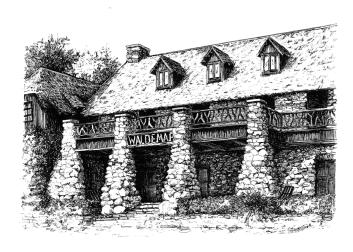


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CELEBRATING OUR 99TH SUMMER

## WELCOME

aldemar has been respected as an outstanding girls' camp since 1926 when it was established by Ora Johnson. We are proud that the Waldemar experience has "stood the test of time" and continues to evolve in response to the changing needs of today's youth while maintaining its strong traditions and commitment to excellence. By providing you with this informative booklet, it is our hope that you will take the time to study its contents and share pertinent information with your daughter. We look forward to the upcoming summer and anticipate another fun-filled, rewarding Waldemar experience for all.



### **OUR MISSION**

Provide a wholesome and fun atmosphere, where each girl can grow spiritually, mentally, and physically in becoming her finest self.

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## WALDEMAR CREED

This is my Creed-

To live each day as though I may never see the morrow come; to be strict with myself, but patient and lenient with others; to give the advantage, but never ask for it; to be kind to all, but kinder to the less fortunate; to respect all honest employment; to remember always that my life is made easier and better by the service of others, and to be grateful.

To be tolerant and never arrogant; to treat all with equal courtesy; to be true to my own in all things; to make as much as I can of my strength and the day's opportunity; and to meet disappointment without resentment.

To be friendly and helpful whenever possible; to do without display of temper or bitterness all that fair conduct demands; and to keep my money free from cunning or the shame of a hard bargain; to govern my actions so that I may fear neither reproach nor misunderstanding, nor words of malice or envy and to maintain, at whatever temporary cost, my own self respect.

This is my creed and my philosophy. I have failed it often and shall fail it many times again; but by these teachings I have lived to the best of my ability; laughed often, loved, suffered, grieved, found consolation and have prospered. By friendships I have been enriched, and the home I have built has been happy.

## WALDEMAR HONOR CODE

The longevity and integrity of Waldemar are rooted in our positive and wholesome camping environment with a high standard of morals and ethics that stand the test of time. To that end, we ask each camper to commit to these same standards while they are at camp.

- Positive Participation- wholeheartedly embracing the Waldemar experience with respect for people and property.
- Limiting food and drink only to what is served by the Waldemar staff and only in designated food/ beverage areas.
- Unplugging from electronics and keeping the focus on connecting with your friends.
- Keeping camp substance free- No vaping, smoking or possession of tobacco products, alcohol or drugs.
- Wholesome environment- G-rated in language and dress, which includes a single piercing per ear. No personal piercing allowed at camp.

Violations of this camp pledge may affect the camper's tribe, may lead to loss of points on a camper's record card, her All-Star, her office, her privileges in war canoe, and could lead to her dismissal from camp. Behavior that suggests campers are not respecting the Honor Code may lead to Waldemar searching camper's belongings. In addition, any defacement of camp property will be subject to a \$100 fee charged to the camper's account or the default credit card on your CampInTouch account.

## **FORMS CHECKLIST**

We look forward to having your daughter(s) with us for the 2024 summer camp session! Please use this checklist to make sure all the appropriate paperwork has been turned in before your child arrives. All forms must be submitted by **April 1st** through your CampInTouch account.

Balance due by <b>April 1st</b> , as shown on your statement. Health History
Physician's Examination. The exam must be completed within one year of your daughter's camp arrival date.
Immunization Record
Parent Release: Camp Waldemar Agreement/Honor Code
Insurance Information
All About Me Questionnaire
Activity Preferences
Bunk Request Updates
Camper Card
Lice Check Certificate

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, April 1st- All forms and fees are due for all terms.

#### 1st Term

- Friday, May 31st- First Term Arrival Day
- Thursday, June 27th- Parent Arrival for First Term Closing
- Friday, June 28th- First Term Closes

### 2nd Term

- Sunday, June 30th- Second Term Arrival Day
- Saturday, July 27th- Parent Arrival for Second Term Closing
- Sunday, July 28th- Second Term Closes

## **PACKING GUIDE**

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4 white shorts (for Thursdays and Sundays)**  4 white shirts**  12-15 shirts/athletic tops  12-15 athletic shorts/bottoms (campers sometimes wear 2 outfits a day)  *4 tribal color shorts  4 tribal color tops  4 swimsuits (2 one piece suits)  • White one piece suit for Sr. campers selected for war canoe  * 3 swim caps (brightly colored)  2-3 beach towels  1-2 cover ups (must cover swimsuit area)  4 sets of pajamas/sleepwear  2-3 pairs of tennis shoes  1 pair of white shoes (athletic or closed toe style)  1 pair river shoes (Chacos, Teva, Keen style)	1 pair of Crocs or similar style  12-15 pairs of inexpensive underweal 12-15 bras  12-15 pairs of socks Bathrobe (for Sunday continental breakfast)  Jacket or sweatshirt  Raincoat or umbrella  *Wide mouth water bottle  *Flashlight  3 bath towels  4 hand towels  2-3 wash cloths  2 twin size sheet sets  Pillow  2 pillow cases  1 twin-size bed spread (not a bulky comforter which can make bed making difficult)  1 throw/light blanket	*2 laundry bags with drawstrings (labeled or embroidered with first and last name)  *** Hanging shoe organizer (It needs to be able to hang on bunk; please send ribbon or string)  Backpack or tote for daily use/activities  Toothbrush/toothpaste  Comb/brush  Hat/sunglasses  Hair ties, scrunchies, hair clips  *Toiletries: shampoo/conditioner, sunscreen, deodorant, body wash, soap, bug spray  If needed: Feminine products, razors, shaving cream
OPTIONAL ITEMS:  Blanket/Towel for movie nights Disposable camera (no digital) Polaroid camera & film *Cards, quiet games *Clipboard, notebook, pens  *1 stuffed animal *Hand held fan or mister *Batteries (as needed) *Stamps, stationery, pens, pencils 3 corner pillow or prop up pillow for bunk	ACTIVITY-SPECIFIC ITEMS:  Guitar (if taking class) Button shorts for Canoe Swim Test Tennis racket (if taking class) Golf clubs (if left handed and taking class) Softball glove (if taking class) *Swim goggles Horseback riding gear (if taking class) including- taking class) including- helmet (make sure it fits) Shirts that tuck in	□ 2-3 pair of jeans/riding pants (if taking double, pack more) □ Boots: Western or English style  *Items available at the Camp Store  **Keep in mind to pack a set of nicer white clothing to wear for kampong photos. Hilltoppers will also need an appropriate set for Tribute Vesper and the Ideal Waldemar Girl Ceremony: collared white shirt without monograms or logos, white shorts that extend to your fingertips.

\*\*\*The hanging shoe organizer is used to store footwear among other items. Please send string or ribbon to facilitate hanging the shoe organizer over the bunks.

To preserve our wholesome environment, we ask for all tops and bottoms to meet in the middle, and shorts/skirts/dresses to be a conservative length. Please refrain from sending expensive jewelry, electronics, cosmetics, or other belongings as we cannot guarantee them against loss. If you bring your own archery bow, be aware it cannot be used for competition on Field Days. Parents of new campers should avoid sending items in orange, green, or purple until you know your daughter's tribe. If packing items that require electricity (hair dryers, etc.) remember there is no electricity in the kampong except in the morning and before bedtime.

All personal items should be packed into one trunk, one Waldemar duffel, and a small carry-on bag/backpack that can also be used for classes. Campers may carry their pillows with them on the bus or pack them.

### **CARNIVAL NIGHT**

Each term will have a carnival night! Costumes are part of the Waldemar fun. The best ones, and the ones that will catch the eyes of our costume judges, are usually homemade. Pack fun accessories: silly socks, sunglasses, wigs, leis, etc. Often kampongs will collaborate and make costumes during Rest Hour.

