



## Lazy Acres Summer Day Camp

### Parent Emergency Preparedness & Safety Handbook

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## A Message to Our Camp Families

At Lazy Acres Summer Day Camp, the safety and wellbeing of every camper is our highest priority. We understand that parents place enormous trust in us when their children attend camp, and we take that responsibility very seriously.

Our camp has developed a detailed Emergency Preparedness & Response Plan that follows Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) youth camp regulations, Texas Health & Safety Code requirements, and nationally recognized camp safety practices.

Our Directors and staff train extensively before every camp season and continue safety training throughout the summer. We prepare for medical emergencies, severe weather, evacuation procedures, aquatic safety, lockdowns, missing camper procedures, transportation emergencies, and illness response so we can act quickly, calmly, and effectively if an emergency occurs.

This handbook is designed to help parents understand:

- How we keep campers safe
- How emergencies are handled
- How we communicate with families
- Where campers are taken during emergencies
- How reunification and pickup procedures work
- What parents can expect during emergency situations

We believe informed parents feel more confident and secure, and we are committed to maintaining open communication and transparency regarding camp safety.

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# Our Commitment to Camper Safety

Lazy Acres Summer Day Camp maintains a layered safety system designed to protect campers throughout every part of the day.

## Daily Safety Measures Include:

- Continuous supervision of campers
- Camp-issued color-coded shirts and rash guards for identification
- Multiple headcounts conducted every hour
- Two-way radios carried by all staff
- Directors positioned throughout camp operations
- Controlled gate access during camp hours
- Authorized pickup verification procedures
- Lifeguard supervision during all aquatic activities
- Weather monitoring systems and NOAA weather radio
- Industrial emergency siren system
- CPR/First Aid trained staff
- Emergency drills and preparedness training
- Daily medical and safety reviews by Directors

Our safety procedures are designed to prevent emergencies whenever possible while also ensuring rapid and organized response if an emergency occurs.

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## Staff Training & Qualifications

All Lazy Acres staff receive emergency preparedness training before camp begins each season.

Training includes:

- Emergency response procedures
- Severe weather response
- Fire evacuation procedures
- Lockdown procedures
- Missing camper procedures
- Aquatic safety
- Camper supervision expectations
- Headcount accountability procedures
- CPR and First Aid training
- Child abuse prevention training
- Camper medical needs awareness
- Communication procedures
- Emergency reunification procedures

Directors maintain certifications and continuing education in:

- CPR/AED

- First Aid
- Lifeguarding
- Epinephrine Administration
- Food Safety & Allergen Prevention
- Child Development
- Emergency Preparedness
- Child Protection
- Seizure and Epilepsy Response
- Diabetes Management

Emergency drills are practiced throughout the summer so staff and campers remain prepared.

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## Camper Accountability & Supervision

One of the most important safety systems at Lazy Acres is camper accountability.

Our camp maintains strict headcount and supervision procedures throughout the entire camp day.

### How We Keep Campers Accounted For

Every camper wears camp-issued attire that is color-coded by age group and role. This allows Directors and staff to quickly identify campers, counselors, and groups across camp.

Headcounts are conducted:

- At arrival
- Before activity transitions
- After activity transitions
- Before and after aquatic activities
- During emergency movement
- During shelter-in-place procedures
- During evacuations
- Before dismissal

Counselors are responsible for their assigned group at all times.

Lead Counselors and Directors continuously monitor group movement across camp to ensure all groups are where they are supposed to be.

If any discrepancy occurs during a headcount:

1. The counselor immediately recounts campers
2. The surrounding area is checked
3. Directors are notified immediately
4. Camp movement stops
5. Emergency search procedures begin immediately

These procedures are designed so that concerns are identified and addressed quickly.

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# Emergency Communication With Parents

We understand that communication during emergencies is extremely important to families.

Lazy Acres maintains multiple communication systems to ensure parents receive timely updates during emergencies.

## How We Contact Families

Depending on the situation, communication may occur through:

- Mass text messaging
- Email notifications
- Direct phone calls
- Staff communication systems
- Emergency pickup notifications

## What Parents Can Expect During Emergencies

If an emergency affects camp operations or camper safety, parents will receive communication that may include:

- Nature of the emergency
- Current status of campers
- Actions camp staff are taking
- Shelter or evacuation information
- Pickup instructions if needed
- Reunification location
- Ongoing updates as the situation changes

## Our Communication Priorities

During emergencies, our first priority is always immediate camper safety and stabilization of the situation. Once campers are secure and supervised, parent communication begins as quickly as possible.

Directors continue providing updates throughout the emergency when possible.

## Please Help Us by:

- Keeping emergency contact information current
- Monitoring your phone and email during camp hours
- Responding promptly during emergencies
- Following reunification instructions carefully
- Avoiding calling camp repeatedly during major emergencies unless necessary so communication systems remain available for emergency coordination

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# Severe Weather Procedures

Texas weather can change rapidly, so weather monitoring is taken very seriously at Lazy Acres.

## How We Monitor Weather

Our Directors continuously monitor weather conditions using:

- NOAA weather radio
- Professional weather services
- Lightning monitoring systems
- Weather alert apps
- Emergency alert systems

Our camp also maintains:

- Industrial emergency siren systems
- Public address systems
- Two-way radio communication systems

These systems function independently of internet service to ensure reliability.

## Lightning Procedures

### CODE BLUE – Lightning Within 15 Miles

When lightning is detected within 15 miles:

- All water activities stop immediately
- Campers exit pools, ponds, and inflatables
- Staff prepare campers for indoor sheltering
- Headcounts are conducted before movement

### CODE WHITE – Lightning Within 10 Miles

When lightning is detected within 10 miles:

- All campers move indoors immediately
- Campers shelter in designated camp buildings
- Headcounts are conducted upon arrival
- Campers remain indoors until Directors determine conditions are safe

## Tornadoes, Hurricanes & High Winds

If dangerous weather conditions require stronger shelter:

- Campers move to designated interior shelter locations

- Hallways and bathrooms away from windows are used
- Temporary structures and tents are never used as shelters
- Staff remain with campers continuously
- Directors coordinate with emergency management when needed

## **Parent Communication During Severe Weather**

Parents will be notified if severe weather:

- Impacts camp operations
- Requires extended sheltering
- Causes delayed pickup
- Requires evacuation or reunification changes

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## **Fire & Evacuation Procedures**

In the event of a fire or emergency requiring evacuation:

- Staff immediately begin evacuation procedures
- Campers are escorted using designated evacuation routes
- Headcounts are conducted continuously
- Campers move to designated muster zones
- Directors coordinate with emergency responders
- Re-entry only occurs after emergency personnel determine it is safe

## **Emergency Evacuation Locations**

Depending on the situation, campers may be:

- Sheltered within camp buildings
- Moved to designated muster zones on camp property
- Relocated to the Lazy Acres Office Building
- Transported to MVFD Fire Station #184 if off-site