



# GUEST GUIDE









## **WELCOME TO YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME!**

Take a deep breath and relax into the peace of this space. We invite you to experience the comfort and the calm of Laity Lodge Family Camp. This is your family's time to refresh, to bond, and to play. You will soon discover that we designed Family Camp so that there is something spectacular for every age, from infant to grandparent, because we want your whole family to return home refreshed and replenished.

Make yourself at home here at the Headwaters campsite — a village of casitas where families thrive as a community and build lasting relationships — living, learning, eating, and playing together in a beautiful natural setting. Our goal at Family Camp is to serve your family, and our hope is that your family connects with one another and with God in new and meaningful ways while you are here.





## CLINIC AND EMERGENCIES

If you have any medical needs during your stay, we're standing by to assist you. A guest medical doctor is available 24 hours a day at every retreat.

- To speak with the medical staff, please visit the Outpost in the Welcome House, where our staff will put you in contact with the help you need. For minor first-aid needs (scrapes, bruises, headaches, etc.), go to the Clinic for supplies. Activity staff and doctors carry walkie-talkies in case of emergency.
- If you experience a maintenance or medical emergency, go directly to the Outpost. If the Outpost is closed, please dial 700 from the public phone, just past the restrooms, in the Welcome House.

The universal emergency signal on the property is a continuously ringing bell. If you hear the bell ringing continuously, immediately make your way to the Welcome House for further instructions.

## MEALTIMES

Our chef-prepared meals await you in the Ranch House: breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Whether we provide a buffet line or a family-style meal, our staff will be on hand if you need anything. We will even bus your table when you are finished — let us pamper you in this way! Need something? Just ask!

- Coffee is available at the Ranch House and in your room. Feel free to use our coffee mugs. You may return them to the Ranch House.
- Water stations are available both inside and outside the Ranch House and inside the Welcome House.
- Snacks are always available in the Ranch House between meals and activities. Help yourself!
- If you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions that you would like to discuss with the kitchen staff, please feel free to do so. We're here to help.

## THE OUTPOST

The Outpost is Family Camp's central hub, functioning as Camp Store, Help Desk, Snack Shop, and Business Center. If you have any questions or needs, start here. Operating hours are posted outside the Outpost.

- The Outpost accepts cash, checks, or credit cards. You may also leave your credit card on file with us to use throughout your stay.
- The Outpost also carries a supply of extra sheets, towels, trash bags, cleaning supplies, toiletries, etc.
- Lost-and-found items will be brought to the Outpost. If you lose anything, check here.

## TELEPHONE AND INTERNET

Cell phones do not work in the Canyon. We hope the break from being constantly plugged in will contribute to your renewal.

- If you need to make a call, we have a public phone just past the restrooms in the Welcome House.
- The incoming number for Headwaters is 830-291-8700. If you receive an incoming call, we will notify you as soon as possible. If the call is urgent, we will find you immediately.
- If you have an internet emergency, one of our staff members at the Outpost can issue you a temporary wifi voucher.



## KIDS' CLUB

Kids' Club is a special program designed for our youngest campers, ages 0-5. Laity Lodge Family Camp counselors lead the program in the Activity Barn. Like all Family Camp activities, participation in Kids' Club is optional.

Kids' Club will be available during Devotional Times as well as Morning and Afternoon Activity periods when offered during your retreat.

Please inform us of any food allergies, dietary restrictions, or specific instructions regarding your child. We also have parent pagers available upon request. If you would like one, please ask your Kids' Club counselor.



## OUR STAFF

Our extraordinary staff is essential to the Family Camp experience. All our staff members are carefully recruited and thoroughly trained to provide you the best quality care. From the leadership team to the kitchen staff to the media team, you will encounter people full of kindness, devoted to providing you the best time possible.

Our energetic college-aged counselors are here to build relationships with your family, share in your experiences, and do all they can to make your stay the best it can be.

*If you or someone you know between the ages of 16 and 25 is interested in applying with us, please visit [laitylodgefamilycamp.org](http://laitylodgefamilycamp.org) and under the Staff tab, click on Work with Us to complete a summer or weekend application.*







## ACTIVITIES

There is plenty to do at Laity Lodge Family Camp! Availability of activities vary through the seasons. Please refer to the Program Schedule for specific times.

If you have questions about activities sign-ups or adjustments, ask an LLFC staff member for guidance. To see our activities in action, find us on YouTube under Laity Lodge Family Camp.

**Alpine Tower**

**Archery**

**Arts and Crafts**

**Crate Stacking**

**Field Sports**

**Fishing**

**Frisbee Golf**

**Hiking**

**Kayaking**

**Kids' Club**

**Lego® Robots**

**Mountain Biking**

**Pellet Gun**

**Riflery**

**Rock Climbing**

**Shotgun Shooting**

**Slingshot**

**Swimming**

**Tomahawk Throwing**

**Wacky Activities**

**Waterslide**

**Zip Line**

# WATERFRONT SAFETY RULES

- No running.
- When jumping in, enter the water feet first.
- When operating watercraft (kayaks & paddleboards), please be aware of swimmers and try to avoid swim areas.
- All campers must have a lifejacket while on watercraft. Campers under 14 must WEAR their lifejacket AND be accompanied by an adult. Anyone 14 and older must TAKE a lifejacket with them.
- The slide is only available when lifeguards are present, and you must go feet-first down the slide.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **My luggage is heavy! Do I have to carry it all the way to my cabin?**

We have carts for that! Black luggage carts are located in the parking lot and along the front driveway. All we ask is that you return your cart when you're done.

