

**MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS &
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OFFICE OF
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Grand Youth Director**

To: District Deputies

From: Charles R. Dewitt, Grand Youth Director

Subject: Robert E. Connor, Jr., Masonic Youth Camp 2016

Greeting Brothers,

We are preparing for our 16th Annual Youth Summer Camp. The Camp will be held July 14-17, 2016 at the Cathedral Oaks Retreat in Oakland, Texas.

Included in this packet are the following forms:

1. Brief Overview and Rules for Participants.
2. Application for Youth
3. Application for Counselor.
4. Parent/Guardian Responsibility
5. Policies and Procedures.

These forms can be reproduced if additional forms are needed. Please include adult tee-shirt size on youth application form.

Please work with the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brothers in your respectful districts. We would like their maximum effort and support so this Camp will be a success.

The registration fee for each participant is \$100.00. The Camp will be limited to fifty (50) participants. The deadline for registration is June 01, 2016. Get your registration/applications in now.

Any additional information needed and/or questions concerning the Youth Camp contact the following:

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Grand Youth Director

Robert E. Connor, Jr.

Masonic Youth Camp Of Texas

Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center

July 14,2016 thru July 17,2016

Mr, Charles Dewitt, Director

The Sixteenth (16th) 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 14, 2016 at 3:00PM and conclude on Sunday, July 17, 2016 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, 2016. 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, 2016.
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 *oin*
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 14, 2016 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.

Fraternally
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.

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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.

ITEMS TO BRING FOR YOUTH CAMP

Two (2) sheets

Two (2) pillow cases

One (1) pillow

Blanket

Rain Gear

Toilet Articles

Notebook

Pencil

Flashlight

Towels

Washcloth

Soap

Shower shoes

Pajamas

Change of Clothes for four (4) days

Underwear

Toothbrush/Toothpaste

Swimming Trunks

Insect Repellant

Baseball Glove (if possible)

Comb and Brush

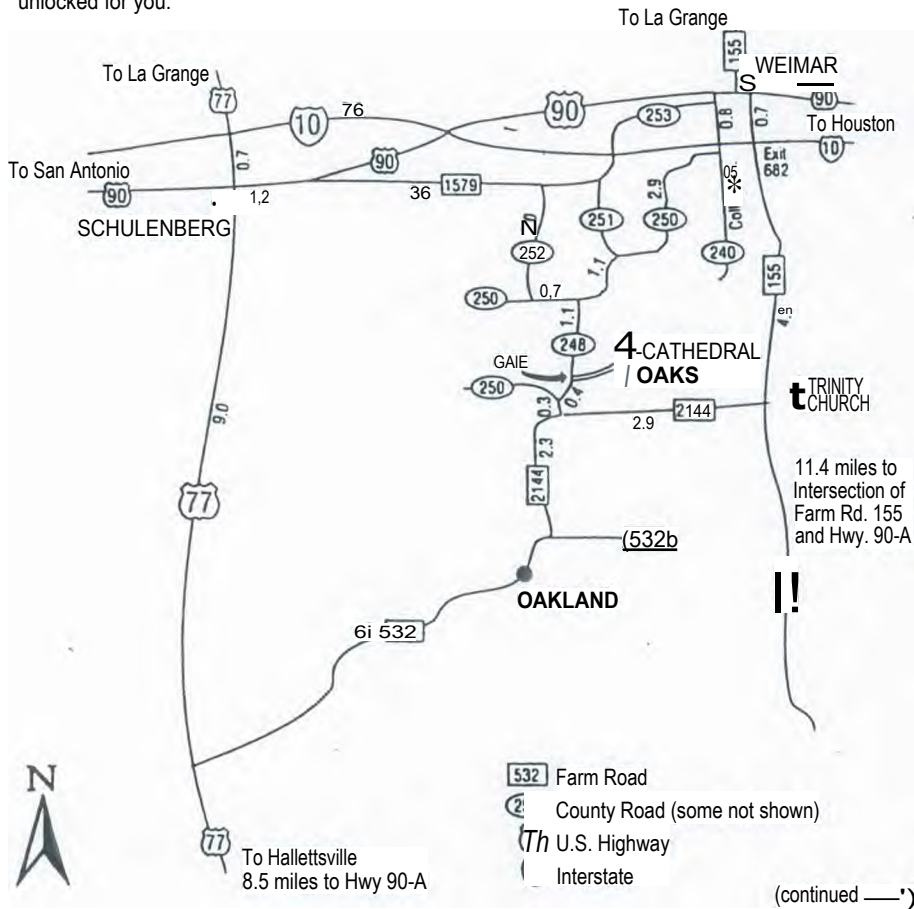
Spending change (not to exceed \$20.00)

REQUIRED MEDICATION

MAPS

Directions to Cathedral Oaks

Cathedral Oaks is conveniently located in the beautiful rolling hills 7 - 8 miles southwest of Weimar, Texas in Colorado County. The center is about 90 minutes from Houston, Austin and Victoria, and about 2 hours from San Antonio and Corpus Christi. Follow the map below for easy directions from Interstate 10, Highways 90 and 77, and Farm Road 155. The main entrance is through a metal gate off County Road 248. Be sure the District Office is aware of your arrival time so the gate can be unlocked for you.



Applicants Health Information

In case of emergency notify _____ Phone _____

Primary Care Physician: _____ Phone _____

List Past Illnesses:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Please list any allergies, i.e. medicine, foods, etc.

Does applicant take any medications? ____ If yes, please list all medication(s) and the frequency that medication(s) must be given.

Is the applicant current on all required immunizations? _____ If no, please indicate which immunization(s) which applicant is not current.

DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) _____

MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) _____

Polio _____

Chickenpox _____

Other _____

Can applicant swim? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, can applicant participate in water activities?

Can applicant participate in sport activities? Yes ____ No ____ If no, please Explain Below

Consent to Issue Medication

I, the parent/guardian of the applicant, hereby authorize the staff of the Prince Hall Masonic Youth Camp and or members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas to issue any and all prescribed medicine by a medical doctors to my child; and any over-the-counter medicine with instructions for distribution of the medicine from the parents.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Dated: _____

Release of Liability

I, the parent/guardian of the applicant, hereby indemnify and hold harmless the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas, its agents, employees or contractors, the Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center, its agents, employees or contractors of any liability for injury or damage caused by the act or negligence of my child occurring while participating with the Prince Hall Masonic Youth Camp of Texas.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Dated: _____

General Information

Arrival time for Camp: Date: _____ Time: _____

Pickup time: Date: _____ Time: _____ until _____

If you are going to be late, please contact the Camp Director at (409) 263-5935

Parent/Guardian responsible for picking up Camper:

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Your child will not be released to anyone whose name does not appear on the above list

Things to bring to Camp

Two (2) sheets, Two (2) pillow cases, one (1) pillow, rain gear, toilet articles, notebook, pencil, Flashlight, towels, washcloth, soap, pajamas, change of clothes, underwear, toothpaste, toothbrush, swimsuit, insect repellent, baseball glove (if possible), comb and brush, blanket, spending change (not to exceed \$20). All money must be reported to the Camp Director or the appropriate designee upon arrival.

Parent/Guardian Certification

I certify that the information on this application to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Fathers Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mothers Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor's Information: (to be completed by District Deputy)

District Deputy Grand Master _____ District #: _____

Masonic Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: Work _____

Home _____

Address: (city and zip code) _____

Sponsorship fee Paid: Yes _____ No _____

Grand Lodge Scholarship: Yes _____ No _____ (Must be approved by Grand Master)

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Date received: _____ Amount of Fees Submitted: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Date submitted to Camp Director _____