### **LAUNDRY**

Having fun can mean getting a little messy. Each camper will have her laundry washed and dried once per week. The cost is \$18.00 per laundry bag and will be charged automatically to your camper's camp store account, **so make sure your daughter knows to send out her laundry each week**. The laundry service picks up bags on Monday and returns them on Thursday. It is important for each and every article of clothing (including EACH sock) to be labeled clearly with your camper's first and last names. TWO LAUNDRY BAGS ARE REQUIRED. Laundry will only go out once a week. Laundry bags should also be clearly marked on the outside with the camper's full name. Waldemar is not responsible for damage or loss, so please do not pack expensive or delicate clothing.

## PACKING FOR CAMP

### LUGGAGE

Due to limited space on the buses and in kampongs, please pack within the following guidelines:

- 1. One trunk/footlocker (no taller than 15")
- 2. Waldemar duffel (provided to all first-year campers)

Tip: get your camper's first and last name monogrammed on the bag (choose a non-tribal color: no purple, orange, or green). That will help us and her identify which duffel belongs to her in case the luggage tag falls off.

**3. Carry-on style tote or backpack.** Campers can keep this bag handy for the bus and take it with them to their kampongs.

### Make sure you:

- 1. Acquaint your daughter with the appearance of her baggage and the number of pieces she is bringing.
- 2. Put her full name on the outside of the trunk lid and attach a luggage tag that clearly has her name on the XL black duffel. They all look the same!
- 3. Use the bag tags provided to you. Contact the office if you do not receive yours by May 15th.
- 4. Remove any old tags and names from all luggage pieces.
- Please use zip ties or carabiners instead of padlocks to secure trunk latches.

Waldemar is not responsible for any damage to trunks either in transit or while at camp. (Pro tip: <u>Kangaroo Cases</u> make fabulous, durable products.)

### SHIPPING TRUNKS

Trunks and other baggage may be sent on the bus or shipped to Camp Waldemar the week before camp begins. Campers riding the San Antonio airport bus must ship their luggage. Waldemar is fortunate to have staff members deliver luggage to campers' kampongs. If you would like to ship items home, it is required to pre-schedule a pick up date through FedEx or UPS. Bring your prepaid label(s) to camp and attach to each item being shipped, deliver the trunks and duffels to the Rippling Waters garage (carport) which is located by the Health Lodge, and stop by the office and place your daughter's name on the trunk/duffel shipping list so we know what items we still have at camp.

Our shipping address is: Camper Name Camp Waldemar 1005 FM 1340 Hunt, TX 78024

## HEAITH AND WEI FARE

In an effort to speed up the medical check-in process once campers arrive at Waldemar, we are asking all families to have your daughter professionally checked for lice prior to camp. This check must be completed within 7 days of your daughter's arrival. As your campers may tell you, the arrival and check-in process can be very long. We are always looking for ways to improve efficiency with this process and make it easier for everyone. Having your daughter checked for lice before arriving to camp will help us drastically reduce the waiting time for your camper. Scan the QR code (right) for the list of recommended clinics located in Texas. If the recommended clinics are not easily accessible to you, you may have your daughter checked at any professional lice clinic across the US.



Lice Clinics of America Locations

Once your daughter has completed her lice check, upload a copy of the completed lice-check card provided by the lice clinic to her CampInTouch account. Please upload by midnight the night before her arrival.

If your daughter is not able to be checked prior to camp, one representative from Lice Clinics of Texas will be at Waldemar on opening day to perform the check and treatment if needed. Campers who have not already been checked for lice prior to arrival must be checked first before joining the general health-check line. This in-camp lice check will cost \$30 which will be automatically charged to the default credit card on your CampInTouch account under Financial Management. If your child is identified as having head lice on the first day of camp, meaning she was infected before arrival, we will contact you immediately to discuss treatment and cost. If treated, the same credit card will be charged \$285 to cover the treatment as well as additional staff needed. If there is a confirmed case of lice in your daughter's kampong on or after the first day of camp, all campers in the kampong will be rechecked for lice midway through camp. You will be notified immediately if head lice are present on your camper.

Once we have confirmed that your daughter is lice free (whether through a pre-check or onsite check at Waldemar) your camper will be checked for fever and sore throat to ensure everyone is healthy from the start. You can help us by checking your daughter for signs of illness (fever, fatigue, worsening cough, sore throat, etc.) in advance of camp. Your daughter must be fever free at least 24 hours before boarding the bus.

### ONCE AT CAMP

We treat illnesses and injuries as well as administer all medications in our Health Lodge, which is staffed with health care professionals. If your camper requires additional medical treatment, our Health Lodge staff will utilize our TeleDoc service arranged through Peterson Hospital. If an in-person visit is required, we will transport sick or injured campers to Kerrville to our camp pediatrician's office, an urgent care clinic, or the emergency room. Emergency transport services are also available via the Kerrville/Ingram fire department and one helicopter transport service. The TeleDoc service cost is \$60 and will be billed directly to your default credit card on your CampInTouch Financial Management account. Fees for the pediatrician, urgent care or emergency room services will be billed directly to you from the provider.

### MEDICATION

All medications brought to camp MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS BELOW:

- Transport of Medication: All medications must be dispensed by the Health Lodge staff. Do not send ANY medications (even over-the-counter) in your camper's luggage or backpack. ALL medications must be turned in to the bus chaperone at the bus check-in on Opening Day.
- Vitamins and Supplements: Please do NOT send any vitamins, probiotics, and/or herbal supplements. In the case of a vitamin deficiency in your child, we request that you provide an accompanying prescription if you wish to provide her with vitamins. It is important to note that melatonin is considered a supplement and therefore also requires an accompanying prescription. Our nurses will store any non-prescription vitamins, supplements, and/or probiotics in the Health Lodge until Closing Day when we will return them to you.

- Prescriptions: ANY medications sent to camp MUST BE IN ORIGINAL CONTAINERS, PRESCRIBED TO
  THE CAMPER AND CANNOT BE EXPIRED. Please make sure the prescription label on the container shows
  your camper's name, the name and strength of the drug, the current dosage, and the time(s) given. Please send
  your camper's medication in a Ziploc bag clearly labeled with her name and date of birth on the outside.
- Over-the-Counter Medication: Please only send over-the-counter medication if your child takes the medication DAILY (Claritin, Singular, etc.). We have a fully stocked cabinet of over-the-counter medications in the Health Lodge should a camper find herself in need of anything from ibuprofen to antihistamines. Like all medications, over-the-counter medications must be in the original containers, cannot be expired, and should be sent in a Ziploc bag clearly labeled with the camper's name and date of birth. Melatonin is offered over-the-counter. It is considered a supplement, as mentioned before, and we ask that it be accompanied by a prescription.
- Emergency Medications: All asthma inhalers and epi-pens will be stored in the Health Lodge. If your camper must keep an inhaler or epi-pen with her for severe allergic reactions, please call and discuss with the Director at least 2 months prior to camp. Please check expiration dates before sending emergency medications to camp.
- Registering Your Child's Medication: Make sure your child's regularly scheduled medication (prescription and
  over-the-counter) is registered in the health history form found in your CampInTouch account with the correct
  dosage and time given. Please make sure the time and dosage that you enter matches the information on the
  prescription bottle. Once the nurses receive your child's medication, they will check it against what you entered in
  your camper's account. If there are any discrepancies, they will not be able to dispense the medication until they
  confirm all details with you.
- Verifying Your Child's Medication: Once the Health Lodge team checks in your camper's medication, you will
  receive an email asking you to verify your camper's medication and dosage instructions. If the nurses need to make
  a change in your camper's medication, please make sure you respond to their email as soon as possible.

ALL medications are kept in our Health Lodge. Before mealtimes, our Health Lodge staff dispenses medication. Campers who need medication are encouraged to stop by the Health Lodge during scheduled medication distribution times. If a camper fails to take her medication before the meal, the nurse will find that camper after the meal to administer the medication. Campers who need bedtime medications will visit the nurse at the Health Lodge after dinner. Prior to your camper's arrival, please review with her what medications she should take at camp and when they should be administered (before breakfast, before lunch, etc.). This preparation will be a huge help to our nursing staff.

