



RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. General Property Rules

- 1. Entrance.** Always keep the entrance gate closed!!!!!!!!!! We have numerous wild “pets” that are well fed and protected from hunting and other predators within our gates. Upon entry into the camp, please drive and park in designated areas only. Please leave vehicles locked (take a sharp right turn at the gate to parking lot). **PLEASE DRIVE ONLY ON ROADS AND NOT ON RAW PROPERTY! IT IS HAZARDOUS TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE CAMP!** Commercial buses will NOT be allowed on the property — campers can be dropped off at the entrance gate. Carpooling is encouraged. Gasoline is not available at camp.
- 2. Arrival.** Upon arrival, groups should gather in the barn for a brief camp orientation and to receive linen boxes.
- 3. Grounds, Campfires, Fireplaces & Fireworks.** Grounds must be kept free from litter at all times. No fires except in designated areas! A bonfire area has been provided and your group is required to gather wood and not use wood from cut pile. Do not cut your own fire wood! Do not attempt a bonfire during high winds, dry conditions or during a fire ban. A small fire pit is available for s’mores, and small fires. Cut wood has been provided for small fires, but please respect our wood supply. Only Stoney Creek Ranch personnel are authorized to start fires in the indoor fireplaces. Please do not ever leave indoor or outdoor fires unattended. Fireworks are strictly prohibited at Stoney Creek Ranch.
- 4. Leadership.** There is a minimum camper to chaperone ratio of 5:1 for children ages 4-5; 6:1 for children ages 6-8; 8:1 for ages 9-14; and 10:1 for ages 15-18. Chaperones need to be at least 16 years old and two years older than the campers; however, 80% of the leadership must be at least 18 years old. Leadership that reflects the camper diversity is highly encouraged. The adult leaders are responsible for the supervision and behavior management of all participants at all times.
- 5. Smoking/Alcohol/Illegal Drugs/Firearms.** Smoking is not permitted in or around any buildings or forest areas and is allowed only in the campfire area near the barn. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs shall be permitted on the

premises, nor shall anyone who is under the influence of either be allowed on the premises. Possession of firearms is strictly prohibited.

6. **Pets.** For the safety and peace of all campers and residing wildlife, pets are not permitted to visit Stoney Creek Ranch.
7. **Vehicles.** Motorized bikes may be used only to make initial entry and final exit from camp and must remain on the main road between Zimmerscheidt Road and the parking area. Transportation in non-passenger vehicles (beds of pickups, etc.) is prohibited on camp property. Personal ATVs are not allowed on camp property.
8. **Trash & Recycling.** Pick up any trash and place in receptacles. Please make every effort to minimize solid waste generated by your activities. Deposit trash in the trash trailer which will be taken to the dumpster by camp personnel.
9. **Telephones.** Long-distance calls can be made by using calling cards or a collect-call service. Please give all members of your group the name and phone number of the Ranch to leave with those who may need to reach them. AT&T cellular service is the only phone company that works well on camp property.
10. **Nature.** Do not climb on trees. Do not chase animals (deer, armadillos, etc.). Be watchful of snakes, spiders and scorpions.
11. **Sleeping Areas.** Boys and girls are not allowed in each other's cabins or individual sleeping rooms/areas. Cabin-raids are not permitted as behavior usually results in property damage or personal injury.
12. **Noise Control.** Respect the privacy of our neighbors. No loud music or noisy activities outside between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Additionally, please respect the rest needs of our staff that are at the Ranch to serve your group. Noise levels in the meeting room, cozy room and dining rooms should be minimal after 11:00 p.m.
13. **Security and Loss of Belongings.** Stoney Creek Ranch is not responsible for belongings, equipment, displays, supplies, written materials, or any items left unattended. You are responsible for securing and safeguarding your equipment and belongings at all times.
14. **Damage.** Immediately report any damages to buildings, property or equipment. Stoney Creek Ranch property, equipment, and facilities are inspected after each stay. Damages and losses are billed accordingly. Your group assumes full responsibility for returning Stoney Creek Ranch to its original condition.
15. **Cleaning.** All facilities are to be left in a clean condition. You will be provided with a clean up check list which must be completed prior to your group leaving the property. Cleaning materials are located in the right front closet of the cabins. Any need for excessive cleaning will be billed to the group.

