





# FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED FOR OVER 35 YEARS





### **SAM & SUSAN TORN**

Read more about Sam and Susan

Sam and Susan Torn have been the owners of Camp Ozark since 1985. However, Sam first came to Camp Ozark (then known as Ozark Boy's Camp) in 1951 at the age of three with his family. He later spent five summers as a camper at Ozark Boy's Camp and six summers as a counselor.

In 1985, Sam and Susan, along with their three small children, left their suburban lifestyle behind and took a leap of faith when they acquired the assets of Camp Ozark. Since then, through hard work, dedication, and the highest of standards, the Torn family has guided Camp Ozark to its place as THE premier summer camp experience.

As the founders of Camp Ozark, Sam and Susan remain fully committed to the mission of Camp Ozark and to the overall camper experience. Sam and Susan's three children - Scott, Chris, and Angela - have now all assumed operating responsibilities for the Torn Family Camps and continue the legacy begun by Sam and Susan. Sam and Susan also have fourteen grandchildren and count them as the greatest joys of their life.

### **SCOTT & SECILY TORN**



Scott Torn is the Director of Camp Ozark and oversees all operations. Scott also serves as a Family Director for Camp OTX and directs the Torn Family Camps leadership team. Throughout the years, Scott has experienced Camp Ozark from many perspectives: Camper, Dishwasher, Counselor, Lake Crew Director, Head Boys Counselor, and as a parent of campers.

Scott's wife, Secily, is a board-certified Pediatrician and part of the Camp Ozark Medical Advisory Team. Secily also serves as a Camp Doctor at times throughout the summer.

Scott and Secily married in 1996 and have five children: Sam, Jack, Kaiya, Tucker, and Anna Scott. Both Scott and Secily are active in their Houston community and church.

Read more about Scott

#### **ANGELA & STEPHAN SHAW**



Angela Shaw is the Director of Camp Ozark and oversees all operations. Angela also serves as a Family Director for Camp OTX. Angela is an attorney and directs the risk management aspects of Camp Ozark as well as overseeing all of the camp's legal and legislative initiatives. Over the years, Angela has experienced Camp Ozark as a Camper, CIT, Kitchen Crew, Counselor, Head Girls Counselor, and parent of campers.

Angela's husband, Stephan, is also a practicing attorney, as well as a historical fiction author.

Angela and Stephan were married in 2012, having met through mutual Camp Ozark acquaintances. In fact, Angela and Stephan were married at Camp Ozark! Angela and Stephan have four children: Mack, Susan, Annie, and Torn (in heaven).

Read more about Angela

### **CHRIS & CECI TORN**



Chris Torn is the Director of Camp OTX and oversees all operations. Chris also serves as a Family Director for Camp Ozark. Chris has many years of Camp Ozark experience, having been a Camper, Counselor, and Director.

In 2018, Chris transitioned his focus to a new project, Camp OTX. As a part of the Torn Family Camps, Camp OTX opened its gates for the first time in June of 2021.

Chris and his wife, Ceci, met at Camp Ozark in 1995, married in 1998, and now have five children: Caroline, Caitie, Mary Claire, Christopher, and Charles Henry.

### **GENE MONK**



Gene has long had a passion for the outdoors and hunting. Living in the nearby town of Oden, Gene began working at Camp Ozark in 1979 while still in High School. Except for a short stint in the Peace Corp, Gene has worked at Camp Ozark every summer since 1979. In 1984 Gene joined Sam and Susan Torn for their inaugural year as owners of Camp Ozark. Gene oversees the entire Camp Ozark facility & all camp office operations. Gene met his wife, Amy, at Camp Ozark when they were both members of the Summer Staff. Married in 1988, they have three children: Ginny, Callie, and Will.

#### **DEBBIE PRIDDY**



Originally from Kilgore, Texas, Debbie began working at Camp Ozark in 1985 while a student at Baylor University. In fact, Debbie was one of the very first people hired by Sam and Susan after they purchased Camp Ozark in 1984. Debbie also has the distinction of being the original Mish Mash lady! Debbie oversees all aspects of our summer staff hiring, training, and supervision. Debbie is also responsible for all Camp Ozark permanent staff Human Resources. Debbie met her husband, Wade, at Camp Ozark, and married in 1990. They have 2 children, Andy and Bailey.

