



TVRC EXPEDITIONS

PARENT HANDBOOK



Welcome to the Parent Handbook!

We hope this handbook answers many of your questions and helps prepare yourself and your child for their Expedition. We believe it is a useful tool and reference guide for you while your child is away at camp. As always, please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions!

-The TVRC Director Team

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PARENT LETTER

Dear Parents,

The following pages are meant to help you understand what Expeditions at TVRC look like and how to prepare you and your child for these adventures.

The purpose of Teton Valley Ranch Camp is to instill passion and respect for the outdoors while building self-confidence, skills, and lasting friendships. Expeditions is focused on achieving those goals, just like our traditional summer camp; however, Expeditions is distinct in that we accomplish this purpose exclusively through backpacking trips in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

In the extraordinary wilderness of Wyoming, your child will engage physical and mental challenges they may never have faced before with peers from all different backgrounds. These exciting parameters are uniquely capable of fostering personal growth and positive identity development centered around qualities like respect, tenacity, grit, compassion, and gratitude. In just two weeks, individuals coalesce into groups that radiate self-esteem, openness, know-how, and appreciation. Our hope is that your camper will not just discover these traits in the Expeditions setting but internalize them so that they may apply them to all phases of their life, now and forever.

Participants in the Teton Crest Trail and Grand Summit Expedition (Session 4) will already know some of the lasting effects TVRC creates. This year, that Expedition is being offered exclusively to former TVRC program participants. It is the crown jewel of our backcountry offerings. Their journey will be the capstone of their time with Teton Valley Ranch Camp.

Prior to reaping the benefits of all Expeditions has to offer, there are important questions and logistics to consider. This handbook is designed to provide as much useful information as feasible in this medium and answer as many potential questions you may have as possible. We recognize that there may still be much you are wondering about as you consider the program, your child's fit for it, and the details of seeing it through. Thus, please do not hesitate to reach out to Bo (bphillips@tvrcamp.org) or Marshall (mcherry@tvrcamp.org) if you have specific questions about this document, or this program.

Thank you, for your excitement to be part of Expeditions!

Your friends,

Bo and Marshall

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Teton Valley Ranch Camp is excited to introduce a new, improved, and expanded Expeditions program! Adapted from the Outrider program (2020), Expeditions is focused exclusively on the tremendous backpacking experiences that TVRC has always provided as a part of our traditional program. *(There are no horses involved in the Expeditions programs.)*

Each session is constructed in the same pattern: two five-day-long backpack trips with an acclimation/rest/pack day before each. *Expedition Session 4 does not follow this pattern. See details below.* In total, your camper will spend 14 days under our supervision.

Although each session has the same structure, the experiences will be tailored with appropriate challenges for each group. Groups are distinguished by age and sex. We have two age groups (13-14 and 15-17) and single-sex or co-ed groups. *See each sessions' demographic parameters on the next page.*

The mission of Expeditions is similar to the traditional program, yet it is distinct.

- Instill passion and respect for the outdoors while developing skills for competent wilderness navigation.
- Cultivate resilience and adaptability in the face of challenges blocking the achievement of our goals.
- Form lasting friendships with people who challenge each other to be their best selves and support each other through those challenges.
- Find the strength to lead and embrace the faith to follow our peers in any situation.

Sessions are comprised of up to 10 campers and two Trail Counselors. Trail Counselors will fulfill both the Trip Leader and Counselor roles. Trail Counselors have extensive backcountry experience with skills that are refreshed during Trip Leader Training. They are also thoroughly trained on the strategy and tactics for achieving the mission of Expeditions.

We will need each trip to have a minimum of 6 campers enrolled for an individual trip to operate. If less than 6 campers enroll, we will give families options to shift to other trips.

