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Fish Camp General Information

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Website: http://fishcamp.tamu.edu
Registration Website: http://fishcamponline.tamu.edu

Mailing Address
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General Information

Session Dates for Fish Camp 2014
Session A: August 1-4
Session B: August 4-7
Session C: August 7-10
Session D: August 10-13
Session E: August 13-16
Session F: August 16-19
Session G: August 19-22

Conflicting Programs
Freshmen CANNOT attend the following sessions if they are attending these programs:
- Sorority Recruitment
- Gateway Program
- Blinn TEAM
- Corps of Cadets Freshmen Orientation Week
- Corps of Cadets Band Freshmen Orientation Week
- Impact Alpha
- Impact Delta
- Impact Omega
- FOCUS Learning Community
- ExCEL

No Conflicts
A-F (attend G only)
G
G
D-E
E-F
F-G
No Conflicts
No Conflicts

Please note: Gig ’em Week starts Sunday August 24th, 2014

Registration Dates & Times
Registration Opens
Registration Closes
Scholarship Application Due
1st Installment for Payment Plan Due
Full Registration Payment Due
Session Confirmation Emails Notification
Session Change Forms Due

Wednesday, May 21st at 3:00 PM
Thursday, June 19th at 5:00 PM
Friday, June 6th at 5:00 PM
Friday, June 6th at 5:00 PM
Thursday, June 19th at 5:00 PM
Monday, July 7th at 12:00 PM
Friday, July 11th at 5:00 PM
Payment Information

Registration Fee

- The registration fee is $200.00 and must be paid in advance (to complete the registration process?). Please see the registration dates and times on page 3 for payment deadlines. Payments can be made online with a credit card, which will incur a $3.50 transaction fee, or by check. Checks must be mailed (postmarked) by Friday, June 19th, 2014. Please mail checks to the Fish Camp address listed above on page 3 and include the student’s name and UIN on the check. Scholarships are submitted through the registration system on fishcamponline.tamu.edu and must be submitted by Friday, June 6, 2014 at 5:00 PM.
- The registration fee includes: round-trip bus transportation from College Station to Lakeview Methodist Conference Center located in Palestine, Texas; lodging and meals for the duration of camp; a Class of 2018 t-shirt; accident medical insurance while at camp; and access to professional medical care while at camp. Insurance does not cover costs incurred for pre-existing conditions or treatment of illness.
- Please note, a fee of $35.00 will be applied to any checks returned for non-sufficient funds.

Alternate Payment Options

- Installment Plan: The registration fee can be paid in two installments of $100.00 by CHECK ONLY. Freshmen will log on to fishcamponline.tamu.edu, input registration information, and click on the “Alternate Payment Options” button when asked. Then, they will follow the “Alternate Payment Options” form as detailed. The first installment must be postmarked by Friday, June 6th. The second installment must be postmarked by Friday, June 20th. Failure to pay on time will result in your registration being cancelled. Again, payments using this method must be made with check only. Checks should be mailed to the Fish Camp address found above on page 3. Please include the student’s name and UIN on the check.
- Scholarships: Scholarship applications are available through the online registration process. Freshmen will complete the necessary Registration Details, then will choose the Scholarship Request option. Scholarship applications must be submitted by Friday, June 6th, 2014 at 5 PM.
- Scholarship notifications will be emailed to student’s Texas A&M e-mail account by Monday, June 30th at 12:00 PM.
- Please remember that scholarships are limited. Funding has been partially provided by individual donations, The 12th Man Foundation, the Gina and Bill Flores ’76 Scholarship Endowment, the Michael ’08 and Kristen ’05 Nance Scholarship Endowment, the Fish Camp Scholarship Endowment, and Aggie Mom’s Clubs.
  - Disclaimer: We suggest that you complete and submit your annual FASFA for us to have the most information possible when reviewing scholarship applications.

Refunds

- If for any reason you have to cancel your registration, the following refunds will be given during these time periods:
  - May 21st-June 19th at 5:00 PM: Full Refund (minus $3.50 fee – total of $200.00)
  - June 19th at 5:01 PM-July 18th at 5:00 PM: Partial Refund (minus $28.50 fee –total of $175.00)
  - July 18th at 5:01 PM and After: No Refund
- Online payments will be refunded to the credit card with which you originally paid. For payments made by check, a check will be sent to the address with which it was sent from.
Registration

General

In order to register for camp and receive a confirmation, students must activate their NetID/TAMU email account at http://gateway.tamu.edu if they have not already done so.