### **DAVE ATKINS**



Dave began working for Camp Ozark as a Cabin Counselor in 1988. Dave then served 5 summers on the Camp Ozark Top Staff before joining the Permanent Staff in 1995. Dave and his wife, Andi, now live in Arkansas near the camp property.

Dave manages a variety of summer programs, such as the Ozark media team, nightly Special Events, and camper behavior. Dave and Andi met at Camp Ozark, married in 2015, and have two young children: Hannah Rose and Alexander.

### **BRAD & ANA HOEKSEMA**



Brad's first summer at Camp Ozark was in 1995. He has served as a Counselor, Head Boy's Counselor, Top Staff, and Permanent Staff. Brad helps oversee Team Competition and the Morning Program. Ana helps manage our Camper Care, Customer Service, and Camp Mom teams.

Brad and Ana met at Texas A&M in 1995. Married in 2001, they have three sons: John, Jack, and Jude

### **TRAVIS & ALANA TARKINTON**



Travis began working at Camp Ozark in 2001 during his summers in college and joined the permanent staff in 2006. Travis helps manage many different aspects of Camp Ozark with a focus on Financial and IT Operations. Alana joined the permanent staff in 2008. She oversees Retail Operations in the Camp Ozark Store along with serving in the Mt. Ida Ozone Ministry.

Travis and Alana met in college and married in 2008. They have one son, Josiah, who was born in 2013. He is affectionately known as "JoJo" around camp.

### **PATRICK & KATIE HOERCHER**



Patrick began working at Camp Ozark as a counselor in 2003. A graduate of Vanderbilt, Duke, and Harvard, Patrick now oversees the ministry resources of both Camp Ozark and The Camp Ozark Foundation. He also manages the daily program and our older campers' experience.

Patrick's wife, Katie, helps coordinate Ozark's marketing, social media, and customer communication teams. Patrick and Katie met at Camp Ozark in 2007, were married in 2010, and had their son, Bhrett, in 2012.

### **JOHN & TIFFANY CATE**



John, a graduate of Rice University, first came to Camp Ozark in 2007 as a Counselor and Summer Videographer. In 2012, John joined the fulltime staff as the Director of Software and Website Development. Tiffany, a graduate of Mississippi State University, first came to Camp Ozark in 2007. Tiffany now serves as Camp Ozark's Executive Manager of Retail as well as Sam and Susan's Executive Assistant.

John and Tiffany first met at Camp Ozark in 2007 and married in 2018.

#### **HALEY & CONNOR HENNESSEY**



Haley first came to Camp Ozark in 2010 as a member of the summer staff. After graduating from Mississippi State, she joined the permanent staff in 2013. Haley serves as the Summer Staff Coordinator and helps oversee all Summer Staff Recruiting. Connor, a graduate of Ole Miss, helps oversee Camp Ozark's Marketing and Media efforts and helps manage the camp facility during the summer.

Haley and Connor met at Camp Ozark in 2012 and were married in 2018.

#### CRYSTAL SMITH



A graduate of Louisiana College, Crystal joined Camp Ozark in 2014 as our Health Center Coordinator. A Registered Nurse for over 18 years, Crystal has extensive experience as an Emergency Department Nurse and Camp Ozark medical professional.

Crystal and her husband have 4 children: Austin, Cooper, Paxton, and Sophia.

