prefer a top bunk, bottom bunk or has no preference?
- Is there someone your camper wants to bunk with?
- Who has permission to pick up your camper?

**2. ACTIVITY SELECTION FORM** - This form should be completed and submitted online immediately. Campers are placed into 6 activity periods. **We ask that your camper select his/her top 10 choices.** Their requests are used to make their activity assignments. It is always best for the camper to help with the process of ranking activities as it makes his/her stay more enjoyable. The activities for boys and girls are listed inside this brochure. Campers are guaranteed to receive their activity selections from their top 10 choices.

**3. HEALTH HISTORY FORM** - This form must be mailed to arrive at Camp at least **TWO WEEKS** prior to your child's arrival. Detailed information, like the month and year of the camper's last tetanus shot, is required. This form can also be found by going to the website and clicking on "Member Benefits," then "Camper Application" and then "Camper Medical Form."

**4. MEDICATION FORM** - This form is provided in the confirmation email. It should be completed and provided at the time of your child's arrival along with your camper's medications in their original container with directions on how to administer.

**5. COVID-19 WAIVER** - This form is provided in the confirmation email and needs to be completed and turned in at the time of your child's arrival.

## Summer Camp Theme

Camp makes a difference in the lives of campers and staff in attendance and creates memories that last a lifetime. The theme for the summer of 2021 is:

***Making memories, making a difference!***

## Dates & Masquerade Ball Themes

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| Session 1 - June 13-19                  | Disney/Marvel     |
| Session 2 - June 20-26                  | Neon              |
| Session 3 - June 27-July 3              | Red, White & Blue |
| <b>Grief Support Session - July 5-8</b> |                   |
| <b>Mini-Camp Session - July 8-10</b>    | The 80s           |
| Session 4 - July 11-17                  | Hawaiian          |
| Session 5 - July 18-24                  | Christmas in July |
| Session 6 - July 25-31                  | Halloween         |
| Session 7 - Aug. 1-7                    | Space/Aliens      |



## New in 2021!

**Camp is about the camper.** This summer we will be redesigning the daily activities to focus on **PLAY** and **FUN**. There will be no finals this summer as we are re-instituting the **BLUE** and **RED** games. Campers will be assigned to a team. Throughout the week campers can earn points based on daily activity achievements and positive behavior.

For the first time in 2021, 14-year-olds can attend Camp as campers.

Some new activities have been added. Drama has been added at Hilltop Camp and Yoga has been added at Riverside.

## Mini-Camp • July 8-10 • 8 & 9 Year Olds

This summer's Mini-Camp is for 8- and 9-year-olds. The two-night Camp will be held at Hilltop and will give these first-time campers the chance to experience all the fun of Camp without being away from home from an entire week. It will be a dorm-based program featuring the best of our daily and evening activities. If you have a child who is eligible for Mini-Camp you will receive a postcard with registration instructions.

## Schedule

The check-in and check-out schedule, as well as the Camp daily schedule can be found in the Parent Handbook and on our website, [www.hermannsonslife.org](http://www.hermannsonslife.org).

## Cancellation Policy

A fee will be retained for all cancellations. In order to receive a \$150 refund, you must cancel through the Home Office by calling 210-226-9261 or 800-234-4124 (toll-free outside San Antonio) or by emailing [camp@hermannsonslife.org](mailto:camp@hermannsonslife.org) **no later than noon on the MONDAY before your scheduled week. Otherwise your entire Camp fee will be forfeited.**

## ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

We want to remind all our campers and their parents about two important changes to the eligibility rules for Camp.

First - all campers can now attend a second week of Camp. After May 15, anyone who has already registered will be able to register for another week at the same cost of \$275.

Second - the maximum eligible age to attend Camp is now 14.

## Camper Requirements

Hermann Sons Life Camp is a traditional sleep-away camp and participants need to be able to move around freely to participate in programs, eat meals prepared in our kitchens and must be able to effectively interact in group elements. **Medical staff resides at Camp but is not designed to care for all pre-existing specialized medical needs.** To help determine if Camp is a good match for your child, please contact Executive Camp Director Ian Brassett at 830-995-3223. At the discretion of Camp administration, Hermann Sons Life Camp may deny attendance to campers whose health needs cannot best be met by the staff and facilities. Circumstances may change from year to year.

## Our Staff Makes Us Special!

The Camp staff provides a safe program in a caring environment that promotes and enhances positive development through group interaction, nature and other camp experiences.

