

CLOSING DAY PROGRAM



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TRADITIONAL SONGS

The "Big 5" are the five traditional songs we sing during our Opening and Closing Day worship services. They're fun, they're loud, and the campers love them! Join in as we sing two of these songs, "Can't Nobody," and "Pharaoh, Pharaoh."

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS FOLLOW ALONG ON PAGES 3-7

Meet the hardworking backbone of Camp Ozark, the Ozark staff. You can follow along using this program for more information on the different teams and individuals.

VALUES & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS FOLLOW ALONG ON PAGES 8-9

Our "values-based camping" philosophy is an important part of the Camp Ozark experience. We will take a moment to recognize some individual campers for their accomplishments.

CAMPER AWARDS FOLLOW ALONG ON PAGE 10

The Order of the Arrow award recognizes those campers who have exemplified the "3 flames" of Team Competition. F.I.T. awards recognize those in each cabin who have modeled true First is Third behavior.

TENURE AWARDS FOLLOW ALONG ON PAGE 11

Our returning campers are at the heart of Camp Ozark! Check out our campers tenured 4 years or more.

CLOSING REMARKS & FRIENDS

As we conclude our Closing Day ceremony, we pass along a few tidbits of important information before wrapping things up with the traditional singing of the song "Friends." See you next summer!





Since 1985, the Torn family has dedicated their lives to creating an incomparable camp experience and environment for kids. The Torns believe firmly the Lord has blessed them with an amazing staff, driven by purpose and committed to the mission of serving kids. Each of the three summer camp environments created by the Torns have been meticulously planned to blend incomparable natural beauty with the most diverse and exciting camp programming in America.

Whether they are creating new and innovative ways for kids to have a total blast, perfecting the customer experience, providing quality health care, washing dishes, or re-stocking the store, each of the three generations of the Torn family are fully invested in making every aspect of the experience incomparable.

Our goal is for each and every child and each and every staff member to feel like family. We know for many families, the summer camp experience is transformative for their children. We love creating places where kids can be kids. Where they can learn to laugh, sing, run, and play. Where they can be goofy, silly, and crazy. Where they can learn, mature, and grow. Where they can make a friend, be a friend, and keep a friend. It's why we do what we do. There is no place we would rather be than leading an amazing staff who seek to make a real impact on kids.

THE TORN FAMily









SAM & SUSAN TORN

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 the Camp Ozark experience, 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, along with his sister Angela, is a Director of Camp Ozark and oversees all operations. Scott also serves as a Family Director for Camp OTX, directs the Torn Family Camps leadership team, and is a co-director of the Camp Ozark Foundation. 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 and summer staff.

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 began dating Secily in the fall of 1992 as a result of their Camp Ozark counselor experience. They married in the fall of 1996 and have five children: Sam, Jack, Kaiya, Tucker, and Anna Scott.

ANGELA & STEPHAN SHAW

Angela Shaw, along with her brother Scott, is a Director of Camp Ozark and oversees all operations. Angela also serves as a Family Director for Camp OTX. Angela is an attorney by trade 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 as a parent of campers.

Angela's husband, Stephan, is also a practicing attorney and recently completed his debut novel "Glory in the Dust," which should hit bookshelves in the near future.

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

CHRIS & CECI TORN

Chris joined the Camp Ozark permanent staff in 2005 where he directed camper recruitment, the camper experience, spiritual emphasis, and Team Competition. In 2017, Chris completed his Master of Theological Studies from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 2018, Chris transitioned his focus to a new project that we now know as Camp OTX.

Chris and Ceci both serve on the board of As Our Own, a ministry that rescues some of the world's most vulnerable children. Ceci also serves on the board and the executive committee of Camp Blessing, a Texas not-for-profit camp for children of all abilities.

Chris and Ceci married in 1998 and have five children: Caroline, Caitie, Mary Claire, Christopher, and Charles Henry.

OUR PEOPLE



GENE MONK

Arkansas Tech

41 Summers



Living in the nearby town of Oden, Gene began working at Camp Ozark in 1979 and, except for a short stint in the Peace Corp, has worked every summer since. In 1984 Gene joined Sam and Susan Torn for their inaugural year as owners of Camp Ozark, serving as the camp program director. Gene now 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

Baylor University





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 Torn. Debbie also has the distinction of being the original Mish Mash lady! Debbie oversees all aspects of summer staff hiring, training, supervision. Debbie is also responsible for all HR concerns relating to the Camp Ozark permanent staff. Debbie met her husband, Wade, at Camp Ozark, and married in 1990. They have 2 children: Andy and Bailey.

