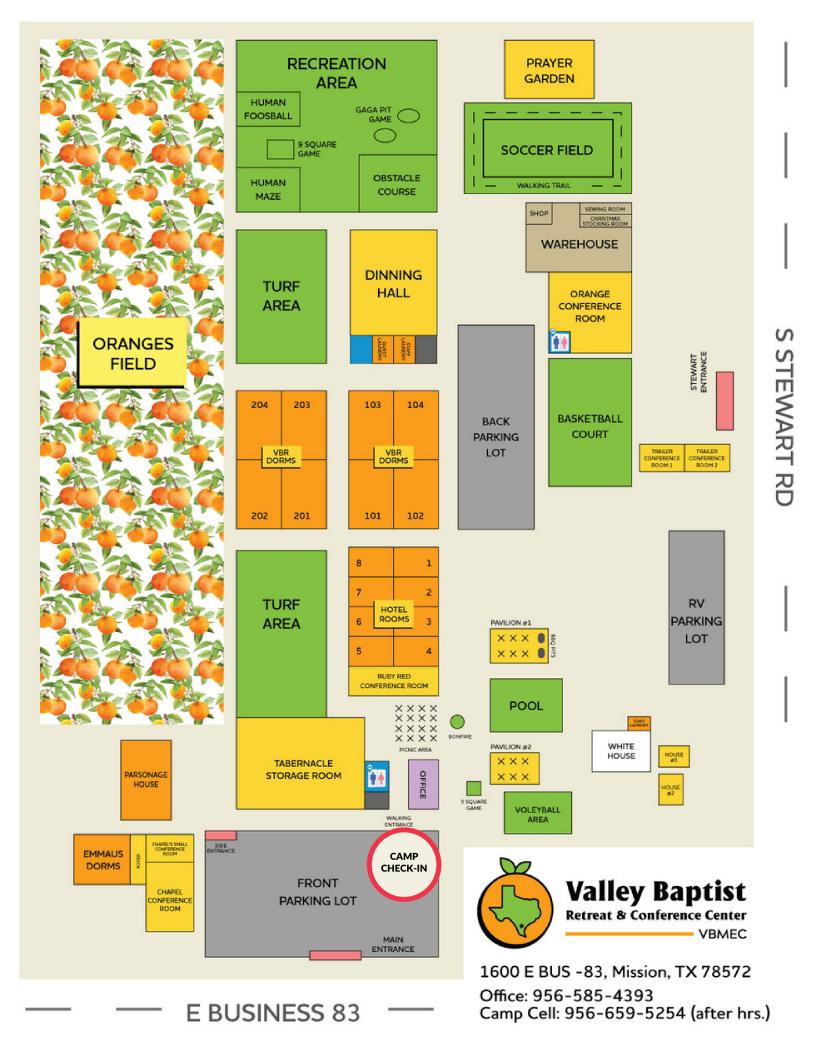
# **Valley Retreat Center**

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Important Times (CST)	Check-In Opening Celebration Room Checkout Camp Ends	2:00-5:00 pm 7:30 pm (Opening Day) 7:30 am (Day 4) 11:00 am (Day 4)
Housing	Valley Retreat & Conference Center has large, air- conditioned bunk rooms, where adult and minor females will most likely share space with females from other church groups, and adult and minor males will most likely share space with males from other church groups. Please note that few, if any, special housing requests may be accommodated due to the retreat center's room configurations. Similarly, common, gendered bathrooms will have sinks, showers, and toilet stalls. Bring your own pillow, towels, and bed linens (twin XL sheets or sleeping bags).	



## **Packing List**

#### Clothes

- T-shirts
- Shorts
- □ Jacket/sweater
- Swimsuit (outdoor pool *should* be open)
- □ Costume for Dance Party
- □ Rec Party clothes that can get wet
- Closed-toe shoes (required for Rec Party & Missions; also, shoes may get wet at Rec Party, so we suggest bringing an extra pair)

#### Toiletries

- □ Soap (for sink and shower)
- □ Shampoo/conditioner
- Deodorant
- □ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- □ Other personal hygiene items

#### **Towels and Linens**

- Pillow, Twin XL sheets, and blanket (or sleeping bag)
- □ Towels and washcloths
- Beach towel (indoor pool *might* be open)

#### Other Items

- □ Bible (write name & church inside!)
- Pen or pencil
- Sunscreen and hat
- Bug repellant
- □ Flashlight
- □ Water bottle (a must!)
- □ Money for mission offering (optional)
- □ Money for the camp store (optional)
- Hand sanitizer
- Alarm clock or watch (Group Leaders will take up phones)
- □ Any sensory care items your camper may require

TIP: If packing something that must not get lost or left behind (like a Bible), please write a first & last name on it somewhere! Adding the city and church name is very helpful too.

- Fireworks, extra shaving cream, water balloons, tobacco products, vapes, illegal drugs, alcohol, firearms—all the usual no-nos.
- Students may not bring clothing, hats, flags, posters, or other room decorations that could be seen as divisive, inflammatory, or offensive.
- We ask that all electronics be switched off and put away while at camp to observe our Digital Sabbath rule designed to allow campers to focus on God, camp, relationships, and themselves—not games or music.
- Some Group Leaders will give phones to their campers for a brief parent check-in a couple of times during the week. However, Passport prefers for every group to maintain a full digital sabbath for the week – we trust group leaders to use their discretion for these check-in moments.

### **Dress Guidelines**

Campers and adults should dress appropriately for the entire week of camp, as defined by the camper's parent/guardian and Church Group Leader. Please consider these guidelines, as it is the group leaders who will monitor their group's clothing:

- No clothing with inappropriate language or advertising is allowed.
- Clothing should not make fun of, belittle, or demean another person or culture.
- Shirts with sleeves & closed-toe tennis shoes are required for Rec Party and Mission Sites.
- Bring some clothes that can get dirty at Rec Party and for various games or activities.