Should your camper require a new prescription or refill while at camp, our nurses will call the local Kerrville Drug or Walgreens pharmacy in Kerrville and arrange for pick-up. New prescriptions or refills will be filed to the camper's insurance we have on record. Payment will be processed using the default credit card on your CampInTouch Financial Management account. We will notify parents before filling a prescription.

### SPECIAL MEDICAL CONCERNS

Each camper's application was accepted on the condition that she is able to fully participate in camp activities. Medical conditions including, but not limited to, fainting spells, diabetes, seizures, physical handicaps, life threatening allergies, unusual dietary requirements, depression and/or other psychological conditions MAY preclude a child from participating in camp.

If your child is impacted by any of these conditions or develops them after registering, you must call and discuss the situation with the Director. If your child should develop a communicable illness or be exposed to one just before camp, please call to discuss.

• **Bed-wetting** - If your child regularly or occasionally wets the bed, please call the office to discuss the different options available to make your camper's time at Waldemar as comfortable as possible. We train our staff to be discreet in handling accidental bed-wetting. If a camper has an accident, she should immediately notify her kampong counselor for assistance. The counselor will have the sheets changed and soiled linens

washed without anyone else knowing. Please send a waterproof mattress pad to camp if you know your camper tends to wet the bed as well as an additional set of sheets. Ruined mattresses will be charged to the camper's store account at the replacement costs.

- **Braces/Retainers** Should brackets or wires break or need repair while at camp, we will send campers to an orthodontist in Kerrville unless instructed otherwise.
- Glasses Please send two pairs.
- **Contact Lenses** Please send extra.
- **Medical Insurance Reminder** All campers should be covered by their own medical insurance while at camp. A current copy must be available to our Health Lodge staff.
- New Medications / Ill-Advised Medical Holidays Camp is NOT the best time to experiment with new medications or to discontinue daily medications. It can be very stressful on both campers and staff. If campers take daily medications to assist them in school settings, these medications will only continue to benefit them in our structured camp environment. If your daughter has a change in medication before camp starts, please make sure you update her online medical form found under Forms and Documents so our staff has the most current information.
- **Parent Notification** In the event that a camper sustains anything more than a minor injury or spends the night in the Health Lodge, parents will be consulted.
- **Prescription Medication** Our medical professionals call a local pharmacy and arrange pick-up of prescription refills or new prescriptions. (See above under "Medication" for existing medications.)
- **Shots** If your camper requires shots of any nature while at camp, please contact the Director prior to camp to discuss. It is HIGHLY recommended that campers be vaccinated each year with a flu shot.
- **Skin Infections** In the event a camper is diagnosed with a bacterial skin infection, parents will be notified immediately. Additional information will be distributed in your camper's closing packet if a skin infection was present in your camper's kampong.
- Sleep Walking/Nightmares For your camper's safety, please notify the office in advance if your child has sleep walking issues. We will make certain the counselor is aware and that your child is placed in a bottom bunk. If your child suffers from recurring nightmares or night terrors, please note that information in your health form along with techniques for soothing her back to sleep. We will share this information discreetly with your child's counselor.
- **Special Dietary Restrictions** Your camper's menu is uploaded to her account under Forms and Documents. If a main dish has a GF beside it, Waldemar will offer a gluten-free option.

Our goal is to help your camper become comfortable with being assertive, meeting her own needs, and speaking out when experiencing a challenge. With this in mind, if your camper is hungry or needs additional food, please have her speak with the Director, Assistant Director, Chef, or Nurse. We will make sure each camper has the proper nourishment. The life skill of becoming self-reliant will help your camper when visiting friends, traveling, and in situations where she will have to be self-reliant to supplement the food choices offered. We encourage campers to eat well-balanced meals and to refrain from dieting while at camp. Please feel free to call us for further explanation.

### **HEALTH FORMS**

ALL HEALTH FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO Waldemar BY **APRIL 1ST**! Please note that the Physician Examination form is to be completed by your doctor, and the examination needs to have been completed within one year of your camper's arrival at Waldemar. A copy of your daughter's immunization record is required.

## WITHDRAWALS/DISMISSALS

In the event of a voluntary withdrawal during camp, there will be no refund on any portion of camp and bus fees. Prior to camp, deposits are refundable up to and including, but not later than January 15, 2024, and camp and bus fees are refundable up to and including, but not later than April 1, 2024, with written notice of cancellation to the office. Waldemar reserves the right to request the withdrawal of any camper considered detrimental to the total camp welfare. In these rare instances, no refund will be given on any portion of camp or bus fees.

### LEAVING CAMP

Camp days are action packed and each day brings new opportunities for success and fun! While we hope your camper doesn't have to leave camp, sometimes life gets in the way. If you have a conflict with dates, please contact the Director ASAP. We will work through how your daughter's schedule and a brief camp absence may affect her camp participation.

The following are guidelines we use when a camper leaves camp. If your daughter will miss:

- 3 days (72 hours) of camp, she will not be eligible for tribal office and possibly war canoe
- 4 days (96 hours), she will not earn her All-Star or her record card points
- A week (168 hours), she will not be eligible to come to camp
- Leaving camp prior to the end of the final program without prior authorization from the Director will result in loss of her All-Star.

Campers may leave campgrounds for camp sponsored trips.

## CANCELLATION PROTECTION PACKAGE

Insurance is available to families who wish to protect their non-refundable tuition investment. Tripmate is one of a number of sources, not affiliated with Camp Waldemar, from which insurance coverage may be purchased. You may have already purchased this coverage when you submitted your daughter's online application/registration. However, if you did not, the Program Protection Plan insurance provides coverage for: program cancellation prior to the start of camp for covered reasons (including injury, sickness, terrorist incidents, job termination, and transfer of employment of 250 miles), program interruption for covered reasons (same as before), medical expenses/emergency assistance, baggage, and medical records online. More information is available online at <a href="https://www.tripmate.com/wpf530s">www.tripmate.com/wpf530s</a> or by calling Tripmate at 1-833-297-2258.

## **CAMPER ACCOUNT**

In addition to camp tuition, a camper account fee is included on your invoice. The fee is \$275 for four-week campers. Items and services deducted from this pre-paid account include laundry, yearbook, camp store purchases and minor class fees (i.e., ceramics, jewelry making, creative crafts, metal and jewelry, and riflery).

We recommend you have a conversation with your camper prior to summer regarding your expectations of her spending habits, if any, in our store. Should you prefer your camper not spend her camp store money on items such as flashlights, stuffed animals, etc., please communicate these expectations to her prior to her arrival at camp. Our camp store staff will monitor your camper's spending while at camp and dissuade her from purchasing repetitive items (ex: 4 stuffed animals, 5 hairbands, etc.) or spending over her limit, but we cannot prevent campers from buying altogether. Our camp store staff will contact you if she is getting close to spending over her store limit. At that time, you can decide to add additional funds or not. Final camp store statements will be emailed two weeks after the close of your camper's term. The unused portion, if more than \$5, will be mailed two weeks after the close of the term. If a camper charges more than \$5 over the amount in her camp store account, balances due will be charged two weeks after the receipt of the emailed statement to the default credit card on your CampInTouch Financial Management account. If you would like to arrange for an alternate method of payment, please contact camp prior to the close of your camper's term.

## CAMP OPENING DAY INFORMATION

### BOARDING THE BUS

The Waldemar camp journey officially begins each summer when campers gather in Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, Tyler, Longview, Austin, San Antonio and Kerrville to board chartered buses bound for Waldemar. Payment is non-refundable after April 1st. Submit your travel form by April 1st. You may make changes up until that date. Please be on time to your bus departure and make sure that you have all forms turned in and payments made so your bus check-in will go smoothly. Please note that the bus will only wait for 15 minutes past the scheduled departure time for delayed campers. Bus stop locations and drop off times are listed below. All campers will travel to camp by chartered bus or by plane to the San Antonio Airport, and then to camp by chartered bus.