# THE OZARK FAMILY



Abbie, Media Abby, Accounting Ali, Camp Ozark Foundation **Arika**, *Administration* Ashton D, Mish Mash **Ashton W, Shooting Sports** Blake, Facilities Brendan, Technology Carly, Special Events **Cory,** *Human Resources* Emma, Ozone Ministries Eric, Facilities **Esther**, *Crafts* Gerry, Facilities Ginny, Administration Hannah, Camp Ozark Foundation Harbor, *Lake* **Hunter, Ozone Ministries** Jake, Aquatics **James**, Ozone Ministries Jamie, Administration **Jeff, Facilities** Jeri Ann, Food Services Josh H, Program Josh O, Special Events Julius, Facilities Kathy, Administration Kristi, Administration Landon, Media Lucas, Facilities Maggie I, Administration Maggie S, Ozone Ministries Matt, Ozone Ministries Melanie, Administration Nicole, Retail Petey, Facilities Sam S, Lake Seth, Ropes Course Todd, Media Tommy, Equestrian

Ty, Ropes Course



### **CABIN AWARDS**

Each camper who attends Camp Ozark is special and uniquely created by God. To recognize each camper's uniqueness, we present two awards to every camper. The first award is in recognition of a unique personality trait while the second is for upholding one of our six core values:

### **DEVELOP A MORE POSITIVE**

# **SELF-ESTEEM**

We know self-esteem is important and want our campers to have or develop a positive view of themselves. We want them to feel good about who they are and to understand God made them just as they are for a reason. We strive to build our campers up and help them recognize their uniqueness and worth.

### ACHIEVE GREATER

# **SELF-CONFIDENCE**

Camp Ozark is a great place for kids to challenge themselves with new things and to be adventurous. Self-confidence comes from the knowledge that success or failure isn't nearly as important as simply having the courage to just try. We seek to help our campers feel secure enough to face any adventure in camp and in life.

### **CULTIVATE CHARACTER WITH**

# INTEGRITY

Integrity, having the courage to do the right thing no matter the circumstance, is an invaluable and increasingly rare characteristic. Integrity also involves moral conviction, respect for others, and truthfulness. At Camp Ozark, we emphasize the value of integrity at every turn and want our campers to understand the importance of being a person who always seeks to do the right thing.

### UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF

# **TEAMWORK**

Teamwork is an important part of life. We are parts of a team at school, in sports, in non-school programs, in college, in business, in marriage, and in life. At Camp Ozark, our campers are parts of teams in the cabin, in activities, and during competition. Through these opportunities, we help our campers understand the value of being a part of a team and how, sometimes, the success of the team – however that is defined – is more important than any individual.

### LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF

# FRIENDSHIP

Camp Ozark provides a great opportunity for campers to form genuine, face-to-face friendships with other kids from around the country. In today's world, these types of friendships are increasingly rare but so very valuable. We want our campers to learn the art and value of true friendship and to appreciate the gift of a true friend.

### **GROW A STRONGER SENSE OF**

# INDEPENDENCE

We know independence is different for a 7-year-old than for a 17-year-old. But at Camp Ozark, we provide an environment in which all campers can grow in independence in ways appropriate for their age. Whether it's taking on new challenges, making choices about what to do during a Special Event or Mish Mash, or learning to keep their bunk area clean, our campers have ample opportunities to grow and learn about becoming more self-reliant and making wise choices.

## **JOURNEYS**

Journeys is a voluntary, multi-level achievement program that challenges campers in the areas of personal development, achievement, and participation. It takes self-discipline and dedication to earn a Journeys' award, so we are very proud of our Journeys' award winners!

AWARD	CAMPER	AWARD	CAMPER	AWARD	CAMPER
PIONEER	LUCAS HAYES	PATHFINDER	KUEHNLE KRESS	PATHFINDER	HARPER HENDERSON
PIONEER	CHANDLER SCHWALL	PATHFINDER	MERRILL KRESS	GUIDE	AVERY DELASIERRA
PIONEER	LELA BIVINS	TRAILBLAZER	LILY GRAVES	GUIDE	GENNA FLOURNOY

### F.I.T. FIRST IS THIRD

F.I.T. - First Is Third is the overriding spiritual philosophy of Camp Ozark. We believe true success in life is only possible by placing God first, others second, and ourselves third. Each session, one camper from each cabin is recognized for exemplifying our F.I.T. philosophy. Once a camper has won a session F.I.T. award three times, their name is permanently displayed on a plaque located in the Dining Hall. Congratulations to our session F.I.T. award winners!