- What if I’m not 18? Can I register online?
  - Everyone can register online. However, if you will not be 18 by August 1, 2014, you will need to have the Medical Release Form filled out by a parent or guardian. This form will need to be received no later than Friday, June 19, 2014. The Medical Release Form can be found online on our Registration website. Once filled out, it should be faxed to the Fish Camp Office or mailed to our office address. See Page 3 for the Fish Camp Office Fax number and address.
  - If you will be 18 by August 1, 2014 you can complete the entire registration process online.

- Does Fish Camp registration fill up?
  - Yes. Unfortunately, we only have a limited number of spots available per session. We make every effort to allow as many students as possible to come to each session, but the interest in particular sessions (this varies from year to year) makes it incredibly difficult to accommodate everyone.
  - Increasing your availability will only increase your chances of getting assigned to a session. Although it may not be your desired session, space is typically available.

- When does Fish Camp registration close?
  - Registration closes on Thursday, June 19th, 2014 at 5:00 PM or when sessions are full. Closed sessions will be designated on the homepage of the Fish Camp registration site once they have reached capacity.

- Why does Fish Camp registration close?
  - Fish Camp is a student run organization and must ensure adequate time to properly sort and process registration information. Registration closes on June 19th so that you will receive your session information in a timely fashion and have ample time to change your session should your assignment no longer fit your schedule.

- Can I pay for someone else to attend Fish Camp? How do I go about doing so?
  - Yes. Let the incoming student know that they will need to complete the registration process online and choose the alternate payment option. Then, please mail a check to the Fish Camp address found on page 3 of this packet; make sure to include the student’s name and UIN on the check. Payment must be postmarked by June 19th or the student’s registration will be cancelled.
  - **The student’s registration will not be marked as complete until payment has been received.**

Confirmations

- Confirmations will be emailed to the student’s Texas A&M e-mail account on Monday, July 7th, 2014 by 12:00 PM.
- If confirmation emails are not received by Wednesday, July 9th, contact the Fish Camp office at 979-845-1627 or email Susie Lopez at fcamp-ir@dsa.tamu.edu.
- FISH CAMP WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONFIRM SESSION ASSIGNMENTS BEFORE MONDAY, JULY 7th, 2014 AT 12:00 PM.
**Session Changes**

- **Can I change my Session Date?**
  - Yes, but only to sessions that are not yet filled. Increasing your session availability will not affect your registration priority. Decreasing your session availability will change your session priority to the date on which you submitted your session change.
  - Until June 19th, you can access your registration information and change your session availability. After registration closes, you must submit a session change form to Fish Camp. The session change form can be found online on our Registration website. Please see page 3 of this packet for the Fish Camp Office address and fax number. **After session confirmation emails have been sent, session change forms must be submitted by Friday, July 11th in order to be considered for a change.**
  - Please note the following implications to changing a session if not requested by July 11th:
    1. Registration fees will not be refunded
    2. Session guarantee will be relinquished
    3. The risk of not being assigned to another session due to other sessions being filled to maximum capacity.

**Cancellations**

- Please see page 4 of this packet for cancellation dates and refund information.
- Cancellation forms can be found online on our Registration website.
- Registration is **not** transferable to another person.
- Online payments will be refunded to the card with which you originally paid if within the designated refund period.

**Special Needs**

- **How do I notify Fish Camp about any special needs for camp?**
  - Online in the Registration Details, under the special needs section, please inform us of any special needs or circumstances. A Director will be in contact with you to follow up and gather any additional information. If you do not inform us of any special needs at the time of registration, Fish Camp cannot guarantee any special arrangements can be made.
  - It is also recommended to register with Student Disabilities Services (disability.tamu.edu) and inform them you will be attending Fish Camp.

- **I have special dietary needs or other food restrictions, what do I need to do?**
  - Please indicate your need in the special needs section of the registration process so that Fish Camp can make the necessary accommodations. If you **do not** indicate the need on the form, Fish Camp **cannot** guarantee the necessary accommodations can be provided.
  - Fish Camp will have gluten-free and/or vegetarian options for those who indicate that need during the registration process. If you forget to include this information and realize it while registration is still open, log back into the system, and update your information. If you forget to include this information and realize it after registration is closed, contact the Fish Camp office with the information provided on page 3.
Troubleshooting

- **Registration**
  - Registration is a one-step process, so there should be no need to press the back button at any time. If the back button is pressed, all of the information will be lost.
  - If you would like to edit your profile information after submitting your registration, simply visit the My Profile section on the Registration Status page. You may also edit your session availability in the My Preferences section on the Registration Status page.

