

We're going to Mo!

Youth Celebration 2025

June 21 - 25



About Mo-Ranch

Mo-Ranch is a Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center in the hill country of Texas near Kerrville, TX. A beautiful river runs through the middle of camp and the chapel sits on their highest hill overlooking the land. The camp is very self-contained and out in a rural area. There will be lots of time to swim, go down the water slides, tube, hike, craft, dance, play sports, kayak, and so much more! The camp has a schedule, which is included in this pack-et. Laurie and Hannah have some simple rules... We follow and respect all the rules of Mo-Ranch to participate in camp-wide activities, respect ourselves and one another, and love each other as God loves us. Mo-Ranch has asked us to sign a participation covenant and this document will be strictly enforced while at camp.

Things to know before we go...

- Please eat lunch before we depart for Mo-Ranch.
- We will meet at Church and leave the parking lot at 1:30 pm sharp!
- We will have a bathroom break at the Buccees in Bastrop on our way to Mo-Ranch.
- A packing list is included in this packet, please double check it! Each youth can bring one carry-on sized luggage and one back pack. Bedding is not needed, but if you have a special pillow/blanket, please bring it in a labeled trash bag.
- We'll be partnering with 1st Pres of Bryan and meeting up with them in Dripping Springs. Hannah Thomas, the Director of Faith Formation at Bryan will be the second chaperone for the trip.
- Ranch has food choices for all diets including gluten free and vegetarian. Laurie will be bringing a cooler with Gatorades for the evenings and some group snacks to share including chips and cookies. Students are welcome to bring other food items with them if so desired.
- Appropriate Dress—While we recognize clothing is one way young people express themselves, we expect them to do so in ways that honor themselves as well as the kind of community we are building during our youth conferences. We ask participants (both youth and adult sponsors) to dress comfortably for the weather, but also modestly. Please refrain from wearing clothing that is too revealing like: short shorts, strapless tops or dresses, shirts that allow for a bare midriff, pants worn below the waist line. Dress should be appropriate for a youth conference.

While we're there...

- Buddy system. Yep, buddies or bust! We'll pair up at all times and always let Laurie or Hannah know where you are!
- Please shower. We'll have a smell test before we go home! Don't be stinky!
- If you are asked to put your phone away during worship or other camp-wide activities, please do so and know you can have it out again at free time.
- DRINK WATER! Texas heat ain't no joke! Water will be available everywhere, so fill that bottle constantly!
- EAT! There's something delicious for everyone. Do not skip meals please!
- 3 strikes policy- If any student is not able to honor the covenant agreement to act with love, respect, and kindness they will get 2 warnings and a final word. After the 3rd strike a parent or guardian will be called to come and retrieve their youth from camp. Any drugs, alcohol, or physically harmful behaviors will not be tolerated and a parent/guardian will be called on strike one.
- Youth will be asked to take a swim check at the pool during the check-in period. For easy access, youth should remember to pack swimsuits on top. Swimmer and non-swimmer wristbands will be issued to all participants. All youth participants must take the swim check even if they are 18 years of age. Participants not wishing to take the swim check must go to the pool to be given a non-swimmer wristband. Wristbands provide guest identification to our staff and act as meal tickets in the dining hall, and must be worn by guests at all times. Please note Mo-Ranch's appropriate dress standards when packing swim suits.
- Mo-Ranch has a gift shop if you'd like to bring money to purchase something.
- There is "Quiet Time" each day. Youth will stay in their rooms during this time and can play a quiet game, read, or take a quick nap.
- Feel free to be yourself and know that you are loved and cherished! Camp is a great place to let loose and explore all the ways we are a faith family together!

On the way home...

- We'll be packing our cars before chapel the final morning and leaving immediately after chapel.
- We'll stop for lunch on our way home—please bring \$15 to cover the cost of lunch!
- We'll stop one other time if a bathroom break is needed.
- Students will be asked to call or text their guardians 30 minutes prior to arrival back at the church on the 26th. If they do not have a phone, they can use Laurie's. If their legal guardian is not picking them up, please tell Laurie who is picking them up in advance. Please be timely for pickup.

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Packing List

Please use this list as you prepare for our Mo-Ranch adventure! Questions? Email Rev. Emily Béghin at pastor@roundrockpresbyterian.org

Clothing:

- 5-6 t-shirts (you'll get sweaty or dirty!)
- Shorts
- Comfortable longer pants for campfire night!
- Tennis shoes (yes, close-toed for ropes course, zip line, etc)
- 5-6 pairs of socks
- Shower shoes or river shoes
- Swim suit (cannonball proof or a t-shirt and shorts will be provided for you)
- 5-6 pairs of underwear (camp is sweaty)
- Bras (ladies)
- Hat
- sunglasses
- Light jacket

Toiletries:

- Tooth brush/paste
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Soap
- Razor (if you need to shave)
- Deodorant (Please, for the love of Jesus!)
- Contacts/glasses (and case/liquid if needed)
- Hair brushes/combs
- Hair dryer (if needed)

- Nail file/clippers
- Hair ties (if needed)
- You do **not** need a bath towel.
- Medications **MUST** be disclosed to Pastor Emily along with dosages. Parents, if you trust your child to take their own medication and keep it with them, please let Pastor Emily know. Otherwise, Pastor Emily will keep all student medications in the med kit on her person at all times. Please also disclose any epi-pens or allergy risks.

Other:

- Beach towel for pool/river
- Mosquito spray
- Sunscreen
- A water bottle with your name on it
- Phone and charger
- Portable phone charger for the car
- Headphones
- Card games
- Favorite snack to share
- Book or other quiet activity
- A bag you don't care too much about to put all the extra stuff in. You'll need this in the car and around the camp

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