

# Red River Family Encampment

## 2022

### **The Program**

Red River Family Encampment (RRFE) is a four day retreat up in Red River, NM, where participants go to enjoy singing, Bible study and fellowship. Their stated goal is to strengthen families and churches throughout the country with a time of spiritual refreshment.

During part of the program, the adults are offered special classes and seminars. RRFE also has programs for children and teens at this time as well. Historically, Netherwood Park, through Ray Candelaria, has run the children's program for RRFE.

The children's program features rotating stations: singing, Bible stories, sports, crafts, snacks, Bible activity, etc., located in a park just outside the conference building. Participating children, ages 1 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, are divided into age groups and rotated through the stations. Each group (i.e. 1st grade or Pre-K) will have one or two 'guides.' A guide acts as a leader who takes the kids from activity to activity. They will bond with only their group and act like a parent. The activity leaders are responsible for running their station with limited help from the guide so that the guide is free to deal with behavior or other issues that come up. The activity leaders get to see all the kids, each for a small amount of time. The program goes from 9am – 12pm.

### **The Trip**

Our trip begins with loading up the church van on Saturday morning and heading up to Red River. Once there, we set up our stuff in our rooms and help set up the area where the children's camp will be held. Then, we stay for early registration.

Sunday morning, we worship with RRFE and then get ready to register kids for the program. Shortly after worship, we begin the program. Our last event for the program is on Tuesday night when the kids perform a singing program for the parents. On Wednesday, we pack up and begin traveling home.

## **After the Program**

Since the children's program only lasts 3 hours, we have time for other activities. First, we have devotional and reflection time. This is time either spent with the group in worship to God or time alone to reflect on what God has done in your life or in the life of another.

Second, we'll have some sponsored activities as part of the trip. Red River offers some exciting activities, such as a ropes course, small zip line, chairlift up the mountain, etc. Part of our time will be spent having fun as a group at one or more of these attractions/activities.

Third, we'll have free time to play games at the hostel, explore the town, or other kinds of things. All groups must have an adult sponsor with them.

## **Housing and Food**

RRFE provides program sponsors with condominium reservations. There are two places where the teams stay: Auslander and Eisenhut. Each condo/hostel has several rooms for occupants, a bathroom, a kitchen and a living room. Rooms come furnished with beds and sheets. Boys will be in one hostel and girls in another. We will use the kitchens to cook several meals. There is also a grill, sauna area (if open), playground and other places nearby.

Our trip will sponsor several meals, such as the meals we cook at our condo/hostel and a couple group meals. However, there are a few meals you will need to bring money for. Lunch on the road, there and back, is on your own, as are a couple of dinners.

## **Cost and Other Details**

Our trip will cost \$100 per person. We will be fundraising this money (much like we would for our Houston trip). Participating in one of our fundraising events will award a portion of the funds. You are also free to fundraise yourself as well.

Things such as a packing list, fundraising, class designation and other incidentals will be clarified closer to the date of the trip when we've been in touch with Ray Candelaria.