DATES

EXPEDITIONS 1

Boys Age 13-14
June 12 - June 25

Girls Age 13-14
June 12 - June 25

EXPEDITIONS 2

Boys Age 15-17
June 30 - July 13

Girls Age 15-17
July 2 - July 15

EXPEDITIONS 3

Co-Ed Age 13-14
July 18 - July 31

EXPEDITIONS 4

Co-Ed Age 15-17
July 20 - August 2

ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be in good mental and physical health and refrain from causing harm to themselves or others
- Be free of any medical or psychological condition that requires the consistent availability of medical facilities or trained medical personnel (at times, such assistance may be 48 hours or more away)
- Be able to share living space in a tent (group living in close quarters will require reduced expectations of privacy and personal space, greater tolerance of others, respect for personal property, and neatness)
- Be free of any existing medical condition that may make them more vulnerable to severe illness. These medical conditions include Asthma, Chronic Lung Disease, Compromised Immune System, Diabetes, Chronic Kidney Disease, Liver Disease, and Hemoglobin Disorders
- Be willing to live with and be around others who may have different viewpoints and beliefs; be respectful of all stated identities and beliefs. Maintain appropriate, non-exclusive relationships with other group members and staff
- Be able to communicate effectively with TVRC staff about his/her physical, medical, behavioral or emotional wellbeing, including, among other things, personal distress, injury, illness, allergies, asthma, anxiety, ADHD, homesickness, depression, and/or phobias
- Be physically able and excited to hike for several hours on rough mountain trails at high elevations (up to 12,000 feet above sea level) while carrying a heavy backpack (distance, elevation, pack weights and other physical demands vary between age groups)



EXPEDITIONS 1-3 ITINERARY

Day 1: Campers arrive in the afternoon, meet their counselors and get to know their cohort. This is a day to settle in to camp and to learn about TVRC, Wyoming, and their peers.

Day 2: Prepare and Pack Day. Campers will prepare to leave on the trail the following morning. We will go over lessons essential to traveling in the backcountry and pack our items needed for 5 days on the trail.

Day 3: Depart for the first day on the trail. We'll get an early morning start to drive to the trailhead and begin hiking.

Day 4 - 6: Days spent in the backcountry. Campers can expect to be moving campsites over these days and covering miles or be based in camp and adventuring on day hikes from base camp, depending on the age group. Trail Counselors will teach backcountry skills lessons and cover backpacking skills necessary for Wyoming wilderness survival.

Day 7: Time to head back to camp. Campers will hike out to a trailhead, where they will be driven back to camp to unpack, get clean, and rest easy.

Day 8: Rest day and pack. This is a day to relax, shower, do some laundry, and rest after 5 days on the trail. Campers can expect to do some activities together within their group such as archery, games on the green, or a river day. Campers will repack and prepare for another trip.

ITINERARY CONTINUED

Day 9: Depart for second trip. Another early morning and getting on the trail.

Day 10-12: Days on trail.

Day 13: Groups will hike out and head back to TVRC to eat some front country food and celebrate their accomplishments.

Day 14: Departure day— families will arrive in the morning and it is time to say so long, until 2023!

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EXPEDITION 4 ITINERARY

Day 1: Campers arrive in the afternoon and meet their counselors and peers.

Day 2: Prepare and Pack Day. Campers will go over lessons and materials essential to traveling in the backcountry and pack for 7 days on the trail.

Day 3: Depart for the first day on the trail. We'll get an early morning start to drive to the trailhead and begin hiking.

Day 4 - 8: Days spent in the backcountry on the Teton Crest Trail. Campers can expect to be moving campsites over these days. Trail Counselors will teach backcountry skills lessons necessary for Wyoming wilderness survival.

Day 9: Last day on the Teton Crest Trail. The group will return to a trailhead then be driven to the Gros Ventre Campground— their new, temporary basecamp. Here, they'll reorganize and rest in preparation for the next four days with Exum Mountain Guides.

Day 10: Campers prepare for an attempt at Grand Teton by attending the first day of Climb School with Exum Mountain Guides.

Day 11: Second day of Climb School with Exum Mountain Guides.

Day 12: First day of Grand Summit Expedition.

Day 13: Summit Grand Teton and descend. Return to camp.

Day 14: Departure day. It is time to say so long, until 2023 (or 2024 when the oldest Expeditioners are eligible to apply for staff positions)!

