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SUMMER CAMP 2018



EBERT RANCH



• FAMILY WRANGLER
CAMP •

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Please Note: This booklet is meant to provide basic information to parents and campers. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office.



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Welcome to Camp

Dear Campers and Parents,

Prayer is our way of communicating with God. For some people, prayer is familiar and happens at church, before meals, and at bed time. At camp, it is engrained into everything we do. This summer, campers will see that it is easy to follow 1Thessalonians when it says, "Pray without ceasing!" Campers will be learning about prayers of praise, confession, thanksgiving, and asking as well as learning how to make these types of prayers a routine in their lives. We will also be looking at Jesus model of prayer in the Lord's Prayer.

Ebert Ranch is an incredible place and I cannot wait for you to experience it! Since 1983, Ebert Ranch has been a place of transforming relationships with God, friends, cabin mates, and more. People experience the love of Christ in community and, during times of play, and in the still moments here. Campers have the opportunity to try new things, explore creation, enjoy ranch life, learn from peers and mentors, experience God in new ways, and be who God intended them to be.

If you have never been to Ebert Ranch before...Welcome! We are so glad that you are coming! We will do our best to make this a great experience for you. We know that trying something new can be difficult, but we are here to make this easy for you.

Please read through this booklet, as it will answer a lot of questions that you may have about camp. Should you have other questions, please don't hesitate to look on our website, www.crosstrails.org or to email or call me directly at stephen@crosstrails.org or (830) 864-4669.

We look forward to serving you as Christ served others. We cannot wait to see you this summer!

Stephen Krupicka
Director
Ebert Ranch Camp

Our Mission

*The Mission of Cross Trails Ministry
is to provide unique settings & experiences
in which youth, adults & families
are strengthened in their relationship
with Christ, each other, the church and community.*



Paperwork & Payment

In order to complete your registration, the following items need to be sent in prior to your arrival or submitted to our office upon arrival. Please send these items to Registrar; Cross Trails Ministry; 391 Upper Turtle Creek Road; Kerrville, TX 78028.

We need forms for each person regardless of age. Please remember, financial aid Camperships are available. Contact our office for more information.

- Balance Due.
- Health History Form—**signed or submitted online**
If you submit this form online, please bring a copy of your insurance card.
- Cross Trails Ministry Release Form—**signed or submitted online**
- Group Photo and Summer Video Order Form—Optional—We will be taking a group photo each week that can be used as a souvenir for our campers. Order one at the beginning of the week to guarantee you get one!

New this year, we will produce a weekly video encompassing all programs at Ebert Ranch the week your camper comes. It will be offered online through Vimeo. Please see page 11 for more information.

Arrival & Departure

Arrival:

Family Wrangler campers attending session "A" may arrive at Ebert Ranch between 3 and 5 pm on Sunday, July 1.

Family Wrangler campers attending session "B" may arrive at Ebert Ranch between 3 and 5 pm on Wednesday, July 4.

Because our staff have other responsibilities, we can not accept early arrivals.

Departure:

Family Wrangler camp session "A" will conclude at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4. Family and friends are welcome to come at 10:30 to join our closing worship.

Family Wrangler camp session "B" will conclude at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 7. Family and friends are welcome to come at 10:30 to join our closing worship.



Directions to Ebert Ranch

Ebert Ranch Camp
30700 Ranch Road 385
Harper, TX 78631

Please note this is a new entrance from previous summers.

