

# **Robert E. Connor, Jr.**

## **Masonic Youth Camp Of Texas**

**Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center**

**July 09, 2015 thru July 12, 2015**

**Mr. Charles Dewitt, Director**

The Fifteenth (15th) Annual Prince Hall Youth Camp will be held at the Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center located approximately ten miles south of Weimar, Texas. The Camp will begin on Thursday July 09, 2015 at 3:00PM and conclude on Sunday, July 12, 2015 at 12:00 Noon. Our theme is "Preventing a Lost Generation".

Participants will participate in seminars, sports, swimming and religious programs. Participants will be exposed to officials of the various Masonic Houses and speakers from across Texas. They will receive lectures and information on preparing for the now job markets, coping with daily community problems and preparing for their futures.

Each participant will receive a Camp T-shirt, cap and a Holy Bible. They will have an opportunity to fish, play basketball, football, softball, swim and meet new friends. Members of the Prince Hall Masonic Family will hold Church service each night of the Camp.

The registration fee for each participant is \$100.00. The registration fee covers housing, food and activities of the Camp. The Camp will be limited to fifty (50) participants. The deadline for registration is June 01, 2015. For applications, you should contact your District Deputy or the office of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas.

### **Rules for Participants**

1. Participant must be a male and a resident of Texas
2. Participant must be between the age of nine (9) and seventeen (17) before the start of the Camp.
3. Participant must have a school grade average of C, 2.0 or equivalent.
4. Participant must bring all required medication to camp.
5. Participant must submit a liability release form signed by parent or guardian on or before June 01, 2015.
6. Anyone with a Felony record can not attend the Camp.
7. Participant must have good moral character.
8. Participant must adhere to all rules and regulations set forth by the Camp Staff. Camp Directors will ensure that all rules are enforced. Failure to follow Camp rules will result in participant being sent home.
9. It is the responsibility of sponsors to provide transportation for participants to and from the Camp.

10. Participants will furnish their own personal items. (tooth paste, soap, towels, linen, pillow, etc.)
11. Participants must adhere to dress code established by the Camp Directors. Dress code will be strictly enforced.
12. Participants shall arrive at Camp on Thursday, July 09, 2015 on or before 3:00PM.
13. Participants will be divided into groups and assigned to an Adult group leader.

All forms can be reproduced if additional forms are needed. Each District is requested to sponsor at least one participant. A District may sponsor more than one participant.

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Charles Dewitt



Grand Youth Director

## Parent/Guardian Responsibility

The Parent/Guardian of a participant in the Robert E. Connor, Jr. Youth Camp of Texas is required to complete the following Applications prior to acceptance to the camp:

1. Robert E. Connor, Jr. Masonic Youth Camp Application
2. Participant's Health Examination Form
3. General Information Form
4. Release of Liability Form
5. Consent for Medication Form

The Parent/Guardian is responsible for ensuring that each participant brings the following items to camp:

1. Required medication
2. Tooth paste, soap, towels, linen, pillow, etc.
3. Spending money not to exceed \$20.00.
4. Adequate clothing for four days.
5. Swimming trunks

(Participants at the camp will not be permitted to wear earrings or excessive jewelry. Participants will not be permitted to wear pants or shorts that hang below their waist).

## Policies and Procedures

### Rules and Guidelines

1. Each participant must obey the rules and guidelines established by the Camp Director and his Staff.
2. Each participant must obey the rules and regulations of Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center.
3. Participants will be grouped and housed according to their ages. (9-11, 12-14, 15-17).
4. Failure to adhere to the established rules and regulations may bring cause for dismissal from the Camp.

### Telephone Usage

Long distance calls are to be placed with credit/phone cards only. The phone number of Cathedral Oaks (Camp Location) is (979) 263-5935. The phones will ring in the Main Hall where a staff person will be located 90% of the time. Parents are encouraged to maintain the above phone number in the event of an emergency.

No cellular telephones or beepers will be allowed.

## Policies and Procedures (Continue)

### Food and Drinks

Each participant will receive three balance meals per day. No food or drinks will be allowed in the dorms.

Parents/Guardians are to inform the Camp Director of any special diet, or other food requirements in writing.

### Room Accommodations and Guidelines

There are three modern living areas at the Camp Site. Dorms A&B each have six rooms with both single and bunk style beds. The six rooms in each dorm center around a large restroom, and all are totally handicapped accessible. Dorms A&B are connected to the Main Hall by a covered walkway. Each dorm sleeps 28 people.

Each participant in the Camp will be responsible for keeping his living area clean. No wet clothing or towels shall be laid or hung on beds, chairs, and drapery rods or placed on the top of doors or heating/AC units. A clothesline for that purpose has been installed behind the dorms.

All trash shall be placed in plastic bags, which are furnished by the Camp. The Camp's location has septic tanks and great care must be taken to prevent problems. Signs are posted above each toilet giving instructions that must be followed for proper use.

All facilities at the Camp used by participants will be kept clean, neat and orderly.

### Prohibited Items

Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not permitted at the Camp by participants. All firearms are prohibited including BB guns, air rifles and fireworks. The use of tobacco in any form is not permitted. No animals will be allowed at the Camp.

### Swimming Pool Rules

1. No swimming without lifeguards present in the pool area.
2. No running! No tag! No pushing others!
3. No horseplay! No throwing others in pool! No diving!
4. No food or drink! No glass containers!
5. No hanging on water volleyball net.

Any person having a skin disease, open sores, inflamed eyes, nasal infections or any communicable disease will not be permitted to use the swimming pool. Campers must wear swimming trunks. Lifeguards will monitor all swimming events and enforce the pool rules.