



# Texas 4-H Center Information for Bastrop County



This information has been adapted from the Texas 4-H Conference Center Parent Handbook available for download at <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/parent-handbook/>

## Location & Address:

Texas 4-H Conference Center  
5600 FM 3021  
Brownwood, TX 76801  
<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>

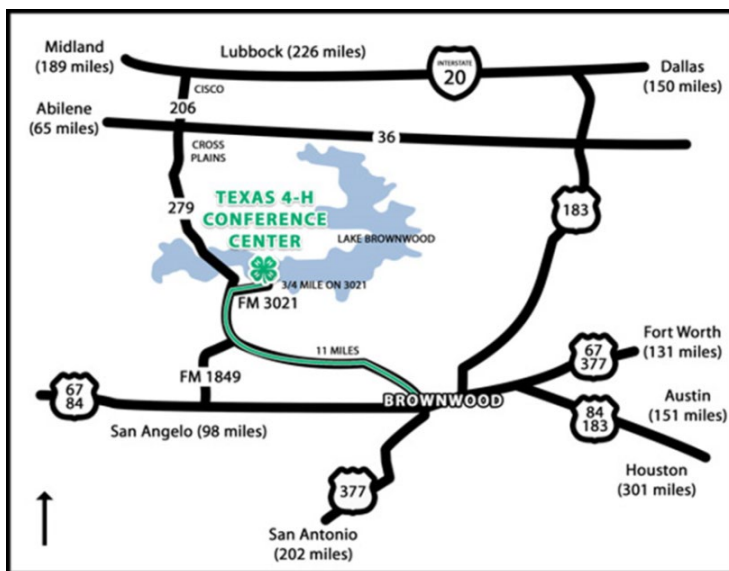
Approximately 195 miles from Bastrop;  
Approximately 3 to 3.5 hour drive

## Business Hours:

Monday-Friday  
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

## Phone Numbers:

Conference Center Main Phone: 325-784-5482  
Program Director, Melvin Atkinson: 757-416-8788  
Bastrop CEA, Mellanie Mickelson: 512-581-7186 (office)  
512-522-9174 (cell)



Please note that the Texas 4-H Center likes to keep campers “unplugged” during camps and their activities. Adult chaperones should have their cell phones with them, but we have also included some helpful numbers above. For any calls that take place afterhours, please ask for Extension 14 to leave a message. Emergency messages will be taken at camp. If there is an emergency that requires immediate attention, please call the Texas 4-H Center Program Director, Mark Carroll. If there is an emergency at camp, you will be contacted immediately.

## Checking In at the Conference Center:

Please refer to the Camp Reminder email from the Bastrop County 4-H Agent for arrival and pick up times for your individual camp. Many of the camps run back-to-back and the Conference Center itself does not keep a staff large enough to simultaneously chaperone youth and prepare for the next camp, so please try to be timely and arrive close to the times listed.

### Arrival Day:

You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and eat on our grounds during the intercession. When traveling together as a group, we usually plan to stop to eat and use the restroom in Lampasas.

You/Chaperone will need to turn in the following items at check in:

- Medications (prescription, over the counter, and as needed) – Please have them prepared in a plastic baggie outside of the luggage and in their original containers with dosage information and the youths name labeled on both the bag and the medications
- A Physical copy of the Health and Release Forms with a copy of the insurance card – do not mail these, please prepare a second copy to give to the person providing transportation for your child. Chaperones must also provide a copy of these forms (<http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/files/2016/09/Release-Form-2016-17.pdf>). Please make sure you list EVERYONE who has permission to pick up your child from camp.

### Pick-Up Day:

The campers’ final assembly is in the Auditorium and may include a slide show of camp activities; parents/chaperones are welcome to attend this final assembly. At the conclusion of the assembly, campers will be dismissed to return to their dormitories to collect their belongings. Weather permitting, a table will be set up in the main parking lot. At this table, parents (or whoever is picking up the camper) will present a photo identification. Staff at the Dismissal Table will issue a ticket containing the camper’s name and dorm number. The ticket is then to be presented to the staff in the dorm and the camper is released. Please confirm that your camper has picked up any and all medications from the Health Room. You may park in the main parking lot or travel behind the dormitories. Please be cautious as there is much activity during this period. Youth are excited and running about in all directions.