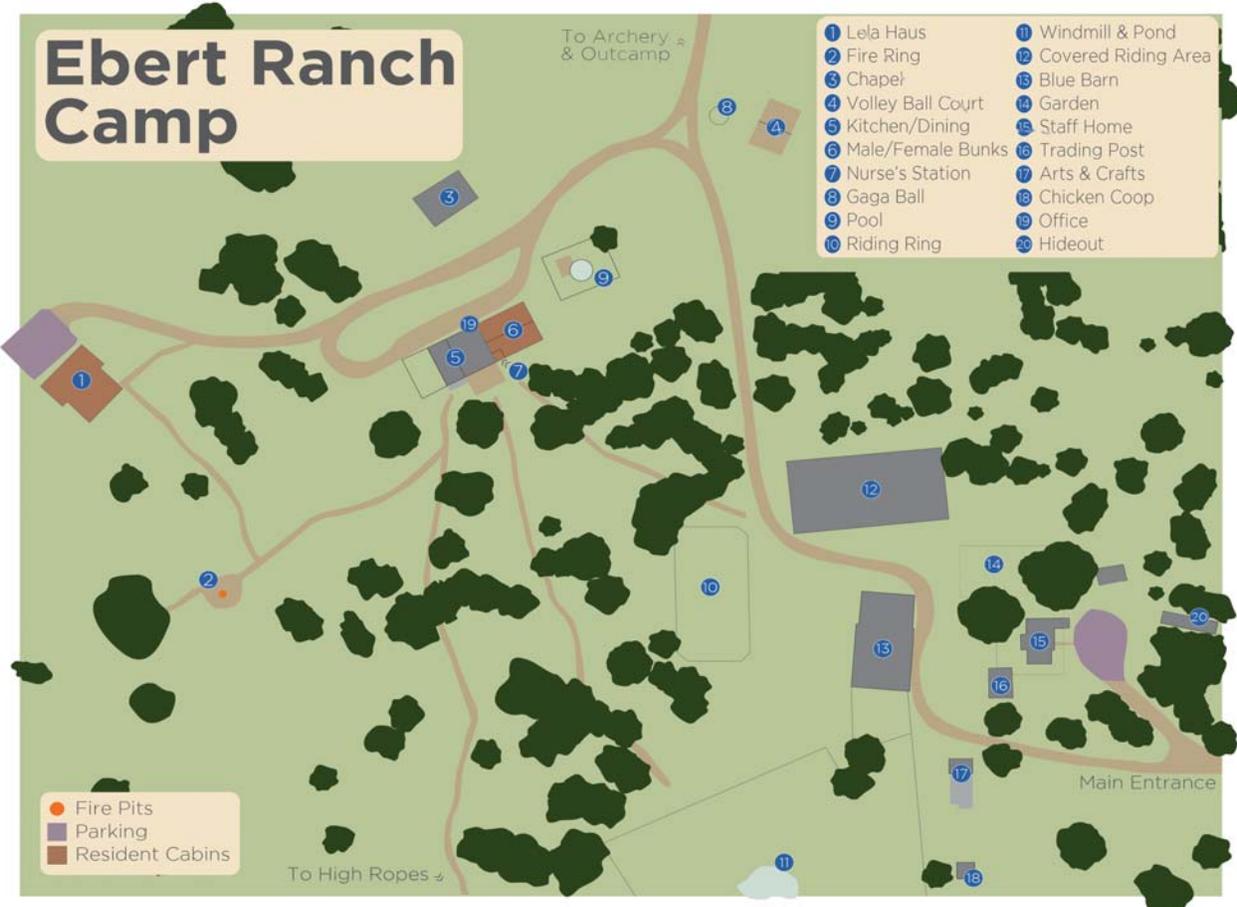
From San Antonio:

Take I-10 North West to exit 492 (Ranch Road 479).
Turn right onto RR 479 and travel north for 8 miles.
Turn right onto US Highway 290 and travel east for 1 mile.
Turn left onto Ranch Road 385 and go 2 miles. Ebert Ranch is on the right side.

From Austin:

Take Hwy 290 through Harper towards Junction.
Turn right onto Ranch Road 385 (approx. 4 miles west of Harper).
Travel 2 miles (North) on Ranch Road 385. Ebert Ranch is on the right side.

Map of Ebert Ranch





Contacting Your Camper

We encourage camper families to contact their campers during their stay. However, non-emergency visits or phone calls are disruptive to the camp program. So please plan to write letters or email your camper.