GIRLS BOYS

CABIN NO.	CAMPER	CABIN NO.	CAMPER	CABIN NO.	CAMPER	CABIN NO.	CAMPER
30	RUTHIE DUNLAP	8	EVIE CASTERLINE	31	GRAHAM KENNEDY	52	OWEN BEARD
28	ANNABELLE REED	7	EMILY BAUMANN	32	CRAIG HEFFERNAN	54	CHARLIE KAISER
27	GRANGER GILLESPIE	3	AMELIE BOUDREAUX	35	WALT DILL	55	WALLY GARROTT
26	ANNALEIGH MICK	2	TIGGY TAN	36	COLT CLENIN	56	CARSON ELLIS
25	REESE OLIVIER	S08	MAGGIE MATTORANO	37	JACKSON RIEMANN	S10	MEYER PETERSEN
23	JULES SMITH	S03	ANNE BOWSER	38	BLAZE PLATER	S11	CREW HEBERT
22	CLARE KELLY	S02	GENEVIEVE WETZEL	42	GUS WEHNER	S14	ALEX TONORE
20	AVA EZELL	P07	JULIA HEBERT	43	HENRY MEYER	S16	EASTON BARKER
17	AVA ANDERSON	P05	MILLA BOUDREAUX	45	CORBIN CAZALAS	S22	HUDSON PRAY
16	JANE OQUIN	P02	ANNA WEBRE	46	EDWARD SLAVEN	P10	REID LEMAY
10	SOPHIA SAN MIGUEL			49	CHARLIE GOSS	P13	REED SMALLING
				50	JACK GRAVES	P15	BENNETT OURSO

### **ORDER OF THE ARROW**

The Order of the Arrow award recognizes one camper from each age-specific team who best exemplified the three flames of Team Competition: maximum effort, maximum enthusiasm, and maximum sportsmanship. Once a camper wins this award three times, their name is displayed on a plaque located in the Dining Hall. Congratulations to our Order of the Arrow award winners!

### **CADDO**

TEAM	CAMPER	TEAM	CAMPER	TEAM	CAMPER
KINGFISH	ADELE ALLEN	MUSKRATS	MAGGIE MATTORANO	APES	R.J. GALYEAN
PANDAS	EMMA GRAVES	RAYS	JANE TEMPLET	WOLVES	JACHIN PROCTOR
PENGUINS	CLARA BAUER	REDFOX	ANNA WEBRE	COLTS	CARSON ELLIS
HURRICANES	EMMA STEPHENSON	SQUIRRELS	CRAIG HEFFERNAN	TITANS	CREW HEBERT
SHARKS	KENDALL HANRATTY	SPIDERS	MAXWELL KAUFMAN	WARRIORS	JONATHAN MEIER
BEES	MOLLI SMITH	WOLVERINES	HARRIS STINE	BUFFALO	ALEX PARSONS
CHEETAHS	EMILY BAUMANN	HORNED OWLS	SMITH ADAMS	HORNBACKS	LUKE MITCHELL
JAGUARS	SAMANTHA MALEY	HYENAS	BRYCE BUSBY		

#### **OSAGE**

TEAM	CAMPER	TEAM	CAMPER	TEAM	CAMPER
KICKINGBIRDS	KENDALL ANDREWS	OTTERS	SARA GRACE FEUCHT	GORILLAS	GEORGE BENEDETTO
KOALAS	MADISON GRIFFIN	SKATES	HOLLAND HENRY	COYOTES	SAM HOLZER
SEALS	ADDIE OLSON	COUGARS	KATE GOBER	BRONCOS	CAMPBELL SOLDEVILA
TORNADOS	OLIVE BUCHANAN	CHIPMUNKS	LIAM TACKETT	PATRIOTS	CHASE HATFIELD
DOLPHINS	SOPHIA TANG	TARANTULAS	JOE SCHEFFLER	KNIGHTS	ALEX TONORE
HORNETS	ADDIE GOBER	LYNX	MICHAEL BEECHERL	CARIBOU	RYAN SAN MIGUEL
LEOPARDS	BROOKLYNN HENRY	VULTURES	JOSEPH THRASH	CAYMANS	TREY CURLEY
PANTHERS	LONDYN SEGURA	DINGOS	DAVE VANDENWEGHE		

### TENURE

Tenure awards are presented to all campers who have attended Camp Ozark for at least four years. Our returning campers are very important as they are key to the "incomparable" Camp Ozark experience. In addition, many of these returning families are very helpful to us in their local communities. We deeply appreciate our returning campers and camp families!