DAVE ATKINS

Oklahoma State

35 Summers



Dave began working for Camp Ozark as a Cabin Counselor in 1988 and was the very first Mountain Bike instructor. Dave pursued a PhD in Exercise Physiology but soon followed his heart and joined our full-time staff in 1995. Dave manages many summer programs, such as the Ozark Media Group, Special Events, and camper behavior, as well as hosting the morning show. Dave and his wife Andii met at Camp Ozark, married in 2015, and live in Arkansas, close to the camp property. Dave has two young children: Hannah Rose and Alexander.

PATRICK & KATIE HOERCHER

Vanderbilt, Duke, Harvard & Texas A&M 19 Summers & 17 Summers



Patrick began working at Camp Ozark as a counselor in 2003. A natural academic, Patrick has earned masters degrees at 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.

HALEY HENNESSEY

Missisippi State

14 Summers



Haley first joined the Camp Ozark staff in 2010 as a cabin counselor. After graduating from Mississippi State University in 2013 with a degree in Elementary Education, Haley joined the Camp Ozark permanent staff. Haley now serves primarily in the Human Resources department where she acts as the summer staff Coordinator and oversees all summer staff recruiting. Haley and her husband Connor met at Camp Ozark in 2012, and were married in 2018. They welcomed their first baby girl, Ann Clark in September of 2022.

BEN & ALI MONK

University of Virginia & UT Austin



13 & 15 Summers

Ben and Ali Monk met in the Camp Ozark Small Gym as counselors in 2009. Ben, a Dallas native and long-time Camp Ozark camper, joined the Permanent Staff team upon graduating from UVA, working from 2012 to 2018 and returned as an Associate Director in 2022. Ali grew up in Austin, is a Texas Longhorn, and came on full-time in 2010. She currently serves as an Associate Director for Camp Ozark and as the Executive Director of the Camp Ozark Foundation. The two married in 2016 and have two beautiful daughters, Hayden and Eleanor.



TRAVIS & ALANA TARKINTON 23 & 16 Summers

College of the Ozarks



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.

JOHN & TIFFANY CATE

Rice University & Mississippi State



16 Summers Each

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 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. They welcomed their first baby boy, Jack, in August of 2022.

CRYSTAL SMITH

Louisiana College



13 Summers

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 is in the nurse practicioner program at ULL, where she recently recieved the Outstanding Master's Graduate award. Crystal and her husband have 4 children: Austin, Cooper, Paxton, and Sophia.

JERI ANN & GERRY BREASHEARS

Henderson State University and Arkansas State University 11 Summers



Gerry and Jeri Ann are both Arkansas natives and live locally in Mount Ida. Gerry has worked on-site with the Camp Ozark facility since 1986, joining the permanent staff team in 2016. He plays a crucial role in Ozark's construction projects and facility maintenance. Jeri Ann earned a master's degree from Arkansas State University and worked as a teacher before joining Camp Ozark, where she is currently the Director of Food Services. Gerry and Jeri Ann have two children, Taylor and Seth, who are both on permanent staff at Camp OTX.

JOSH & JENNA ALLRED

Auburn University & Baylor University



During summer 2015, Josh and Jenna Allred met while working on Top Staff. Josh, a graduate of Auburn University worked full-time as an Ozone Ministries Area Director in Houston from 2013 to 2017 before working for a recruiting and consulting firm. Jenna graduated from Baylor University in 2014 and began work at PWC as an accountant. The Allreds married in 2018 and returned to Camp Ozark in 2022, Josh as part of the HR and Summer Program teams and Jenna with the business services team. They have two wonderful daughters, Anna Claire and Emma Kate.

6 Summers Each

COREY NAIL Blinn College



5 Summers

Corey joined the Camp Ozark team as a staff recruiter and Ropes Program Director in 2013, after serving in the Army for 7 years. Departing Camp Ozark in 2015, he built a successful career in custom home construction in San Antonio, TX. Corey returned to Camp Ozark in 2023 as a Senior Assistant Director and now participates in managing the various construction projects Camp Ozark undertakes each year. Corey is a native of Mississippi and is an integral part of the Camp Ozark facilities team.

OUR PEOPLE























































OUR PEOPLE



J-STAFF

For those young people who are too old to be campers, but too young to serve as members of the summer staff, Camp Ozark offers the Junior Staff program. J-Staff serve behind the scenes in a variety of ways and have the opportunity to experience having a heart of a servant.

