

# Overnight & Day Camp

# Not every classroom has four walls...

Camp RIO is a facility designed for outdoor discovery and adventure. We provide adventure-based learning tailored to your students, teachers, staff, and administrators. Students spend their time exploring the natural world through activities such as archery, plant and animal identification, team building, canoeing, and much more!

On our 85-acre property, you will find rare and native Rio Grande Valley habitat, and 75 of those acres are protected in perpetuity by a conservation easement championed by the Valley Land Fund. This unique and dynamic environment provides the perfect backdrop to the discovery, communitybuilding, and excitement you will experience here at Camp RIO. Have twice the fun with an overnight stay and experience the camping tradition of campfire and s' mores, night hikes, and more!

# **Activities**

Reptiles Adaptations (anoeing Survival (raft & Smores Fishing Bee-A-Pollinator

Wildwood Nature Hike Geocaching Archery Teambuilding Tomahawks

Water Monitoring Advanced Marksmanship Outdoor Adventure Jr. Green Thumbs & much more!

# Who We Are

We are educators with a passion for the outdoors. Our vision is to provide a quality camp experience for people in the Rio Grande Valley. We are proud to offer a wide range of activities that complement TEKS-based classroom learning. Our activities were carefully designed to maximize learning for grade levels 1st-12th and RISE Scholars.

From canoeing to fishing to reptiles to archery. All of our most popular activities can take students on an exciting learning adventure! While at camp, scholars will learn to be good stewards of the land and contribute to the protection and conservation of our beautiful South Texas wildlife for many generations to enjoy.



## Transportation

Camp RIO Provides bus transportation funds for overnight field lessons only. RGV campuses arrange transportation with their campus transportation manager. Central Texas campuses will be provided charter bus services. Contact the Camp RIO Operations Manager for details.



#### Meals

We are now serving delicious camp style meals straight from our kitchen.



#### Lodging

Our cozy, air-conditioned cabins are perfect for large groups staying overnight. Amenities include bunk beds and mattresses, a shower house and restrooms located right outside the cabin area. Campuses provide qualified chaperones to stay with students in cabins (2 chaperones per cabin).

#### (urriculum

Camp RIO is honored to partner with the East Foundation in preparing the next generation of leaders from south Texas who are knowledgeable about natural resources to serve their communities, state, and the nation. We strive to engage students with outdoor adventure lessons founded on our core mission to develop leaders through transformational experiences of the outdoors. Each grade level participates in activities that provide achievable challenges suited to their academic maturity and physical capabilities. These lessons supplement the classroom experience of all students. TEKS and grade-specific scopes and sequences are the undercurrents of all the activities we offer at Camp RIO.

### Curriculum Activities by Grade Level

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Wildwood Nature Hike Jr. Tomahawks Recess	Sensory Search Wildwood Dirt-tectives Jr. Tomahawks	Tomahawks Reptiles Watershed Outdoor Adventure	Tomahawks Canoeing Survival Craft Fishing	Jr. Green Thumbs Canoeing Adaptations Atlatls	Archery Canoeing Reptiles Team-Building	Tomahawks Canoeing Geocaching Eco-regions	Atlatls Canoeing Advanced Markmanship Fishing

9th	10th	11th	12th
Archery	Tomahawks	Atlatls	Advanced
Canoeing	Canoeing	Canoeing	Marksmanship
Geocaching	Stewardship	Survival Craft-S'mores	Canoeing
Reptiles	Construction	Bee-A-Pollinator	Geocaching
	Fishing		Team-Building



### **Camp RIO ODED Testimonials**

e are so incredibly happy with the amazing staff at Camp Rio. On Friday September 24, 2021, IDEA Harlingen visited Camp Rio and we were able to witness one of our students smile for the very first time. He was completely engaged in all of the activities and was laughing and smiling with classmates and teachers. This was the very first time in the school year in which we saw him genuinely thrilled about something. We then witnessed a student who talked for the very first time. She was so happy to be participating in the activities that Camp Rio provided for us. She wanted to keep learning and was talking to teachers about how much she was learning and the incredible time she was having! We are so thankful to the Camp Rio staff for providing an unforgettable experience for our students from IDEA Harlingen. They truly enjoyed this experience."

-Arlene Magallanes
Interventionist, IDEA Harlingen Academy

camp RIO gives us the ability to build long-lasting relationships with students and colleagues. Students were able to build a culture of joy and trust amongst their classmates. This helps set the foundation for success coming out of the pandemic."

#### -Anaid Stephens

Assistant Principal of Instruction, IDEA Mission College Prep

Alot of our kids our brand new to IDEA. Camp RIO has been a tremendous team-building experience. Only places like Camp RIO can speed up this type of experience. About 90% of our students are coming to Camp RIO for the first time."

-Jerry De La Garza Athletic Coordinator, IDEA Sports Park College Prep



Please contact the Registrar and call **(956) 204-0036** or email us at **oded@camprio.org** to book your next visit!





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