

CAMP HUAWNI

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WELCOME

The Green House



A new year for our campers and staff! As always, much of Huawni's success is credited to our Huawni families, thank you for your continued support! We've been able to maintain an environment where campers can build new friendships, renew old friendships, and can come "home" every summer. We hope to continue to provide consistency in an increasingly inconsistent world. A greenhouse is a place where plants have the highest likelihood of growing. As we train our staff to LTK (love the kids), our aim is to create an environment that is like a greenhouse. We want to see your camper leave our property understanding their true significance and purpose. We believe that in providing a fun and safe place where campers disconnect from technology, and be free from negative relationships and influences, they can grow into who they are truly.

Thanks & Inwauh,


TJ NICHOLSON
Executive Director

Meet the Abneys



Camp Huawni thrives today thanks to generations of people who have stewarded and led it since 1965. We are standing on a lot of shoulders. From Mimi & Daddy Earl, to Linda & Pat, and Pam & Mike, to Mandi & Travis, you have all made Camp Huawni what it is today. Michael Anne, Austin, Matt, Kara, and Dana have also played crucial and significant roles in shaping and nurturing Camp over the years. We are so grateful for each of you and feel strongly supported by you. Thank you all for the blood, sweat, and tears you have poured into Camp Huawni. To the broader Huawni family, thank you for supporting Camp Huawni throughout the years. We want you to know that we love Camp. We have both spent a significant part of our lives here, want our kids to be shaped here, and are primarily motivated by the thought of your children, and your children’s children having the same wholesome, fun, and safe Camp experience we did. Thank you for making Camp Huawni your child’s second home.

With love,

 
Steve & Lesa Abney
Owners

HOW AND WHY THE HUAWNI MAGIC HAPPENS



Breaking Barriers
DAYS 1 & 2

When kids arrive for the first time, we make them feel extra comfortable and at home. Goofy skits by counselors (Opening Night Show, Cabin Inspection, etc.) give kids ample opportunity to laugh at their role models and take the pressure off themselves.



No Distractions
ALL DAYS

For some kids, camp is the only place where they only hear nature and the voices of friends. Being alone with our thoughts and not being constantly distracted with external information is a critical life skill. Undistracted time in nature leads to realize our meaning and purpose.



DAYS 2-6

We give campers the opportunity to try lots of new things (activities). Camp is unique in where you get a large sample of new experiences in a short amount of time.



The Big
Challenge
DAYS 4-6

Every child must face and conquer homesickness in order to thrive. Our counselors create a safe place of empathy and encouragement that makes camp the perfect setting to conquer this life milestone.



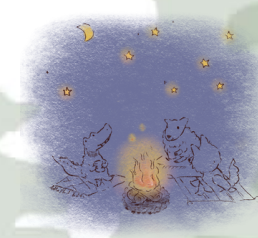
Ceremonies
DAY 13

Through end-of-session ceremonies like Summer Tree and Huawni Initiation, we pause to remind kids that no matter what, they are loved.



Team /Tribe
DAY 11

Through competition we teach kids grit-courage and resolve; strength of character. Winning and losing, not giving up, and putting others above yourself are paramount to all day Tribal Competition and the Huawni Triathlon.



ALL CAMP

Every few nights, camper gather 'round to hear short stories that uncover the hidden truths in life, namely related to the questions "Who am I? Why am I here?". These Pow Wows also give counselors dedicated moments to listen to and care for each camper.



Unwind, Play &
Rest
DAY 7

The weekend at Huawni is purposely unhurried. Campers begin to treasure more and more laughter and conversations with friends and throwback traditions like Sing Song beneath the star-filled sky.



Belonging
DAYS 5-6

In the words of Brene Brown, "True belonging only happens when we present our authentic, imperfect selves to the world." By the weekend, campers' sense of belonging runs deep in part because they have a high level of self-acceptance. They can be themselves. This is modeled as kids are initiated with open arms on their Tribal Competition Team. On Friday, they compete for the first time with their new family tribe.



Fields of Gold
DAY 14

Every child is a one-of-a-kind treasure, and on Closing Day they'll take home a Fields of Gold Booklet, specially crafted by their counselors reminding them of who they are.

