



Carnegie Vanguard High School | Houston Independent School District

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May 10, 2017

Dear New Carnegie Vanguard Student (Class of 2021),

You are hereby invited to attend the CVHS Orientation Camp (FISH CAMP) beginning Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The camp is at YMCA Camp Cullen and is located on the shores of Lake Livingston just outside Trinity, Texas about 100 miles north of Houston. We board the bus at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and return around 12:00 PM on Friday.

This camp has been very successful in previous years. We are looking forward to you joining us for this, your initial CVHS experience, at a minor cost to you and your family. During the two and a half days at camp, you will:

- Get to know other Freshmen with whom you will share the next four years
- Meet Seniors (2018) and Juniors (2019) who will serve as counselors
- Participate in daytime activities that encourage sharing and trust
- Enjoy a late night under the stars
- Eat the best camp food in East Texas

You will need to bring the following items: a flashlight with fresh batteries, comfortable closed toe shoes such as tennis shoes or hiking boots (**sandals of any type are not permitted**), sleeping bag and/or sheets, a pillow, towels, insect repellent, toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothbrush, contact supplies, etc.) and enough tee shirts, underwear, shorts, jeans to last through two hot, sweaty days. It is hot!

Do not bring lighters, matches, valuables; make up, jewelry, food, pets, or any kind electronic item. If you have a question, you should probably leave the item at home.

To accept this invitation, it is absolutely essential that you sign and return the Registration Form, Liability Waiver, and Challenge Course Waiver (3 forms) to CVHS by **Thursday, July 27, 2017**, along with cash, check, or a Money Order for \$175.00 made out to Carnegie Vanguard High School PTO. We must let the camp know how many of you will be able to come. You can find copies of these forms on the school website or pick them up at the school. If you would like to be a chaperone the cost is \$175.00 and you must be registered as a VIP before you can participate. This process normally takes two weeks; you can register online at [www.houstonisd.org](http://www.houstonisd.org), and we must have a copy of your Driver's License in order to complete the process.

If you need any more information, please feel free to call me at 713-732-3690 or email me at [jgarner@houstonisd.org](mailto:jgarner@houstonisd.org). We look forward to working with you this summer and throughout your high school career.

Sincerely,

Juan Garner  
Assistant Principal  
Carnegie Vanguard High School

## REGISTRATION FORM

Submit one form per participant. Complete sections I & II and mail with \$175 payment to:  
Carnegie Vanguard High School, 1501 Taft Houston, Texas 77019

### ***I. General Information***

Name (Last, First, MI) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Custodial Parent/Guardian Information**

Registrant is in the custody of: ☐ Both Parents ☐ Mother Only ☐ Father Only ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother /Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Father /Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (other than Parent/Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Permission:** As a legal guardian I give permission for the registrant to participate in all phases of camp activities. I understand and agree to cooperate with all regulations. In an emergency, when the undersigned or other person named cannot be reached, I give permission for the camp authorities to take any emergency measures deemed appropriate. It is understood that all reasonable efforts will be made to contact the parent/guardian.

I understand that when participating in Fish Camp activities the registrant may be photographed for print. I understand that the images may be used in promotional and fundraising materials, news releases and other published formats.

Check if registrant **MAY NOT:** ☐ Be photographed for yearbook purposes

**MAY NOT:** ☐ Participate in \_\_\_\_\_ e.g., active sports, swimming, etc

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### ***II. Camp Payments***

**A \$175.00 payment must accompany registration forms.**

**Camp Registration ends July 27, 2017.**

Payment may be made by cash, personal check, or money order. A \$35 service charge will be levied on all returned checks.

#### **T-Shirt Order:**

All t-shirts will be ordered in adult sizes

☐ Sm

☐ Med

☐ Lg

☐ X-Lg

#### **Payment Type:**

☐ Cash

☐ Check

☐ Money Order

#### **Scholarships:**

The CVHS PTO wants to ensure that all students are able to participate in this valuable event. They subsidize the bus transportation for all campers. If the camp fee is an issue please contact Juan Garner at the school (713-732-3690 or [jgarner@houstonisd.org](mailto:jgarner@houstonisd.org)) to request PTO Scholarship funds.