### **4 YEAR CAMPERS**

EMILY BAUMANN	JANE OQUIN
LEAH BIANCARDI	ANN CORINNE OURSO
AMELIE BOUDREAUX	SOPHIE PRICE
MILLA BOUDREAUX	SADIE PRINCE
ELLEN BOWSER	FORREST SHERMAN
DACIE CAMPORA	GENEVIEVE WETZEL
ANN ELISE DE LOS SANTOS	GEORGE BENEDETTO
RILEY FORD	GEORGE CULLUM
SADIE GRANDA	ETHAN HOWLAND
BROOKLYNN HENRY	JONATHAN MEIER
HOLLAND HENRY	MEYER PETERSEN
GABBY HOFFMAN	WILLIAM RAYMOND
LILLY KENNEDY	BEN WADE
BENTLEY LEWIS	



4 YEAR TENURE AWARD: EMBROIDERED BLANKET

### **5 YEAR CAMPERS**

LELA BIVINS	AIDEN STEWART
ELLEN BROCKMAN	MADELYN WOOD
AVERY DELASIERRA	MASON EDWARDS
GENNA FLOURNOY	TRACE FLOURNOY
BELLA GRIFFIN-TOMLIN	JAKE HUTCHINSON
AVERY HASTINGS	LEVI LETLOW
HARPER REESE	WILL SCHOENFIELD
SCARLET REESE	CHARLIE SHELTON