Letters:

If your family would like to write to you from home, please have them mail letters very early. Write to: (Camper Name and Program), Ebert Ranch Camp, 30700 Ranch Road 385, Harper, TX 78631. Faxes to campers will not be accepted.

Email:

Campers can receive email! Email to campers will be printed out each morning at 10:00 for afternoon mail call. Please know that email is not private and may be viewed by camp staff who sort mail prior to email distribution.

We use a system to regulate our email to protect us from viruses and to help cover the cost of printing each email to pass it along to the camper. To email your camper, you'll need to set up a Bunk1 account:

1. Go to our website at www.crosstrails.org
2. Click on Summer Camp and find Connect to Campers
3. Click the "Camper Email" button - This will direct you to a new site
4. Click "Need an Account or have an invitation code"
5. Enter your information and the "Invitation Code": **CROSSTRAILS2018**
6. Fill out all the required information
7. Purchase Bunk Note credits—You will need a credit card
8. Send an email to your camper!

You will only need to register once and once you register you will be able to invite others to use these services. Look for Ebert Ranch under camp where you would like to send your email.

E-mail Replies:

Campers are not allowed to use a computer or cell phone to reply to emails. Campers can reply using stationary purchased through Bunk 1.

1. Purchase credits through Bunk1—The same process as Camper Email
2. Use the credits for Bunk Reply Stationary—Send this stationary with your camper to camp or include it in an email you send to them
3. Campers will hand write replies and give it to camp staff
4. Camp staff will send the reply to Bunk1 and it will be uploaded to your Bunk1 Account.

If you are purchasing stationary, please let campers know you would like them to fill it out. It is not camp's responsibility to have your camper fill out the Bunk Reply.

In Case of Emergency:

In case of emergency, please call (830) 864-4669. If you call during non-business hours, leave a message for Stephen Krupicka. Messages are checked regularly, including just prior to breakfast and just after lights out. If there is a life or death emergency after 11 pm call the Ebert Ranch Camp Director at (361) 772-2938.



Sample Daily Schedule

Printed here is a sample schedule. This schedule will change depending on age group, special events, weather, and other circumstances.

7:30 am — First Word

Worship introducing campers to the daily theme.

8:00 am — Breakfast

8:30 am — Chores

We teach stewardship by asking campers to help with Kitchen Party, tending to the garden, feeding the animals and cleaning the bunkrooms

9:00 am — Program Activities *

This time includes the options listed on the next page.

12:00 pm — Lunch

12:30 pm — Siesta

We take time out to rest and get out of the sun before the afternoon's activities.

1:30 pm — Program Activities

5:40 pm — Sing-a-long

A time to have fun and learn songs for upcoming worships. Also a time to tell what groups learned in Bible Study.

6:00 pm — Dinner

6:30 pm — Evening Chores or Worship Preparation

Campers will help to lead a worship during the week and can spend this time preparing

7:00 pm — Equine Adventure Activities

Attend a "classroom" session to learn everything you ever wanted to know about horses!

7:45 pm — All- Ranch activity

We play a game or complete an activity as a group

8:45 pm — Snack and Community Meeting

A time for representatives from each posse to share what activities they have chosen for the day, and work out any conflicts that may arise in scheduling.

9:00 pm — Last Word Worship and Devotions

We end our day as we began it — with God.



Activity Options

We at Cross Trails Ministry want to make this the most enjoyable time possible for you and your family. We have provided options for both you and your youth. All of these options are up to you.

Program activity options may include swimming, arts & crafts, hiking, archery, visiting the Trading Post, nature activities, games, disc golf, geocaching and more. Some activities may not take place in poor weather.

All campers will have the opportunity to learn basic western horsemanship. Some riding will be in our riding ring, and some will be trail riding. All campers will also have the opportunity to try low or high ropes.