Once you arrive at the specified location, a Waldemar representative will greet you. Please be prepared to load your daughter's luggage on the bus. If you need assistance, please ask the Waldemar representative. You can then check on your camper and say your final goodbye. Upon check-in, we will get your camper ready for the trip to camp. Please make sure every piece of your camper's luggage and any carry-ons are clearly marked with first and last names AND that you have firmly attached the luggage tags that we will send you closer to camp

During their journey to Waldemar, campers sing their favorite Waldemar tunes, connect with old and new friends alike, and get prepared for the best summer ever!

#### 1st Term Travel Day: Friday, May 31st

Departure City	Meeting Location	Meeting Time
Austin	Trinity Episcopal School 3901 Bee Caves Rd, Austin 78746	9:30 AM
Dallas	Inwood Village Shopping Center 5458 West Lovers Lane	7:15 AM
Fort Worth	TCU Parking Lot, Soccer/Basketball Lot (off Alton), 3700 West Berry St., Fort Worth 76109	7:30 AM
Houston	Memorial City Mall (Lot B off Barryknoll), 303 Memorial City Way, Houston 77024	8:00 AM
Longview	7 Eleven, 1401 Judson Rd., Longview 75603	5:45 AM
Kerrville	Moore's Home Furnishings, 120 Harper Road, Kerrville 78024	12:30 PM
San Antonio	Alamo Heights High School, 6900 Broadway, San Antonio 78029	10:30 AM
San Antonio Airport	Ground Transportation Mall	11:30 AM
Tyler	Willowbrook Country Club, 3205 West Erwin St., Tyler 75702	6:45 AM

#### 2nd Term Travel Day: Sunday, June 30th

Departure City	Meeting Location	Meeting Time
Austin	Trinity Episcopal School 3901 Bee Caves Rd, Austin 78746	9:30 AM
Dallas	Inwood Village Shopping Center, 5458 West Lovers Lane, Dallas 75202	7:15 AM
Fort Worth	TCU Parking Lot, Soccer/Basketball Lot (off Alton), 3700 West Berry St., Fort Worth 76109	7:30 AM
Houston	Memorial City Mall (Lot B off Barryknoll), 303 Memorial City Way, Houston 77024	8:00 AM
Kerrville	Moore's Home Furnishings, 120 Harper Road, Kerrville 78024	12:30 PM
San Antonio	Alamo Heights High School, 6900 Broadway, San Antonio 78029	10:30 AM
San Antonio Airport	Ground Transportation Mall	11:30 AM

#### WHAT TO BRING ON THE BUS

A backpack is a great accessory to carry lunch, snacks, and anything else your camper may need on the bus. All food and unacceptable electronics (if any) will be collected by the bus chaperones upon arrival at camp.

Campers should bring a sack lunch, a drink, and a disposable water bottle for the bus ride. We recommend the following snacks on the bus: a sandwich, personal-sized bags of chips/crackers, a bottle of water, fruit snacks, celery/carrot sticks, apple slices, or cookies. We discourage parents from sending extras or food to share. Water bottles often get left on the bus, so plan ahead. Pack your daughter's reusable water bottle, and send a disposable one on the bus.

### **OPENING DAY**

Upon arrival at camp, campers will check in to get their kampong assignments, wellness check, and will then head off to their kampongs to make their beds and get acquainted with their bunkmates and counselors. You will be notified via email when your camper safely arrives at Waldemar. Campers will then head out for an action-packed day at camp.

## CAMP CLOSING INFORMATION

### **CLOSING SCHEDULE**

A detailed closing schedule will be emailed and posted on your CampInTouch account as closing day approaches. Below are the dates and times parents may arrive for closing activities. Please remember that campers are not allowed to leave camp with parents until after the Awards Program on the last day of camp. Early departure without prior approval from the Director will result in loss of All-Star.

#### **FIRST TERM**

#### HILLTOPPER PARENTS MAY ATTEND THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

#### Tuesday, June 25th

8:00 PM Happy Haven gate opens for Sr. Drama

#### Wednesday, June 26th

9:00 AM Games Day through the end of Pep Rallies

#### Thursday, June 27th

8:45 AM Horse Show

See "All Parents" schedule below for the remainder of the closing schedule.

#### ALL PARENTS MAY ATTEND:

#### Thursday, June 27th

2:00 PM Main Entrance Gate opens for parking	g	S					
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3:00 PM Happy Haven & Pool Gates open for

parents to enter camp

3:30 PM Closing Ceremonies: Flag presentation,

Reeves' Riders, & Ouadrille

4:30 PM Class Demonstrations

5:30 PM All Camp Picnic

6:30 PM Canoe Drill & Ideal Waldemar Girl Ceremony

7:30 PM Final Tribal Hills

#### Friday, June 28th

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7:00 AM Main Entrance Gate opens for parking

7:30 AM Happy Haven Gates open for parents,

Field Day Begins

1:00 PM Tribal Pep Rallies

1:15 PM Pier Events begin

3:15 PM Awards Program begins (concludes around 4 PM)

#### SECOND TERM

#### HILLTOPPER PARENTS MAY ATTEND THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

#### Thursday, July 25th

8:00 PM Happy Haven gate opens for Sr. Drama

#### Friday, July 26th

9:00 AM Games Day through the end of Pep Rallies

### Saturday, July 27th

8:45 AM Horse Show

See "All Parents" schedule below for the remainder of the closing schedule.

#### ALL PARENTS MAY ATTEND:

#### Saturday, July 27th

2:00 PM Main Entrance Gate opens for parking

3:00 PM Happy Haven & Pool Gates open for

parents to enter camp

3:30 PM Closing Ceremonies: Flag presentation,

Connie's Cowgirls, & Quadrille

4:30 PM Class Demonstrations

5:30 PM All Camp Picnic

6:30 PM Canoe Drill & Ideal Waldemar Girl Ceremony

7:30 PM Final Tribal Hills

#### Sunday, July 28th

7:00 AM Main Entrance Gate opens for parking

7:30 AM Happy Haven Gates open for parents,

Field Day Begins

1:00 PM Tribal Pep Rallies

1:15 PM Pier Events begin

3:15 PM Awards Program begins (concludes around 4 PM)

### **CLOSING EXPECTATIONS**

Below are some additional reminders regarding closing activities. Being prepared will ensure you and your family will enjoy every second! If you have more questions, please feel free to call our office at (830) 238-4821 or email info@ waldemar.com.

### **Comfort and Safety**

- Please wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes.
   The paths to Tribal Hill and kampongs may be uneven and rocky.
- The Texas heat in the summer can be intense. Pack sunscreen, a hat, water bottles, and a portable fan!
- There will be several water stations across camp. Please bring a refillable water bottle.
- Parents have historically brought their own folding chairs to use throughout the weekend. We suggest also packing a towel or blanket to lie on the grass or on the theater stone steps.
- Show your tribal spirit by dressing in your daughter's tribe color on the last day of camp.

#### Please Leave at Home

- Pets
- Your daughter's boyfriend
- Adult beverages

#### **Personal Golf Carts**

We will have golf cart and mule shuttles available during closing events. Personal/rented golf carts other than those provided by camp are not permitted. No rides are available up Tribal Hill.

#### Waterfront

Our dam and waterfront areas are for camper and staff use only. Any other use must be authorized by camp administration. No lifeguards are on duty.

### No Kampong or Tribal Gifts

Your daughter may write you urging you to send or bring kampong gifts or t-shirts. Please refrain from such gifts, including gifts for the entire tribe. We would like spirit tags and other decoration to be made and distributed by the campers.

#### Lost and Found

We have a Lost and Found table located in front of the Health Lodge. Any items that do not have names or were found after campers returned to their kampongs on Field Day will be located on the Lost and Found table. Please check it before you leave and take what is yours. If you get home and find something is missing or was left behind, please call within two days of camp closing as all unclaimed items will be donated. We will ship these items back to you via the United States Postal Service and add the charge to your default credit card on your CampInTouch Financial Management account. Large items such as backpacks or duffels left behind will automatically be mailed and charged to your default credit card on your CampInTouch Financial Management account.

