



Dallas Park & Recreation

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURES:  
OVERNIGHT CAMPING TRIP PROGRAM**

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**PARK AND RECREATION BOARD**

**APRIL 4, 2019**



# History of the Program

Topic presented at NRPA Conference in Las Vegas 2015 *Last Child in the Hood*

Texas Parks and Wildlife Community Outdoor Outreach Program awarded in May 2016 **\$49,874**

Focus: Angler Education, Archery, Geocaching, Mountain Biking, Nature Photography, Camping  
Training: TPWD Angler Education Certification, USA Archery Level 1, International Mountain Bike Association:  
Level 1 Mountain Bike Guide Certification, TPWD Master Outdoor Leadership Training, National Outdoor  
Leadership School Wilderness First Aid  
Implementation: 22 Recreation Center Summer Camps; 864 participants

Texas Parks and Wildlife Community Outdoor Outreach Program Grant awarded in May 2018 **\$45,704**

Focus: Kayaking, Camping (2-night trips to various state parks)  
Training: American Canoe Association Paddlesports Facilitator Training, American Red Cross Lifeguard  
Certification  
Implementation: 24 Recreation Center Summer Camps; 939 participants

## Goals of the Program

- Eliminate all barriers of participation
- Provide a safe, educational and enjoyable program
- Instill a lifelong passion for the outdoors within its participants



*Photograph taken by youth participant  
Nature Photography program at Kiest Recreation Center*

# Staff Trainings and Certifications

## American Canoe Association

- *Paddlesports Safety Facilitator Certification*

## American Red Cross

- *CPR/First Aid Certification*

## Boy Scouts of America

- *Youth Protection Training*

## International Mountain Bike Association

- *Level 1 Mountain Bike Guide Certification*

## National Outdoor Leadership School

- *Wilderness First Aid Certification*

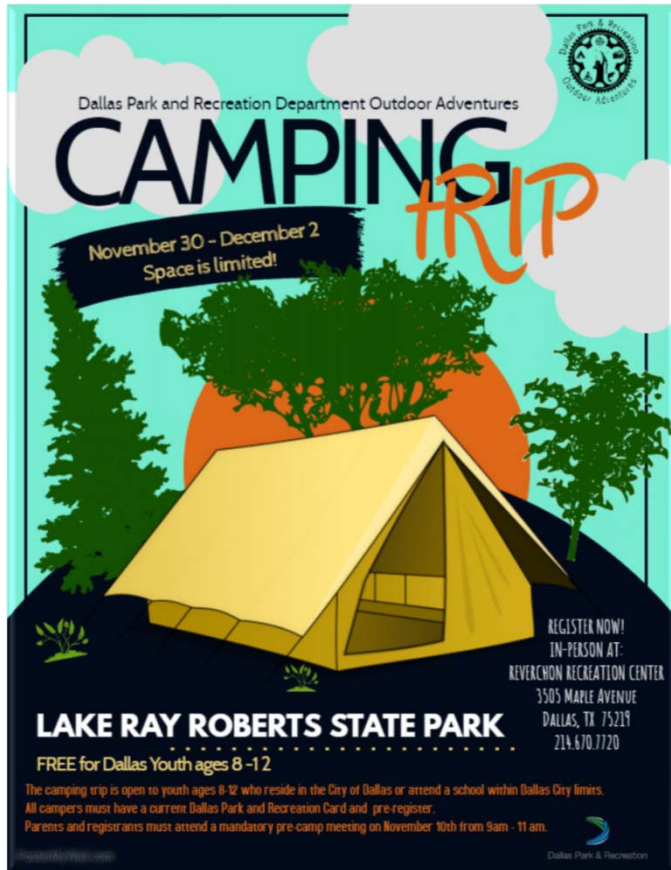
## Texas Parks and Wildlife

- *Junior Angler Certification and Master Outdoor Leadership Training*



**American  
Red Cross**





CAMPING QUICK STATS	
40 Kids	Ages 8 - 12
Dallas Residents	5 Meals, 2 Snacks
1 Bus	10 Camp Sites
6 Full-time Staff	Volunteers
37 Kids Attended	Mandatory Parent Meeting

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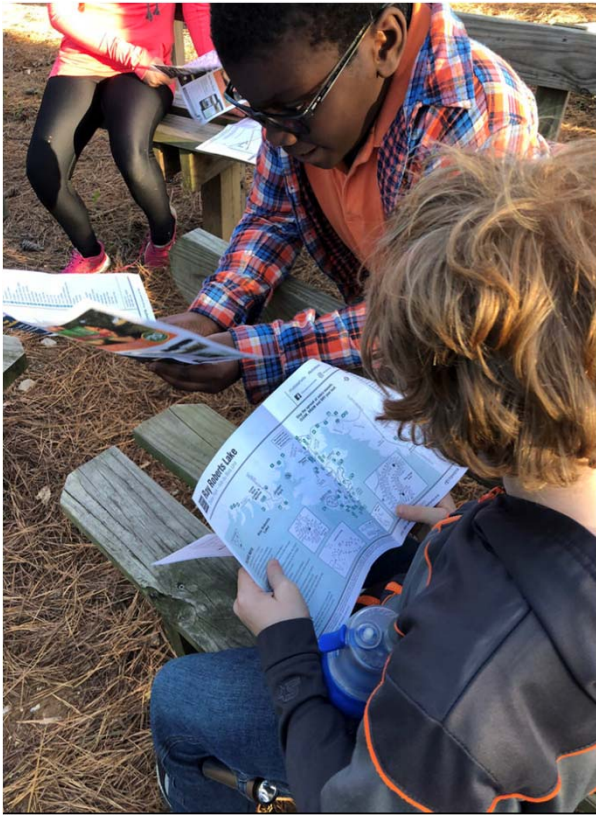


## Camping Itinerary Highlights:

- **11/30:** Depart Reverchon Recreation Center at 5:30 pm
- Camp Introductions
- Campfire with S'mores
- Activity Rotations
  - Mountain Biking
  - Geocaching
  - Fishing
  - Nature Center
- Campsite Games
- Star Party with City Lights Astronomical Society for Students (CLASS)
- Graduation
- **12/2:** Return to Reverchon Recreation Center at 11:30 am









## Post-Event Survey Responses

- 57% of participants were first time campers
- 85% of parents felt their child learned something new on the camping trip
- 100% of parents felt safe sending their child on the camping trip
- 100% of parents stated they would send their child on another Outdoor Adventures Camping Trip
- 100% of parents stated they would recommend the Outdoor Adventures Camping Program to others



## Parents respond...

*Well-planned trip! My son had a great time and made new friends.*

*Giving kids these experiences is what it's all about! I know I can't get out and take my child camping but having him go with people I can trust makes my heart happy.*

*My child had a great time and loved mountain biking!*

*My child enjoyed it and would love to do it again!*

*Awesome experience! Thank you!*



# **OUTDOOR ADVENTURES FAMILY CAMPING TRIP**

**Cedar Hill State Park  
April 26 - 28, 2019**

**40 Participants**