

Activities

CrossView is proud to provide for our Campers a second-to-none Christian Summer Camp experience that includes swimming, canoeing, range sports, high ropes, low ropes, paintball, craft, fishing, and more.

Every Camp activity is conducted by highly-trained Staff. Each activity begins by teaching Campers how to participate safely.



While CrossView's safety specifics for each activity are too numerous to list, they include: life jackets at the pond, swim testing and wrist banding at the pool, proper spotting on low ropes activities, full-body harnesses at the high ropes course, one adult hand per firearm at the range, first aid kits at every station, and a strict mask policy at paintball.

Certified lifeguards are present at every water front activity, both at the pond and at the pool.

Hydration is critical for health, so every Camper receives a CrossView water bottle, and ice-cold water is available at every activity.



Visitor Policy

CrossView discourages visitors during Summer Camp for several reasons. More people on Camp property mean more potential risk to our Campers. There is not enough time to conduct background checks & training for every visitor. Our schedule is full & the Staff are busy, so visitors are often a distraction from our primary focus—the Campers. Visitors can sometimes trigger homesickness in Campers. Meals, seating, transportation, activities, etc. are planned around the expected number of Campers, Staff, & Volunteers, & visitors usually exceed our resources in these areas.

According to Texas State Law, all adults who have unsupervised contact with the Campers must undergo a background check, receive the Sexual Abuse Prevention Training (SAPT), and pass a SAPT test.

Visitors must check in at CrossView's Office for identification, screening, approval (or dismissal), and instructions before proceeding onto the property.

Visitors may not enter the Camper Cabins.

Visitors may not have unsupervised contact with any Camper (unless they are the child's legal custodian), at any time, for any reason.

Because supervising a visitor's contact with Campers is difficult in the dark, we ask visitors to leave before sunset.

Camp Staff are trained to consider any unknown person found anywhere on CrossView property as a potential safety threat.

The safety of our Campers is our primary concern. Any person or situation that potentially jeopardizes the safety of CrossView's Campers is prohibited.

Homesickness

The leadership of CrossView has a lot of experience dealing with homesick Campers, and we have several effective methods to redirect the child's focus, thereby keeping him/her at Camp. However, in rare instances a child does not respond to the Staff's efforts; in these cases the parents are asked to come get their child.



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Campers
Safe

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CROSSVIEW'S CAMPER SAFETY PROGRAM

Commitment to Safety

CrossView is committed to keeping our Campers safe in every way—physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.

CrossView maintains a one adult per two Camper ratio.



No Camper is ever allowed to be alone with another person at CrossView.

The Camp employs a “Camp Safety Officer.”

This person is first aid, CPR, and AED certified. He or she securely stores, administers, and documents all medication.

CrossView has an AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) on site and employs several Staff who are certified in its use.

CrossView employs several lifeguards. All Campers are swim-tested on the first day of Camp and wear wrist bands that designate their swimming ability.

CrossView's entrance is a locked gate requiring a security code.

Campers are not allowed to bring cell phones, but they are allowed to use the Camp phone (within reason).

CrossView encourages good nutrition, hydration, & sun protection.

CrossView Staff

Staff Members must be at least 18 years old and have graduated from high school.

Staff members must submit a six-page application. The Camp Director personally conducts an in-depth interview with each applicant. CrossView leadership contacts former employers and at least three personal references for every applicant. Only applicants that meet CrossView's high standards are offered a position.

We run a criminal background check on every potential Staff Member. The State of Texas prohibits people with certain criminal offenses from EVER working at a youth camp. CrossView's standards are even higher, as the leadership prefers a clean criminal history.

All Staff attend Sexual Abuse Prevention Training and must pass a test on the material.

CrossView Staff is made up of young adults who are personally known to the Camp Director and/or the Board of Directors. Applicants with previous history as CrossView Staff, Campers, or Volunteers are given preference.



Staff Members are required to put in over 72 hours of training before beginning to work with the Campers. Staff Counselors (Staff who stay in the Cabins with the Campers) receive an additional 12 hours of training.

Volunteer Counselors

Sometimes, CrossView hosts Volunteer Counselors. These are mature Christian adults—preferably from the Campers' own neighborhood—who partner with the Staff Counselors to stay in the Cabins with the Campers.



Volunteer Counselors must submit an in-depth application, undergo a criminal background check, provide personal references, and complete the Sexual Abuse Prevention Training, including passing a test on the course material.

These volunteers must read CrossView's Counselor Policies to become familiar with the Camp's rules and expectations for all our adult leaders—paid and unpaid.

CrossView's one adult per two Camper ratio allows us to give every child proper supervision and individual attention.