### **Do I need a key for my room?**

There are no keys. Laity Lodge Family Camp is a safe place, and you are fine to leave your door unlocked.

### **I'm hot. I'm cold. I need the air to move. How do I get comfortable?**

Each room's thermostat can be adjusted up or down by two degrees. If you desire an adjustment outside of these parameters, please contact the Outpost for assistance. For your comfort, you also can find a blanket in the closet.

### **I saw some other campsites while driving in. What else is out here?**

The Canyon houses six different camp facilities nestled along the Frio River. The other programs on the property include Laity Lodge Youth Camp, Laity Lodge (our adult retreat center), H. E. Butt Foundation Camp, and H. E. Butt Foundation Outdoor School.

Family Camp is not the only user of the property this retreat. There may be up to 700 other guests with various groups enjoying other campsites in the 1,900-acre canyon. When you are outside of Headwaters (our campsite), we ask that you respect the experience of the other groups in the Canyon.

### **When can we swim at Blue Hole?**

Headwaters is located just downstream from Blue Hole, the best swimming hole on the property. Other groups will use Blue Hole on a regular basis throughout the retreat. Please do not walk, swim, paddleboard or kayak to Blue Hole while it is being used by another group. Swimming at Blue Hole takes place at designated times only. An announcement will be made at the beginning of camp to alert you of the schedule.



## Does the Frio River ever flood?

Occasionally the river does flood. Fortunately, we're close enough to the headwaters of the Frio that flood conditions are always short-lived, and the river is usually drivable five or six hours later. If the river becomes impassable, we recommend a rocking chair on the back porch to watch the spectacle.

## What if I need to do laundry?

Clean linens and towels are available at the Outpost, and the laundry room is available to you should you need to do laundry during your time with us.

## What is the policy regarding alcohol at camp?

We do not prohibit the consumption of alcohol at camp if guests choose to bring it with them. However, we do require that all alcohol is consumed responsibly and in a discreet manner. Alcohol should only be consumed within the privacy of your casita, room, porch, etc., and not during, or at, programmed camp activities or events.

## What's the camp's relationship to the H-E-B grocery stores?

The Foundation was established in 1934 by Howard Butt and Mary Elizabeth Holdsworth Butt, the son and daughter-in-law of H-E-B's founders. Laity Lodge Family Camp sits on a 1,900-acre ranch purchased by the Butts in 1954. LLFC took shape under the direction of their son, Howard Butt, Jr., and now the third generation, David and Deborah Rogers.

While the Butts launched and have given generously to the H. E. Butt Foundation, H-E-B and the foundation are separate organizations with distinct missions. (H-E-B runs its own set of community initiatives.) You can call us H. E. Butt Foundation, though most people refer to us by the name of the program they use the most.

## How do we stay connected after Family Camp is over?

After camp, you will receive a Welcome Home email with a link to an online survey and instructions for subscribing to our monthly email newsletter. We value your feedback and hope that you take the time to share it with us through this survey. Check out our website at [laitylodgefamilycamp.org](http://laitylodgefamilycamp.org) for our schedule and future availability. If you have any registration questions, call the registrar at 830-315-9271.

If camp photos are taken, they will be posted online at:

[laitylodgefamilycamp.org/photos](http://laitylodgefamilycamp.org/photos) Check your email for the password.

Share your own photos and tag us using [@laitylodgefamilycamp](https://www.instagram.com/laitylodgefamilycamp)

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TO MEET THE  
LLFC TEAM







## THANK YOU FOR COMING TO LAITY LODGE FAMILY CAMP!

We hope your time at Laity Lodge Family Camp has been filled with rest and refreshment. It's our hope that you truly were able to enjoy the space created for you and your family to engage with one another and connect with God in significant ways. The memories you and your family have created during your stay in our Creator's beautiful Canyon will hopefully stay with you for years to come.

As you head back to your normal routine, we pray you will find that same space at home as you did at Laity Lodge Family Camp: to regularly engage with one another and connect with God in significant ways. Be sure to visit **[laitylodgefamilycamp.org](http://laitylodgefamilycamp.org)** and subscribe to the LLFC e-newsletter to stay connected.

We look forward to seeing you in the Canyon again soon!

Sincerely,

*Kelsie Wessels*

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## RESOURCES FOR THE JOURNEY OF PARENTING AND FAMILY LIFE

Laity Lodge Family Camp partners with some great family counselors and therapists throughout Texas. If you and/or your family are interested in their services, please scan this QR code for a list of our partners and their contact information.









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