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Discovery Program

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The central graphic is a logo for the Discovery Program at Camp Allen. It features five stylized evergreen trees of varying heights and widths, arranged in a slightly curved line. The text "EST. 1921" is positioned on either side of the trees. Below the trees, the words "Discovery Program" are written in a large, elegant, cursive font. Underneath that, "CAMP ALLEN" is written in a smaller, clean, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the graphic, the website "CAMPALLEN.ORG" and the phone number "936.825.7175" are listed, separated by a vertical bar.



OUR MISSION

The Discovery Program at Camp Allen provides hands-on educational experiences that enhance classroom learning. These experiences are integrated into a complete program that helps students gain a well-rounded understanding of issues of environmental respect, human relationships, and “real world” science and history.

DISCOVERY STAFF

The Director of the Discovery Program, Candy Moore, has over 20 years of experience teaching preschoolers through adults in the outdoors. She received her BS in Wildlife Science from Texas A&M and a MS in Environmental Science from the University of Texas. Candy directed summer camps for many years, served as Headmaster of three schools and consulted in classroom and faculty conflict resolution, school and non-profit development and establishing new programs for public and private schools. All Discovery instructors have been trained to teach children outdoors. Each instructor holds a BS or MS degree to support their expertise, and all are experienced in working with children. A love of the outdoors combined with their dedication to teaching assures maximum student enrichment and enjoyment in the Discovery Program experience.



THE PROGRAM

In order to provide the best possible program for each individual group, the school's representative and the Discovery Program Director will collaborate to create a custom schedule by tailoring elements such as length of stay, student needs and requirements, class instructional blocks and evening activities. Trips can range from one day with four hours of instruction to four day programs with 32 hours of instruction. The following pages will outline available study opportunities. Options may be combined to meet the group's interests, capabilities, and needs. In addition to sessions offered to students, the Discovery Program conducts teacher workshops and adult outdoor experiences such as canoeing, horseback riding, nature hikes and other interpretive programs for weekend retreats. Discovery also facilitates low and high ropes challenge course experiences for groups of various backgrounds.

To learn more about how Camp Allen can meet the needs of your school or organization contact the Discovery Director, Candy Moore, at 936.870.7175 or candym@campallen.org.





PRICING

Programs vary in price according to length of stay, number of meals served, and instructional time. Please contact us for more information or to book a date for your group.

SAMPLE SCHEDULES

Overnight Trip (1-4 days)

Day 1

10:00-12:00am	Orientation & Games
12:00-1:30pm	Lunch
1:30-4:30pm	Class Sessions
4:30-5:30pm	Free Time
5:45-6:45pm	Dinner
7:00-8:30pm	Evening Activity

Day 2

8:00-9:00am	Breakfast
9:00-12:00am	Class Sessions
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-1:30pm	Closing Program/ Departure

Day Trip

9:00am	Arrival
9:00-12:00am	Class Sessions
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-4:00pm	Class Sessions
4:00pm	Departure

FACILITIES

Four separate campsites are utilized for the Discovery Program. These campsites, used on weekends by other groups and in the summer for summer camp, are dedicated to Discovery students Monday through Friday during the school year.

Campsites 1 and 2 have tree house cabins on stilts with separate bathhouses, Campsite 3 and 4 have dormitory style cabins with adjacent bathrooms. All have wheelchair accessible dining and bathrooms. Students sleep in bunk beds and supply their own bedrolls, towels, and pillows. Nutritious meals are served cafeteria style. Chaperones from the visiting school provide supervision in the evenings, free time and meals, while the Discovery Instructors provide teaching and supervision during all day and evening class times. The Discovery Program utilizes numerous locations around camp including: a sports pavilion, low and high challenge course, full size athletic field and more than 1,100 acres of undeveloped forest. In addition to the campsites, Camp Allen's property includes: 150 hotel rooms, conference center, 3 swimming pools, tennis courts, grove lodges and lakeside log cabins. These facilities are available for use year round for youth, adults, non-profit organizations, corporate groups and summer camp.