S.W.A.T.

S.W.A.T. stands for "Servants Working All Together." The Camp Ozark S.W.A.T. team is comprised of dedicated, hardworking staff members who work behind the scenes to perform a variety of tasks. The S.W.A.T. team responsibilities include cleaning, maintenance, setting up camp events, and much more.

MEDICAL STAFF

Each session, Camp Ozark is blessed with talented and highly-qualified nurses and doctors who make up our medical services team. Led by our permanent Medical Team - Susan, Secily, and Crystal - the camp nurses and doctor support the health and safety of the entire camp in a wide variety of ways.

TOP STAFF

The members of the Top Staff are key players in helping Camp Ozark operate smoothly. Comprised of experienced returning staff members, the Top Staff brings a wealth of wisdom and insight in as they help manage various program and facility areas.

CAMP MOMS

The Camp Mom program consists of three or more former Ozark staff members who are now moms of camp-aged children. These dedicated members of the Camper Care team serve for two weeks and provideassistance to both campers and camp families in avariety of ways. Highlights of the Camp Mom program include helping campers transition into camp life, partnering with parents regarding individual camper needs, and providing a phone call update for all first-year camp families.





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 involves moral conviction, respect for others, and truthfulness. We emphasize the value of integrity and want our campers to understand the importance of seeking to do the right thing.



understand the value of **TEAMWORK**

We are parts of a team at school, in sports, in college, in business, in marriage, and in life. 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 the success of the team 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 greater sense of **INDEPENDENCE**

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 or making choices about what to do during a Special Event or Mish Mash, our campers have ample opportunities to grow and learn about becoming more self-reliant and making wise choices.

AWARDS



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
TRAILBLAZER	AMELIA DAMPIER	TRAILBLAZER	REAGAN LOSEY	GUIDE	EVIE SMITH
TRAILBLAZER	ROSALIE KLINE	PIONEER	SOPHIA BATES		

F.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

CABIN NO.	CAMPER	CABIN NO.	CAMPER	CABIN NO.	CAMPER	CABIN NO.	CAMPER
30	AMELIA HEYL	24	HADLEIGH ZABASKY	17	HARPER FIRESTONE	7	LONDYN HUDDLESTON
29	STELLA TAYLOR	23	ALEXIS ROY	16	AVI PEDDI	6	HADLEE YOUNG
26	SAWYER WELCH	22	CAROLINE PETTY	11	SLOANE PLATT	S08	FRANKIE HENDRIX
25	MADELINE DANIEL	20	LEIGHTON EVANS	8	ELLA HOLMAN	S01	MAE GRAF

BOYS

CABII NC	CAMPER	CABIN NO.	CAMPER	CABIN NO.	CAMPER	CABIN NO.	CAMPER
3	1 GEORGE MILDREN	37	DEAN THOMPSON	47	TRAVIS CHEYNE	54	ELLIOTT RICHEY
33	3 MILLER EVANS	38	FOSTER ROY	48	NOLEN GRAF	58	GRANT LANDRY
34	PIERCE PUCKETT	41	BENNETT WALLACE	51	WILLS TE	S14	MILES RITTHALER
36	CALEB STANTON	43	MILES OURSO	53	WILL KELLEY	P13	SUNIL SHAH

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!

TEAM	CAMPER	TEAN	M CAMPER	TEAM	CAMPER
KICKINGBIRDS	ETTA THURMOND	EMUS	CAMPBELL FLECK	GIANTS	FORD WALLER
KINGFISH	ARLI STORM	BLUEJAYS	ANNISON HALE	BEARS	GRANT MCALLISTER
KOALAS	ANNIE VAHRENKAMP	CARDINALS	MADDIE POPE	DINGOS	ASHER STANTON
PANDAS	ANNABELLE HEYL	SEAHAWKS	REAGAN LACOUR	HYENAS	EZRA HERNANDEZ
SEALS	KINLEY GEIS	RAVENS	HARPER MARTINEZ	COYOTES	TAYLOR WOOD
PENGUINS	HARPER MALONE	CHIPMUNKS	BEAUX OURSO	WOLVES	OWEN OLIVER
TORNADOS	WILLA STANLEY	SQUIRRELS	REID WOODRUFF	ELK	ALEX WINLAND
HURRICANES	JULIANA FRESCH	TARANTULAS	CALEB STANTON	MOOSE	GRANT LANDRY
CONDORS	FINLEY HALE	SPIDERS	BO CATO	HUSKIES	WESLEY LACOUR
FALCONS	EMILY LANGLOIS	COPPERHEADS	DAX DANIELS	BULLDOGS	GRAYSON BETTIS
OSTRICHES	HARPER HORANY	COTTONMOUTHS	LAWLER REESE		