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ESSENTIAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN TVRC, CAMPER, AND GUARDIAN

- Campers must have a working knowledge of the spoken English language.
- Campers may not possess or use tobacco or any kind of e-cigarette, alcohol, or any illegal or controlled substance such as non-prescribed or illegal drugs.
- Refrain from sexual activity, harassment, bullying, and all behavior that disrupts the experience of others and the cohesion of the group
- TVRC is not responsible for a camper's lost, stolen, or damaged personal equipment or property. Also, campers and their parents will be held responsible for damage to or loss of TVRC property or equipment.
- Parents authorize TVRC, or those working on behalf of TVRC, to take photos or other images, motion pictures, video or other recordings, and/or written or spoken statements of or including the parent(s) and/or their camper, without compensation, and use these materials for broadcast, sale, reproduction or display on the internet (i.e. TVRC's website, Facebook page, Instagram, YouTube) or via other media, in TVRC catalogs or other materials, or in any other promotional or educational manner. These materials are the sole property of TVRC.
- Phone calls between campers and guardians are not permitted during the camp session unless there is an emergency.
- TVRC has a no electronics policy. When campers arrive at the ranch, their electronics will be stored in the camp office until the session is over. Electronics include but are not limited to phones, tablets, Kindles, iPods, any music-playing device, smart watches.

TETON VALLEY RANCH CAMP APPLICATION TERMS & CONDITIONS

Parent/legal guardian (collectively "parent," you, or I) must read and sign the Application Terms & Conditions, below. For good and valuable consideration, the parent agrees as follows:

Registration Process

After TVRC has received your application and deposit, you will hear from the TVRC office to let you know the status of your registration. If your child receives a position in the TVRC program for which you applied, a packet of additional information and required forms will become available in the Forms & Documents section of your CampMinder account.

All forms must be completed and signed by parents and participants as appropriate, by the dates listed. Final acceptance to the TVRC program is contingent upon TVRC's receipt of the full tuition by May 1 and receipt and review of all completed and signed forms by May 15.

If enrollment is full upon receipt of your application, you/your child will be added to the waitlist. If a place does not become available, your deposit will be refunded. TVRC does not discriminate in admissions policies based on race, color, gender, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, or disability.

Tuition

TUITION INCLUDES Transportation to and from the appropriate airport*** to camp (if necessary) meals, participation, coaching, guidance, and instruction, infirmary services if necessary, and opportunities of a lifetime while backpacking in one of the world's most spectacular locations.

***In 2022, tuition will include transportation from the Salt Lake City or Riverton, WY airports, in the event that JAC is closed for your child's arrival date. If JAC remains closed for your child's departure from our program, tuition will include transportation to Riverton, WY airport. JAC is reopening on June 28th.

TUITION DOES NOT INCLUDE Transportation between home and the ranch if you elect to drop your child off on-site, special medicines, Medication Packaging fees, hospital or doctor's fees, individual personal expenses (i.e. fishing license or personal equipment).

TUITION PAYMENT: Full tuition balance is due when this camper application is submitted unless other arrangements are made with the Camp Director. Campers who have not paid tuition in full by May 1st may not attend an Expeditions program this season.

TETON VALLEY RANCH CAMP APPLICATION TERMS & CONDITIONS

Admission Policies

Waitlist: If enrollment is full upon receipt of your application and \$1,750 non-refundable deposit, your child will be added to the waitlist. If a place does not become available, your deposit and any paid tuition will be refunded in full.

Anti Discrimination Statement: TVRC-EF does not discriminate in admissions policies on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age or disability.

Dismissal: TVRC-EF reserves the right to dismiss any participant from the program that staff believes, in their discretion, presents a safety concern or medical risk, is disruptive, or otherwise conducts him or herself in a manner detrimental to the Expedition community. If a child is dismissed from the program their parent or legal guardian is responsible to facilitate a swift departure from TVRC that includes legal adult supervision.

Parents are responsible for all costs of early departure whether for medical reasons, behavioral dismissal, personal emergencies, or otherwise. These costs include flight change fees and any other travel-related expenses.

Risk and Safety

Parent(s) and their son(s) or daughter(s) must understand that the inherent and other risks associated with engaging in TVRC activities can cause injury or other loss. Please review the TVRC Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks & Release and Indemnity Agreement ("Risk & Release Agreement"), and the COVID-19 Waiver, our website, or contact us for additional information about TVRC activities and associated risks, and participants' and parents' responsibilities. In addition to other required forms, all parent(s) and their participating child will be required to sign and return the Risks & Release Agreement and the COVID-19 Waiver before their child can participate in any TVRC programming.

Medication/Infirmary Protocols

Please bring with you or send your child's medication on Arrival Day. Campers must present the infirmary staff with their medication. All medications (prescription, OTC and "as needed") must be kept in the Infirmary or with the Trail Counselors. Medication cannot be kept by campers in personal bags.

