

# His Hill Ranch Camp

## Quick Safety Reference Sheet

*Aligned with Proposed Texas Youth Camp Regulations & Emergency/Disaster Standards 2026*

### Our Commitment

His Hill Ranch Camp prioritizes the physical, emotional, and spiritual safety of every camper. This one-page summary highlights our key safety practices, communication procedures, and emergency plans.

### 1. Staff Screening & Training

- Annual **criminal background** and sex-offender registry checks for all staff.
- Pre-camp training in:
  - First Aid/CPR (certified staff on duty 24/7)
  - Emergency procedures & evacuation
  - Child protection & mandatory reporting
  - Behavior management & supervision practices
  - Activity-specific safety (waterfront, ropes, horses, archery, riflery)
- State-required **staff-to-camper ratios** maintained at all times.

### 2. Health & Medical Care

- On-site, trained **Health Supervisor** manages medications, injuries, and illness monitoring.
- Medications must come in original containers with parent authorization.
- Parents are notified for fever, significant injuries, or communicable symptoms.
- All medical interactions documented according to state rules.

### 3. Activity Safety

His Hill Ranch Camp offers high-adventure and outdoor programs with strict safety controls:

**Waterfront (canoeing & swimming)**

- Certified lifeguards always present
- Adequate waterfront supervision for lifeguard to camper ratio
- Defined swim zones and headcount procedures.

### **High Ropes Course**

- Operated only by trained facilitators.
- Daily checks of harnesses, helmets, and rigging.

### **Archery & Riflery**

- Trained range staff; clear safety zones and secured equipment.

### **Equine Program**

- Experienced horse staff; helmets required.

### **General Facility Safety**

- Daily cabin, trail, and equipment inspections.
- Controlled visitor access and secure storage of hazardous materials.

## **4. Emergency & Disaster Plan (EDP)**

We maintain a written emergency plan in all buildings and cabins that includes:

- Severe weather (thunderstorms, lightning, tornadoes, flooding, extreme heat)
- Fire and hazardous materials
- Missing camper response
- Medical emergencies
- Intruder/security threats
- Campus evacuation and reunification procedures

### **Emergency Drills:**

- Staff train before campers arrive.
- Campers participate in fire and shelter-in-place drills.

## **Geographical Safety Notes:**

- The **Hilltop** area of camp is approximately **150 feet above the Guadalupe River**.
- Camper **cabins are located an additional 200 feet above Hilltop**, providing high-ground safety advantages during severe weather or flooding events.

## **5. Parent Communication**

- Parents contacted for illness, injury, or significant behavioral concerns.
- Emergency alerts sent via **text, email, or phone call**.
- A **24-hour director-on-call** is available during overnight sessions.
- Reunification instructions provided if campers must be picked up early due to an emergency.

## **6. Camper Protection & Conduct**

- Zero tolerance for bullying, harassment, or unsafe behavior.
- Staff follow visibility and accountability standards—minimizing isolated one-on-one interactions.
- Behavior concerns documented and communicated as appropriate.

## **7. Transportation Safety (as applicable)**

- Staff drivers meet background and training requirements to hold a Class B CDL license.
- Vehicles inspected and maintained according to Texas standards.
- Seat belts used whenever available; proper supervision provided.

We welcome your partnership in protecting your camper.

Please contact the His Hill Ranch Camp office with any safety-related questions.

His Hill Staff