Consistency & Growth
YEARS 2-4

2nd Home
YEARS 5-7

Significance & Purpose
YEARS 8+

Running Deer Program
10TH & 11TH
GRADERS



- 1.Dining Hall
- 2.The Skillet
- 3.Snake Pond
- 4.Volleyball Court
- 5.Soccer Field
- 6.Pool
- 7.Tennis Court
- 8.Obstacle Course
- 9.Archery Range
- 10.Main Cabin
- 11.Boys Camp
- 12.Flagpole Hill
- 13.Girls Camp
- 14.Slide
- 15.Critter
- 16.Trolley
- 17.Mountain Bikes
- 18.Initiation Pond
- 19.Huawni Pond
- 20.High Ropes Course

MAP OF CAMP

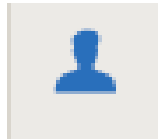


PREPARING FOR CAMP

FORMS

All forms are required to be submitted before your session's Opening Day. Please complete forms as soon as possible on CampBrain.

Here's an overview of which forms we need from you and how and to return them:



1. Access CampBrain Account

Log in at camphuawni.campbrainregistration.com. Alternatively, you may go to CampHuawni.com and click on the person icon (located in the top right of the camp website homepage).

2. Complete Forms & Documents

Once logged in, click on your camper's registration and you can view and submit forms digitally.

In addition to the CampBrain forms below, please fill out the required [Pre-Arrival Form](#), which can also be found in our [Health & Safety Preparedness Plan](#). We will need the Pre-Arrival Form printed, completed, and ready to present during check-in on Opening Day.

We will not allow any campers to enter campgrounds without the Pre-Arrival Form completed prior to their session.

Fill out forms:

Forms marked with an asterisk(*) are mandatory.

Household Form *
[Open form](#)

Forms for [Camper]

Camper Information Form *
[Open form](#)

Safety Release & Authorization *
[Open form](#)

Medical Form
[Open form](#)

Youth Development Intake Form
[Open form](#)

Keeping Camp Safe: Bullying

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

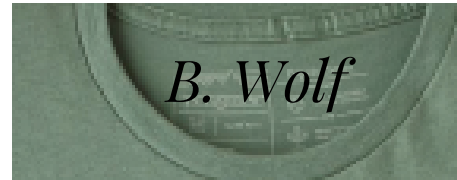
Bullying is a serious issue that children can experience in various social settings. Our goal at Camp Huawni is to provide a safe, bullying-free setting for our campers to thrive while under our care. We take this issue very seriously, and we train our staff, using resources provided by stopbullying.gov and Sissy Goff, M.Ed., LPC-MHSP, to be quick in identifying and preventing bullying situations.

We make a point with our staff during our staff orientation to go over how to watch out for camper to camper bullying and we train them on how we will address these issues.

Again, our goal is care for our campers and provide a fun and safe environment while at camp.

PACKING LIST

Please put your camper's first initial and full last name on all belongings, including clothes, towels, underwear, socks, toiletries, water bottles, and other items.



MUST BRING

WATER BOTTLE



SUNSCREEN



BUG SPRAY



CLOTHING

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trunk or suitcase (18" max height) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cap or hat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts, t-shirts, & socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear (jacket, boots, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 x pairs of jeans (minimum) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater or light jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 x pairs of tennis shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 x set of twin sheets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 x swimsuits | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 x pillow & pillow case |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 x pair of flip-flo | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 x light blanket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 x nice outfits (dresses or nice shorts for girls / jeans or shorts & polo for boys) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 x sleeping bag (optional but recommended for boys) |

TOILETRIES & OTHER ITEMS

- ☐ Toothbrush & toothpaste
 - ☐ Soap and shampoo
 - ☐ Laundry bag with drawstring
 - ☐ 2-3 x towels with washcloths
 - ☐ 1-2 x beach towels
 - ☐ Stamps & writing materials
 - ☐ Battery-operated fan with extra batteries
- (plug-in fans are not allowed at camp)

LAUNDRY IS DONE FOR 2-WEEK SESSIONS ONLY MIDWAY THROUGH THE SESSION.