All Camper medication must be in the original container, with the camper's name, prescribing doctor's name (if prescription), medication name, and dosing information clearly legible. Prescriptions and daily medication must have at least 15 days' worth. Campers that come with multiple medications should bring them all in a ziplock bag, with the camper's name on the outside of the bag.

There is no need to send common medications such as pain relievers, antihistamines, eardrops, wound ointments, antacids, or band-aids as they are stocked in our Infirmary and medical kits. Infirmary staff may approach or call guardians if there are any questions about the medications.

Incidental treatment and supplies are handled at TVRC with no charge, but prescriptions or "in-town" doctor or dentist visits will be billed to the camper's insurance on file and guardians will be responsible for payment. Any outside medical charges will be billed back to the family via the Trading Post for any medical or prescription charges incurred by Teton Valley Ranch Camp.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

The full tuition payment is due at the time of enrollment. All cancellations or attendance changes must be submitted in writing and must be written by the Camper's legal guardian. In the case that a refund is allowed, TVRC-EF will see to it that the funds will be returned to the original payer.

Cancellation by Family

Before May 1

Families who choose to cancel, for any reason, before May 1 will have tuition be refunded to the payer less a \$1,750 non-refundable deposit.

After May 1

No refund will be offered.

Early Departure for Medical Reasons

Campers who leave the program early due to injury, illness, or infection will receive a prorated refund based on the time they were in the Expedition program.

Early Departure for Non-medical Reasons

Campers who leave because of homesickness or who are excused from the program by the Leadership Team will not be offered a refund. *See Dismissal Policy on next page.*

Cancellation by TVRC

In the event of evacuation from, or closure of the camp due to a natural disaster, an act of war or terrorism, or for any other reason, financial loss will be shared equally between TVRC-EF and the payer. Should this be before the camp season begins, the \$1750 deposit remains non-refundable with the balance of the paid tuition being refunded to the payer. Should this occur after the beginning of the summer season, the \$1750 deposit remains non-refundable and the balance of the tuition will be refunded based on a calculated prorated basis.

IMMUNIZATION POLICY & COVID-19 STRATEGY

COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate

We require campers and staff to be FULLY immunized before camp begins. Campers and staff with legitimate medical exemptions will be allowed at camp with appropriate documentation from their physician. Campers and staff with religious exemptions will also be required to provide documentation. Industry best practice indicates that personal exemptions will not be accepted. If you will claim an exemption, you must complete and submit the exemption form provided by our office by May 1st. Vaccines and timely boosters for COVID-19 will also be required. The CDC has approved and recommended the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine for all camper age children.

Will my child be required to receive a booster?

At this time, 12-17 year olds are eligible for a booster shot 5 months after their first two doses of Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine. **However**, until there is more data on the effectiveness of the booster for this age range, **it will not be required** to be considered up-to-date on vaccines. The booster is not recommended at this time for children under 12 years old.

Testing before and/or at TVRC?

If a camper is receiving an exemption for the Covid-19 vaccine they will be required to test prior to camp and possibly during camp depending on the prevalence of Covid-19 and new variants. Campers who are fully vaccinated may be required to test prior to traveling to camp to ensure a healthy “bubble” community to allow us to relax Covid-19 restrictions and return to a more normal camp experience.

Health logs before arrival

We require guardians to monitor and record their child's temperature twice daily in the AM and PM for the 7 days prior to their arrival. The Companion App makes it easier than ever to track your campers daily health--it only takes one minute!

IMMUNIZATION POLICY & COVID-19 STRATEGY

What happens if my child tests positive at TVRC?

Once the Expedition session has begun, any camper will only be tested if they present symptoms significant enough to warrant an expectation of Covid-19 positive results. (Possible qualifying symptoms include but are not limited to a fever over 100.4° or physical ache or fatigue that prohibits participation in regular activity.)

Upon a positive result, said camper will isolate as much is possible on the trail until the trip concludes or symptoms force them to be evacuated or symptoms completely subside. Whatever decision is made in this regard, will be determined by assessment from Trail Counselors, Expeditions Coordinator, Trips Manager, and TVRC Directors.

Further quarantine?

