CAMP QUILLIAN 2025 FIRST DAY JITTERS

The first day of camp can be quite a stressful experience for the parents and the children, especially for our younger campers. We do our very best to help make things as smooth as possible, and hopefully, by letting you know what to expect, you can help too. Please take a moment to read over this primer and let us know if you have any questions.

Camp Hours

It begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 6:30 p.m. Please do not drop your child off any earlier than 8:00 a.m. and please be mindful that we close at 6:30 p.m.

Parking

Our parking lot is to the east of the Quillian Gym. The entrance to this lot is on Westcenter Drive.

Arrival

When you arrive at camp Quillian, please park in a designated space, not along the curb or fire lane. At no time can you drop off your child curbside. You must walk your child into the building and check them in with Camp Quillian personnel.

Drop-Off

Monday Drop-Off: On Monday's, there will be check in tables located by the game room inside of Quillian Center. Children will be checked in by their counselors and given name badges with their corresponding specialty camp. The remainder of the week, Tuesday through Friday, campers must be checked in at the gymnasium office with an Administrator on Duty.

Pick Up

When picking up your child, please park in a designated space, not along the curb or fire lane. There will be a check out table in front of the gym. Show your ID to the staffer on duty. We will then direct you to the location of your Camper. You will be given a parent pick up card indicating that you have checked your child out properly. After 6:00 p.m. the checkout will occur at the gym front desk.

If at any time you need to come inside the center, please go into the Quillian gymnasium and check in at the front desk first. There you will find an Administrator on Duty who will assist you.

The Day

From 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. is general arrival. At 8:00 am during arrival, we split our campers up. Our younger campers (Group 1 & 2) will go to the playground and our older campers (Group 3, 4, & Teen) will go to the gym. This will occur from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and then we will begin our program starting at 9:00 a.m. This schedule is a guide and can change depending on various factors that occur each morning. From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the campers will enjoy an array of activities to keep them busy! Starting at 4:00 p.m. we will have indoor activities and swimming available from 4:00 pm to 5:45 p.m. The remainder of the day will be focused on the final camper pick up and cleaning up to get ready for the next camp day!

Preparation

Take some time to go over with your child how their day will look at camp. For example, go over the daily schedule, the special events for the week or what lunches or snacks you have

packed or ordered for them. This information can aid in helping the child feel comfortable. When available, staff can take families on a tour to see the facilities and talk to administration about the camp.

Pack their backpacks with items such as a change of clothes, extra water bottle or snack and swimsuit, towel, flip flops if they plan to swim. Please make sure to label all items to help in finding items that may be lost quicker.

Cell Phones, etc.

Camp is a place to make friends that last a lifetime. <u>Cell phones and other media devices</u> have encroached on our lives where some feel they cannot survive without them. They can survive!!! <u>Cell phones, video devices, iPods, iPads and gaming devices are NOT allowed at camp and will be placed behind the gym desk and returned upon pick up. If this becomes habitual, campers will be dismissed from camp.</u>

Security

We have a security guard on campus during the hours of operation. If you are ever on campus and need assistance, please contact 713-456-9593.

General Public

Please note the swimming pools are open to the public from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Summer camp children will not interact with the public that is visiting the pool. Our campers will swim after the public has left the pool premises. No adults or camp staff will use the same restrooms as the children during the day.

Contact

If you need to reach the Quillian offices, you may contact us at 713-458-4707.

The first day of camp can be hectic with late registrations, snack purchases, addressing special needs and apprehensive campers. Please, if you can, don't wait until the first day of camp to take care of these things. Registration for weekly sessions, snack and lunch purchases can be done all online at

www.quilliancenter.org. If your child has additional needs that need to be discussed (i.e., medication),

please email Beverly Okosun at bokosun@quilliancenter.org where she can further assist you.

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Follow us on our social media platforms to see the latest and greatest of Camp Quillian. Instagram: @quilliancenter and Facebook: Quillian Recreation Center

Making Memories Last A Lifetime!

Thank You, Quillian Staff