### Medication Pick Up

Our Health Lodge staff will be available in front of the Health Lodge on the last day of camp to distribute medications. Please remember to stop by. We are unable to mail medications home.

### Getting Luggage Home

Our staff is available to load luggage at camp closing. If you want to ship trunks and duffels home, you must complete the shipping information with UPS or FedEX and bring the shipping labels with you at the end of camp. Please stop by the Office to make sure Waldemar is aware that you will be shipping items home and for instructions on where to leave them.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **LETTERS**

Mail is delivered after lunch Monday through Saturday. Campers LOVE to receive mail! Families and friends are encouraged to send cards and letters. Campers can write letters back. Mail is taken to our local post office each morning. Summertime often overwhelms the one-room Hunt Post Office, so please be patient as transit time may take longer than expected.

\* Please add the kampong name once you know it- it's perfectly acceptable to send your daughter's first letters without the kampong name!

# Camper mailing address is as follows:

Camper's Name \*Kampong Name Camp Waldemar 1005 FM 1340 Hunt, TX 78024

#### **PACKAGES**

Packages may only be sent for a camper with a birthday during camp or for a first-year camper. These packages must be clearly marked with "FIRST-YEAR CAMPER" or "BIRTHDAY." All other packages will be stored and given to campers at camp closing. Packages should be no bigger than 12 x 12 x 12 inches. In addition, parents are encouraged to pre-order one package of goodies from the Camp Store for delivery either at the beginning of the term or for Field Day. If a camper receives a letter with food, candy, or gum and it is inadvertently delivered to her, she should turn it over to her counselor immediately for disposal to avoid loss of points for her tribe. Please let friends and family know they may not send packages!

#### Please **DO NOT** send:

- Candy, gum, any food/drink items, silly string, balloons, silly putty, stink bombs, confetti, fireworks, glitter gel, face paint, pocket knives, magazines with inappropriate content, etc.
- Items that may get stuck on clothing, in the carpet, or in campers' hair
- Items that may be damaging to campers and staff and/or Waldemar property

### **EMAILS**

Emailing through your online CampInTouch login or our CAMPanion App is the quickest and easiest way to communicate with campers. Parents may purchase email credits and send messages through this system. Emails are processed at 8:00 AM daily, including Sundays, and delivered to campers with their regular mail. Simply login to your Waldemar account and click on "Email" to begin. Campers are not able to reply electronically. Email guest accounts can be set up by clicking on "Email" and must be completed by the camper's parents.

Emails are filtered for appropriate language and content and those deemed inappropriate will be charged to
the sender but NOT delivered to the camper.

**Letter Writing Tips:** You may send tons of letters to your camper, and it only takes one to spark potential homesickness. When writing to your camper, focus on what is going on with her! Ask questions about camp, mention a picture you saw her in, or give general updates about what you have been up to. Lengthy stories about how much you miss her or what she is missing can generate not-so-happy responses!

### WALDEMAR DAILY NEWS AND PHOTOS

Parents can experience camp happenings through our daily news articles and photos. There are two ways to access this information:

- The first is via the CAMPanion app. Get the latest updates from daily life at camp including face finder, an automatic facial recognition system to find your camper's photos quickly! To get started, go to your phone's app store and download the CAMPanion App. Login using your CampInTouch username and password. More information about the CAMPanion App can be found at: <a href="waldemar.com/parents/staying-connected">waldemar.com/parents/staying-connected</a>.
- The second is via your CampInTouch account. Login to your Waldemar account and click on "News" or Photos to begin.
- Please note: We hire photographers who visit as many classes as possible each day on a rotating schedule. Our goal is to capture each child each day whether in smiling candids or intense action shots. While we post over 400 photos daily, we don't always capture every camper each day. If you don't feel you are seeing enough of your child, please contact our office, and we will make sure your camper's smiling face gets caught on camera!

### PHONE

In general, campers are not allowed to use the phone during camp. However, our office staff is happy to talk with parents should they be concerned about their daughter while she is at camp. The office phone number is (830) 238-4821. In case of an emergency after 10:00 p.m. and before 8:00 a.m., you can reach the nurse on duty at (830) 238-3357.

### VISITATION POLICY

Campers' families are invited to come to Camp Closing. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate for campers' families at other times.

### CAMP DIRECTORY AND YEARBOOK

Each camper will receive a directory of the summer's camper names, addresses, and parents' emails in the fall. We hope this contact information helps your campers stay in touch with camp friends until next summer. One yearbook per child will be charged to your daughter's camper account. It will be mailed to your home in the fall.

## UNPLUGGED

Enjoying the experience of Waldemar means spending time with friends, staying involved in all that camp has to offer and unplugging from the world. Campers are allowed to bring electronics that do not connect to the Internet or have photo/video recording or playback capabilities. Remember plugs are limited, so minimize your chargeable items.

### Unacceptable Electronics

(anything with WIFI capabilities)
Phones, smart watches, iPads, tablets, iPod Touch,
portable game devices (Nintendo, Play Station, etc.),
digital cameras, iPods/MP3 players with photo/
video playback capabilities, portable DVD players or
laptops.

### **Acceptable Electronics**

iPod shuffle, iPod Nano (7th or 8th generation) and other MP3 players.

For campers who are avid readers, we have a fantastic library they may use while at camp. If you are unsure about what your daughter may or may not bring, please contact our office.

## LIFE AT CAMP

### **TRIBES**

On the first night a girl attends Long Term, she draws for her camp tribe. Whether she draws Aztec, Comanche, or Tejas, she will continue to be a member of this tribe throughout her camping years and beyond. In everything she does - from her table manners and cleanliness in her kampong to how well she participates in her classes - she will experience the joy of helping her tribesmen by earning points.







### **RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

Waldemar's non-denominational Christian service will be held in Tejas Chapel every Sunday. All campers and counselors wear whites to this mandatory service. Catholic Mass is conducted by a visiting priest when available or a local Eucharistic minister at mid-morning.

### **BLESSINGS**

At Waldemar, we sing the following blessings before meals:

#### **Breakfast**

Thou has kept us safely through the night And Thy power has brought the morning light. We would humbly bow before Thy throne. And we would be called thine own. Amen

#### Lunch and Dinner

Be Present at our table Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored,
These mercies bless and grant that we
May use our strength always for Thee.
Amen

### **BIRTHDAYS AT CAMP**

What better way to celebrate a birthday than surrounded by hundreds of your friends? If your camper's birthday falls during the camp term, we celebrate Waldemar style! Campers enjoy a custom-made birthday cake brought right to their table at lunch, and sisters are invited to join the celebration. Birthdays are announced in the morning so everyone knows who we're celebrating. Parents AND grandparents may call their birthday campers at 8:00 AM, 1:05 PM, 2:15 PM, or 7:00 PM on the phone! Calls are limited to 10 minutes.

### WHAT CAN CAMPERS DO DURING REST HOUR?

Rest Hour begins after lunch and provides an opportunity for all of camp to return to their kampongs, get out of the heat, strengthen kampong unity, and rest before afternoon activities begin. Help your daughter identify appropriate supplies to bring for her entertainment. These should be quiet things campers can do on their beds that won't distract others. Examples include: books, cards, drawing supplies, listening to an iPod shuffle, friendship bracelet supplies, etc. All campers must stay inside their kampongs for the duration of Rest Hour. Waldemar has a library of books available in Cedar Lodge for those who have either finished their stack or forgot to bring a book. Specific Rest Hour guidelines for each age division are listed below.

- First Rest Hour (2:45-3:30 PM)- all campers and their kampong counselors are inside, playing quiet games, writing letters home and enjoying a break from the heat.
- Second Rest Hour (3:30-4:40 PM) all campers are to be on their beds and quiet. Activities depend on camper's ages:
  - Juniors (4th & 5th graders): campers lie quietly on their beds.
  - Intermediates (6th & 7th graders): read on their beds or lie quietly on their beds.
  - Seniors (8th, 9th, 10th & 11th graders): may read and write letters quietly on their beds.

