

## AQUATIC SCIENCES ADVENTURE CAMP

### General Information

1. **CLOTHING** - Central Texas summers are hot and humid, so warm weather clothing will be appropriate for most occasions. Casual and sportswear, such as shorts, modest swim suits, cut-offs, tennis shoes, water shoes and sandals w/back strap are recommended. For any swim suit not deemed age-appropriate, a T-shirt may be required to be worn. For all field trips old or inexpensive tennis shoes or water shoes are essential. There will be many water activities and wearing shoes for tubing, rafting, sampling, etc., is much easier and safer on the feet. Flip-flops are prone to come off and get lost in the river. Several of the activities require extensive walking, so a good pair of rubber-soled walking shoes is essential. A hat is recommended for outdoor activities. A sports strap to secure eyeglasses is strongly recommended to prevent their loss in the water while tubing or rafting. A sweatshirt or sweater is recommended for air-conditioned buildings (which can sometimes be quite chilly in the mornings!). You can never tell when it will rain during the summer so rainwear (such as a disposable poncho) may come in handy.
2. **MEALS** - Tentative meal times are:  
Breakfast: 7:00 - 8:00  
Lunch: 12:00 - 1:30  
Dinner: 5:00 - 6:30
3. **LAUNDRY** - **Linen services are not provided.** Therefore, students need to bring linens (twin size), pillow, blanket, bath towels and a swimming towel. Students are asked to bring enough clothes for a full week. Coin-operated laundry facilities are also available in the dorm for student use. A sleeping bag may be used instead of linens if desired.
4. **SPENDING MONEY** - Students should bring enough spending money for snacks, souvenirs and occasional recreational activity (\$30-50 should be enough). Students are expected to be responsible for keeping their own spending money while at the camp. **Drawers or closets in the dorm rooms are equipped with locks for security. However, it is encouraged that each student bring a small lockable box to store money and valuables in the event that any drawer or closet locks do not work.** Not everyone is honest and occasionally we are required to share a dorm with other groups that are staying on campus.
5. **FORMS** - Each student must bring **all completed consent and release forms and medical history form** (these may be sent ahead of time or turned in at check-in). Students should also sign and return the camper behavior contract included in the registration packet.

6. **ROOMS AND MAIL SERVICE** - Students will be staying in double-occupancy rooms in an air-conditioned dormitory on the Texas State campus. Teachers and counselors will be assigned single rooms. The location of the dorm will be announced later. **While every attempt is made to provide a roommate for each camper, in the event that there is an odd number of boys or girls a camper will be assigned to a single room.** Send mail to: (Camper Name), c/o Aquatic Sciences Adventure Camp, Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas 78666. **Do not send mail directly to the dorm, as dorms do not provide mail service during the summer.**
  
7. **TELEPHONE SERVICE** - Pay phones are located in the lobby of the dorm. Bringing a pre-paid phone card is a good idea. Most dorms on campus have rooms that are wired for phone service. If we are assigned one of these dorms, students may bring plug-in phones for local or collect calls. Call the Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center at (512) 245-2329 to leave messages. Office hours are from 8:0 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Texas State University Police Department number is (512) 245-2805.
  
8. **PERSONAL ITEMS** - Students should bring soap and detergent (if they want to do laundry), hangers, beach towel and an alarm clock. **BRING OLD SHOES FOR THE RIVER, PLENTY OF SUN SCREEN AND A HAT!**
  
9. **OPTIONAL ITEMS** - Students might want to bring such items as an inexpensive camera, frisbee, board games, playing cards, puzzles or word games (for leisure time) and snorkeling gear. Equipment for all scheduled activities will be provided for each participant. Bringing expensive electronic equipment, CDs or other valuables/collectibles is strongly discouraged due to potential for loss or damage.
  
10. **PROHIBITED ITEMS** - **Spark-producing, flame-producing, or loud noise-producing devices, water guns, water balloons, personal TV sets, videos/DVDs and VCRs or DVD players, musical instruments, skateboards, roller-blades, etc. are not permitted at the camp.**
  
11. **SUPERVISION** - Students will be supervised by the directors, counselors and teachers. The camp counselors and teachers will live in the dorm with the students, and will supervise recreational activities and organize evening activities. Counselors and teachers will be assigned single rooms. The directors are responsible for the instructional program and field trips.
  
12. **SWIM TEST** - Each participant will be required to take a simple swim test upon arrival. **Due to the nature of the camp the ability to swim and tread water is essential.** Students who are poor swimmers will be required to wear a life jacket at the appropriate times. It is required that all students wear life jackets during the raft trip.

13. **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY** - Although the level of physical activity at the camp is not excessively challenging for a healthy child, several of the camp activities do require a considerable amount of walking. We suggest that students who are enrolled in the camp be accustomed to at least a moderate level of physical activity.
14. **SCHEDULE** - The general daily schedule will include classroom and field activities in the morning. Recreational activities will fill the afternoon and evening hours. Minor schedule changes may be necessary due to unforeseen circumstances.
15. **DISCIPLINE** - Students are expected to follow campus rules and regulations, to respect university property and facilities and to respect the persons, dignity and property of other campers. **Parents will be billed for any damages caused by their children.** Students will be expected to participate in all scheduled class and recreational activities and to conform to acceptable rules of conduct. Failure to do so may result in the student being expelled from the camp.
16. **CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS** - There is a mandatory \$100.00 cancellation fee (\$50 for the 2-day sessions) if cancellation is made at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the session. Otherwise, the entire deposit is forfeited. Once the camp session has started, partial refunds may be given in the event of illness only. Refunds will **not** be given in the event a student is withdrawn due to homesickness, discipline or other problems. **EARDC reserves the right to cancel any session which does not have a minimum of fifteen (15) participants registered two weeks before the session start date.**
17. **ARRIVALS** - Students should plan to arrive in San Marcos between 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. on the Sunday your session begins. Registration will be held during that time period in the lobby of the dormitory. Those arriving by car should take I-35 and exit at the off ramps marked “Texas State University” (from San Antonio) or “Aquarena Springs Drive” (from Austin). **Maps and driving directions will be provided as soon as the dormitory has been assigned.**
18. **DEPARTURES** - Dorm check-out will be between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.
19. **CLEANING FEE/LOST ROOM KEYS** - A cleaning fee will be charged to campers if the rooms are not properly cleaned at check-out. Please report any room discrepancies (cleanliness or damage) upon check-in to avoid the possibility of being charged. Campers will be charged for any lost keys.

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## **Camp Instructional Leaders**

Dr. Glenn Longley is Director of the Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center at Texas State University-San Marcos. After earning a B. S. degree in Biology at Southwest Texas State (now Texas State University-San Marcos), he received his M. S. degree in Zoology and his Ph.D. in Environmental Biology at the University of Utah.

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