

**Welcome Camper
Camp Allen
2011**

Dear Camper,

Welcome to this year's camp! Back to Navasota, Texas and into the depths of scenic Camp Allen. Each year we get together and attempt to promote the spirit of sangat. Come join us in the contagious spirit with our Sikh youth. We can only promise that the comradery and experience will be one that will be memorable for a lifetime once again. Come and join us this winter!

Gur Fateh!

For more information please email houstonsikhyouthcamp@gmail.com
Or contact Hardeep Kaur at 281.397.7468
<http://www.campallen.org/>

Dear Sikh Youth Camper,

It is important for you to know that Camp Allen provides us with bunk beds in cabins. It is important for you to bring absolutely everything you require on a day to day basis in the room. Below we have compiled a list of things that you **must** bring. If you do not have an item listed below, please email us at houstonsikhyouthcamp@gmail.com



Student's Material's List

- a fitted and flat twin sheet
- pillow
- comforter/blanket
- tennis shoes (closed toe shoes)
- bathroom slippers (no fuzzy slippers outside the cabins)
- jacket (light and heavy jacket)
- head covering
- toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, hair brush, patkas, dastaars)
- bath towel
- flashlights
- bug spray
- MEDICATION
- small alarm clocks (if you have one)
- umbrella
- Flashlight
- Vaaja/Tabla (Please register them with the appropriate people so they don't get lost)

Rules and Regulations

1. A camper must be accompanied with their group counselors at all times and are to remain within camp limits. You may be expelled from camp by organizers for leaving the campsite without permission.
2. Boys are not allowed in the Girls rooms and girls are not allowed in the Boys rooms at any time.
3. At 10:30 pm all lights are turned off and every camper must be ready for sleep. No one should be outside their rooms without permission from their room counselors.
4. Everyone must be ready for morning and evening Diwans on time. All campers should be in a line 5 minutes before Diwan and meal times.
5. Talking, chewing gum, and any other disturbances are not allowed in diwan, classroom or dissuasions.
6. Attendance in all classes and diwan is mandatory for all campers.
7. No campers are allowed to change from assigned class or seva group without the permission of the teacher and organizers being informed.
8. Candy, gum, and other snack items are not allowed at camp and will be confiscated immediately and the camp organizers and counselors are not responsible for any damages to any equipment. (Only exception to this is the use of recording equipment used in class and diwan for camp CD and documentation purposes by a designated person).
9. Every camper's head should be covered at all times.
10. Appropriate attire is required at all times. Shorts are only allowed during playtime. Pajamas, hats, fuzzy slippers etc are not allowed outside cabins.
11. Male/Female interactions to be limited to only when they are supervised. Unsupervised interaction in person or via cell phone will result in a meeting with the discipline committee.

****Please sign and return the first day of camp while registering****

As a responsible young adult, you are expected to maintain

I understand that this is a fully supervised camp and I agree to uphold the dignity of the Sikh Religion and maintain all group standards set forth, at all times. I understand that my failure to maintain such standards or failure to properly participate in camp activities or maintain befitting discipline and conduct may result in suitable and reasonable punishment, including expulsion from the camp, at my expense without any refund of fees paid. I Hereby waive any and all claims, against the Sikh Center and its volunteers, arising to take whatever action they feel is warranted under the circumstances in regard to my health and safety, including securing medical treatment (at my own or my parent's expense). I further release any of these persons from any liability for such decisions or actions, which may be taken on my behalf I understand that I must respect the facility and leave it in the way I found it at the beginning of the camp. I will be liable to pay a fee as set forth by the organizers if I, or any of my roommates bring any damage to the room or facility that I am using. All of the campers in each room are all responsible for that room. The damages fee will be divided among all of the campers in that particular room in question.

Camper (print/sign)

Parent (print/sign)

Parent's Corner

- 1) What do we pack for our children?

Please see the tab marked "what to bring"

- 2) Can we visit our children?

Camp Allen is a 1½ hour drive from the northwest side of Houston. It is close enough for parents to visit their child at the campsite. **HOWEVER**, we ask that the parents, friends, and family of the campers limit their visits to the campsite. We work to promote a certain level of independence through a sikh sangat and look to the parent to support this concept. Please visit your children during playtime (roughly between 3-5 pm) ONLY.

Contact Numbers during the camp:

Hardeep Kaur 281.397.7468/713.459.4812

Manpreet Kaur 713.202.7963

Parminder Singh 713.385.3914

Mahinder Singh 281.468.6928

Gurmeet Singh 832.264.2468

- 3) What can we bring for the camp kids?

We thank you for your kind donations and love for our kids. We would like to offer our children with healthy food options. It is for that reason, we ask that you coordinate your food donations with Hardeep Kaur at 713.459.4812

- 4) Can we see our children online during the camp?

Yes, we will have a webcast with dates and times so you can look in on your child on the internet. The first day of the camp we will give you the times and dates with a web address for you to tune in. In addition, you can follow us on twitter during the camp!

- 5) Can my child sleep in the same room with his/her sibling or friends?

A lot of parents are concerned that their children will not be comfortable without their siblings or friends. After many years of the camp, we have found that there is more benefit to keeping with the room assignments made ahead of time. We ask the parents to support us in making their children feel welcome and safe.

- 6) How can I pay for my child?

The first child is \$210.00, second child is \$190.00. You can pay through the website or make a check payable to "The Sikh Center" memo section "Houston

Sikh Youth Camp.” All checks can be given to Hardeep Kaur, Manpreet Kaur, or Parminder Singh.