16. Insurance. All individuals comprising groups must be covered by health and accident insurance. The camp does not provide this insurance and it is up to user-group or participants to secure such insurance.

II. Cabin Rules

General Rules:

1. No food or beverages in the cabins! It attracts the mice.
2. Do not remove sheets, pillows, towels, beds, etc. from cabins.
3. Limit showers to 5 minutes to allow everyone hot water.

Upon Arrival:

1. Congregate group in the Dining Facility with luggage to receive cabin assignments, directions for linen box receipt and listen to a brief Ranch orientation.
2. Have guests make beds with linens provided. Use only one box per camper. Do not break up sets in other boxes.
3. Verify campers make bed correctly.
4. Collect linen boxes in lobby of cabins.

At Departure:

Before check-out, please plan to have your group thoroughly inspect the grounds as well as clean all of the facilities used during your stay (per cleaning checklists). In order to avoid delays to your departure, please plan adequate time for cleanup and your morning program to be ready at your anticipated departure time. A thorough inspection must be performed by our camp staff before you leave. Please plan to accompany our staff on the inspection in the event any follow-up is necessary.

** Leaders: Please walk through and make sure each bed has a mattress cover, pillow with protector, and blanket. Please make presentation perfect for our next guests.

III. Rules for Activities

Volleyball: Bring your own balls, nets are provided.
Please do not stretch the net too tightly.
Before using court, please spend a few minutes cleaning court of weeds.
Loosen net when finished.
Do not climb or sit on poles.

Frisbee golf: Bring your own Frisbee.

- Horseshoes:* Please return shoes to receptacle after use.
- Washers:* Please return washers to box after use.
- Kayaking:* Kayaking in lake is allowed only when lifeguard and at least 1 adult leader is present.
Lifejackets must be worn at all times while kayaking.
After each use, remove all kayaks from the water and place kayaks, life jackets and paddles back in storage barn.
- Fishing:* At least two (2) leaders must be present at the waterfront when their group is fishing.
We maintain a catch and release policy.
Please treat our fish with tender care.
Only children under the age of 10 are allowed to fish in Perch Lake.
NOTE: Bait is not available at camp. Please plan to bring your own fishing gear and bait.
- Soccer:* Bring your own balls - goals are provided.
Do not play when field is wet!
- Softball:* Bring your own bats and balls - bases are provided.
Do not play when wet!
- Blob:* Lifeguard and at least 2 adult leaders must be present.
Leaders and campers must carefully review posted operating procedures prior to activity.
Life jackets must be worn at all times while blobbing.
- Pool:* Lifeguard and at least 1 adult leader must be present.
Swimmers must use a swim buddy and/or complete swim test.

IV. First Aid/Safety

1. The group is responsible for the following:
 - a. Bringing fully stocked First Aid kits (first aid leader and lifeguards) for use during their stay. An infirmary is available for treatment, housing first aid supplies and camper isolation
 - b. First aid/emergency care, emergency transportation, and training of first aid to leaders
 - c. Completing first aid forms for each camper and staff/adult that includes names and addresses as well as emergency contact names and phone numbers for all campers. In addition, a list of any persons with known allergies or health conditions requiring treatment, restrictions or other accommodations and signed permission to seek emergency care must be obtained prior to arriving at the property

- d. Providing adult leaders with Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and first aid certification from a nationally recognized provider
- e. Lifeguards (with CPR and first aid certification) PLUS one (1) additional leader must be present at the venue where water activity is taking place

2. Emergency procedures, including directions to local hospital, contact information for ambulance services and emergency phone numbers are posted in each building.

Please be responsible guests.

Improve the property, enjoy and conserve all plant and animal life.

Leave the property in better shape than when you arrived.

I have read and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in this document.

Printed Name of Supervising Adult

Signature of Supervising Adult

Group Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

Arrival Date: _____

Phone number (cell): _____

Departure Date: _____

NOTE: Please return this signed document and a copy of your group's Certificate of Liability Insurance naming Stoney Creek Foundation and Barrett Rouse as "additional insured". (Minimum liability limit = \$1,000,000) to the address noted below:

*Stoney Creek Foundation
Attn: Barrett Rouse
510 Bering, Suite 100
Houston, TX 77057
FAX: (281) 494-1012*

If you have any questions regarding these rules and regulations, please contact the Camp Coordinator (pam@stoneycreekbranch.org). Thank you!