AWARDS



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

CARLEE CHEYNE	EMBROIDE
ANNISON HALE	TRE DANOS III
LONDYN HUDDLESTON	IAN GILLESPIE
MERRITT KRETZ	BEN HUGHES
ALLIE LAMBUTH	POPE MILDREN
EMILY LANGLOIS	OWEN OLIVER
EMMA MUNFORD	VINCENT OLIVER
LILIAN TRIBBLE	WILLIAM ROBERTS
CAROLINE VALENTINE	THOMAS SKINNER
AVA WALKER	BRETT WALNE
FORD DANIEL	

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5 YEAR CAMPERS

JAKE CAIN JAMES KENNEDY WILLS TE

MAGGIE BASDEN ALLIE BERRY SHAE CULLEN ANNA CLAIRE PIERCE

JIMMY VALENTINE

7 YEAR CAMPERS

REAGAN LACOUR

5 YEAR TENURE AWARD CABIN PICTURE PLAQUE



6 YEAR CAMPERS

ANNALISE DESHOTEL OLIVIA FIASCONE AVERY WOOD FORD FOWLER WESLEY LACOUR LOGAN WAYMAN















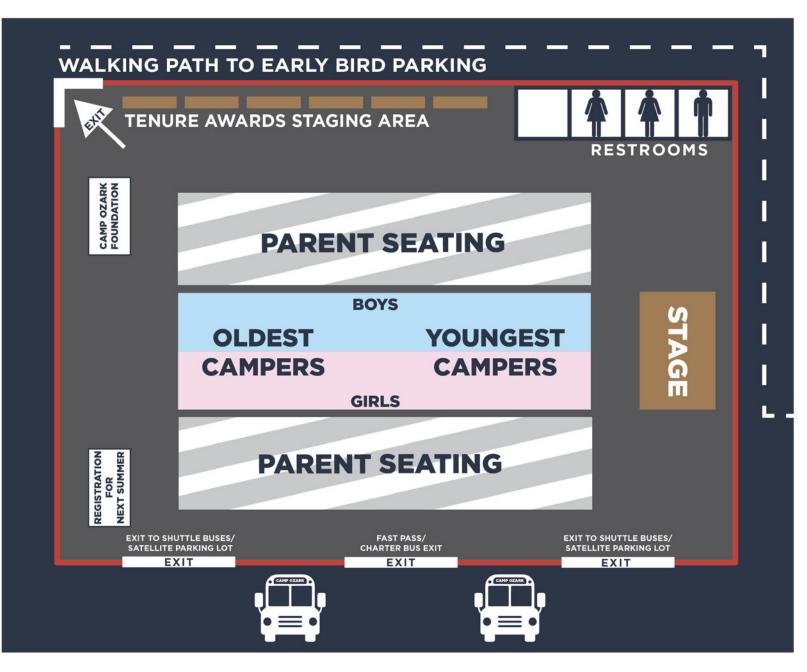




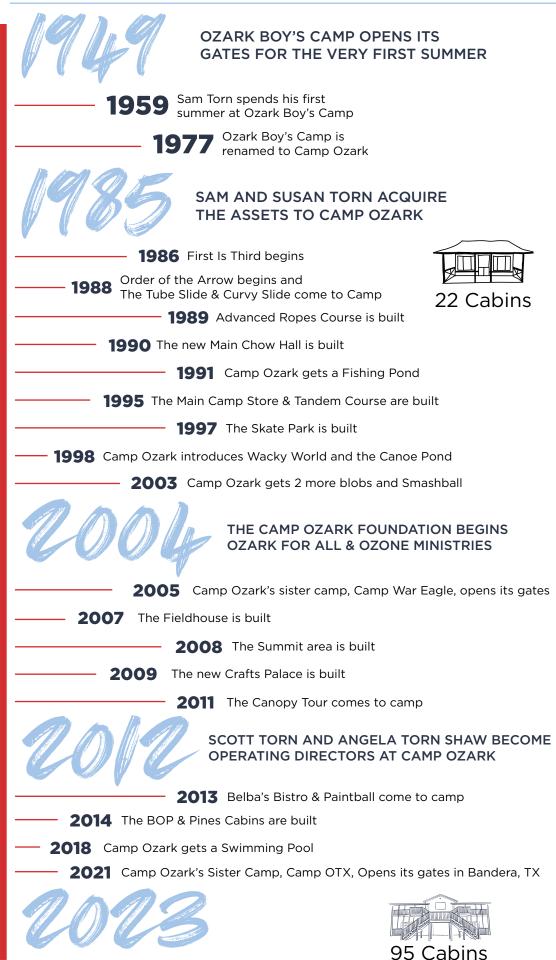
AFTER THE CLOSING CEREMONY

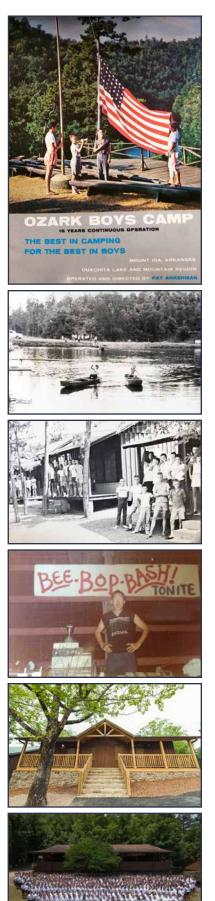
