Camp Activities

Campers have the same 6 activities each day for the week they attend. They have 4 activities in the morning and 2 activities after rest period. If your camper is attending more than one session, they will have different activities each week. Campers can have swimming every week if they want it.

**Animal Care** - Animals need lots of grooming and petting, and that's just what we are here to do. Our Petting Zoo has an assortment of animals that need our attention. Campers learn about the different animals here at camp, and how to properly care for the animals. Closed toed shoes are required.

**Arts & Crafts** - T-shirt designing, making mobiles, designing toy kites, making candles, friendship bracelets, and many other projects. Each camper will have completed projects to bring home.

**Archery** - Safely learn to use bows & arrows for target shooting. We practice target shooting at different distances, and sometimes shooting at different targets!

**Boating** - Learn and practice entering and exiting a kayak as well as the different strokes used to steer them. Campers also practice these skills while playing games in the kayaks.

**Camping Skills** - Campers learn and practice setting up tents, build fires, using a compass, hiking, & packing for trips. They will also be introduced to some basic first aid. We may also have a camping trip at the end of the week to use our new skills.

**Charm School in a Teacup** - In this girls only activities, the focus is on learning how to be a woman of God, while also discussing topics like etiquette, manners, appearance, and modesty through fun activities! The session ends with an opportunity to practice the skills learned throughout the week at a Tea Party.
**Chivalry Hour** - (Teen Session) In this boys only activity, the focus is on learning how to be a man of God, while also discussing topics like chivalry, manners, appearance, and modesty—through fun activities!

**Dance** - Learn different dance steps, such as the two step, waltz, polka, twist and a dance routine. They can perform their routine at the talent show.

**Cowboy Golf** - This activity includes playing a 9 hole golf course using real golf clubs and tennis balls on some days, playing Frisbee/Disc Golf.

**Drama / Film** - Express yourself through role-playing, acting out social stories and dressing up as different characters. Campers have the opportunity to write their own scripts and ideas with the help of the counselors. They may present skills learned in the talent show through either a movie/play/or puppet show.

**Fishing** - Time to practice our skills for catching the big fish. Learn to cast, study different ways to fish and equipment used in fishing. We learn about fish as well as different baits to know which one attracts which fish.

**Free Swim** - An afternoon activity in which campers are allowed to freely swim and utilize Neptune’s Island and the floating dock in the lake. Campers use a buddy system and lifeguards will be actively on duty during this activity. Campers in Free Swim will take a swim test at the beginning of the week to determine if they will need a lifejacket in the deep end.

**Fitness** - (Teen Session) - This activity will only be offered during the teen sessions. During this activity, we will learn how to set up fitness programs on an individual basis. We will practice proper body mechanics and exercise.

**Geocaching** - This activity is an outdoor treasure hunting game where you use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver to hide and seek containers (called “geocaches” or “caches”). A typical cache is a small waterproof container containing a logbook and “treasure”.
**Giddyup!** - an Equine assisted activity providing an educational and recreational treasured experience. Helmets are provided however if your child has a helmet, feel free to bring it with you. Campers need pants and boots or sturdy closed toed shoes for this activity.

**Just for Fun** - Wow! This is an activity designed just to have fun. Each day this activity will look different and include: water games, team games, dancing, or any fun thing the counselors and campers come up for that week!

**Music** - It's time to sing lots and lots of silly camp songs. We will also play around with different musical instruments. We might even make our own instruments or write songs. During the session, we will lead a song for the other campers.

**Nature Study** - During this activity we will learn about different plants and animals around the camp. We will track animals, make casts of fresh tracks, hike through our hiking trails and learn what plants are safe to eat. We will play games that teach us about the ecosystem and we will also make craft projects from items found in nature. **Closed toed shoes are required.**

**Nova** - This activity is all about learning and having fun while you are doing it! Each week different hands on learning activities will be enjoyed!

**Photo Journalism** - Learn photography and write news stories. Campers have the opportunity to create a camp newspaper for their session.

**Riflery** - We will learn how to safely handle a rifle for target shooting. We will learn to shoot from a sitting, standing, and prone position. The activity is led by a certified instructor. Goggles and ear protection are worn at all times.

**Skeet Shooting** - (Teen Session) Using shotguns, participants attempt to break clay targets mechanically flung into the air from a fixed station. At Charis Hills Riflery is a prerequisite for this activity.

**Snorkeling** - (Teen Session) This activity is designed for advanced swimmers. Learn to use the mask, snorkel & fins correctly and look for cool stuff in the lake.
**Sign Language** - Have you ever wanted to learn how to communicate with those who are hearing impaired or even as a second language you can use with your friends? We will learn the alphabet and many other conversational signs. We may even sign a song for our fellow campers!!

**Swimming lessons** - This is in addition to the free swim period that is available. Swimming lessons for beginners to become used to putting their head in the water and learn to float as well as intermediate lessons to work on basic swimming strokes.

**Team Sports** – If you love sports or just want to learn how to play them, then this is the activity for you. You will learn and practice the fundamentals of many different team sports! Teamwork and good sportsmanship will be stressed while keeping the emphasis on having fun.