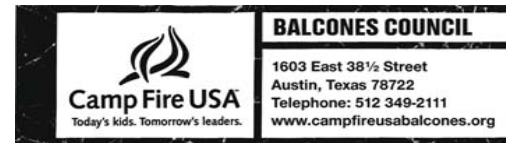


Activity Sign-in Sheet



Activity _____ Location _____

Organizer's name _____ Email _____ Date _____

In consideration of being allowed to participate in Camp Fire USA activities, I, the undersigned:

1. Acknowledge that I understand the nature of outdoor sports and related activities and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activity and agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions of participation, as stated in the Camp Fire USA Balcones Council Program Safety and Responsibility Code. I further agree that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately notify the nearest official and discontinue further participation in the activity.
2. Acknowledge and fully understand that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from their own actions, inaction, or negligence, but also from the actions, inactions or negligence of others, the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further that there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
3. Assume all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, property loss, permanent disability, or death.
4. Release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue Camp Fire USA, its affiliated Balcones Council, their respective administrators, directors, employees, agents, trip leaders, other participants, sponsoring agencies, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the events, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releasees", from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, including, but not limited to, those caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releasees.

The undersigned have read the above waiver and release, understand that **they have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it voluntarily**, intending that this release be effective for participation in all activities during the program year. The undersigned acknowledges receipt of a copy of the **Camp Fire USA Balcones Council Program Safety and Responsibility Code**.

And I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of outdoor sports and related activities and the minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activity. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless each of the "releasees" from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor's account including but not limited to, those caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "releasees".

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Camp Fire USA Balcones Council Outdoor Programs Safety and Responsibility Code

- Leaders and Assistants are trained **volunteers** who work hard to make each activity a success
- The Trip Leader has final authority on all aspects of the trip including who may participate, trip routes, and mid-trip adjustments due to changing conditions.
- All participants must complete the Orientation and any other prerequisites required by the specific program before participating in any trips or other events.
- Paddlers must always wear a properly fitted PFD (lifejacket) while on or near the water.
- Children under age 12 (for Paddle trips) or under age 12 as of the following September 1 (for Backpacking trips) must have a parent/guardian on the trip, to participate in any Paddle or Backpacking Program trip. The parent/guardian is completely responsible for the care and safety of the child(ren). On a paddling trip, these children must be in a boat with the parent or another adult; they may not occupy a solo paddle position in a canoe or kayak. Children under 12 who demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Paddle Program Coordinator the ability to complete adult self-rescue skills, may paddle alone in a canoe or kayak.
- Paddlers should stay within sight of the boat behind at all times. You can always slow down; the boat behind you cannot always catch up.
- Backpackers should follow the Trip Leader's instructions regarding hiking groups, communication within and between groups. Backpacking trips will use a Buddy System, in which each participant has a designated buddy and is responsible for knowing the location of their buddy at all times, and promptly reporting their buddy's unexplained absence to a Trip Leader or Trip Assistant.
- In accordance with Camp Fire USA Balcones Council guidelines, absolutely no alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drug use on Outdoor Program trips. Firearms are prohibited. Electronic devices—such as radios, GameBoys, and iPods—are not allowed on the outdoor portion of any trip. Such electronic devices may be allowed, at the discretion of the Trip Leader, on the highway travel portion of a trip.
- Everyone helps take care of equipment, including loading, unloading, and clean up. On camping trips, all participants are expected to help with cooking, clean up, fire tending, and other chores. Trip Leaders are strongly encouraged to involve the group participants, especially youth, in designing a work system for the trip, and in making work assignments. Final assignments are at the discretion of the Trip Leader.
- Follow low-impact environmental practices, including:
 - No littering. Pack out all trash.
 - Do not disturb wildlife.
 - Minimize impacts to shore when launching, portaging, scouting, or taking out water craft.
 - Avoid building campfires except in established fire rings or in emergencies.
 - Avoid short-cutting trails, especially on slopes and switchbacks.
 - Use site-appropriate toileting practices.
 - Camp at established sites or, to the extent possible, on durable surfaces unlikely to be damaged by trampling.
- Trips will go rain or shine. In case of possible hazardous or extreme weather, the trip leader will decide whether to cancel. If a trip is cancelled, money will not be refunded, but held by the Camp Fire office and can be applied to a future trip that same or the following program year. In case of hardship, application for a refund may be made to the Balcones Council Executive Director.
- In case of failure/inability to attend a trip, there are no refunds for trip registrations. When numbers change at the list minute, it creates significant logistical headaches for the trip leader. In addition, this is a volunteer program without the administrative support necessary to process refunds. In special cases you may make a written request to the program leader explaining the circumstances and requesting that the money be applied to a future trip.