Due to the remote nature of Expeditions and the lack of isolation opportunity, decision made between proceeding as scheduled, further quarantine, or medical dismissal cannot be outlined exactly ahead of time. The circumstances of each possible incident of this nature will factor into the decision. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together with you to create an unparalleled experience for your child.

Other Immunization Requirements

Teton Valley Ranch Camp requires that all staff and campers adhere to the Wyoming Department of Health's Required Immunization Schedule and arrive at camp having received the following vaccinations: measles, mumps, rubella, chickenpox, tetanus, and pertussis. We also highly recommend vaccination for meningitis.

QUARANTINE PLAN FOR SICK STAFF/CAMPER

If a staff member or camper starts to show symptoms of COVID-19, they will immediately be isolated or distanced from the rest of their group. As this may likely happen in the backcountry, the group will immediately call camp on their satellite phone and report an individual showing possible symptoms. The group will make a decision to stay where they are or to move to a more suitable location. If symptoms require, the camper or staff member will be removed from the group and tested. The person in question will immediately return to TVRC to be placed in a designated quarantine location if the test is positive or into the infirmary if negative. They will be treated as if they are positive until the test results are returned. They may be tested multiple times to confirm a test outcome.

Those showing symptoms of Covid-19 and/or testing positive for Covid-19 will be quarantined together. If a camper tests positive for COVID, **parents may be required to pick up their child within 48 hours of notification unless a medical professional deems that they should remain quarantined at the TVRC Facility.** TVRC does have the ability to quarantine a small number of staff and campers on our facility and have designated specific areas for this purpose. Parents and infected campers will be tasked to travel home by their own means. A staff member who tests positive for Covid will be given the choice to quarantine on the facility (if space allows) until cleared by medical staff or to depart the facility using personal means and quarantine in a private location off camp.

EXPEDITIONS EQUIPMENT LIST

Pack everything you are bringing to camp in your backpack + other minimal luggage--no trunks, etc.

Please no shipping items to and from camp.

Full Expeditions Equipment List found in FAQ section of this webpage:

<https://www.tvrcamp.org/expeditions/outrider-expeditions-faq>

BACKPACK

Kelty, Osprey, Gregory, REI, etc.

A properly fitted backpack is crucial. We advise you to visit a retail store for professional sizing and fitting.

- ☐ Internal frame backpack 50 L for campers 13 or younger
- ☐ Internal frame backpack 55L -75L for campers 14 or older

SLEEPING BAG AND PAD

REI, Marmot, Big Agnes, Kelty, ThermaRest, etc.

One of the most important pieces of gear; sleeping bags must be 20-degree and come with a good compression sack.

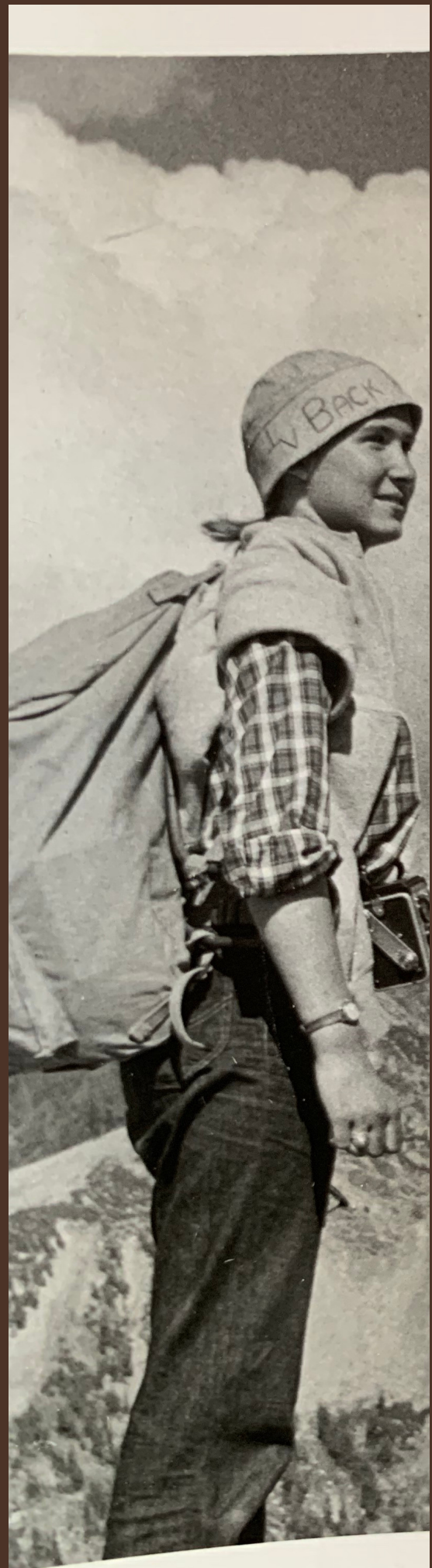
- ☐ 20-degree down or synthetic sleeping bag (with compression sack)
- ☐ Inflatable or foam sleeping pad