(1) Campers taking a charter bus home will be dismissed.

- (2) Those families who have elected to purchase a Fast Pass do not need to board a shuttle bus.
- Traditional Closing Day pick-up Families may use one of the two exits to board the shuttle buses to the Satellite Parking Lot.

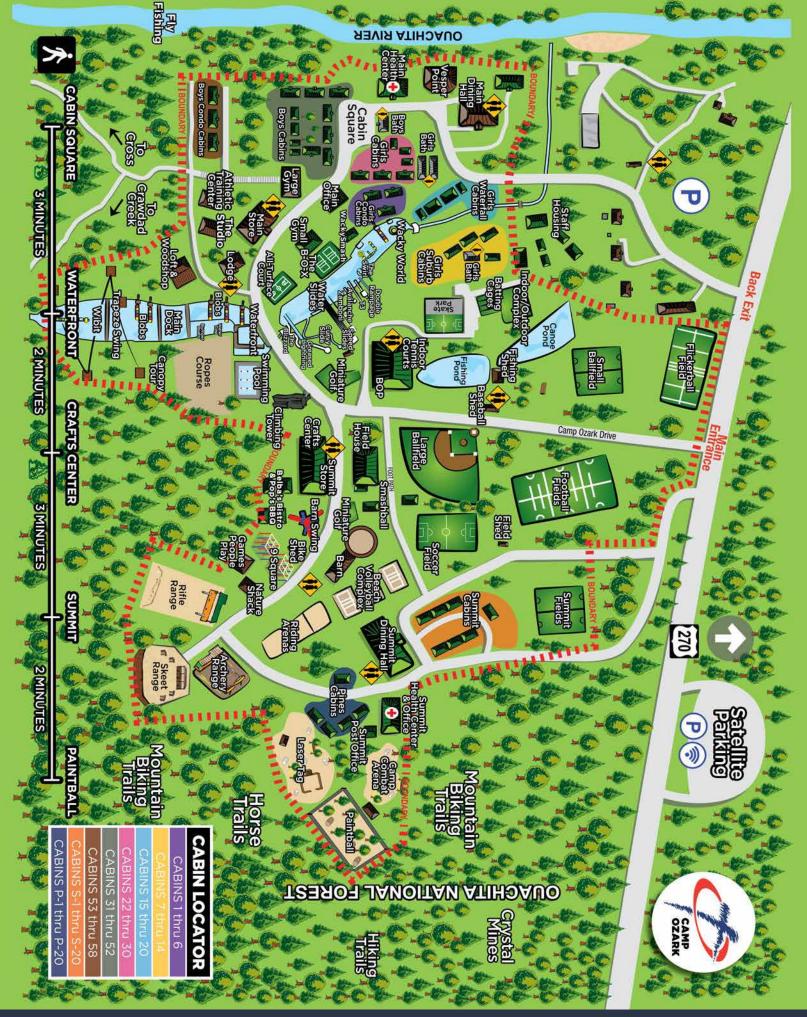


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ATRADITION ISBORN

A CAMP OZARK EXPERIENCE

CAMP

GETCONNECTED

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!



AFTER THE CLOSING CEREMONY







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Check out our session dates for next summer and register at <u>campozark.com/sessions</u>. Our waitlists fill up fast so don't miss your chance to return for another Incomparable summer at Camp Ozark!

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