Please note any activity restrictions for your camper on the Health History Form.

Meals & Snacks

Ebert Ranch strives to provide nutritious and satisfying meals. Food is an integral part of our program. Campers come together as a community to share a meal and fellowship. Because we are an intentional Christian community, campers are encouraged to mingle and meet new people. As a community, campers take turns serving each other by serving meals, cleaning up after meals and washing dishes.

Should your camper not like what is being served, options are available, including cereal at breakfast and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches at lunch and dinner.

The following is a sample menu for a typical camp day.

Breakfast — Pancakes, bacon, cereal, milk, fruit and juice.

Lunch — Sandwich bar, macaroni salad, salad bar, cookies, decaf tea and water.

Supper — Lasagna, garlic bread, broccoli, salad bar, cake, punch, milk, and water.

Snack — Rice Crispy Treats.

For special dietary needs, please specify on the health form. Campers often expend more energy at camp than at home. For this reason campers are encouraged to eat an appropriate amount of food.



What to Bring

Below is a list of things to bring to camp this summer.
Please put your name on everything!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag & Pillow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towel & Washcloth | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap & Shampoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & Toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Toiletries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen & Chapstick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirts—at least one per day | <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts—at least one per day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modest Swim Suit | <input type="checkbox"/> Swim Towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear & Socks | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs of long pants * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes That Can Get Muddy | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Pairs of Tennis Shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boots with a heel* | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower Shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun Hat or Cap | <input type="checkbox"/> Light Jacket or Sweatshirt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight Rain Coat or Poncho | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight with Batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription Medications <i>in their Original Bottle</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Your Insurance Card— <i>If you have not submitted one yet</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Money for Offering—Please see page 10 (optional) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bunk Reply Stationary—Please see page 5 (optional) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook, Pen, Envelopes & Stamps (optional) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Money for the Trading Post (optional) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses (optional) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camera (optional) | |

*Long pants (preferably jeans but NOT skinny jeans) and western boots with a heel are mandatory for riding horses. We do keep some spare boots for camper use. For unusual sizes, please contact us.

Dress Code

All clothing should be appropriate for a church camp setting. Clothing should not have messages with double meanings or advertisements for adult themed products.

Shirts must cover the entire stomach and may not be strapless, spaghetti strapped or split sides. Tank tops are fine.

Shorts must be an appropriate length as to cover the buttocks, no shorter than the fingertips with arms and hands extended down the sides.

Bathing suits must be modest. For girls tankinis, modest bikinis, or one piece bathing suits are recommended. No string bikinis or thong swimwear are permitted. For boys, no speedos are permitted. While at the pool, a camp t-shirt will be issued for those campers who do not bring appropriate swimwear.

Should a camper be dressed inappropriately, the camper will be asked to change into more appropriate clothing.



What Not to Bring

In order to keep in the camping spirit, please leave the following items at home. If these items are brought to camp, they will be labeled and stored by staff for the duration of the camp session. Our insurance does not cover personal belongings.

- x Pets - Not even to pick up or drop off times
- x Cell phones
- x I-Pods / MP3 players
- x Laptops / Tablets / Apple Watches / Kindles / Other Devices Used to Access the Internet
- x Radios / Walkman
- x PSP / Nintendo DS
- x TV's
- x Food / Gum / Candy
- x Sandals / Open Toed Shoes
- x Hair dryers
- x Curling Irons / Flat Irons
- x Weapons
- x Pocket Knives
- x Personal Sports Equipment
- x Tobacco Products
- x Alcohol or Illegal Drugs
- x Over the Counter Drugs
- x Anything Valuable

Cross Trails Ministry reserves the right to search a camper's belongings in special circumstances.



The Camp Store— “The Trading Post”

“The Trading Post,” will be open during the camp week. Camper groups can choose to visit the Trading Post daily, Monday through Thursday.