### KAMPONG INSPECTION

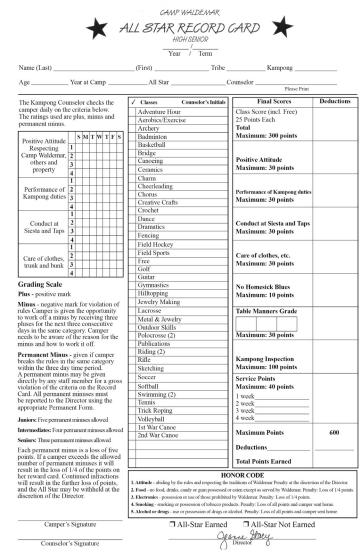
- Campers learn many important life skills by participating in kampong clean-up. Each camper is responsible for making her own bed, tidying her area, and completing her assigned chore.
- Each kampong will be checked twice daily.
- Every girl in the kampong will pitch in to make sure the kampong is tidy. As you can imagine, eight people living together can get messy.
  - Duties are divided by different jobs: sweep, mop, tidy bathroom, outside sweep and check clothesline, dust, ice and trash, inspector (who does the final check before everyone departs).
- On Sundays, each kampong does a deep clean, which includes changing sheets, sweeping under bunks, mopping, and generally cleaning more thoroughly.

## TRACKING CAMPER SUCCESS

Campers come to Waldemar for a variety of reasons. Some hope to make new friends, some strive to learn new skills, and some want to beat summer boredom. No matter what the reason, we want to help all campers be successful at camp. With this goal in mind, we keep track of campers' daily successes through a personal All Star Record Card. The Record Card is a check off card where we can reward daily progress and help campers who may need redirection get back on track. Record Cards are completed throughout the term by kampong counselors.

Record Cards keep track of participation in classes, care of trunk and bunk, positive attitude, service point job, table grades, and behavior at Rest Hour and Taps. In a situation where redirection is needed, our year-round staff may get involved and will provide input and consultation with campers. Waldemar uses a progressive support procedure to redirect misbehavior or poor decision making.

When verbal warnings cease to be effective, temporary minuses are given for that day's behavior, and opportunities to improve are discussed with the camper. A temporary minus can be replaced with a plus when improvement has been demonstrated. If the negative behavior continues, the next step is a permanent minus, which will remain on the Record Card and results in a loss of points for the camper's tribe. Permanent minuses will have notations on the card to explain what happened and why. Camp staff has the discretion of moving straight to a permanent minus when actions



impact safety or the integrity of our program. When an issue continues to escalate, consultation with the Director and parents may become necessary along with the potential of the camper being sent home.

## **DINING AT WALDEMAR**

At Waldemar we don't eat- we dine! Providing our campers with a variety of new menu items and an opportunity to learn and practice good manners is a foundational part of the Waldemar program. Each camper is assigned a table within her age division and she will sit with that group for 10 days. We rotate tables 3 times during the term. At each seating, a counselor or counselors will serve as the table hostess. That counselor will guide your daughter in her table manners and etiquette. At the end of the 10 days, each camper receives a table grade. Table grades are based on a scale from 1 to 10. Your daughter has the opportunity to earn 30 points for her tribe by consistently exhibiting good manners.

#### Our Yardstick of Table Manners:

### The Camper:

- is prompt to meals.
- waits to drink water or tea until the blessing is sung and all at her table are seated.
- helps with the passing of plates (using two hands) and is always attentive and responsive to the requests and needs of others.
- maintains good posture and does not put her elbows on the table.
- waits until the hostess begins eating to begin her meal.
- eats slowly, chews with her mouth closed, and does not talk until she is finished chewing.
- uses her silverware correctly.
- uses her fingers only for acceptable "finger foods".
- eats and drinks a reasonable amount of everything and not an enormous amount of one thing. She may ask for seconds on food and/or drinks.

- participates in conversation but does not monopolize it. She makes an effort to be interesting and pleasant and includes all table companions, conversing only with those at her table.
- uses "please" and "thank you" when requesting and receiving food.
- remains at the table and is patient until all have finished their meal, announcements have ended, and the hostess excuses the group.
- leaves wet towels, tennis rackets, hats, etc. outside of the dining hall.
- has a positive attitude about trying new foods.
- recognizes and respects that only the hostess may request more food and only from the waiter, never from a nearby table.

## **ACTIVITIES AND DAILY SCHEDULE**

### **ACTIVITY SIGN UP INFORMATION**

Learning activity skills is a large part of the Waldemar experience. To begin the class selection process, login to CampInTouch with your daughter and complete her activity preference form by April 1st. These preferences will help us ensure that we offer enough classes in each activity. If an activity wasn't selected online, your camper may not have an option to take the class due to popularity. After an introductory meeting about the activities and staff in each department, campers walk through a registration process. Campers may choose classes based on the staff members teaching them, an aspiration to learn a skill they have never tried before, or a desire to take classes with friends. Whatever the reason, we want it to be just that: each camper's individual choice. Once campers attend their first classes, they have an opportunity to change their schedules should they find a class isn't what they expected.

### Please note:

- Classes are scheduled either MWF (Monday-Wednesday-Friday) or TTS (Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday).
- There are six class periods per day.
- Some classes are offered by divisions:
  - Juniors (4th & 5th graders)
  - Intermediates (6th & 7th graders)
  - Seniors (8th-11th graders)

MONDAY-SATURDAY SCHEDULE

- All campers take swimming every day which counts for two classes.
- Select five Field Day classes (archery, badminton, basketball, canoe, fencing, golf, gymnastics, horseback, riflery, softball, swimming, tennis, trick roping). Note: Some classes have age requirements.
- One free period is optional for 6th-11th graders.
- We encourage first-year campers to take chorus and horseback riding.
- First year horseback riders are required to take Western. We find that after the girls have completed a summer of riding at camp, they are confident enough to ride in the slightly more advanced English classes. There is NO English riding for Juniors (4th and 5th graders) during long terms.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE\*

#### 8:15 AM Reveille 7:45 AM Reveille 1:30 PM Lunch 5:15 -6:15 PM Free Swim 8:30 AM Breakfast 2:45-4:40 PM Rest Hour 8:30 AM Breakfast (Buffet) 7:30 PM Dinner 4:40 PM Nourishment 9:25 AM 1st Period 11:00 AM Nourishment 8:15 PM Vesper 10:15 AM 2nd Period 5:15 PM 5th period 11:45 AM Inspection 9:30 PM Warning Bugle

11:05 AM Nourishment 6:05 PM 6th Period 12:45 PM Sunday Service 10:00 PM Taps 11:25 AM 3rd Period 7:30 PM Dinner 1:30 PM Lunch