SCIENCE STUDIES

AQUATIC BIOLOGY/WATER QUALITY

Magnifying lenses, dip nets, ID guides, and dichotomous keys are a sampling of the equipment used to study pond life in and around a 9 acre lake. Water community, the importance of water quality and interdependence of organisms are key concepts covered in this class. Aquatics are often times combined with Entomology, as many invertebrates collected, observed and identified are indicators of pond health.

HERPETOLOGY

Students have the opportunity to view and handle several species of live reptiles. The class will familiarize students with snakes in general, their place in the environment, and the differences between venomous and non-venomous species.

ORNITHOLOGY

Students participate in activities that teach them about bird behavior and adaptations, followed by a guided identification walk with binoculars. Students will also visit Camp Allen's birds of prey, featuring several species of rehabilitated, non-releasable raptors.

BOTANY

Students will identify and examine the different parts of plants and trees. Students hike through our woods to find how plants and trees use their parts to survive and thrive.

MAMMALOLOGY

Students will get to touch, feel, and explore our extensive collection of skulls and furs. Activities and topics will include the characteristics of mammals, identification of native Texas mammals, tracking, adaptations and conservation issues.

ENTOMOLOGY

Students will capture, identify and classify a variety of bugs and insects. Students will view our composting worms and cricket farm to discuss how insects can be beneficial to humans. All activities will include discussions about metamorphosis, the role insects play in our environment and many more interesting topics.



ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

ORGANIC GARDENING

This class utilizes sustainable agricultural ideas in the Discovery organic garden, where students have opportunities to observe the composting process, and to plant, maintain, and/or harvest products, thereby fostering an understanding of what is involved in the production of food before it reaches their dinner table. Different types of composting are demonstrated as well and students have the opportunity to compost their own food scraps from meals.

CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES

In Conservation Studies, students will develop mock communities in order to question and debate issues such as land use and forest and lake utilization. The goal is to give students an opportunity to develop their own personal values concerning the conservation of our resources. Students will tour our organic garden and learn about our use of solar power, rain water collection and composting to make a functioning garden. Additionally, students experience the basics of the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

FOREST ECOLOGY

The Discovery Instructor leads students through various experiential activities in the forest. A primary goal is to facilitate the development of understanding and respect for the diversity of the forest and its importance in our lives. Interdependence, habitat, life cycles, food webs/chains and conservation issues are all covered.



LITTLE GREEN SCHOOLHOUSE



ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

ARCHERY

After going through all of the instructions and rules, students will have the opportunity to practice international style target archery in an outdoor setting. Discovery's archery instruction follows the curriculum developed by their partners, Texas Parks and Wildlife and National Archery in the Schools Program.

GROUP GAMES & INITIATIVES

Students participate in creative recreational games that foster team building by stimulating communication and problem solving skills, customized to the class size and grade level. These activities are debriefed and processed by the instructor to enhance students learning experiences.

CHALLENGE COURSE

The low challenge course consists of a series of initiatives and elements designed to foster understanding, cooperation, communication and care for one another in group problem solving activities. All of the challenges and elements are done either on the ground or within a foot of the ground.

HIGH CHALLENGE

Students have the chance to experience the adventure and thrill of the high ropes as part of their outdoor experience. Personal challenge and risk taking are key aspects of the high challenge course.



WILDERNESS STUDIES

ORIENTEERING

Students will learn parts and effective use of a compass, then apply their newly acquired knowledge by negotiating one of Discovery's compass courses through the forest.

OUTDOOR LIVING SKILLS

This session promotes group cohesion and relational development. A variety of activities led by an experienced Discovery instructor will give students the chance to experience the reality of being in the wilderness on more than 1,100 acres of natural pine and hardwood forests. Variations of this course include outdoor cooking, wild edibles, and shelter building.

CANOEING

Students will learn proper stroke techniques, and then will practice their skills as they enjoy the scenic beauty from their tandem canoe.