- **Payment System**
  - Due to the high number of freshmen attempting to register, the payment site might respond slower than normal. If this occurs, try again later.
  - Unless you see a confirmation screen with a unique confirmation number, your payment was not processed and your card was not charged.
  - If you run into any problems, please notify us, using the contact information on page 1, so we can help you throughout the process. Please contact the Fish Camp office at 979-845-1627. We will need your student UIN used in your registration process and your contact information. We will contact the payment system and resolve the problem as soon as possible. Information will be provided to you as quickly as possible.

- **Is Fish Camp filling up? I’m afraid I won’t get the session I want/need.**
  - Fish Camp sessions will fill throughout the registration process. Typically, the early sessions fill up fastest. Full sessions will be designated on the home page of the Fish Camp Registration Website as they become full.

- **I think I put down the wrong information. How do I change my session availability?**
  - To change any information or availability while registration is open, visit the registration system again, log in, and make any necessary changes. After registration closes, you will need to submit a Session Change form to request a change of session.
  - Increasing your session availability will not affect your registration priority. Decreasing your session availability will change your session priority to the date on which you submitted your session change.

- **Can my parent use their Net ID to register for me?**
  - No. Every student must log in using their own NetID and no one else’s. The behavior agreement and liability waiver, signed by all attendees, must be under the student’s NetID only. By logging in with your NetID and password, you are confirming that you are the person affiliated with that NetID and UIN.

In-Town Accommodations:

Residence Hall Information: Move-in Options

- Residence Halls open on Sunday, August 24th at 8 am.
- Students attending **Session G ONLY** can move in on Friday, August 22nd from 5-7 p.m. after busses return to College Station from Fish Camp.
- **Please note:** Residence Life will charge students for early move-in. This is NOT a Fish Camp fee. It will be billed directly to their student account. For early move in rates, please visit [reslife.tamu.edu](http://reslife.tamu.edu).
Other Accommodations:
- Fish Camp does not require and will not provide lodging prior to Fish Camp. Students attending Fish Camp are responsible for providing their own housing upon returning from Fish Camp and moving into their Residence Hall. For a listing of accommodations in the Bryan-College Station area, visit visitaggie.com

Parking
- Where do I park for Fish Camp?
  - Parking for freshmen will be available in the Reed Arena parking lots.
  - Fish Camp will have staff directing both student parking and student drop-off traffic in the Reed Arena Parking lots the morning of the 1st day of camp.
  - Parking for family members wishing to stay for the Send-Off Welcome Session will be in West Campus Garage, which is a paid parking venue. At the time of departure, payment should be made by the family member parking the vehicle, prior to exiting the garage.
- Do I have to pay to park?
  - It Depends...
    - If you have purchased a Texas A&M parking permit for the fall semester, you DO NOT need to pay to park. Simply print the receipt, and bring it with you to leave on the dash of your car, or display your permit if you have already received it.
    - If you are not planning on purchasing a parking permit for the school year, you MUST buy a special events permit from the Transportation Services website (http://transport.tamu.edu). Permits will be available for purchase mid-July and instructions will be included in the confirmation email you receive from Fish Camp.
    - No permits will be sold in the parking lots. If you cannot pay online, please make arrangements to purchase a parking pass from the Transportation Services office located in the Koldus building before you check in for Fish Camp. Reminder: the Transportation Services office is NOT open on weekends so this option will not be available for Saturday and Sunday send-off dates.
- Can my parents/friends come to Fish Camp?
  - There are no visitors allowed at Fish Camp.
  - If parents/friends/family would like to come to the send-off for Fish Camp, they are welcome to attend. Guests will be seated in a separate section than Fish Camp participants.
- What if I arrive late and/or miss the bus to camp?
  - Any freshmen who miss the actual bus ride to attend Fish Camp will NOT be permitted to attend camp. There is too much liability in allowing an outside party to transport freshmen to or from Lakeview and as such, there will not be any way to do so. Parents are prohibited from taking their student to camp because they missed the bus. If freshmen are late, and do miss the bus, they can attend a later session. They will need contact our Director of Internal Relations at fcamp-ir@dsa.tamu.edu.
At-Camp Experience

Where?