25 PACKING TIPS FROM YOUR HUAWNI MOMS

1. Put all underwear and socks in separate, big Ziploc bags with your camper's name on them.
2. Pack lots of swimsuits!
- Write your camper's name on EVERYTHING!
3. Pack two nice shirts and two pairs of jeans which may or may not get worn.
4. Put all of your camper's bedding in the laundry bag on your way to camp so you can easily pull it out and get them set up.
5. Know that everything in your camper's trunk will come home stinky, wet, and sandy. All of this means they had the best time EVER!!!
6. Use large, see-through zip baggies instead of drawstring bags to help your camper locate things more easily.
7. In addition to a trunk, laundry basket, and laundry bag, send a 3-drawer plastic upright storage container to organize your camper's items. They can also use it as a nightstand by their bed to put items on top of.
- 8.

9. Organize using drawstring backpacks for underwear (8-10 pairs), socks (8 pairs), and swimsuits (4-5).

10. Fill laundry square basket with shoes. Consider bringing flipflops tennis shoes, cleats, closed-toed water shoes, rain boots, and one nicer pair of shoes for Little Red Church / cookout activities. Put the nicer pair in a Ziploc bag in your camper's trunk so they don't get ruined from messy everyday shoes.

11. Pack pre-stamped, pre-addressed envelopes, markers to write your camper's names on their bunks, a couple of games to play in the cabin, camera, and a head lamp.

12. Bring a hard plastic caddy with holes and handle for easy carrying to and from the bathhouse.

13. Pack an extra laundry bag that hangs on the bedpost to put dirty clothes in and separate from wet dirty towels.

14. For younger campers, pack clothes in baggies to keep outfits for events or types of clothes together.

15. Have enough clothes to change multiple times a day in case they get wet or muddy.

16. Pack a shoe basket since shoes get dirty.

17. Pack clothespins for the clothes line.

18. Bring cards or small games for in-cabin time or rainy days.

19. My camper takes 10 shorts, 10 t's, 2 jeans, 4 or 5 bathing suits and enough undergarments for the whole time -- this seems to be good with laundry being done (during 2-week sessions).

20. Pack clothes for special events, Little Red Church, etc. in separate spots in their trunks.

21. Pack specific clothes for the hike to the Carving Trees since those always get super muddy!

22. Consider packing a mattress pad.

23. Consider buying towels and washcloths from Wal-Mart (\$2-6).

24. Don't send anything you or your camper would be sad to never see again, and be prepared to wash every single item that returns home... even if it never leaves the trunk!

25. Pack extra batteries for fans and flashlights and pack more sunscreen than you think you'll need!



DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

FROM DALLAS / FORT WORTH

APPROXIMATE DRIVE TIME: 3 HOURS

Go about 120 miles east on Interstate 20. Turn right/south onto Hwy 259 in Kilgore. Stay on Hwy 259 going for about 15 miles until you get to Henderson. In Henderson, take a left onto Hwy 59 south towards Nacogdoches (it's the 4th light in Henderson, look for the John Deere store on your right). Go about 18 miles on Hwy 59 south and turn left at the light in Mt. Enterprise onto Hwy 84. Go another 17.5 miles until you get to Timpson and then curve left and then right onto Hwy 87. Take Hwy 87 towards Center for another 7.5 miles and turn left onto FM 1645. Go just over a mile and turn right onto CR 4235.

FROM HOUSTON

APPROXIMATE DRIVE TIME: 3 HOURS

Take Hwy 59 north for 170 miles until you get to Timpson. In Timpson, turn right at the only light in town (next to Whataburger) onto Hwy 87. Take Hwy 87 towards Center for another 7.5 miles and turn left onto FM 1645. Go just over a mile and turn right onto CR 4235.

FROM AUSTIN

APPROXIMATE DRIVE TIME: 4.5 HOURS

Take Hwy 290 east for about 40 miles. When you get to Hwy 21, take a left and go east towards Bryan/College Station. Continue on Hwy 21 until you get to Nacogdoches. At Nacogdoches, turn left at the loop, which continues your route on Hwy 59 towards Timpson. In Timpson, turn right at the only light in town (next to Whataburger) onto Hwy 87. Take Hwy 87 towards Center for another 7.5 miles and turn left onto FM 1645. Go just over a mile and turn right on CR 4235.

FROM SAN ANTONIO

APPROXIMATE DRIVE TIME: 6.5 HOURS

Take Interstate 10 east to Houston. Take Hwy 59 north for 170 miles until you get to Timpson. In Timpson, turn right at the only light in town (next to Whataburger) onto Hwy 87. Take Hwy 87 towards Center for another 7.5 miles and turn left onto FM 1645. Go just over a mile and turn right on CR 4235.

