

Emergency Preparedness Plan

Bandina Christian Youth Camp

Bandera County, Texas

Prepared in compliance with:

- House Bill 1 (Youth Camp Alert, Mitigation, Preparedness, and Emergency Response)
- Senate Bill 1 (Heaven's 27 Camp Safety Act)
- Texas Health & Safety Code Chapters 141 and 762

1. Purpose and Scope

- This Emergency Preparedness Plan establishes procedures to protect campers, staff, volunteers, and visitors during emergencies at Bandina Christian Youth Camp. The plan addresses mitigation, preparedness, response, accountability, communication, and reunification for a wide range of hazards relevant to youth camps in Texas.
- This plan applies to all camp operations, including overnight cabins, program areas, common facilities, and transportation activities, whenever campers are present on site.

2. Regulatory Compliance Statement

- This Emergency Preparedness Plan is adopted in accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code Chapters 141 and 762, House Bill 1 (Youth Camp Alert, Mitigation, Preparedness, and Emergency Response), and Senate Bill 1 (Heaven's 27 Camp Safety Act).
- This plan shall be submitted to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) **annually for review and approval**. If DSHS determines that the plan does not meet statutory or regulatory requirements, the camp shall correct all deficiencies within the **45-day correction period** provided by law.
- Upon DSHS approval, this plan shall be submitted to the **Bandera County Emergency Management Coordinator** within **10 days**.
- The plan is provided to parents and guardians of current and prospective campers.

3. Camp Profile

- **Location:** Bandera County, Texas
- **Camp Type:** Licensed youth camp with overnight cabins
- **Maximum Capacity:**
 - Campers: 350
 - Staff: 125
- **Floodplain Status:**
 - Camp structures are **not located in a FEMA-designated floodplain**. Documentation is maintained on file.

4. Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (EPC)

- The camp designates an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (EPC) responsible for the development, implementation, training, and maintenance of this Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- **EPC Name:** Elaine Stotts
- **Title:** Camp Manager
- **Primary Phone:** 830-798-6761
- **Alternate EPC:** Session Directors
 - Session 1: Cecil Hutson Jr (May 31-June 6, 2026)
 - Session 2: Doug Selby (June 7-June 13, 2026)
 - Session 3: Stephen Johnston (June 14-June 20, 2026)
 - Session 4: Dale Wilson (June 21-June 27, 2026)
 - Session 5: Grant Jackson (June 28-July 4, 2026)

- Session 6: Tom Kimmey (July 5-July 11, 2026)
- Session 7: Gerald Elliott (July 12-July 18, 2026)
- Session 8: Wes Wilson (July 19-July 25, 2026)
- The Session Director serves as the Incident Commander during emergencies unless otherwise delegated. The EPC acts as the primary liaison with Bandera County Emergency Management and emergency responders.

5. Incident Command Structure

- During emergencies, the camp operates under a simplified Incident Command System (ICS):
 - **Incident Commander:** Session Director or designee
 - **Operations:** Area and program leaders
 - **Accountability:** Rosters, headcounts, missing camper tracking
 - **Medical:** Health services lead, camp nurse(s)
 - **Logistics:** Transportation, supplies, lighting
 - **Communications:** Staff communications and parent notifications

6. Hazard Identification and Mitigation

6.1 Identified Hazards

- Flash flooding (regional risk)
- Severe thunderstorms and tornadoes
- Wildfire and smoke
- Extreme heat
- Structure fires
- Aquatic emergencies
- Medical emergencies
- Missing or lost campers

6.2 Hazard Mitigation Measures

- **Flash Flood Mitigation:**
 - Low-water crossings are not used during rain events or when water is present.
 - Early evacuation triggers are established based on National Weather Service (NWS) alerts and local emergency notifications.
- **Severe Weather and Tornado Mitigation:**
 - Hardened shelter locations are identified and maintained.
 - Outdoor activities are suspended upon issuance of severe weather watches or warnings.
- **Wildfire Mitigation:**
 - Vegetation management and defensible space are maintained around structures.
 - Evacuation routes are kept clear and accessible.
- **Heat-Related Illness Mitigation:**
 - Shaded muster zones, hydration stations, and scheduled water breaks are provided.
 - Staff monitor campers for signs of heat-related illness.

7. Emergency Monitoring and Action Triggers

- The camp continuously monitors National Weather Service alerts, Wireless Emergency Alerts, NOAA weather radios, and Bandera County emergency notifications.

- **Immediate Action Triggers:**
 - **Flash Flood Warning:** Evacuation to designated high-ground muster zones.
 - **Tornado Warning:** Shelter-in-place in designated hardened structures.
 - **Evacuation Order from Authorities:** Immediate execution of evacuation procedures.
- The Incident Commander or EPC has authority to initiate emergency actions based on alerts or observed conditions.

