

KIDS CAMP

PARENT MANUAL

Allaso Ranch

CONTACT INFORMATION



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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In the event of an emergency, you may contact the children's ministry staff at camp through the phone or email below.

FC Kids Ministry 972-471-6624
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Parents will be contacted if their child requires emergency medical services during camp.

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UTILIZE YOUR PARENT LOGIN

Your Parent Login gives you access to valuable resources before, during, and after camp! Login and access these useful features at **AllasoRanch.com/Camp**

Under the Parent Login you can:

[Complete Your Child's Health Form](#)

Must be completed before your child attends camp.

[Make Payments to Your Account](#)

Payments for camp can be made anytime online. The full balance is due two weeks prior to the start of camp.*

[Camp Store Card](#)

You can monitor how much money your child has spent and add money during the week. Please note that once additional funds are added to your child's account, it takes 24 hours before your child can use them.

[Email Your Camper](#)

You can communicate with your child by sending them an encouraging email. We will deliver all packages, notes, letters, and emails daily. (each email costs \$0.75).

[View Pictures](#)

We will capture the greatest moments at camp and place them on the website for you to view daily! These photos will be available to download at no cost to you!

[Waldo App](#)

This summer, we're excited to partner with Waldo Photos, a photo delivery service where you can get all the photos of your camper delivered straight to your phone!

This optional service uses facial recognition to find photos of your camper, and then sends them to your phone via the Waldo app with notifications when new photos are found. Only one parent enrolls per camper.

How to enroll:

Click Here or text **ALLASO20** to 735-343 and follow the prompts.

Cost per camper

Kids Camp: \$11.99

**must be done prior to dropoff*

CAMPER COMMUNICATION

Campers love to get mail from home! While your child is at camp, you can communicate with them by sending them an encouraging note, email, or a customized care package. Camper mail and packages must be delivered during drop-off.

Send an Email!

Use your Parent Login to communicate with your child by sending them an encouraging email (each email costs \$0.75). Your camper will not have access to email in return.

Send a Letter or Package!

If you would like to send your child a letter or package be sure to include your child's name, their cabin name and which week of camp they are attending on the item being sent.

(Child's Name)
Kids Camp 2020
Cabin Name: (list cabin name)

Children are not allowed to receive: food, drinks, candy or prohibited items. See page 10 for full list of these items. All packages must be left out for 24 hours before being delivered to campers.

Send a Camper Care Kit!

Brighten your camper's week with an exclusive Camper Care Kit from Allaso Ranch! Pre-order your kit online for \$40 (plus tax) Kits come in each team color and will be delivered to your child while they're at camp. Kits include essential Allaso Ranch gear – an exclusive Allaso Ranch T-Shirt, a water bottle, a bandana, a flashlight, a backpack, and a journal! Make your camper's week memorable with a special delivery and order your Care Kit today through your Parent Login at AllasoRanch.com/Camp.

PREPARE

Partnering Together for a Fun-Filled Camp Experience

FC Kids Camp at Allaso Ranch is an incredible time where children can feel safe, try new things, and learn about God. Often, for many children, camp is the first time to be away from home for any period of time. Our staff and volunteers are trained and equipped to face all types of situations that arise at camp, and we want to partner with you by sharing some helpful tips to prepare you and your child for a fun week at camp!

Before Camp

Talk with your child about the things that will happen at camp. Build excitement around the activities they will participate in. Share the camp schedule with them to help them know what to expect.

- Talk to your child about their daily routine:
 - Brushing their teeth
 - Brushing their hair
 - Taking a shower
 - Changing clothes
 - Getting dressed
 - Taking medications at the Health Center
- Pack for camp together! Let your child help you pack, or let them pack themselves. This way they know what they are packing, and you can talk to them about the experiences they will have at camp.
- Talk to your child about “what if” situations, by explaining how you might handle them at home.
 - What if you feel sick?
 - What if you forget something?
 - What if you fall down?
 - What if you can’t sleep?
 - What if you get scared?
 - What if you feel homesick?
 - What if you lose your flashlight?
- Talk to your child about letter writing. Mail is fun to send and receive at camp. If your child gets homesick, it helps to write a letter home, telling you what they are doing and what they are enjoying. Help them pre-address some envelopes with stamps so they can send you mail.

