September 8-10, 2017 at
HEB Echo Valley Camp
FAMILY RETREAT 2017
Retreat Information Guide

RETREAT SCHEDULE

Friday, September 8, 2017
5:45 p.m.   Family Ministry Team Set Up
7:00 p.m.   General Check-In Begins
            (No Early Arrivals)
9:45        Family Devotional
10:30       Sports, Games, Fellowship
11:15       Lights Out

Saturday, September 9, 2017
7:15 a.m.   Rise & Shine
8:00        Prayer & Breakfast
9:00        H.E.B. Orientation
9:20        Intro to Day
            Morning Family Devotional
9:45        Family Reflection Time
10:15       Games, Sports, Etc.
12:00 p.m.  Lunch
1:00        Sports, Swimming
            Canoeing, Kids Pools,
            Games
5:00        Clean Up
5:30        Dinner
6:45        Family Fun Times
7:45        Family Devotional
8:30        Games, Sports, Cards, Etc.
11:00       Pavilion Closed/Lights Out

Sunday, September 10, 2017
7:00 a.m.   Rise & Shine
7:30        Breakfast
8:00        Clean Up & Pack Up
9:15        Worship
10:15       Depart for SA
10:30       Committee Final Check-Out

Directions To H.E.B. Camp
Take HW 90 west to Sabinal; turn right in Sabinal on HW 127; go to
Concan to HW 83; turn right on 83 and go to Leakey. Stay on 83 and go
12 miles past Leakey to H.E. Butt Foundation; turn right; drive down the
hill until you get to the river; drive into the river and follow signs to Echo
Valley.

Alternate Route:
Take I-10 west 18 miles past Kerrville.
Take Exit 490 (HW 41)
Turn left on HW 41 and go to the intersection with HW 83 (about 25
miles). Turn left on HW 83 and go south about 15 miles to the H.E. Butt
Foundation entrance which is on the left.

Cookies
We could really use your help in providing plenty of delicious goodies for
snacks throughout the weekend. Every family is encouraged to bring
two dozen baked cookies or brownies with them. Cookies will be
collected at check-in and used throughout the weekend.

Schedule
Please review the schedule. You are asked to participate as a family in
all group events.

Children
No child under 18 years old may attend the retreat without their parent
or guardian. This is a FAMILY retreat. Parents, you are responsible for
your children at all times.
**What to Bring**
Bible, bedding (bunk beds), sleeping bags, pillow, towels, toiletries, medications, swim wear, personal sports equipment, flashlight, bug spray, sun block, favorite board and card games, lawn chairs (if desired), cookies, plastic drinking cup (dining room cups cannot be removed from dining hall)

**Meals**
You’ll get plenty of choices and will not go hungry at the retreat. If you have special food needs, we can make a refrigerator available to you for storing items. The kitchen will not be available for special cooking needs.

**Sports Equipment & Games**
Feel free to bring balls, games, fishing poles, etc. You’ll have plenty of time to enjoy these things.

**First Aid**
We will have an EMT on duty throughout the weekend. First aid supplies will be located at the dining hall.

**Family Quiet Time, Devos & Worship**
We will have time each day to offer praise and prayer to our great God. We ask that as a family you participate in each of these times.

**Volunteering**
Though we want you to relax this weekend and enjoy the great fellowship and incredible beauty… there are things that have to be done.

Please volunteer when you check in to help prepare a meal, do dishes or help clean up. Everyone is expected to help us keep the facility picked up, as this makes final clean-up much easier.

**Cleaning Up & Checking Out**
Sunday morning after breakfast everyone is asked to pack up their personal belongings and help us clean up the campground. A list of cabin cleaning instructions will be posted in each cabin. After the whole campground is clean we will have worship at the pavilion. Let’s leave beautiful H.E.B. camp cleaner than we found it! A little help...goes a long way!

**Safety**
Your family is asked to completely cooperate with all the safety guidelines and rules of the H.E.B. Foundation and those set forth by our retreat director.
The waterfront guidelines are in place for all retreat participants. The waterfront will be completely closed on Friday night. No children are permitted below the stairway without a parent at anytime.

**Travel**
We do not provide transportation, but you are encouraged to caravan together. We suggest you use extreme caution if arriving/leaving the canyon after dark.

For more information please contact:
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**Water Cups**
We are providing you a souvenir retreat cup you can use during the retreat. Please do not remove dishes or H.E.B. cups from the dining room or dining porch.

**Cabin**
Cabin sign-ups will be available at the check-in table upon your arrival to camp. All sons should plan to stay in cabins with their dads and daughters with their mothers. (Exception is infant boys who need to stay with their mothers.)

Some cabins may not be available for use during our weekend stay.

Please DO NOT SIGN OTHER families in for cabin spots, only your family members.

**Fellowship, Relax & Enjoy**
The majority of our time at this retreat is designed for fellowship and relaxation. We hope you find something to do and many people to visit with.

There are designated times for group activities such as quiet time, clean up and especially devotionals. Your complete participation in all these group activities is requested.

We encourage you to stay for the whole retreat.

We hope you will meet new people, renew old friendships, and enjoy being together as a family this weekend.

**Hiking**
No hiking alone or through other campgrounds. Other hiking guidelines will be given by the H.E.B. Foundation coordinator on Saturday morning.

**When Can I Arrive?**
You may arrive any time after 6:45 p.m. on Friday evening.

**Family Ministry Team**
The Family Ministry Team is working hard to make the weekend enjoyable for you. If you need something during the weekend please contact one of them.