- Where is Fish Camp held?
  - Fish Camp is held in Palestine, TX at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center.
- Where will I be sleeping once at Fish Camp?
  - Students stay in cabins with air conditioning, showers, and restrooms while at camp.
- Can I drive to Lakeview?
  - No. Everyone is required to meet in College Station and ride on buses to camp.
  - Even if you live in Palestine, you must meet in College Station and ride the buses to camp.
  - There are no personal cars allowed at Lakeview.

Cell Phone Service

- Will I have cell phone service or access to a phone while at camp?
  - Cell phone service is not very reliable at camp.
  - In the case of an emergency, there is a phone available for use.
  - Most of the time at camp is highly structured. However, there will be some free time throughout the day to make a few phone calls.
- If someone needs to get a hold of me while at camp and my cell phone doesn’t work, what do they do?
  - They can call the Department of Student Activities at 979-845-1133 and they will be connected with our staff at Fish Camp.
  - If it is an emergency after hours, the emergency number is 903-538-2711 ext 220.

Mixers

- What are the themes for the mixers?
  - There are 2 mixers. The first theme is 12th Man Flashback Pajama Party and the second theme is Reveille’s Western Toga Party.
- Do people really dress up for the mixers?
  - Yes! Bring your best costumes. Everything is more fun when you are dressed up! This years mixers features Aggie, Western, Pajamas, Togas, and Flashback attire.
- What if I’m not a dancer?
  - If dancing isn’t your thing, a building called the Aquarium offers a variety of entertainment such as ping-pong, pool, foosball, and other games.
Packing for Camp

- **How much luggage can I bring?**
  - Please limit your luggage to two (2) small or medium bags or one (1) large bag, clearly marked with the proper contact information.

- **What do I need to bring to camp?**
  - One form of picture identification
    - Ex: Driver’s License, TAMU ID, etc.
  - Cool and comfortable clothes and shoes. It is recommended that students bring clothes that they don’t mind getting dirty, as there are optional free time activities such as Ultimate Frisbee, swimming, and volleyball.
  - Closed toed shoes (required for scheduled outdoor activities)
  - Clothes for Reveille’s Western Toga Party and 12th Man Flashback Pajama Party (if desired)
  - Shower Shoes (if desired)
  - Sheets, blanket, and/or sleeping bag and pillow
  - Toiletries
  - Towels
  - Water bottle
  - Insect repellant
  - Sunscreen
  - Flashlight
  - Trash bag to put dirty clothes in
  - Small quantity of cash for snacks and drinks (if desired)

Miscellaneous

- **What if I’m not the Fish Camp type?**
  - There is no "Fish Camp type". Fish Camp is all about accepting you into the Aggie family with open arms. More than 1200 current students volunteer their time every year to help welcome Texas A&M’s incoming freshmen class.

- **What time will I get back from camp?**
  - The buses will return to campus between 4:00 and 5:00 PM on the last day of the session.
  - Please make arrangements in advance if you need to be picked up.
  - REMINDER: All students must travel to and from Fish Camp on Texas A&M buses, and all students must agree to attend their Fish Camp session in its entirety. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.

- **What should I do with my medication?**
  - There is a headquarters tent upon check-in that you can drop off any medication that requires refrigeration. The medics will safely transport your medicine to the infirmary at Lakeview upon arrival. All other prescribed/doctor required medication can be kept with you.
What is ExCEL?
- Excellence uniting Culture, Education, and Leadership (ExCEL). The ExCEL Orientation Conference launches the complete ExCEL Program. This two-day celebration of culture, education and leadership is held the week before Fall classes begin, familiarizing participants with the program and life at Texas A&M University. Participants are divided into “teams” led by two upper-class Texas A&M students called Team Leaders. Following the orientation, a two-part developmental seminar series and social networking, relevant to the first-year student, begins and continues through the end of the Fall semester. At the end of the semester the top 3 freshman who have participated in the most activities will receive a scholarship. Registration is $40, which covers conference meals, a conference T-shirt, and other Fall semester activities. [http://excel.tamu.edu/](http://excel.tamu.edu/)

What if I want to carpool to College Station?
- Fish Camp is proud to partner with Zimride, a private ridesharing network within Texas A&M University. Zimride offers a safe way to connect with others in your area who are travelling to your session of Fish Camp.
- Visit the [Zimride Fish Camp 2014 Page](http://excel.tamu.edu/) and follow the outlined steps to post your ride within the Texas A&M Zimride network. Log in with your NetID and password to complete the process.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Fish Camp office (see page 3 of the Information Packet) or contact Zimride directly at 1-855-ZIMRIDE (946-7433)