#### **Donation:**

Your donation will be used for camp scholarships

☐ \$50

☐ \$75

☐ \$100

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

YMCA OF GREATER HOUSTON AREA  
RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT  
(PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING)

WHEREAS, THE UNDERSIGNED, on behalf of himself or herself, his or her personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin (herein referred to as "Applicant") wishes to be permitted to enter, observe, use, or participate in the premises, facilities, equipment, and affiliated programs, without respect to location, of the YMCA of the Greater Houston Area (herein referred to as "YMCA Facilities") for any purpose; and in consideration of, and as part payment for the right to enter, observe, use, or participate in the YMCA Facilities for any purpose:

Applicant warrants that Applicant has inspected and considered, or immediately upon entering will inspect and consider the YMCA Facilities, and Applicant accepts the YMCA Facilities as being safe and reasonably suited for Applicant's entry, observation, use, or participation. Applicant further warrants that Applicant understands that it is solely Applicant's responsibility to determine whether there is any medical reason that Applicant cannot or should not enter, observe, use, or participate in the YMCA Facilities for any purpose. Applicant further warrants that Applicant takes full responsibility for Applicant's decision to use or not to use the YMCA Facilities and agrees to follow all safety instructions.

**APPLICANT HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE FOR, AND APPLICANT SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS THE YMCA OF THE GREATER HOUSTON AREA, ITS AFFILIATES, BRANCHES, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, SERVANTS, AND AGENTS (COLLECTIVELY, THE "RELEASED PARTIES") FROM AND AGAINST ANY ECONOMIC OR NON-ECONOMIC LOSSES, LIABILITIES, DAMAGES, SUITS, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, ATTORNEY'S FEES, COSTS, EXPENSES, OR DEMANDS, OF EVERY KIND AND NATURE WHATSOEVER, WHETHER FOR BODILY INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, DEATH, OR LOSS OTHERWISE, WHETHER CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR STRICT LIABILITY OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, ARISING FROM, OR ALLEGED TO HAVE ARISEN FROM, APPLICANT'S PRESENCE, OBSERVATION, USE, OR PARTICIPATION AT OR IN THE YMCA FACILITIES, AND/OR THE PRESENCE, OBSERVATION, USE, OR PARTICIPATION OF ANY FAMILY MEMBER, DEPENDENT, OR GUEST, INCLUDING ANY MINORS, ACCOMPANYING APPLICANT, AT OR IN THE YMCA FACILITIES.**

**APPLICANT VOLUNTARILY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR, AND DEFEND THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM ANY RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE WHILE APPLICANT, APPLICANT'S FAMILY MEMBER, DEPENDENT, OR GUEST, INCLUDING ANY MINORS, ACCOMPANYING APPLICANT, ARE PRESENT IN, OBSERVING, USING OR PARTICIPATING IN THE YMCA FACILITIES, OR ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED TO APPLICANT'S, APPLICANT'S FAMILY MEMBER, DEPENDENT, OR GUEST, INCLUDING ANY MINORS, ACCOMPANYING APPLICANT, PRESENCE IN, OBSERVATION OF, USE OF OR PARTICIPATION IN THE YMCA FACILITIES, WHETHER CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR STRICT LIABILITY OF THE RELEASED PARTIES OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.**

Applicant assumes full responsibility for any items lost or stolen while Applicant is present in, observing, using or participating in the YMCA Facilities.

Applicant gives permission to the YMCA of the Greater Houston Area to use photographs, film footage, or tape recordings which may include Applicant's own image or voice (or that of Applicant's family member, dependent, or guest, including any minors, accompanying Applicant) for purposes of promoting any YMCA Facilities.

Applicant agrees to abide by all rules promulgated by the Released Parties while Applicant or Applicant's family member, dependent, or guest, including any minors, accompanying Applicant, are present in, observing, using, or participating in any YMCA Facilities.

Applicant understands that YMCA of the Greater Houston Area membership and program fees are not deductible as charitable tax contributions.

Applicant also states that Applicant is not under the influence of any chemical substance, including, but not limited to, medications, illegal drugs, and/or alcohol, at the time of execution of this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, and will not be under the influence of any chemical substance, including, but not limited to, medications, illegal drugs, and/or alcohol, during the observation, use, or participation in the YMCA Facilities.

Applicant further expressly agrees that this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT cannot be altered in any way, and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by Texas law, and that if any portion of this **RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT** is held invalid, Applicant agrees that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Applicant fully understands that Applicant's entrance, observance, use, or participation of or in the YMCA Facilities is **entirely voluntary**. Applicant has read and understood this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, has voluntarily signed this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, and agrees that no oral representations, statements, or inducement apart from this written agreement have been made to Applicant.