SOCKS, UNDERWEAR, & MISCELLANEOUS

SmartWool, Patagonia, REI, etc.

Wool hiking socks are critical on extended backpacking trips

- ☐ 6 pairs underwear (synthetic material)
- ☐ 6 pairs of synthetic/wool hiking socks
- ☐ 2 pairs of lightweight socks or liners



EXPEDITIONS EQUIPMENT LIST

FOOTWEAR

Asolo, Vasque, La Sportiva, Chaco, Crocs, etc.

It is critical that **ALL FOOTWEAR IS BROKEN IN AT LEAST 1 MONTH PRIOR TO ARRIVAL**. Hiking boots need to be ankle high and should be waterproof (GoreTex or leather). In-camp shoes (worn at campsites) must have an ankle strap.

- ☐ Hiking boots
- ☐ In-camp shoes (Chacos/Crocs)
- ☐ Gaiters (Outdoor Research is recommended)

JACKETS AND RAIN GEAR

REI, North Face, Patagonia, Marmot, REI, etc.

Warmth is the key. Layering fleece and down jackets is more effective than wearing a single heavy jacket. Gear should be lightweight and breathable.

- ☐ Rain pants
- ☐ Rain shell
- ☐ Fleece jacket/pullover
- ☐ Down/synthetic jacket

SHIRTS

REI, North Face, Patagonia, Under Armour

Please, no cotton! Synthetic materials are far more effective at wicking moisture and keeping warm when wet.

- ☐ 2 long sleeve shirts
- ☐ 3 short sleeve shirts
- ☐ 1 mid-weight synthetic long sleeve (for layering over base layer shirt)



EXPEDITIONS EQUIPMENT LIST

PANTS

REI, North Face, Patagonia, Mountain Hardwear, etc.

Lightweight, zip-off hiking pants are nice because of the large fluctuation in temperature each day. Pants are necessary for climbing the Grand Teton.

- ☐ 1-2 pairs lightweight hiking pants
- ☐ 2 pairs of lightweight hiking shorts
- ☐ 1 pair sweatpants (fleece recommended)



ARRIVAL DAY INFORMATION

Preseason:

Lowering the possibility of infection in our program, starts with our families!

- We ask families to be as socially distant as possible for the 10 days prior to arriving at TVRC.
- At this time we are not restricting travel to private means but do encourage private transportation if possible.

*****Arrival/Departure Day exact details subject to change*****

Arrival Days

• **Session One:**

- *Guardian(s) dropping off in person:* Drop off and check-in procedures will occur in the Camp Proper area. Campers will go through regular paperwork check-in, electronics forfeit, and medical evaluation in the Office and Infirmary. Then campers will need to be driven halfway back down the driveway to Expeditions Basecamp at Old Cabin Meadows (signage will indicate where to make the turn off the driveway).
- *Camper traveling to camp as unaccompanied minor:* The Jackson Hole Airport will be closed for Arrival and Departure of Session One. Therefore, **pick-up will occur at Salt Lake City airport**. All flights must arrive in SLC by 3:00pm in order to ensure safe and timely arrival at TVRC facility. Camper will travel to the ranch via private coach bus with TVRC staff. Estimated drive time with stops is seven hours.

• **Session Two, Three, & Four**

- *Guardian(s) dropping off in person:* Drop off and check-in procedures will occur at the front of property just off Highway 26. Complete the paperwork check-in and electronics forfeit then campers will have medical evaluations in a temporary infirmary tent. Backpacks and any other small luggage will be loaded into a 15-passenger van. Campers will hang around with their Trail Counselors and peers until there is a large enough group to merit moving to Expeditions Basecamp located two miles up the driveway.
- *Camper traveling to camp as unaccompanied minor:* Jackson Hole Airport (JAC) is scheduled to open June 27, so we will offer transport from JAC airport only (if construction delays JAC reopening, we will transport from Riverton, WY (RIW) and, possibly, Salt Lake City (SLC). Travel details are due in camper profile by May 1st.