After Camp

- Talk to them about their camp experience.
 - What did they learn about?
 - What was their favorite moment/activity?
 - What Bible lessons did they learn?
 - How did God change their life at camp?
 - Look through the pictures on the website together to spark more conversations about their experience at camp.

PREPARE

Handling Homesickness

It is common for children to experience homesickness while away at camp. FC Kids is committed to helping your child through that experience by providing a loving, accepting environment for them, and by providing training to volunteers who will interact daily with your child.

Here are some ideas on how you can help your child deal with homesickness:

- Encourage your child's independence throughout the year. Practice separations, such as sleepovers at a friend's house.
- Discuss what camp will be like before your child leaves.
- Send a note or care package ahead of time to arrive the first day of camp.
- Don't bribe. Linking a successful stay at camp to a material object sends the wrong message. The reward should be your child's newfound confidence and independence.
- Pack a personal item from home, such as a favorite stuffed animal or blanket.
- Talk to your child about different things they can do in case they get homesick (write letters, engage in activities, bring a picture from home etc.).

CAMPER ARRIVAL

Each camper will receive a departure packet through email. This packet will include your child's team name, and cabin, along with valuable information regarding your child's arrival

Your child's luggage tag will be available when you arrive at camp. Please make sure this tag is attached to each piece of your appropriately sized luggage. In order to store all the luggage within each cabin, it is required that luggage be no taller than 12 inches packed. The beds stand exactly 12.1 inches off the ground. Anything above 12 inches will not fit.

Your child may bring with them:

- 1 piece of luggage, and
- 1 bag they can carry with them, and
- 1 bag for their bedding.

Pillows, blanket/sleeping bag, sheets, must be in a closed bag.

All luggage and bedding will be dropped off at check-in and delivered to your child's cabin. Make sure all bags are securely closed and clearly labeled upon drop off.

When you arrive at Allaso Ranch, please make sure that you keep with you the following items:

- **All medications** - place in a separate Zip-loc bag with the camper's name written on it and an individual picture of your child inside. See page 11 for more information.
- Swim towel - Campers will need to arrive in their swimsuit with a cover-up (or a t-shirt for boys). They will be required to take a swim skills assessment upon arrival at camp, and will not have an opportunity to go to their cabin to change prior to the swim test.

All campers will receive a personalized Kids Camp lanyard. It is important for your child to wear their lanyard at all times so they are easily identified to staff and volunteers.

SUNDAY ARRIVAL SCHEDULE

2:45 – Village 2

3:45 – Village 3

4:45 – Hideaway

FRIDAY DEPARTURE SCHEDULE

1:30 – Village 2

2:30 – Village 3

3:30 – Hideaway

DIRECTIONS TO ALLASO RANCH

From DFW Airport
Take 635 East to US Hwy 80 East

Stay on US Hwy 80 toward Terrell & Mineola

After passing through Mineola
you will travel approximately 13 miles.

Turn left onto CR 2869 (picture below)



Go approximately 2-3 miles and turn left onto 3849.
Follow 3849 to the Allaso Ranch entrance.



If you are following a GPS, it will guide you to take FM778. This road will lead you to an unsafe, unpaved road. Please pass this road and go approximately 2.4 miles until you get to CR2869. This road will lead you to Allaso Ranch safely.

WHAT TO BRING

Your child may bring one piece of luggage, a bag they can carry with them, and one bag for their bedding (pillows, blanket/sleeping bag, sheets, etc. must be in a closed bag). You will be provided with luggage tags upon arrival that **MUST** go on your child's luggage in order to be delivered to the correct cabin location.