Camper groups typically choose to go to the Trading Post for an afternoon snack. Snack items include water, soda, popcorn and candy. Each camper is limited to two snack items during Trading Post time, with a maximum spending limit of \$2.00 per day on food items.

The Trading Post also sells various camp attire and memorabilia. These items may be purchased throughout the week, as well as during camper departure. The following is a sample inventory and price list.

- T-Shirts, hats, caps and visors cost \$15-20
- Stuffed animals cost \$10 to \$12
- Carabineers, bracelets and other small items cost \$4 to \$6
- Sterling silver charms cost \$35
- Belt buckles cost \$40

Because we are not responsible for money kept by the camper during the camp week, we ask campers to turn in all money on the first day of camp. They will then have a charge account established in their name at the Trading Post. Any unused funds will be returned before the close of camp. If campers would like to donate their unused funds to aid our summer offering they may do so in the Trading Post after closing worship.

Checks for store purchases may be made payable to Cross Trails Ministry. Visa, Mastercard and Discover Card are accepted.

Summer Offering

In keeping with our summer theme and encouraging campers to have a life a prayer and giving, Cross Trails Ministry is partnering with the Dr. Eduardo Roig Lutheran Camp in Puerto Rico. This camp serves its immediate community while also providing a home base for visitors from the states.

Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico in September of last year. Our special offering this year is to help renew the facilities and support the work that the camp has to offer people from all over the island and the world. Because it is in the heart of the local community, there are many opportunities to form relationships with our friends in the Caribbean.

This summer we will teach campers about Puerto Rican daily life, pray for our neighbors there and collect funds to give to the camp for improvements. Then in August, we are planning to take an adult trip to the camp to volunteer there and work with the local community. We would like to present them with a gift of at least \$5000. If most of our campers give \$5, we will easily reach our goal.

Please join us in praying for Puerto Rico and give as you are able to this special summer offering!



Summer Video and Photos

Online Photos:

Family Members will be able to view online photos of camp during the week. Photos of each day will be updated overnight for viewing the next day. To view pictures, you will need to set up a Bunk1 account. Please follow the instructions under camper email (page 5). Viewing pictures is free and each high quality photo download is \$0.99. You may also purchase photo gifts at their website. For your camper's safety, pictures are password protected. The password will be emailed to your family email the week before your camp session. Please add info@crosstrails.org as a contact to ensure that we are not caught in your spam filter.

Group Photo:

Upon arrival, campers and parents may purchase a group photo for their week of camp. It will be an 8x10 photo and will have all campers, staff, and information about the week printed on it. Campers who order this will receive it prior to going home. Cost—\$5.00

Camp Video:

Campers have the option to purchase a camp video. The video will include all of the programs offered during your camper's week. Videos will be posted Friday afternoon online. Campers and parents who purchase the video while their camper is at camp will receive a promotional code to take home. Buy these during camper check-in or in the camp store prior to departure. Video presale forms are available on our website. Video Presale Cost—\$10.00. After Camp Session Cost—\$15.00

Camp Video Directions:

Presale:

1. Buy a promotion code at Camp Chrysalis for \$10.00
2. Keep your promotion code until your camper's video is uploaded on Friday
3. Go to www.vimeo.com/ondemand/campchrysalis2018
4. Find your campers weekly video—It will have the dates your camper came to camp!
5. Select the Buy option—It will say \$15.00, but you have a promo code
6. Sign in for a free account with Vimeo—All you need is your name and an email address
7. When it asks for your credit card, select promo code
8. Enter your promo code and select continue
9. Download the video onto your device or watch it instantly

After Camp Session Sales

1. Camper videos will be uploaded on Friday afternoon
2. Go to www.vimeo.com/ondemand/campchrysalis2018
3. Find your campers weekly video—It will have the dates your camper came to camp!
4. Select the Buy option—It will say \$15.00
5. Sign in for a free account with Vimeo—All you need is your name and an email address
6. Pay using your credit card
7. Download the video onto your device or watch it instantly



Health & Wellness

For the safety everyone, you cannot come to camp without a completed **Health History Form for everyone in your family**. Please fill this out as completely as possible. This can be found online and can also be printed off of our website. Please submit it online or mail it to camp by May 1, 2018. Be certain to sign it. This gives our nurse time to review it and ask any questions they need to.