5 YEAR TENURE AWARD: CABIN PICTURE PLAQUE

### **6 YEAR CAMPERS**

KENZIE KELLER	ALEX JACOBY
MADISON PRUDHOMME	KEMPER KELLER
TREY CURLEY III	LUKE MITCHELL
HUDSON HATFIFI D	BENNETT OURSO

6 YEAR TENURE AWARD: ENGRAVED BIBLE



#### **7 YEAR CAMPERS**

AVA JONES
MACLEAN MEEKS

7 YEAR TENURE AWARD: BACKPACK



### **8 YEAR CAMPERS**

CAROLINE BURGARD	COLE JONES
AVA SCOTT	JAKE ROLLINS
HANNAH WADDELL	AIDEN SWANCY
CHANDLER HASTINGS	

8 YEAR TENURE AWARD: LEGACY LEAF



### **9 YEAR CAMPERS**

ANNA WEBRE

9 YEAR TENURE AWARD: ENGRAVED BRICK



#### **10 YEAR CAMPERS**

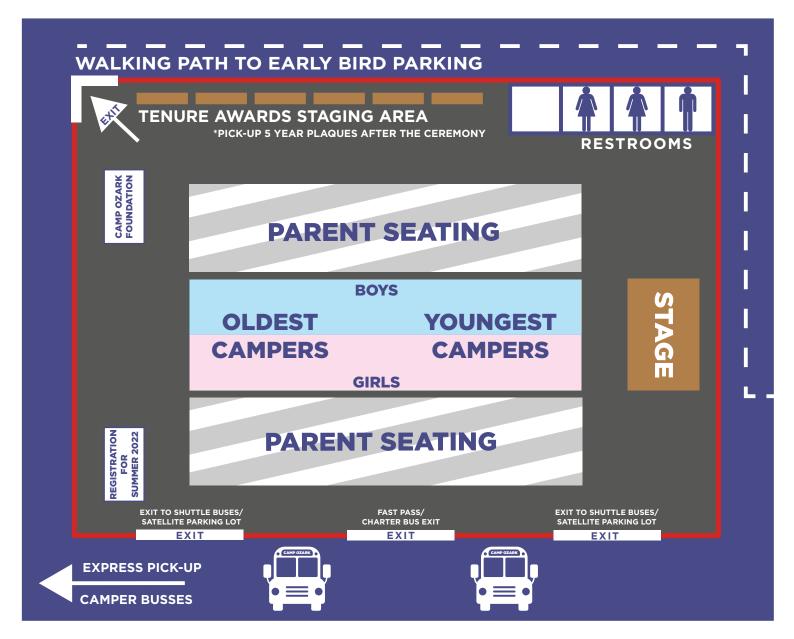
SISSY MISKELLY

10 YEAR TENURE AWARD: CABIN PICTURE PLAQUE



# AFTER THE CLOSING CEREMONY

- 1. Campers taking a charter bus home will be dismissed.
- 2. Express pick-up campers will load the shuttle buses to the Satellite Parking Lot.
- **3.** Those families who have elected to purchase a Fast Pass do not need to board a shuttle bus.
- **4.** Traditional Closing Day pick-up families may use one of the two exits to board the shuttle buses to the Satellite Parking Lot.
- **5.** Early Bird Parking families may take the walking path back to their vehicles or take a shuttle bus and deboard at the Staff Parking Lot.



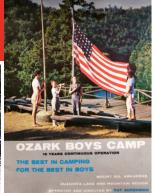
# OZARK BOY'S CAMP OPENS ITS GATES FOR THE VERY FIRST SUMM

THE VERY FIRST SUMMER.

1959 Sam Torn spends his first summer at Ozark Boy's Camp

1977 Ozark Boy's Camp is renamed to Camp Ozark





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SAM AND SUSAN TORN ACQUIRE THE ASSETS TO CAMP OZARK.