Items to Bring:

Blanket/sleeping bag	Bible & Pen
Sheets (twin size)	(If your child doesn't have a Bible, one can be purchased at the Camp Store.)
Pillow with case	Self-addressed, stamped envelope
Laundry bag	Lightweight tote bag/backpack
Athletic shoes (two pairs)	(to carry items around camp)
House shoes/Flip Flops	Shorts
Camera (inexpensive)	Tops or T-shirts
Flashlight & extra batteries	Blue jeans/long pants
Hat/sunglasses	(required for Horseback riding)
Swim goggles (optional)	Insect repellent
Socks & underwear	Sunscreen
Pajamas	Swim shoes
Jacket or Poncho (lightweight)	
Toiletries (toothbrush & paste, soap, shampoo, etc.)	Towels (bath & pool)
Swimsuit (one piece)	Nebulizer (if needed)
Washcloths	
Refillable Water Bottle	
Prescription/OTC medications (if applicable)	

*Please note - do not pack medications in your camper's luggage.

WHAT NOT TO BRING (Prohibited Items)

You are not allowed to bring or have the following items at camp: TV's, portable video games, cell phones, iPods, iPads, MP3 players, water guns, water balloons, water toys, candy, food, drinks, nail polish, face paint, or spaghetti strap tank tops. Glow sticks are not allowed. Campers may bring battery operated glow items.

MEDICATION INFORMATION

We have a well equipped Health Center at Allaso Ranch where licensed medical staff members are on duty 24 hours a day. Listed below are a few rules that we ask you to read through carefully:

- Over-the-counter medications that are provided by the camp are: Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, Immodium Liquid, Benadryl Cream and Triple Antibiotic Cream. **If your child requires OTC medications outside of this list, please bring them.**
- Please place all medications in their original containers, with legible prescription information on the bottle. The label must include your child's name, medication name, dosage, doctor's name, and how often to take it.
- Please place all medications in a gallon Ziploc bag and include an individual photo of your child with the medication. Write your child's name on the front of the Ziploc bag with a permanent marker.
- All medication must be checked in at the Health Center upon arrival. Please do not pack your child's medications in their luggage. Medications, prescription or over-the-counter, may not be kept with your child. The exceptions to this are rescue inhalers for asthma, epi-pens for severe allergic reactions, and emergency seizure medication. These medications must still be brought to the Health Center, documented and then returned to your child or their trainer.
- Please check the medication's expiration date. Expired medication will not be administered per state law.
- Please bring one week's supply of medication, not the entire prescription.
- Vitamins, oils, and dietary supplements will only be accepted and administered to your camper if they **include an order that is signed by a licensed provider** (MD, DO, NP, or PA). This order must instruct us on when and how much to give.
- Medications in unmarked containers will not be accepted. Improperly labeled medications will not be dispensed until the parent presents a prescription from the camper's physician. This prescription may be faxed to the Camp Office at 903-769-4729.

KIDS CAMP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ARRIVAL SCHEDULE

2:45 - Village 2

3:45 - Village 3

4:45 - Hideaway

Once your child has settled into their cabin, we will eat dinner and then have a rally welcoming them to camp! We will end the night with Camp at Night -a fun time together that will set the stage for the rest of the week.

Each day begins with a hearty breakfast in the Dining Hall, followed by Morning Devotionals, a special time to connect with God and spend time in prayer. Your child will spend the day participating in the many activities that Allaso Ranch has to offer. Each day will end with dinner served family style, and then Camp at Night - a high energy experience with worship, games, a bible lesson and more.

Activities each day will rotate in five, 1-hour rotations. Campers will have plenty of time to experience all that Allaso Ranch has to offer:

FRIDAY

Pick up will begin Friday afternoon

Parents will receive more details about this in their

Camper's Departure Packet email.