If you submit the form online, please send a copy of each person’s insurance card. If you submit a paper form, you should include it with your form.

You are responsible for administering all medications to your family members. They need to be kept in your cabin, locked in your car or stored in our Health Center.

We do keep a number of over the counter medications in our Health Center. A complete list can be found on our Health History Form. Any family member can visit the Health Center to pick up these medications from our medical personnel. Youth family members need to be accompanied by an adult.

Cross Trails Ministry carries secondary accident insurance only. Your insurance company will be responsible for the cost of any injury to or illness of a family member while at camp.

All staff members will have a first aid kit with them. If there is anything that you need, please see a staff member and they will be able to help you.

We will have some campers come to camp that are not current in their vaccinations or their parents voluntarily do not immunize them. All parents must sign the vaccination waiver if their campers are not currently vaccinated.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

At all times contact Camp staff immediately. Phone is located at Main Site.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY:

In life threatening situations Call 911 (or designate an adult to do this) and give first aid as able. Also, inform the nearest staff member.

In non-life threatening situations give first aid as necessary and inform the Camp Staff.

EMERGENCY.....	911
Harper Vol. Fire Dept. & EMS.....	830-864-4444
Ebert Ranch Office.....	830-864-4669
Poison Control.....	800-764-7661
Sid Peterson Hospital (Kerrville).....	830-896-4200
Hill Country Memorial Hospital (Fredericksburg).....	830-997-4353
Director’s Cell Phone—Stephen Krupicka.....	361-772-2938
Cross Trails Ministry Main Office.....	830-257-6340

A radio will be available in Lela Haus and at Main Site to contact staff as needed.



Upcoming Events

Lutheran Camp Chrysalis

Women's Big R	<i>Adult Women — August 8-11, 2018</i>
Family & Friends Labor Day Retreat	<i>Families — August 31-September 3, 2018</i>
What Does This Mean?! Confirmation Retreat	<i>Confirmation Students of smaller congregations — September 28-30, 2018</i>
Upper Elementary Advent Retreat	<i>Youth in Grades 3-6 — November 30-December 2, 2018</i>
Family Advent Festival Retreat	<i>Families — November 30-December 2, December 7-9, and December 14-16, 2018</i>

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Mother/Daughter "Daring" Retreat	<i>Girls in Grades 4-6 and their Mothers — October 12-14, 2018</i>
Father/Son "Dangerous" Retreat	<i>Boys in Grades 4-6 and their Fathers — October 19-21, 2018</i>
Youth Worker Retreat	<i>Paid and Volunteer Youth Workers — August 17-19, 2018</i>

Lutheran Fall Festival in Fredericksburg

Fredericksburg Markt Platz	<i>September 15, 2018</i>
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Year Round Retreating

Ebert Ranch and Camp Chrysalis are open year-round for your use. If you have a group that wants to come to camp, simply contact us and we will help you plan your event.

Who can come?

Anyone. Youth groups, church councils, sewing guilds, scouting troops, service groups, family reunions. Anyone.

When can you come?

Camp is open year round. Contact us to reserve your dates. Retreats can be for an afternoon, a weekend or during the week.

What does camp provide?

We can provide as little or as much as you need. We offer housing, meals, campfires, Bible studies, worships, challenge course activities, canoeing, horseback riding, games and more. Let us work with you.

Why come to camp?

Groups come for many reasons. Some want to learn more about each other and create a bonded group. Others want to get away for a meeting or to accomplish a task. Some want to serve by completing work projects. Others want to take advantage of the many activities we offer. What is your reason?