NAME OF APPLICANT (PLEASE PRINT)

EMAIL ADDRESS

YMCA MEMBER NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (PARENT/GUARDIAN)

DATE

**YMCA OF GREATER HOUSTON AREA  
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT  
WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT  
(PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING)**

WHEREAS, THE UNDERSIGNED (herein referred to as "Applicant") wishes to be accepted for participation in a Challenge Course Experience to be organized and conducted by the YMCA of Greater Houston Area (herein referred to as "YMCA"); and in consideration of YMCA's action in allowing the Applicant to voluntarily participate in such program; and in consideration of, and as part payment for the right to participate in such program and the services arranged for the Applicant by the YMCA, its affiliates, agents, servants, employees, volunteers, officers, and directors (collectively, the "Released Parties"):

**Applicant acknowledges that the Challenge Course Experience involves certain inherent risks and that during said Challenge Course Experience, certain dangers may occur.** These include, but are not limited to, potentially dangerous surface and subsurface land conditions or hazards, depending on other people and the potential for another participant or observer to act negligently, being at various heights (ground to 50 ft.), accident or illness in remote places without nearby medical facilities, the potential for a medical emergency when medical treatment may be several hours away, exposure to the elements and forces of nature, including temperature extremes and inclement weather, and travel by air, train, boat, automobile, or other conveyance. Applicant further acknowledges that Camp Cullen does not have medical staff on the premises. Applicant recognizes that these risks may also include loss or damage to personal property, physical or psychological damage and/or injury, not excluding fatality due to accidents which may occur, including accidents resulting from this Challenge Course Experience or other type of outdoor activities. **Applicant further acknowledges that the above delineated inherent risks are provided only as a non-exclusive list of examples and do not in any way limit the Applicant's waiver, release, and indemnification of the Released Parties.**

**Applicant has and does hereby assume all the above risks and any and all other risks incidental to the nature of the Challenge Course Experience regardless of whether those risks are foreseeable, and will hold the Released Parties harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether for bodily injury, property damage, death, or loss otherwise, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence, gross negligence, or strict liability of the Released Parties, or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law, arising from, or alleged to have arisen from, Applicant's presence, observation, or participation at or in the Challenge Course Experience, and/or the presence, observation, or participation of any family member, dependent, or guest, including any minors, accompanying Applicant in any YMCA activities.** In addition, Applicant agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, assume liability for, and defend the Released Parties, as stated above, from any and all costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees; judgments; court costs; actual, punitive, and special damages; and all other sums which the Released Parties may pay or become obligated to pay arising from, or alleged to have arisen from, the Applicant's presence, observation, or participation at or in the Challenge Course Experience, and/or the presence, observation, or participation of any family member, dependent, or guest, including any minors, accompanying Applicant in any YMCA activities **whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence, gross negligence, or strict liability of the Released Parties.** Applicant also acknowledges that the YMCA does not provide accident, injury, illness, disability, or life insurance covering Applicant or any family member, dependent, or guest, including any minors, accompanying Applicant.

Applicant warrants that Applicant understands that the Challenge Course Experience may require extreme physical exertion and that Applicant is completely healthy, both physically and emotionally, and capable of participating in this Challenge Course Experience. Applicant further certifies that Applicant has listed on the Health Statement Form any medical condition that the YMCA should be aware of which may hinder or limit Applicant's participation in the Challenge Course Experience. **Applicant understands that it is solely Applicant's responsibility to determine whether there is any medical reason that Applicant cannot or should not participate in the Challenge Course Experience.**

Applicant also states that Applicant is not under the influence of any chemical substance, including, but not limited to, medications, illegal drugs, and/or alcohol, at the time of execution of this Participation Agreement, and will not be under the influence of any chemical substance, including, but not limited to, medications, illegal drugs, and/or alcohol, during the course of the Challenge Course Experience. Applicant fully understands that Applicant's physical activity involves risk of injury and that Applicant's participation in the Challenge Course Experience is **entirely voluntary**. Applicant further states that the Applicant has read and understood this Participation Agreement. Applicant enters into this Participation Agreement and takes full responsibility for Applicant's decision to participate or not participate and agrees to follow all safety instructions.