Need to stay overnight around Opening or Closing Day? Here are hotels we recommend:

- Sleep Inn & Suites - Center, TX
- Hampton Inn & Suites - Center, TX
- Holiday Inn Express - Center, TX





OPENING DAY

1



Arrive for Opening Day between 2:30 PM & 4:00 PM to drop off your camper. Upon immediate arrival, all campers will stay inside their vehicles where they will then receive a thermal scan and asked about recent health history. Be sure to have your camper's Pre-Arrival Form completed and ready at hand.

We will not allow any camper to attend their session without the Pre-Arrival Form.

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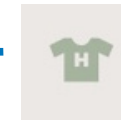
Parents are allowed inside buildings and cabins at check-in for helping their camper(s) get settled. There will also be an express lane option for quick drop off.

3



Medical check-in will be done outside via tent to reduce group/line size.

4



Online camp store orders will be available for pick-up. To purchase camp gear, go to camphuawni.com/store.

CLOSING DAY

1



Pick-up is between 9 AM & 10 AM. 10 AM we will start our closing ceremonies. Again, we ask that all parents/guardians remain in their vehicles as they pick up their campers. We will have an in-car Closing Day Ceremony on the Front Lawn.

2



Head home at 11 AM & take a nap! (Only 350 days until Summer 2023!!!)

BUNK1

Be the first to know what's happening this summer by downloading the Bunk1 app on your mobile device!

- Go to www.Bunk1.com and click "New Here? Get Started" button and complete the basic form. The Invitation Code for Camp Huawni is: **23HUAWNI** * if you have already used it in summers past you will not need to use the code.
- You will be prompted to select a bundle for access to your Parent Portal. Bundles include credits for you to send Bunk Notes and enhance your notes with borders, photos, sports scores, and puzzles.

PHOTO GALLERY WITH FACIAL RECOGNITION

Save Favorite Photos for easy access to pictures of your camper all year-round.

Upload a profile photo of your camper. Bunk1's facial recognition will scan all the uploaded photos and notify you when they detect photos of your camper.

Share Photos to social media or email a photo to family.

Customize Unique Photo Gifts such as photo books, mugs, calendars, phone cases and more.

Order high resolution digital downloads or prints.



SEND BUNK NOTES & RECEIVE BUNK REPLIES



Send Bunk Notes day or night. We receive a PDF at **9AM CST** each day containing all Bunk Notes received in the last 24 hours.

Receive a handwritten note from your camper into your Bunk1 account.

1. Register for Bunk1 prior to camp, purchase Bunk Reply stationery and print out enough copies to last the summer. Or use credits and add the stationery when you send a Bunk Note.

2. Make sure your camper knows to write on the barcoded stationery.

The Bunk1 team is available to support you 7 days a week during peak season. They guarantee a response within 24 hours and it's usually much quicker than that. Please call Bunk1 at 212-974-9112 or email support@bunk1.com. For FAQ's related to the services above, visit www.bunk1family.com/faqs

MAIL & PACKAGES

Letters are a big deal at Huawni! We recommend you allow 3-4 days for mail to get to Camp when using the post office. We also suggest you send packages (shoe box-sized, limit candy and food) by UPS or FedEx.

PACKAGE POLICY



Packages to your camper must be shoe box size or smaller. We will not be accepting any packages on Opening Day to be dropped off.



Please limit the amount of candy and food you send. If you need to give your camper food for nutritional reasons, please drop off at the Dining Hall on Opening Da.

SUMMER CONTACT INFO



CAMP HUAWNI
c/o CAMPER NAME
954 CR 4235
TIMPSON, TX 75975

PREFERRED PACKAGE CARRIER:  or 

PHONE: 936.254.3223

EMAIL: fun@camphuawni.com

TRADING POST NEW FOR SUMMER 2023



TRADING POST

Gear up for Summer 2023 and check out our [Online store](#) for new t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, and more!

When you place your order, you can select one of two options for receiving your gear:

- Option 1: Shipped to your address starting June 1
- Option 2: Pick up on Opening Day

Tribal Packs 2023

Tejas Pack



Belt Bag
Royal Tee

Decals (2)
Face Paint

Caddo Pack



Belt Bag
Royal Tee

Decals (2)
Face Paint

Log into you CampBrain account to add funds to your camper's Trading Post allowance!