DEPARTURE DAY INFORMATION

Departure Days

- **Session One**

- *Picking camper up in person:* Pick up will occur at the front of property just off Highway 26. Pick up time is between 9am and 11am. **We encourage picking up your child in person.**
- *Camper flying home as unaccompanied minor:* transport will be provided for flights out of Riverton, WY Airport (RIW). Typical departure from RIW to Denver is ~6:00am. The Jackson Hole Airport (JAC) will not yet be open after construction.

- **Session Two, Three, & Four**

- *Picking camper up in person:* Pick up will occur at the front of property just off Highway 26. Pick up time is between 9am and 11am.
- *Camper flying home as unaccompanied minor:* transport will be provided for flights out of Jackson Hole Airport (JAC). JAC will be open for all other arrival and departure dates. Please do not schedule flights into or out of any other airports. If construction delays JAC reopening, we will transport to Riverton, WY (RIW) or, possibly, Salt Lake City (SLC) or Idaho Falls (IDA).

TRAVEL

We are aware that flights to and from camp may be challenging for families this summer. Where and when possible, we encourage a parent or guardian to accompany their camper to and from camp. If this is not possible, families should consider sending their campers as unaccompanied minors. We recommend that any and all tickets that purchased are refundable.

Flights for Session One

- The Jackson Hole Airport (JAC) will be closed until June 27. Arrival flights (June 12) must be sent to Salt Lake City (SLC). Departure flights (June 25) must be scheduled out of RIW, we will not be able to transport campers to SLC in the middle of the traditional camp program. **We reserve the right to change our departure program.**
- Arrival day for Expeditions Session One is the same as Arrival Day for the traditional Boys' Season. Expeditions campers arriving in SLC will be collected by unaccompanied minor liaisons and other staff then driven to camp on a private charter bus (roughly 6 hours). **The first bus will be leaving at 1:30pm. The second bus will be leaving at 4pm, so all flights need to arrive by at least 3:00pm.**
 - A 15-passenger van, leased by TVRC, will also make the trip to SLC. It will be on standby in case any camper flights are delayed.

Flights for all other sessions

JAC will be open for all other arrival and departure dates. Please do not schedule flights into or out of any other airports.

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

- Communication from TVRC: Because of the remote experience of Expeditions, we will not be posting a daily blog; however, you can expect to hear group specific communication when campers depart and return from their trips. Expect to see photos uploaded to CampInTouch the day after a trip returns.
- Communication with your camper: We will be exclusively using Camp Stamps this year for family/camper communication because regular mail simply takes too long and is not reliable in our location. Parents can write emails to their campers in CampInTouch using the Camp Stamps portal.
 - In order to send your camper an email, you will need to purchase CampStamps. One camp stamp equals one email. This service will be available through your CampMinder account closer to the start of the summer season. Please note, campers are not able to reply via email. Campers will be able to send letters back to you, but be aware that they may not arrive until they have already left TVRC.

CHILD PROTECTION GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

- Our leadership team monitors accepted and current child protection practices by attending American Camp Association (ACA) conferences, other camp association meetings, and sexual abuse workshops. We adopt practices from, the State of Wyoming, our insurance providers, and the ACA.
- Teton Valley Ranch Camp is accredited by the ACA and complies with ACA Accreditation Standards related to staff hiring and screening and pre-camp staff training.
- Teton Valley Ranch Camp posts the Department of Family Services and the National Child Abuse Hotline numbers in plain sight within the camp office.
- Staff candidates are interviewed, screened, and undergo a criminal background check before hiring.
- Teton Valley Ranch Camp checks staff under the National Sex Offender Public Website.
- Staff complete annual online training on child abuse awareness.
- Seasonal staff engage in on-site pre-camp training each spring on child abuse prevention guidelines and procedures, including appropriate interaction with campers, incident reporting requirements, child abuse awareness, and related issues.
- Staff sign a commitment statement each year to observe and abide by these guidelines and procedures.



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