



CROSSINGS KIDS SUMMER CAMP

SAFETY, SECURITY & CARE POLICIES FOR PARENTS

At Crossings Kids, your child's safety is our highest priority. We are committed to creating a secure, structured, and spiritually impactful environment at Summer Camp. Below is an overview of our safety policies, supervision standards, and emergency procedures.

1. STAFFING & SUPERVISION

SCREENED & TRAINED ADULTS

All adults:

- Complete background checks and sexual abuse awareness and prevention trainings
- Participate in safety and child protection training
- Receive camp-specific procedural training
- Understand mandated reporting responsibilities

TWO-ADULT RULE

We practice the Two-Adult Rule at all times:

- No child is ever alone with a single adult.
- Leaders remain in groups during activities, cabin time, and transitions.
- Cabin assignments include at least two screened adults.

SAFE TOUCH POLICY

To ensure every student experiences a safe, respectful, and appropriate environment while at camp. Physical touch should always communicate care, safety, and respect—never discomfort or confusion.

- Appropriate – Touch must be suitable for the setting and age of the child.
- Brief – No prolonged or lingering contact
- Public – Always in view of others (never in private)
- Non-initiating (when possible) – Allow children to initiate when appropriate
- Respectful – Immediately stop if a child seems uncomfortable

APPROPRIATE TOUCH (ALLOWED)

These forms of touch are generally appropriate when done in a public, respectful way:

- Side hugs (not front-facing or prolonged)
- High-fives, fist bumps, handshakes
- Brief shoulder pats or encouragement taps
- Assisting younger children when necessary (tying shoes, helping up after a fall)
- Appropriate team or group interaction (e.g., holding hands in prayer with awareness)

INAPPROPRIATE TOUCH (NOT ALLOWED)

The following are **never permitted**:

- Any touch of areas covered by a swimsuit
- Front hugs, prolonged hugs, or holding a student
- Sitting on laps (leader ↔ student)
- Any form of roughhousing, wrestling, or tickling
- Touch that could be perceived as affectionate, romantic, or secretive
- Forcing or insisting on physical touch of any kind

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- Touch should **never occur in isolated or one-on-one settings**.
- Be especially cautious with:
 - Emotional moments (crying, homesickness)
 - Younger children who may seek comfort physically
- When in doubt, **default to verbal encouragement over physical touch**.

STUDENT-INITIATED TOUCH

If a student initiates a hug:

- Keep it brief and side-facing.
- Do not prolong or escalate.

If a student seeks ongoing physical comfort:

- Gently redirect to a safer alternative (sit nearby, talk, involve another leader).

LEADER ACCOUNTABILITY

- Leaders are responsible for maintaining clear boundaries at all times.
- “Good intentions” do not override policy.
- When unsure, **choose the safest option and involve another leader**.

2. CHECK-IN & ACCOUNTABILITY PROCEDURES

CAMP REGISTRATION & MEDICAL RECORDS

- All kids must have completed registration and medical information on file.
- Emergency contacts are verified before departure.
- Staff carry accessible emergency contact information at all times.

ATTENDANCE & HEADCOUNTS

Headcounts occur:

- Upon arrival
- Before and after each activity
- Before meals
- Before bedtime
- Before departure home

3. HEALTH & MEDICAL CARE

MEDICATION PROCEDURES

- All medications (prescription and over-the-counter) must be turned in at check-in.
- Medications are stored securely.
- Only designated adults administer medication.
- All doses are documented.

FIRST AID & EMERGENCIES

GENERAL MEDICAL CARE

Our team is prepared to respond to routine and unexpected medical needs during camp.

- A designated medical professional oversees all medical care.
- Minor injuries (scrapes, headaches, mild illness) are treated on-site.
- All medical care is documented.
- Parents will be notified for any injury or illness beyond basic first aid.
- If outside medical care is required, emergency services will be contacted immediately, and parents will be notified without delay. A staff member and one other adult will be present for emergency services.
 - Integris Miami Hospital (Miami, OK): Nearest comprehensive emergency and medical care, roughly 10 miles south of Quapaw
 - Mercy Hospital Joplin (Joplin, MO): Approximately 30-35 minutes east, offering extensive, high-level, and specialized medical services

4. SAFETY & SECURITY STANDARDS

Sky Ranch Cave Springs: 7750 S 655 Rd, Quapaw, OK 74363

We partner with trusted camps that:

- Have on-site security protocols
- Conduct regular safety inspections
- Maintain licensed activity staff (lifeguards, ropes course personnel, etc.)
- Have severe weather and emergency action plans in place

ACTIVITY SAFETY

- Kids receive safety briefings before activities.
- Certified staff supervise high-risk activities.
- Life jackets are required for waterfront activities.
- Closed-toe shoes are required for designated activities.

5. BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS & CARE

BULLYING & BEHAVIOR

- Bullying or unsafe behavior is addressed immediately.
- Parents will be contacted if behavior concerns arise.
- In extreme situations, early dismissal may be required at parent's expense.

SUBSTANCE USE POLICY (DRUGS, ALCOHOL, VAPING, MISUSE OF MEDICATION)

Crossings Kids maintains a strict zero-tolerance policy regarding the possession, use, distribution, or being under the influence of:

- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- Controlled substances without prescription
- Misuse of prescription medication
- Marijuana (including medical marijuana)
- Vaping devices, tobacco products, or nicotine products
- Drug paraphernalia of any kind

EXPECTATIONS

- Kids may not bring or use any of the above substances at camp.
- All medications must be disclosed during registration and turned in at check-in.
- Students may not share medications under any circumstances.

If a child is found in possession of, using, or distributing prohibited substances:

- Crossings staff will immediately ensure the safety of the student and others.
- Parents/guardians will be contacted promptly.
- The student will be dismissed from camp at parent's expense at the pastor's discretion.

6. MENTAL HEALTH & SELF-HARM SAFETY POLICY

The emotional and mental well-being of children is deeply important to us. We recognize that adolescence can bring complex challenges, and our leaders are trained to respond with care and seriousness when concerns arise.

If a child:

- Expresses suicidal ideation
- Communicates intent to harm themselves
- Engages in self-harm behavior
- Is found in possession of items intended for self-harm

The following steps will occur:

- The student will be immediately supervised by an adult.
- Crossings Kids staff will be notified.
- Parents/guardians will be contacted immediately.
- A safety assessment will be made, which may include contacting emergency medical professionals.
- The child may be required to return home for continued care and support.

Our leaders are not licensed mental health professionals, and the camp is not equipped to provide long-term mental health intervention. However, we are committed to responding with compassion, urgency, and appropriate escalation when concerns arise.

PROACTIVE CARE & DISCLOSURE

We strongly encourage parents to disclose any relevant mental health concerns during registration, including:

- Recent hospitalizations or inpatient stays due to mental health concerns
- Current self-harm ideation or behaviors
- Suicide attempts or ideation within the past year
- Medication changes
- Ongoing counseling

This information allows us to partner with families appropriately and determine whether camp is the right environment at this time.

7. EMERGENCY & EVACUATION PROCEDURES

SEVERE WEATHER

Camp staff monitor weather conditions continuously. In the event of severe weather:

- During a tornado warning, the interior hallways of each bunkhouse function as designated shelter areas, and all kids and staff will relocate there under leader supervision.
- Leaders account for every child.
- Parents are notified if necessary.

FIRE OR FACILITY EMERGENCY

- Camp evacuation routes are reviewed with leaders.
- Leaders escort students to designated safe zones.
- Attendance is immediately verified.

MISSING CHILD PROTOCOL

If the child has not been located after a designated search period:

- Immediate group lockdown and leader alert
- Camp security notified
- Systematic search initiated
- Parents notified promptly

8. COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

DURING CAMP

- Updates may be sent via email, social media, or church communication platforms.
- In case of emergency, parents are contacted directly.

EARLY PICK-UP POLICY

- Parents must coordinate with camp leadership.
- Identification is required for student release.
- Check-out documentation will be completed.

9. OUR COMMITMENT

We understand sending your child to camp requires trust. We do not take that responsibility lightly. Our systems are designed to ensure:

- Clear leadership
 - Strong supervision
 - Immediate response in emergencies
 - Consistent communication
 - A safe environment where students can grow spiritually and relationally
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Camp involves activities, new environments, and increased independence, and while we do our very best to mitigate risk, we recognize that not all risk can be completely prevented.

You know your child best. If you have any concerns about your child's ability to make safe decisions, follow instructions, or navigate new situations independently, we ask that you please communicate that with our staff prior to camp. The more we know, the better we can support your child and help set him or her up for a safe and successful experience.

We are honored to partner with your family for an impactful and safe Summer Camp experience.