8. Emergency Warning and Public Address System

- The camp maintains an **audible emergency warning system** capable of alerting all campers, staff, and visitors throughout the property.
- The system includes **public address capability utilizing radios and other handheld audio devices** and is **operable without reliance on internet connectivity**. The system is supported by electrical power and/or battery backup to ensure operation during outages.
- Emergency warning signals and voice announcements are used to direct evacuation, shelter-in-place, or other protective actions.
- The system is tested **monthly** and prior to each camp session. Testing and maintenance are documented.

9. Weather Alert Radios

- The camp maintains multiple **operable NOAA weather alert radios** capable of receiving real-time National Weather Service alerts.
- Weather alert radios are battery-backed and tested **weekly** while campers are onsite. Maintenance records are retained by the EPC.

10. Muster Zones and Evacuation

10.1 Muster Zones

- The camp maintains designated **muster zones** for emergency evacuation and accountability.
- Each muster zone includes:
 - Assigned cabins and program areas
 - Designated accountability leader and alternate
 - Adequate capacity for assigned occupants
 - Nighttime illumination
 - Access to drinking water and shade
- Muster zone assignments and routes are posted in each overnight cabin and reviewed during camper orientation.

10.2 Evacuation Routes and Lighting

- Cabin-specific evacuation routes are posted in all overnight cabins and occupied buildings.
- Evacuation routes and muster zones are illuminated for nighttime visibility using permanent, solar, or battery-powered lighting. Routes and lighting are inspected **monthly** and prior to each camp session.

11. Accountability and Reunification

11.1 Camper Accountability

- Paper and offline digital rosters are maintained for cabins and programs.
- Headcounts are conducted upon alarm activation, upon arrival at muster zones, and every 15 minutes during active incidents.

11.2 Missing Camper Procedures

- Immediate notification to the Incident Commander
- Documentation of last-known location
- Deployment of trained search teams
- Notification of emergency services when required
- Parent or guardian notification

11.3 Camper Reunification

- Reunification occurs only at a **designated reunification location** determined by the Incident Commander.
- Campers are released only to authorized parents or guardians listed in camp records. Reunification communications and documentation are coordinated by the Communications Lead.

12. Emergency Scenarios Addressed

- The camp maintains written procedures for:
 - Flash flooding and flooding
 - Severe thunderstorms and tornadoes
 - Wildfire and smoke
 - Structure fires
 - Aquatic emergencies
 - Severe injury, illness, or fatality
 - Missing or lost campers
 - Heat-related emergencies

13. Training Requirements

13.1 Camper Safety Orientation

- Camper safety orientation is conducted **within 48 hours of arrival** and includes:
 - Emergency warning signals
 - Muster zones and evacuation routes
 - Accountability procedures
 - Staying with assigned groups

13.2 Staff and Volunteer Training

- All staff and volunteers receive **annual emergency preparedness training**, including roles, communications, and emergency procedures.
- Training is documented with sign-in sheets and retained for inspection.

14. Internet Service Redundancy

- The camp maintains primary broadband internet service delivered via fiber optic facilities.
- A **secondary, distinct internet connection** is maintained to ensure continuity of communications. The secondary connection is cellular based and tested monthly, and failover capability is documented.
- Emergency warning and public address systems do **not rely on internet connectivity**.

15. Plan Review and Maintenance

- This Emergency Preparedness Plan is reviewed annually, updated as needed, and redistributed to staff and parents when material changes occur.

National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



99°11'28"W 29°46'24"N



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Basemap Imagery Source: USGS National Map 2023

Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

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| SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE)
<i>Zone A, V, A99</i> With BFE or Depth <i>Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR</i> Regulatory Floodway |
| OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile <i>Zone X</i> Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard <i>Zone X</i> Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. <i>Zone X</i> Area with Flood Risk due to Levee <i>Zone D</i> |
| OTHER AREAS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard <i>Zone X</i> Effective LOMRs Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard <i>Zone D</i> |
| GENERAL STRUCTURES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer Levee, Dike, or Floodwall |
| OTHER FEATURES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation 20.2 17.5 Coastal Transect Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE) Limit of Study Jurisdiction Boundary Coastal Transect Baseline Profile Baseline Hydrographic Feature |
| MAP PANELS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Data Available No Digital Data Available Unmapped |
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Bandina Christian Youth Camp Property

All of the Bandina Christian Youth Camp facilities, including all structures, are outside of the FEMA designated flood plain. While Bandina Christian Youth Camp owns property along the Medina River and inside the flood plain area, this is unimproved area and only used for recreational purposes.