There are 18-32 campers in each dorm with three to five counselors. All staff members are interviewed by the Executive Director and background checks are conducted. Counselors participate in a week of staff training before the start of the Camp season.

We have a large number of staff returning again this summer. Returning staff are amazing and help the traditions of Camp move seamlessly from one season to the next. To bring in new and exciting programs, this upcoming summer we have hired staff from overseas to help provide an element of cultural diversity to our Camp program. The campers are going to love our staff from Australia, New Zealand, England, Wales, Scotland, Germany and other locations. They will be assigned to work in the dorms and with campers during activities.

## Grief Support Session

Once again this summer, there will be a special half-week session at Camp focused exclusively on children ages 8-17 who are grieving the loss of a loved one. During their session they will work with licensed therapists in groups and individually.

The goal is to make it possible for these children to attend at no cost (except the \$50 application fee). This camp session is made possible by generous donations. In addition, we are reaching out to our campers and their families. If every camper attending a regular session would donate at least \$5 it would help cover half of the cost for this session. The total cost for one child to attend this special half-week session will be \$500.

**You will be given an opportunity during online registration to make a donation.**

# Activities

At Hermann Sons Life Camp, our campers choose their own adventures. Once enrolled you will be asked to pick your TOP 10 activities in order of preference. We will schedule your child SIX of their top 10 activity choices. More details can be found in the Parent Handbook. All of our activities are designed where participation and play are essential in learning the basic skills in a fun, safe environment.

## AT HILLTOP CAMP FOR BOYS

\_\_\_\_\_ **Recreational Swimming** – Free swim time in addition to time devoted to water games.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Archery** – Campers are taught basic skills of marksmanship using a re-curve bow and arrows.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Riflery** – Using air rifles, campers learn shooting techniques and positions while practicing essential safety fundamentals.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Soccer** – In addition to learning footwork techniques, campers scrimmage and use drills to advance their skills.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Baseball** – Good sportsmanship is emphasized while campers work on proper hitting, throwing and catching techniques and basic game play.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tennis** – Serving, strokes, scoring and sportsmanship are the focus of this activity.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Basketball** – Participants learn passing, catching, footwork, shooting and other techniques in a team-oriented environment.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Flag Football** – Campers will learn basic skills such as passing, kicking and catching.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Volleyball** – Campers develop their forearm and overhead passes, serves and other techniques while playing on a sand court. Drills and games are played throughout the week.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Golf** – Campers develop their short game, learn about golf etiquette and have their swings analyzed.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Court Hockey** – Campers work as a team to better understand offensive and defensive strategies. Participants wear athletic shoes.

\_\_\_\_\_ **GaGa** – Supremely popular camp activity where campers will learn fun techniques and etiquette.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Recreational Games** – Campers participate in different sports-oriented activities throughout the week.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Adventures in Nature\*** – Nature hikes and outdoor educational activities, like bird watching, are a part of this class.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Drama** (Theater Arts) – Campers take part in theatrical exercises and activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ceramics & Leather Crafts** – Campers use leather craft stamps to design leather projects. They also paint plaster craft pieces.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rocketry** – Campers assemble model rockets and launch them at the end of the week.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Climbing\*** – Campers will practice safe climbing techniques primarily on our bouldering wall and the 30-foot vertical wall. In addition, campers will participate in some low ropes course activities, knot-tying skills, rappelling and more.

\_\_\_\_\_ **S.T.E.M. Reactions** – A new series of fun (and messy) activities exploring science and technology.

### Ages 11-14 Only

\_\_\_\_\_ **Adventure Activities\*** – Campers will participate in our High Ropes Challenge Course, Zip Line and the Giant's Swing.

### Ages 10-14 Only

\_\_\_\_\_ **Outdoor Living Skills\*** – Campers experience outdoor adventures such as hiking, fire-building, outdoor cooking and other activities in wooded areas around Camp.

## AT RIVERSIDE CAMP FOR GIRLS

\_\_\_\_\_ **Recreational Swimming** – Free swim time in addition to time devoted to water games.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Archery** – Campers are taught basic skills of marksmanship using a re-curve bow and arrows.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Riflery** – Using air rifles, campers learn shooting techniques and positions while practicing essential safety fundamentals.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Soccer** – In addition to learning footwork techniques, campers scrimmage and use drills to advance their skills.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Softball** – Good sportsmanship is emphasized while campers work on proper hitting, throwing and catching techniques and basic game play.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tennis** – Serving, strokes, scoring and sportsmanship are the focus of this activity.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Basketball** – Participants learn passing, catching, footwork, shooting and other techniques in a team-oriented environment.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Volleyball** – Campers develop their forearm and overhead passes, serves and other techniques while playing on a sand court. Drills and games are played throughout the week.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Recreational Games** – Campers participate in different sports-oriented activities throughout the week.