MEET YOUR STAFF



TJ NICHOLSON
Executive Director

With more than 20 years of specialized experience in overnight camping, TJ is a veteran at making Huawni a safe and fun second home for kids. He has also served as director of the Institute of Wilderness Studies, where he worked with raptors, snakes, a sloth, and sting rays! He and his wife Amanda share deep roots in East Texas, having grown up in Hallsville and Nacogdoches. Today, they lead camp with their three children: Jace, Adley, and Crew. It's their desire for parents to know their child matters and also that their child knows they matter.

Drake and his wife Brooke have been in the summer camp industry in a variety of roles for the past seven summers. They met working in outdoor education at the Institute of Wilderness Studies. As our Campus Director, Drake is passionate about making camp safe and fun for everyone. Outside of camp, Drake enjoys music, "The Office," hiking, coffee, and college football. Brooke is a big reader, loves the color yellow, and hasn't met a potato she hasn't liked. They love serving in the smaller setting of Huawni — one rooted in rich tradition — and their goal is to continue to make an impact in the lives of campers and staff alike.



Drake O'Bryant
Campus Director



Andrew Glover
Men's Director

Hailing from Tyler, Texas, Andrew enjoys going to the beach, hiking, reading, and anything that has to do with competition. He's a big fan of Marvel, Disney+, and "Wicked Tuna", and he considers himself a sneakerhead. Andrew has worked in summer camping for three years -- two as a counselor and one as a senior counselor on the leadership team. Now stepping into the role as the Men's Director at Camp Huawni, Andrew looks forward to leading and supporting our summer staff.

Mackenzie and her husband Brent, have been working in the camp world since 2017 in various roles as well as camps, and even met as summer staffers in 2020! They both love outdoor adventures, traveling and games of any kind! Mackenzie is passionate about all things movies and sports, especially the Dallas Mavericks. Brent is an adrenaline junky, loves to rock climb but also enjoys chilling in local coffee shops. The two desire to serve camp well and build lasting relationships with their Huawni family. Mackenzie is excited to continue in her role as Women's Director, serving and caring for our girls' camp. She can't wait to walk alongside our staffers and campers this summer!



Mackenzie Buell
Women's Director

Natalie, her husband Joshua and daughter Juniper live in Tyler. They were all born in California and have been in Texas since 2014. She loves to gather with friends and family and share meals and conversations. Having people in their home really fills them UP! She also enjoys being outdoors, hiking and bike riding with the family. Natalie loves getting to be every parent's Huawni contact while their child is at camp!



Natalie Stillwaugh
Camper Experience Director



Lainey Buchanan
Executive Administrator

Lainey, along with her husband Davis, both have seven years of camp experience- they met working as summer camp counselors in 2013! They have two spunky girls- Scottie and Chambers. Serving the Huawni staff as Executive Administrator, Lainey is passionate about providing administrative support in order to free those around her up to do what they do best. Outside of camp, Lainey is a big-time morning person, loves "Survivor," and her favorite place to be is in the kitchen! Davis is a board game hobbyist, loves the Georgia Bulldogs, and is usually the funniest guy in the room. Lainey loves being a part of and serving the Huawni team and family!

Ms. Ada has been serving her famous fried chicken for over 30 summers at Camp Huawni. Ms. Ada makes sure that your camper is happy, healthy, and never leaves the Dining Hall hungry. Ms. Ada is a great dancer, loves to laugh, and constantly embodies love at Camp.



Ms. Ada
Head Cook



Steve and Lesa Abney
Owners

Lesa is the daughter of past camp owners, and is the granddaughter of Huawni's founders, Earl and Retha Adams aka "Mimi and Daddy Earl." Until the age of 22, Lesa lived at camp every summer with her family. Steve has been involved with Huawni almost continuously since 1998. Over the past 15 years he has served with the Huawni Alumni Association and as a member of the Huawni Advisory Board. Lesa and Steve met at Huawni! Together they have three girls, Evan (10), Faye (5), and Ada (6 months). This will be Evan's third summer and they are eager for their other two to experience the Huawni magic! They love Huawni, its rich tradition, the foundation on which it was built, and are excited for the opportunity to continue the legacy of Huawni for generations to come.





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