12:15 PM 4th Period 8:30 PM Evening Program 2:45-4:40 PM Rest Hour

1:05-1:25 PM Round Up 10:00 PM Taps 4:40 PM Nourishment \*No classes on Sunday

### **ACTIVITIES OFFERED**

Class/Activity	Description	Who can take this class:
Adventure Hour	Games, hikes, fun activities	Juniors
Aerobics	Exercising/fitness	Int. & Sr. only
Archery	Target sport; CAA medals Only Hilltoppers & All Camp Medals can take double	All campers eligible
Badminton	Racquet sport; singles & doubles	All campers eligible
Basketball	Skills, "hot shots", games	All campers eligible
Canoeing	All levels, earn felts, advanced canoe trip	Int. & Sr. only. New participants must pass canoe test. All war canoers must have had a canoe class. Stern must have been in War Canoe + earned her adv. canoe felt.
Ceramics*	Working with clay	All campers eligible
Charm	Etiquette, correspondence	All campers eligible
Cheerleading	Cheer for your tribe, practice skills, stunts	All campers eligible
Chorus	Jr Chorus, All Camp Chorus, camp songs	All campers eligible; encouraged for Jr.
Creative Crafts*	Creative projects of all kinds	All campers eligible
Crochet	Learn to crochet	All campers eligible
Dance	Modern, popular, ballet, etc.	All campers eligible
Drama	Play production, costuming, set design	All campers eligible
Fencing	Learn strategy and technique	Hi. Int. & Sr. only
Field Hockey	Basic skills and team play	Int. & Sr. only
Field Sports	Group games (kickball, flag football, frisbee, etc.)	All campers eligible
Games Galore	Learn Mahjong, Bridge, Rummikub, etc.	Int. & Sr. only
Golf	Learn technique, chipping and driving	Int. & Sr. only
Guitar	Learn to play guitar (must bring own guitar)	Int. & Sr. only
Gymnastics	Learn routines on the vault, beam, bars, etc.!	All campers eligible
Horseback Riding	English, western, and polocrosse offered	All campers eligible; polocrosse must enroll in reg. class as well. Western (4th-11th grade), English (6th-11th grade). Jrs are eligible for one period of western riding.
Jewelry Making*	Beads, thread, creative jewelry	All campers eligible
Lacrosse	Learn basic skills and practice team play; all levels.	All campers eligible
Metal & Jewelry*	Work with silver	Sr. only
Outdoor Skills	Hiking, nature studies, camp skills, overnight	Int. & Sr. only
Pickleball	Paddle sport	Int. & Sr. only
Rifle Shooting*	Target shooting; rifle skills, NRA medals	Int. & Sr. only
Sketching	Drawing, painting, art skills	All campers eligible
Soccer	All levels, compete for your tribe	All campers eligible
Tribal Softball	Compete for your tribe	Must have played on tribal team before or be promoted from Jr/Int softball
Jr/Int Softball	Learn softball skills for future tribal play	Jr. & Int.; beginner softball player
Swimming	Learn to swim, basic strokes, competition	Required for all campers
Tennis	Play singles, doubles, skills, games	All campers eligible
Trick Roping	Lasso activity offered since the 1920's	All campers eligible (Sr. only if taken before)
Volleyball	Learn skills, play competitively	All campers eligible, Jr. class offered
Waldemar Publications	War Whoop articles, creative writing	Int. & Sr. only
Yoga	Relax and stretch	Sr. only
*Supply Fee		

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While Waldemar provides equipment for tennis, lacrosse, field hockey, & softball, campers are welcome to bring their own.

## **WALDEMAR TRADITIONS & LINGO**

### WALDEMAR MEETING PLACES

- Cedar Lodge: Located on the second floor of the office, Cedar Lodge is a gathering place suitable for meetings. Classes are taught in this location.
- **Craft House:** The Craft House is located above the garage. Craft classes are taught in these rooms.
- Dining Hall: The Dining Hall is one of the oldest buildings at Waldemar. It was built in 1931 and is an iconic camp building. The first floor serves as the dining area for campers. It also houses the kitchen. The second floor serves as staff housing, and the third floor was once a ballroom and is now a staff lounge.
- Doris Johnson (DJ) Lodge: Doris Johnson Lodge is the building where drama productions and other indoor events are held.
- The Ellen Easley Playhouse: Named after Waldemar's long-time Assistant Director, the Playhouse is the outdoor pavilion located in the center of the main camp field.
- Health Lodge: Located in Rippling Waters, it is home to our health care professionals who handle minor injuries or illnesses.
- Johnny Regan Arena: The concrete arena situated between Happy Haven and Rippling Waters is called the Johnny Regan Arena in honor of one of Waldemar's cowboys and horseback instructors. Trick Roping, a class Johnny Regan brought to Waldemar, is taught in this arena.

- Ora Johnson Theater: Situated between the Depot and the Johnny Regan Arena, the Ora Johnson Theater serves as the location for movie nights, drama classes, and other special events. It is named after Waldemar's founder and first director, Miss Ora Johnson.
- The Pier: The area of the river where the older campers swim.
- The Pool: The area of the river where the younger campers swim.
- Rock Wall: Stone wall located in front of the Jr. Dining Hall Porch.
- Tejas Chapel: Located below DJ Lodge, Tejas
   Chapel is a beautiful outdoor seating area facing
   the river. It features rock seating and is shaded by
   majestic trees.
- Tree House: A camping and recreation site within walking distance of the camp on Waldemar property It is used for cookouts, camp outs, etc.

### KAMPONGS

 Kampong: The cabin unit of seven or eight girls and a counselor. It is a South Sea Island word meaning "House on Stilts".

Happy Haven 1-2
Swiss Chalet 1-2
Estrella 1-3
Ranch House 1-3
Bella Vista 1-3
Monterrey 1-5
Greystone 1-4
Skyline 1-2
Estrella 1-3
French Chateau 1-2
Alameda 1-4
Las Brisas 1-6
Kampongs 6-12, 14-15

#### TRIBES

- Aztec, Comanche, Tejas Tribe: Each long term new camper draws for one of these tribes on the first night of camp. Aztecs are green, Comanches are orange, and Tejas are purple.
- **Buzzard Tribe:** Counselors belong to this tribe.
- **Best All Around:** Each tribe elects one girl who is outstanding in personality, skills, and tribal loyalty. She is given a silver and gold medal.
- Field Day: Tribe competition held twice during each term. Each camper may be in 1 to 3 events.
   The tribe that wins each Field Day receives many points toward the term total for the Plaque Award.
- **Lower Hill:** A site on the path to tribal hill where the tribe pauses to conduct a business meeting.
- Pep Rallies: Each tribe holds a bonfire and pep rally on the evening before Field Day. The sponsors announce the events each girl will compete in at this time.
- **Second War Canoe**: A four person canoe paddled by advanced girls in a Field Day race.

- Tribal Drawing: An event held the first night of camp when first-year campers draw for their tribes.
- **Tribal Hill:** A secret and sacred place where each tribe meets weekly, usually Thursday nights.
- Tribal Plaque: The name of the winning tribe is inscribed on the plaque each term and it hangs in the office.
- Tribal Sponsors: Three experienced counselors who serve as leaders and advisors for each tribe.
- Tribal Vesper: Each tribe chooses and performs a vesper on one Sunday night during the term. All members of the tribe participate in this special program.
- War Canoe: A large, custom built canoe paddled by ten girls plus one stern. The war canoe is a coveted position in each tribe, and the girls practice every other day for the race on Field Day. This event awards the greatest number of points of any Field Day event and is very exciting.

### WALDEMAR WAYS AND WORDS

- All-Star: Every camper has the opportunity to earn her All-Star each term by following the Honor Code and having a successful term at camp. Different All-Star recognition/awards are given to campers for each year of attendance.
- Bugle Calls: Played on the loudspeaker to signify when to wake up, change classes, and head to meals.
- Canoe Drill: Held before the Ideal Waldemar Girl ceremony. The canoes form beautiful patterns on the river to the beat of a drum.
- Carnival: A colorful and fun evening activity in which both staff and campers participate. Gum, candy, sodas, popcorn, and hot dogs are bought with tickets that each girl receives. Games of skill and chance are played and Queenie Fourteenie is announced to reign over the Carnival.

- Choice Nights: A night that doesn't have an allcamp activity planned. Special activities are selected for each division by the Division and Activity Directors.
- Church: A non-denominational service held in Tejas Chapel each Sunday. A staff member gives a devotional and campers participate by reading poems or scripture and giving prayers. All staff and campers attend. Catholic campers and staff may also attend a special service each Sunday.
- Class Activities: The subjects that girls choose to participate in to improve skills.
- Daily Schedule: There are six classes daily; MWF –
  (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) and TTS (Tuesday,
  Thursday, Saturday). Classes are 50 minutes long.

 Division Directors: Two staff members serve as Codirectors for each division. They plan, supervise, and direct activities for their division.

