

COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES **WHILE RANCHERS ARE AT ECHO HILL**

1. LETTER WRITING: Please write your rancher twice a week. Frequent brief letters or cards are often better than infrequent long letters. All mail is distributed after dinner at Mail Call and receiving mail from home is important to a camper's well-being. Ranchers have a supervised letter-writing period most afternoons. They should be sending a postcard or letter home twice a week. Ranchers are not allowed to use Email or Fax for communicating home unless it is an emergency. Address letters to: rancher's name, Echo Hill Ranch, 965 Echo Hill Road, Medina, TX 78055. Our Summer Fax number is 830-589-2520.

2. EMAIL: We are partnering with Bunk1.com to provide you the opportunity to send email to your campers. Bunk1.com offers neat email features for you, bundles all the emails and downloads for us once each day. We print them out and distribute them with the regular mail after the evening meal. There is a charge of \$1.00 per email to cover Bunk1's costs and our administrative costs. Check out the instruction page that is included in this mailing for signing up on Bunk1.com. It's simple to do and start with going to www.echohill.org click on 'Click here for Photos and Email' and when prompted, enter our code 68951EHR. Then registered as directed. It's simple!

3. INTERNET PHOTO GALLERY: Once you've signed up on Bunk1.com, you can access free of charge our popular Photo Gallery. We'll upload photos every few days to give you a "bird's eye" view of camp activities.

4. EMERGENCY CALLS AND TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION: Call the main ranch phone 830-589-7739 at anytime and your message will be received and returned shortly. There is no cell phone transmission in our rural area. **If you travel away from home be sure we have emergency numbers where you or a family representative can be reached.** Telephone contact with ranchers is discouraged unless it is an unusual or emergency situation. Ranchers are not around for phone calls and the call itself is almost always disruptive to camp life. Please call the Camp Executive Directors, Roger Friedman, PhD or Roz Beroza, MSW, if you have concerns or questions. To email the Executive Directors use ehbranch@aol.com

5. RANCH NEWSPAPER: We'll mail you a copy of the Ranch Review, our bi-weekly camper run newspaper when each edition comes out and also post an electronic version on our website.