HISTORICAL STUDIES

TEXAS LIVING HISTORY

Students assume the character of a member of a family traveling to the Austin colonies in 1830's Texas. Instructors from the Discovery Program portray historical figures from the time period, in costume and character and share skills and information during the students' journey that will prove helpful when (and if) the pioneers reach the Austin Colonies.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES

Students find themselves in Native American legends, myths, food, lifestyles, language, government, games and dress. They will have the opportunity to "create" a tribe, encompassing all of the above details.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Students will take a look at the past in our archaeological dig site. Using tools to uncover artifacts, our Discovery Instructors will help the students make inferences and create a hypothesis about what could have happened at the site, and why that is important.



NIGHT ACTIVITIES

CAMPFIRE

Relax, laugh, perform, and socialize by the fire light. Our staff will lead silly campfire songs, and each group of students will perform. We finish all campfires with marshmallow roasting and S'MORES!

NIGHT HIKE

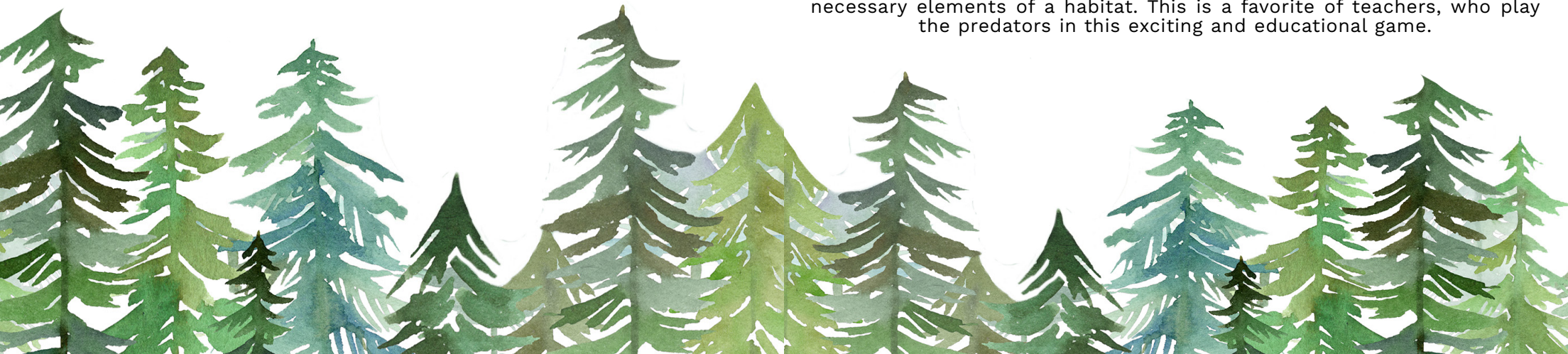
A sensory hike in the dark that provides students with the opportunity to explore and become comfortable with our woods at night in safety.

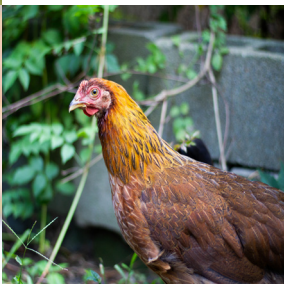
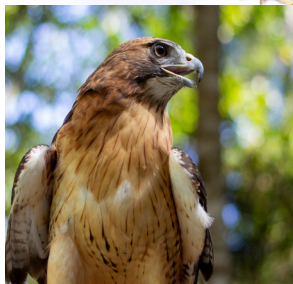
ASTRONOMY

Students sit under the Texas night sky and observe the stars above. Our presentation includes information about both the science of the stars and the stories of the constellations observed above. Students will use a telescope to observe the stars and planets visible in the sky.

CITIES

This is a great night time game played in an open field. Cities enables students to become comfortable traveling without a flashlight in the dark, introduces nocturnal animal behavior, and teaches the necessary elements of a habitat. This is a favorite of teachers, who play the predators in this exciting and educational game.





TO INQUIRE ABOUT OUR EDUCATIONAL ANIMALS PLEASE CONTACT
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