ACTIVITIES AT ALLASO RANCH

Zip Lines, Ropes Challenge Course and Giant Swing

Soar through the air on Allaso Ranch's 60 - foot Zip Lines and Giant Swing, or take a team challenge on the ropes course. **These activities require closed - toe shoes.**

Equestrian Center

Saddle up for an adventurous ride at Allaso Ranch's Equestrian Center. **This activity requires long pants and closed - toe shoes.**

Sports Fields (Football, Basketball, Kickball, Soccer & Softball)

Get your game face on for a competition unlike any other! It's your team versus theirs in friendly sports competition.

Archery Tag

Ready, Aim Fire! Meet your match and take your chances with some friendly fire on the archery.

Water Front Activities (Canoes, Kayaks, and Beach Volleyball)

Meet us on the water to explore Allaso Ranch Lake! Boats are available for check-out on the north side of the Worship Center. Beach Volleyball is located near the base of the Zip Line tower.

Nature Trails

Delight in the natural beauty of East Texas! There are several different trails around Allaso Ranch for you to explore.

Water Park and Swim Center

It will take all week to experience all the water park has to offer, including a swimming pool, lazy river, water slides, splash pool and water volleyball. Swim skills are required and will be held on the first day of camp.

CAMPER RULES

GENERAL

1. Never, ever go anywhere by yourself. You must stay in groups of at least three, and for safety reasons, your trainer must be with you always.
2. Obey your trainer and all camp rules and guidelines. For example: get out of bed when your trainer asks, follow directions, no talking after lights out, etc.
3. No food or drinks (except those provided by the camp) are allowed on the camp grounds or in the cabins.
4. Never leave camp or the designated boundaries for any reason.
5. Encourage others and be respectful (i.e. no name-calling, making fun, physical harm, fits of rage, etc.).
6. Show manners at meal time (no belching, throwing food, etc.).

CABINS

1. Absolutely no one is allowed out of his or her assigned cabin after curfew.
2. Keep your room clean.
3. No rough play is allowed. Parents are financially responsible for any damage to the camp or cabins their child may cause.
4. Boys may not enter girls' cabins and girls may not enter boys' cabins. NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. Due to the sandy terrain, shoes are not allowed in the cabins; they will be left outside the cabin door. Please bring house shoes or flip flops for use inside the cabins.

ACTIVITIES

1. Be on time and participate in all activities.
2. Do not throw or push anyone into the pool, lazy river or lake.
3. You may swim in the pool or lazy river only when there are lifeguards on duty. A swim skills test is required before entering the water for the first time and will be given on the first day of camp.
4. Long pants and closed-toe shoes are required for the Equestrian Center.
5. All activities are included in the price of camp.

KID FAITH & BAPTISM

During Kids Camp, we will present the message of accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Savior to the children. If your child expresses an interest in wanting to know more about how to accept Jesus as his or her Savior, you will receive an email to give you more information about that decision.

We offer the Kid Faith class, where children, Kindergarteners – 5th grade, discover, learn, and explore the basics of Christianity. Through creative, age-appropriate, interactive teaching, kids will:

- Discover what it means to be a Christian
- Understand the importance of a relationship with God
- Learn how to become a Christian
- Realize the opportunity to make that decision
- Establish how to build spiritual muscle
- Recognize the importance of developing their relationship with Christ

Each child will participate in an interactive time with their parent to make sure they understand the material and any decisions they made as well as to answer questions. Because these basics are so important for kids to understand, Kid Faith is a required class for children before they are baptized at Fellowship Church. Sign up for Kid Faith online at fellowshipchurch.com/kid-faith

Baptism (baptism) (n) The act of obedience where a person shows others they have joined God's team by putting their faith in Jesus Christ.

Kids will always remember this special day as they join God's team with friends and family by their side cheering them on.

At this special event we go all out for the kids with balloons and age appropriate music. Each child getting baptized will receive a God's team t-shirt and a photograph to help them remember the special day.

- Must be at least 7 years old
- Must have attended Kid Faith

Children's Baptism dates and registration is available online at:
Fellowshipchurch.com/childrens-baptism

FAQ'S

What are the cabins like?

