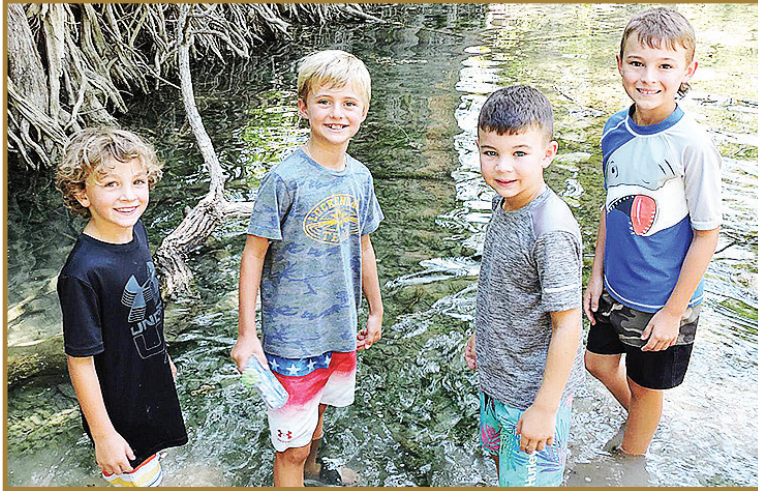




Hermann Sons Life Camp



2024 CAMP INFORMATION



Attention Campers! It's that time of year!

A Junior member from your household is now eligible to attend Hermann Sons Life Camp! Juniors who are ages 7-9 by Sept. 1, 2024, are eligible for mini camp, and ages 8-14 as of Sept. 1, 2024, are eligible for a full week or the new extended week. Mini camp registration fees are \$220 that includes a \$20 non-refundable Camp store voucher. Full-week registration fees are \$375 that includes a \$20 non-refundable Camp store voucher. The

extended week registration fee is \$600 that includes a \$20 non-refundable Camp store voucher.

Weeks are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are processed in the order they are received in our registration system.

Second-session options will be available starting May 15.

This brochure has the instructions on how to register as well as all of the information about our Camp!

Hope to see your camper this summer!

REGISTRATION



The above QR code will take you directly to our registration portal. Or click here for the portal: https://www.classjuggler.com/cj/priv/cssc2/auth/cssc_signin.php?cssc_id=3009

If you have already registered for dance or camp before you will be asked for your username and password. If you have not registered before you will need to set up your account with all of your family and camper information.

Once all of your information is updated (including your credit card information) you will need to go to the Shopping Option in the menu options on the left of the screen. Choose the store you want to shop in and enter the same code as above. Choose your session and add your students to each session request. Each session will have an option to add a Grief Camp donation or a Facility Improvement donation. Once you have added all of the sessions to your cart you will complete your order in the cart. **DO NOT use the "Make Payment" Option**, this may result in an error and your camper may not get the session you have chosen.

Payments will be processed within 1-2 business days.



2024 CAMPER WEEKS

Dates	Themes	Riverside (for Girls)	Hilltop (for Boys)
6/9 - 6/15	Texas	Session #1 CIT-2	Session #1 CIT-2
6/16 - 6/22	Hawaiian	Session #2 CIT-2	Session #2 CIT-2
6/23 - 6/29	Neon	Session #3 CIT-1	11-DAY 10-NIGHT COED Camp 6/23 - 7/3
6/30 - 7/3		Mini-Camp #1	
7/7 - 7/13	Christmas	Session #4 CIT-2	Session #4 CIT-2
7/14 - 7/20	Halloween	Session #5 CIT-1	Session #5 CIT-1
7/21 - 7/27	Marvel/Disney	Session #6 CIT-1	Session #6 CIT-1
7/28 - 7/31	Red, White & Blue	Mini-Camp #2	Grief Camp

Mini-Camp for first-time campers

June 30-July 3 & July 28-31 • For 7- to 9-Year Olds

Mini-Camp is for 7- to 9-year-olds. The three-night Mini-Camp Session 1 will be held at Riverside Camp and the three-night Mini-Camp Session 2 is held at Hilltop. Both camps are coed and gives first-time campers the chance to experience all the fun of Camp without being away from home an entire week. It is a free-choice, activity-based program featuring the best of the daily and evening activities. The fee for the Mini-Camp session is \$220 which includes a non-refundable \$20 Camp store voucher.

Open House/Members' Picnic

Open House is for both Camps, Riverside for girls and Hilltop for boys. It will be held on **Saturday, June 8, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** The pool and some activities will be available at both camp sites. Fun tours of the camps will run approximately every 30 minutes. Lunch will be provided from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

10-Night – 11-Day Camp!

This brand new COED camp will be held at Hilltop Camp. This new program will allow campers the opportunity to develop deeper bonds and friendships with their camp friends and staff.

What's different?

Campers will get more choice and freedom with the selection of their activities, however parents will not be involved in the process.

The first two days (Monday and Tuesday) will be cabin-structured with pre-selected activities to allow campers the opportunity to try challenge activities, kayaking, archery, free swim, crafts and sports.

Campers, at lunch on Tuesday, will then select the activities they wish to attend Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. At brunch on Saturday, campers then will be able to select different (or the same) activities for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Electives will change daily as they do in the regular program.

After-dinner activities will include camper favorites like game night, the dance, capture-the-flag and rotations. These activities will be supplemented by brand new activities with camper giving input into what they want such as pool parties, karaoke, dorm-based skits and so many more.