## Behavior Expectations:

Attending camps is a privilege earned by exhibiting a positive attitude and appropriate 4-H behavior. Campers from Bastrop County are expected to behave in a respectful and cooperative manner. This includes following the rules outlined at the Camp Orientation during the first day of the camp, as well as the rules set by the dormitory/group chaperone(s).

### **Dress Code:**

Youth need to dress in a 4-H appropriate manner while attending camp. The Texas 4-H Conference Center does not allow youth to wear the following: tops with spaghetti straps, halter type tops, shirts that reveal the midriff, excessively loose fitting pants or jeans, short shorts or skirts, clothing advertising or referencing alcohol, drugs, violence or having sexual content. Two-piece swimsuits are allowed, but should adequately cover all body parts.

Regarding footwear, campers are to wear athletic, tennis type shoes or strap type sandals to activities down at the Lakeside (canoeing, archery, riflery). Campers are encouraged to NOT wear flip-flops or other type of backless sandals while traveling on the nature trail down to the lake. Campers are advised to bring lake shoes that are closed toe and have a back or at least strap onto the foot (teva style) and can be worn into the lake. These shoes may become wet and/or muddy. Closed toe shoes are also required for Challenge Course activities. Campers are NOT to wear flip-flops or other type of backless sandals during the evening dance and recreation activities.

Staff may instruct a youth to return to their dorm and change their clothing if any items are not within the guidelines or appropriate for the activity.

### **What to Pack:**

<b>Bedding:</b>	<b>Bath Items:</b>	<b>Clothing/Accessories:</b>	<b>Other Items:</b>
Twin-sized Sheets	Bath towel	Shirts & shorts for activities	Laundry bag for dirty items
*Light blanket(s)	Washcloth	Socks & underwear (+ extra)	Water bottle
OR Sleeping Bag	Toiletries	sleepwear	Sunscreen
Pillow	Shower Shoes	swimsuit	Camera
	Beach Towel (swimming)	Athletic shoes	**Money for T-shirt Shoppe
		"Lake" shoes	**Medications
		Cap or hat for outdoors	**Camp Release & health form
		Sunglasses for outdoors	***Rock for Texas Star Ceremony

\* Please plan to bring a couple of blankets or a sleeping bag since the cabin air conditioners can work a little TOO well. Fleece blankets are a good option and campers can always choose how many blankets they want to use.

\*\* All medications will be given to the staff at check in with the camp release and health forms; please make sure you include a copy of the camper's insurance card. It is recommended to deposit money for the T-shirt Shoppe at check-in instead of leaving it with your camper.

\*\*\* On the opening night of some of the early summer camps (weather permitting) all campers will gather at the Texas Star for the closing ceremony and to reflect on the day's activities. Campers will be allowed to place a rock from their hometown into Texas Star. This has been a 4-H Conference Center tradition since the early 70's when camp opened. Campers may paint their rocks or sign their names on it, or they may choose to leave it in its natural state. The rock size should be limited to fist-size. *Please note that our District 10 Leadership lab is not included in this event.*

### **What to Leave Behind:**

Most of this is common sense; however, we ask that you help remind campers to not bring the items listed below – particularly pocket knives and other small items we sometimes forget about.

- Lots of make-up, perfumes, etc.
- Candy, snacks, and other foods
- Electronic devices: cell phones, mp3 players, iPods, video games, etc.
- Practical joke devices
- Fireworks, guns, ammunition, and knives
- Illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco
- Pets and other non-service animals

*Thank you for helping us to provide a great and safe camping experience for the youth of Bastrop County!  
If you have any questions, please contact the Bastrop County Extension Office:*

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