Allaso Ranch's air-conditioned cabins are broken into three separate villages. Each village consists of one main cabin and two smaller cabins. Each village also comes with its own central fire pit with seating. Main cabins have four bunkrooms and each bunkroom has 12 camper beds and a counselor's room. The smaller cabins have two bunkrooms, also with 12 camper beds in each room and a counselor's room. We will assign rooms and cabins based on gender, grade, church campus, and roommate requests. Each group will have two counselors. If you wish to request a roommate, please log in to your account at AllasoRanch.com/Camp. Roommate requests are considered, but are not guaranteed.

Do I really have to label everything with my child's name?

Yes, especially if you would like it to come home! Group living can be a bit chaotic - labeled clothing and personal belongings help a LOT! Each year we bring home many lost and found items - most of which eventually gets donated to a local charity. Please label EVERYTHING!



FAQ'S

What is the lost and found policy?

After Kids Camp, lost and found items will be brought back to the Grapevine campus. There will be an area upstairs outside of the FC Kids office where parents and campers may check lost and found for any missing items. Items will be held for **one week** following the last camp term. After that time, they will be donated to charity.

Do campers participate in all activities?

The structure of the Kids Camp schedule allows campers an opportunity to participate in all camp activities if they so choose. We encourage each camper to try new adventures and participate in all activities.

Can you accommodate special dietary needs?

Campers' health is a high priority for us at Allaso Ranch. We try our best to accommodate basic food allergies and other dietary needs such as vegetarian or lactose intolerance. In addition, we are a nut-free facility. We request that campers with special dietary needs indicate this during the registration process or contact us in advance to discuss accommodating their needs. In some cases we ask that a family help plan a menu for their child and provide particular food items so that our food service staff can continue to do their job efficiently and effectively.



FC KIDS WEEKENDS

Each weekend your child can be a part of an exciting and active environment filled with songs, games and lovable characters that teach godly values at an age-appropriate level. Our weekend services meet at the same time as adult services, and are designed for all children from Pre-K - 5th Grade. So while you are experiencing the creative, life-changing worship of Fellowship Church, your children are experiencing it as well.

Children enjoy a worship experience that incorporates a large group atmosphere with relationship building, team competition and small group application activities. During the large group portion of the service, the children are taught an application-based Bible Lesson presented in a moving animated format, watch a drama/skit that brings to life the Main Point for the day, sing songs and play lesson-oriented games. All of this occurs in an action-packed hour that's sure to have your kids excited to return the next week!

EQUIPPING KIDS AND BUILDING FAMILIES!



VOLUNTEERING IN FC KIDS

WEEKEND OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Worship - FC Kids Elementary volunteers make good kids into great leaders by teaching them to lead and succeed through biblical values in a fun, energetic and creative environment every weekend. FC Kids includes everything from worship songs, and creative Bible Lessons, to small groups where friendships are formed and God's Word is reinforced for everyday life. Volunteers are equipped with all the materials they need to be successful in leading children in large and small groups.

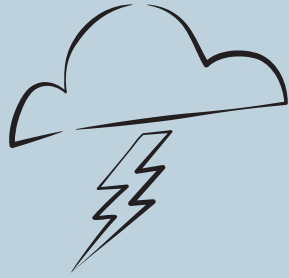
Media - Media volunteers work closely with the FC Kids Staff to provide technical support during Children's Worship through sound, video, lighting and graphics. Volunteers are detail-oriented, remaining focused on the technical aspect of the service in a fun, creative environment.

Power Up - Power Up is an exciting leadership class for Kindergarten - 5th grade children who are attending two services while their parents are serving. Volunteers participate and lead a group of children in games, crafts, snack time and small group time to help them learn valuable lessons from the life of Christ.

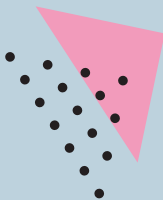
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