We'll make sure the campers have time to decompress over the weekend with sleep-ins, brunch and a brand new fun special event, a water carnival.

The cost of this program is \$600 and includes a \$20 Camp store voucher.

Camp Store – 2024

The Camp registration fee includes a non-refundable \$20 Camp store voucher. Campers go to the store once per week with their dorm.

If parents wish to provide their camper with more than the \$20, cash may be sent with the camper.

Camp merchandise is also available online. The online Camp Store will be available before June 1. The \$20 voucher cannot be used on the online store.

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.

Parent Handbook

Our goal for 2024 is to provide our campers and parents with an exceptional and safe summer camp experience. The Parent Handbook will answer questions concerning safety protocols, daily schedules, activity choices, packing list and much more. You can read the Parent Handbook on our website or by using this link: https://issuu.com/hermannsonslife/docs/parent_handbook_2024?fr=sMjY1ODYyNzY2OTU

The link will also be provided in the confirmation email.

We routinely review state regulations, American Camp Association and CDC guidelines throughout the spring.

Informational Zoom Calls

To help our parents and campers with their questions about Camp, Executive Camp Director Ian Brassett will be available to answer questions and discuss all things summer camp through Zoom calls.

• **March 23, 2024 – 9-10 a.m.**

• **April 14, 2024 – 9-10 a.m.**

Please email Ian at ianb@hermannsonslife.org to get on the mailing list for dates and details on the Zoom calls.

Cancellation Policy

A fee will be retained for all cancellations. Refund amounts: \$200 for Full Week Session; \$100 for CIT session; \$100 for the Mini-Camp session and \$300 for the extended session. You must cancel through the Camp Office by calling 830-995-3223 or by emailing camp@hermannsonslife.org **two weeks prior to your child's scheduled week of Camp. Otherwise the entire Camp fee will be forfeited.**

Attention! Attention!

A reminder that 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 \$375.

Also, **the maximum eligible age to attend Camp is now 14.**

Activities

Specialized Activities Chosen at Home

Riverside - AM	Hilltop - PM
Adventures in Nature	Adventures in Nature
Archery	Archery
Basketball	Baseball
Canoe & Kayak**	Basketball
Challenge**	Canoe & Kayak**
Cheer	Challenge**
Climbing**	Climbing**
Dance	Court Hockey
Drama	Skits
Ga-Ga	Fishing**
Fishing**	Flag Football
Golf	Ga-Ga
Outdoor Living Skills**	Golf
REC GAMES	Outdoor Living Skills**
Rec Swim	REC GAMES
Riflery	Rec Swim
Rocketry	Riflery
Soccer	Rocketry
Softball	Soccer
Tennis	Tennis
Tumbling	Newcomb ball
Twirling	
Sand Volleyball	**=Denotes a double period.

Fridays at Camp

On Friday mornings, the girls will travel to Hilltop Camp and try to break records set by the counselors! We'll keep track of camper and counselor records throughout the summer and post in the Hermann Sons Life newspaper who has Bragging Rights!

During their elective classes, campers will be given the opportunity to try some of these activities. Let's see how many records are broken!

While this activity is running, campers will have the opportunity to participate in free swim, Ga-Ga, crafts and all Riverside and Hilltop camper rockets will be launched.

After a morning of these fun activities, a joint barbecue lunch will be held. After lunch, the girls will head back to Riverside for a rest period and redneck water games in the afternoon.

There are **three coed-activities** between Hilltop and Riverside camps. In addition to this activity, the boys travel to the girls for Game Night on Monday night and the Dance on Wednesday night.

Age rules have changed

We listen to our campers and parents! We have opened up our regular camp sessions to junior members aged EIGHT through FOURTEEN. We have also extended the Mini-Camp and opened it up to campers aged SEVEN through NINE for first-time campers.

Activity Program

The camper will select their six favorite activities before Camp begins. Before the camper arrives, the goal is to give the camper their top three activity choices. Some activities will only be available in the SPECIALTY Program. Examples include the Challenge Course, rocketry and kayaking.

Please note: We have moved arts and crafts and ceramics to the elective activities in the afternoon. Tie dying and mosaics have been added to the daily elective choices.

A more detailed description of the activities can be found in the Parent Handbook. It is available at hermannsonslife.org. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click Camp registration. The link will also be provided in your confirmation email.

Elective Program

The second half of the program will allow campers to choose two electives each day. At Hilltop, these activities are held in the morning. At Riverside, these activities are held in the afternoon. During the lunch period at Riverside or during breakfast at Hilltop, the campers will choose two fun activities.

Each day, the camper will choose their adventure. They can hang out with their new friends at the pool or try a new activity every day. The activities offered will not be limited to the activities listed. More details can be found in the Parent Handbook and on the Zoom parental calls with the executive camp director.

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.

Grief Support Session

There is 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. 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 is \$500.

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

*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*

You're Not Done Yet!

YOUR ARE NOT DONE YET!

To help us provide the best and safest possible Camp experience, we NEED you to provide these forms. Forms are available on the website registration page.

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 3 activity periods. We ask that your camper select his/her top 6 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 6 choices.

3. HEALTH HISTORY FORM – You will receive an email (separate



from the confirmation email) via Drop Sign to be digitally signed and submitted. This form must be filled out and submitted **as soon as possible**. Detailed information, like month and year of the camper's tetanus shot, is required. **No physical exam is required.**

3. 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 original containers with directions on how to administer.