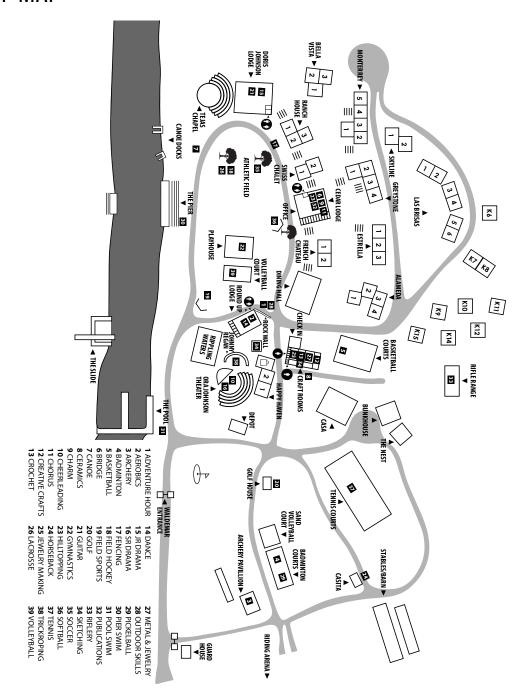
#### Divisions

- Juniors- rising 4th & 5th graders
- Intermediates- 6th & 7th graders
- Seniors- 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th graders
- **Free Period:** Every Intermediate Division camper and up may elect to have a free period every other day. High Senior girls, because of their extracurricular activities, may have a free period and a Hilltopping period.
- Hilltopper: A term for "graduating seniors" during their final term. They serve as role models for all of camp and are given many leadership responsibilities.
- Ideal Waldemar Girl: This camper is selected by the staff. She is the camper believed to come closest to reaching the ideals represented by the Waldemar Creed. She is awarded a trophy and a silver and gold charm.
- Inspection: Kampong inspection is held twice daily.
   The campers clean thoroughly in the morning and straighten up in the afternoon.
- **Kampong Picnics:** Each kampong has a picnic lunch by the river one day of the term. After lunch, they can swim and sunbathe.
- Lights Blink: The kampong lights blink to warn campers to get into bed before the lights go out and taps is played about five minutes later.
- Margaret Shannon Harber Award: An award voted on by staff and given to the best new and returning counselor in each term.
- Meals, Table Manners: Campers are given table
  assignments within their age division three times
  a term. A staff member serves as hostess for each
  table. Wait staff bring food to the tables where plates
  are served and passed by the hostess. Campers are
  encouraged to eat at least three bites of everything
  served. Excellent table manners are emphasized.

- Medals: Each department awards one or more medals at the end of each term. Gold denotes the highest skill; silver is given either for progress or for the second highest skill.
- Movie Nights: Full length movies are shown twice weekly, usually outdoors. Separate movies are selected for the Junior/Intermediate group and the Senior Division.
- Nourishment: A morning and afternoon snack provided to campers and staff consisting of a drink, fruit and an additional snack.
- Picnic Night: Wednesday and Saturday nights, the camp eats a picnic supper outdoors.
- Point System: A positive incentive system that allows each camper to gain points toward receiving her All-Star and contribute to her tribal total. Points are given for everything from citizenship and behavior to the winning of competitions. Points are lost by breaking the Honor Code and other infractions.
- Polocrosse: A game played on horseback by Reeves' Riders/Connie's Cowgirls. It is a cross between polo and lacrosse.
- Quadrille: A square dance on horseback performed at the final Horse Show for parents and guests.
   Twelve of Waldemar's best riders are selected from tryouts.
- Queenie Fourteenie: All 14 year olds, except those elected to tribal office, are eligible. The camp votes at noon on Carnival day and the queen's identity is revealed that night.
- Reeves' Riders/Connie's Cowgirls: Waldemar's top riders must pass both written and horsemanship tests, in addition to having outstanding riding skills.

- **Record Cards:** All term long, campers work hard to earn points for their tribe. They earn points with positive participation in activities, their kampong, service point jobs, table manners, and kampong inspection. Each camper's record card is totaled at the end of the term, and the points she earns help her tribe to potentially win the plaque. A perfect score is 600 points.
- **Registration:** The class selection process held the first day of camp when campers slot their classes into days and class periods.
- **Rest Hour or Siesta:** Quiet time in the kampong between 2:45 PM and 4:40 PM. Campers can move about the kampong until 3:30 PM at which time a second bugle sounds, signaling total quiet with everyone in bed.
- Round Up Time: Free time between the end of 4th period and lunch. It is used for Tribal Meetings and personal leisure.
- Service Point Job: A "community service" job that each camper is responsible for throughout the term.
- Stewart Dance: An evening activity attended by the Waldemar and Camp Stewart campers and staff.
- **Table Grades:** Table grades are given by the table hostess and count toward a camper's record card total. One through ten points are earned for good manners during each table assignment.
- Waldemar: Camp Waldemar's founder, Miss Ora Johnson, gave the camp she created this name. It is a German
  word that means "Sea of Woods".
- **Waldemar Creed:** The foundation of the values we live and role model. It is our philosophy to live by for both campers and staff alike.
- Waldemar Honor Code: The guidelines that campers live by at Waldemar. The code will be posted on kampong bulletin boards.
- Waldemar Tradition: The annual Waldemar yearbook is called "The Waldemar Tradition".
- War Whoop: The weekly camp newspaper.

## **CAMP MAP**



## HANDY RESOURCES

#### **HELMETS**

- National Bridle Shop, Inc. (800) 251-3474 www.nationalbridle.com
- Dover Saddlery (800) 406-8204 www.doversaddlery.com
- State Line Tack (844) 384-6814 www.statelinetack.com

### TRUNKS (under 15 inches)

- Everything Summer Camp (800) 535-2057 www.everythingsummercamp.com/
- Kangaroo Cases (214) 823-5264 www.kangaroofootlockers.com Use promo code: Waldemar1926

#### **PERSONALIZATION**

- Personally Yours Unique Gifts (512) 454-7534 www.pyaustin.com
- The Spotted Mule (210) 824-9108 www.spottedmulesa.com/collections/waldemar
- Camp College & More (828) 650-6678 <u>www.campcollegeandmore.com</u>
   Use promo code: CAMP1926
- The Creek Boutique (830) 367-3281
- Sadie's Stitchery (903) 747-8025 www.sadiesstitchery.com

#### NAME TAGS FOR CLOTHING, ETC.

- Oliver's Labels (800) 241-2890 www.oliverslabels.com
- Name Maker Inc. www.namemaker.com
- Stuck on You USA
   www.stuckonyou.us
   Fundraising Code:
   campwaldemar (all lower case)

#### LOCAL RESTAURANTS

- Hunt Cafe (830) 238-4410
   www.thehuntstore.com
- Bridget's Basket/The Market (830) 238-3737 www.bridgetsbasket.com
- Wagon Wheel Cafe @ Mo Ranch (800) 460-4401
- Dominos @ the Ingram Dam (830) 367-1747
- Copper Pot (830) 367-2676
- Bill's BBQ (830) 895-5733
- Rio Ranch Cafe (830) 367-1850 www.therioranchcafe.com
- Grape Juice (830) 792-9463 www.grapejuiceonline.com
- Rails Cafe (830) 257-3877
   www.railscafe.com

#### LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

Please visit the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce Website: <a href="www.kerrvilletx.com">www.kerrvilletx.com</a> or contact Becky at <a href="www.keyHCRE.com">www.keyHCRE.com</a>. Book your accommodations as soon as possible, they fill up fast! Check VRBO, AirBNB, and Vacasa for rentals in the Hunt, Ingram, and Kerrville area. We've listed a few below:

- Basecamp Resort (830) 282-0778
- Casa del Rio River House (830)238-4424
- Casita Blue Cabins (651) 216-0030
- Inn of Hills (830) 895-5000
- Mo-Ranch Conference Center (800) 460-4401
- River Trail Cottages (830) 928-9002
- WorldMark Stablewood Springs (866) 723-9878
- Y.O. Ranch Hotel (830) 257-4400

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