22 Cabins

**1986** First Is Third begins

Order of the Arrow begins and The Tube Slide & Curvy Slide come to Camp

- 1989 Special Events begin

1990 The new Main Chow Hall is built

1991 Camp Ozark gets a Fishing Pond

**1995** The Main Camp Store & Tandem Course are built

1997 The Skate Park is built

1998 Camp Ozark introduces Wacky World and the Canoe Pond

**2003** Camp Ozark gets 2 more blobs and Smashball





THE CAMP OZARK FOUNDATION BEGINS **OZARK FOR ALL & OZONE MINISTRIES.** 

Camp Ozark's sister camp, Camp War Eagle, opens its gates

**2007** The Fieldhouse is built

2008 The Summit area is built

2009 The new Crafts Palace is built

2011 The Canopy Tour comes to camp

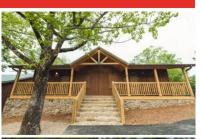
2012 Camp Ozark hosts its first wedding

**2013** Belba's Bistro & Paintball come to camp

**2014** The BOP & Pines Cabins are built

**2018** Camp Ozark gets a Swimming Pool

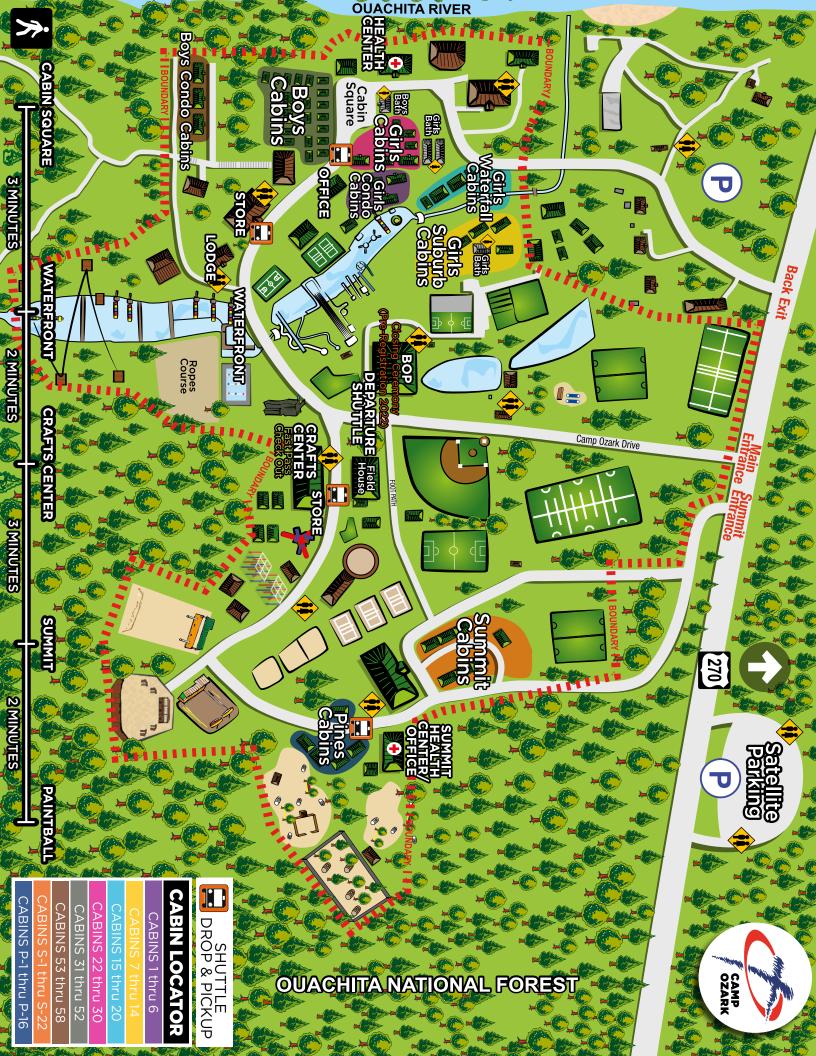


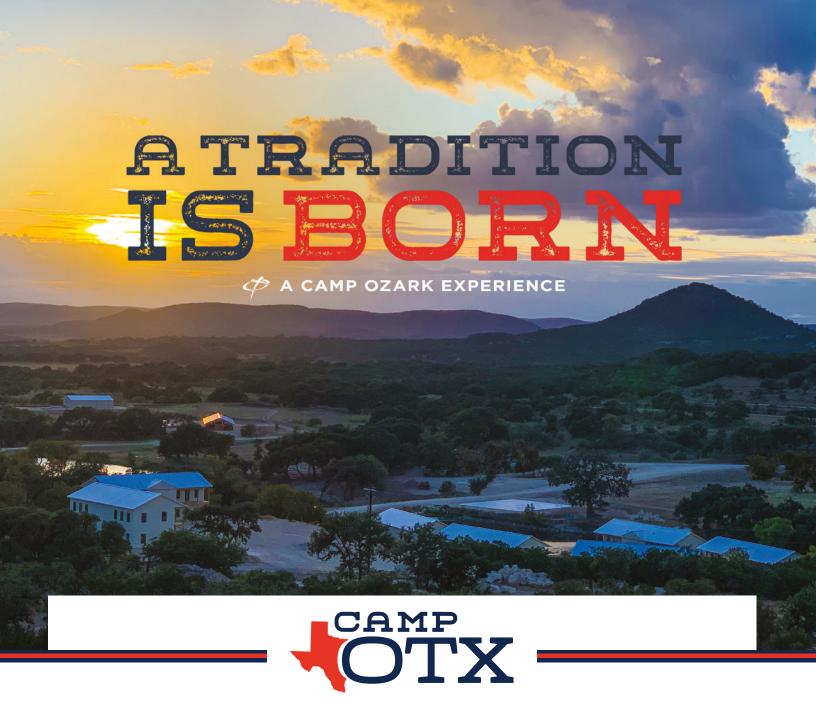






CAMP OZARK'S SISTER CAMP, CAMP OTX, OPENS ITS GATES IN BANDERA, TX





Opened in summer 2021, Camp OTX is the sister camp of Camp Ozark and continues the tradition of excellence. The entire Torn family, along with their dedicated, experienced staff, look forward to welcoming kids across the state of Texas and beyond to this premier summer camp experience, located smack dab in the middle of the beautiful Texas Hill Country. Camp OTX is a Texas summer camp like no other!



















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