\_\_\_\_\_ **GaGa** – Supremely popular camp activity where campers will learn fun techniques and etiquette.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Adventures in Nature\*** – Campers participate in nature hikes, fishing at the river, bird watching and other outdoor educational activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ceramics** – Campers learn about colors and paint a plaster craft piece.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Camp Crafts** – A variety of projects are created throughout the week.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cheer** – Campers are taught a dance routine and a line dance.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Dance** – In addition to movement technique, campers are taught a routine.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tumbling** – Campers learn to strengthen basic tumbling skills and are taught new skills based on their abilities.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Twirling** – Participants are taught fundamental baton and flag-spinning skills along with a routine.

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\_\_\_\_\_ **S.T.E.M. Reactions** – A new series of fun (and messy) activities exploring science and technology.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yoga** – Students will learn basic poses and yoga terminology as they discover the combination of physical and mental exercises that have the power to calm the mind and strengthen the body.

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\*Denotes two-period class

# Running a Safe Camp in 2021

We were all disappointed that Camp did not operate in 2020. Our goal for 2021 is to provide our campers and parents with an exceptional and safe summer Camp experience.

New procedures have been implemented designed to provide a safe Camp environment for campers and staff.

Here is a quick recap of these new procedures:

- One week prior to the camper's arrival at Camp, an email will be sent to parents requesting the parents strictly monitor the health of their child and themselves. While it may be impractical for some, we ask that all Camp participants restrict contact to members of their own household unless absolutely necessary for 14 days prior to their arrival in Camp.
- To reduce the number of families on-site and to speed up arrival times we will be staggering arrival times by dorm in 2021. One week prior to your child's arrival in camp, you will receive an email listing their dorm and your child's scheduled arrival time. (Provided we have received your child's Health Form in a timely manner).
- Strict carpooling policies will be enforced. Campers may only carpool for another camper (non-family member) if they will be in the same dorm. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Parents will be asked not to leave their vehicle during drop-off. Check-in will follow a series of stops conducted by the senior and medical staff. We know this is a difficult request but exceptions cannot be made.
- During the first stop, the temperature of each camper in the vehicle will be taken. The temperature cannot be higher than 100.4°F.
- The Medication Table will be the next stop. If you are not dropping off medication, you may skip this stop.
- At the next stop, the staff will collect the luggage and your child. Please do not leave your vehicle. Say your goodbyes in the car. A staff member will then assist your child to their dorm

and introduce them to their counselors.

- The counselors will help the campers unpack, orientate the campers to the dorm, review their activity schedule and introduce them to their new friends in the dorm. During this arrival time, there will be four to five counselors and a senior counselor in each dorm along with the CITS assigned to that dorm. **YOUR CAMPER WILL NEVER BE ALONE.**
- The temperature of all campers and staff will be taken in the morning at breakfast. Anyone recording a temp of higher than 100.4°F will have a temp retaken at the end of breakfast. If the high temp persists and is still higher than 100.4F, the camper will be excluded from morning activities. Parents will be contacted about picking up their child.  
It is strongly recommended that campers and staff will wear masks when inside and social distancing is not possible. Activities and programs have been adjusted and designed to create social distancing where possible such as two meal-seatings, outdoor Game Nights, increased seating capacities for crafts, STEM and other creative activities along with so much more.

A Parent Handbook has been developed that will answer more of your questions concerning our safety protocols. You can read the Parent Handbook by going to [hermannsonslife.org/camp-parent-handbook](http://hermannsonslife.org/camp-parent-handbook).

We will be constantly reviewing the state regulations and American Association and CDC guidelines throughout the spring.

We will be hosting a series of Zoom discussions throughout the Spring to discuss camp and answer your questions and concerns about Summer 2021. These Zoom sessions will be advertised in the newspaper, on our Facebook page and in the Hermann Sons Life App.

*If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Executive Camp Director Ian Brassett at 830-995-3223 or [ianb@hermannsonslife.org](mailto:ianb@hermannsonslife.org).*