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NAME OF APPLICANT (PLEASE PRINT)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (PARENT/GUARDIAN)

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DATE

YMCA OF GREATER HOUSTON AREA  
CAMP CULLEN HORSE WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT  
(PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING)

**WARNING: UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE & REMEDIES CODE) AN FARM ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.**

WHEREAS, THE UNDERSIGNED (herein referred to as "Applicant") wishes to participate among and on horses, including but not limited to riding, handling, or otherwise being near horses or other equine animals, on the premises of, owned by, or in the care, custody and control of the YMCA of Greater Houston Area (collectively referred to herein as "YMCA"); and in consideration of YMCA's action in allowing the Applicant to voluntarily participate among and on horses, including but not limited to riding, handling, or otherwise being near horses or other equine animals on the premises of, owned by, or in the care, custody and control of YMCA, as arranged for the Applicant by the YMCA, its affiliates, agents, servants, employees, volunteers, officers, and directors (collectively, the "Released Parties"):

Applicant warrants that Applicant has inspected and considered, or immediately upon entering will inspect and consider the equine facilities at Camp Cullen, and Applicant accepts the equine facilities as being safe and reasonably suited for Applicant's entry, observation, use, or participation. **Applicant further warrants that Applicant understands that it is solely Applicant's responsibility to determine whether there is any medical reason that Applicant cannot or should not participate in any equine-related activities.**

**Applicant acknowledges that the activity of horseback riding, handling, and being around or near horses or other equine animals involve certain inherent risks and that certain dangers may occur as a result.** These include, but are not limited to, potentially dangerous surface and subsurface land conditions or hazards; the potential to fall from or be injured by a horse or other equine animal; the potential for collision with another animal; the potential for another participant to act negligently; for example, by failing to maintain control of an animal; the failure of any equine-related equipment or protective gear; accident or illness in remote places without nearby medical facilities; and the potential for a medical emergency when medical treatment may be several hours away. Applicant also acknowledges that Camp Cullen does not have medical staff on the premises. Applicant further acknowledges that an animal, irrespective of its training and usual past behavior and characteristics, may act or react unpredictably at times based upon instinct or fright. Applicant recognizes that these risks may also include loss or damage to personal property, bodily or psychological damage and/or injury, not excluding fatality. **Applicant further acknowledges that the above delineated inherent risks are provided only as a non-exclusive list of examples and do not in any way limit the Applicant's waiver, release, and indemnification of the Released Parties.**

Applicant has and does hereby assume all the above risks and any and all other risks incidental to the nature of horseback riding, handling, and being around or near horses or other equine animals, regardless of whether those risks are foreseeable, and will hold the Released Parties harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether for bodily injury, property damage, death, or loss otherwise, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence, gross negligence, or strict liability of the Released Parties, or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law, arising from, or alleged to have arisen from, Applicant's riding, handling or otherwise being near horses or other equine animals, and/or the presence, observation, or participation of any family member, dependent, or guest, including any minors, accompanying Applicant in any equine activities. In addition, Applicant agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, assume liability for, and defend the Released Parties, as stated above, from any and all costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees; judgments; court costs; actual, punitive, and special damages; and all other sums which the Released Parties may pay or become obligated to pay arising from, or alleged to have arisen from, the Applicant's riding, handling or otherwise being near horses or other equine animals, and/or the riding, handling or otherwise being near horses or other equine animals by any family member, dependent, or guest, including any minors, accompanying Applicant in any equine activities whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence, gross negligence, or strict liability of the Released Parties. Applicant also acknowledges that the YMCA does not provide accident, injury, illness, disability, or life insurance covering Applicant or any family member, dependent, or guest, including any minors, accompanying Applicant.

Applicant also states that Applicant is not under the influence of any chemical substance, including, but not limited to, medications, illegal drugs, and/or alcohol, at the time of execution of this CAMP CULLEN HORSE WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT, and will not be under the influence of any chemical substance, including, but not limited to, medications, illegal drugs, and/or alcohol, while riding, handling or otherwise being near horses or other equine animals on the premises of, owned by, or in the care, custody and control of YMCA. Applicant fully understands that Applicant's physical activity involves risk of injury and that Applicant's decision to ride, handle or otherwise be near horses or other equine animals on the premises of, owned by, or in the care, custody and control of YMCA is **entirely voluntary**. Applicant further states that the Applicant has read and understood this CAMP CULLEN HORSE WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT. Applicant enters into this CAMP CULLEN HORSE WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT and takes full responsibility for Applicant's decision to participate or not participate and agrees to follow all safety instructions.

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NAME OF APPLICANT (PLEASE PRINT)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (PARENT/GUARDIAN)

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DATE





FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## Packing List for a YMCA Camp Cullen Retreat

### Required

- All bedding – rooms consist of bare bunk beds – rooms are shared – you may disagree over the temperature at which your room is kept – come prepared to adapt
- Toiletries – we will provide the toilets and the showers, also sinks
- Clothing – ALL will appreciate if you are clothed entirely, YOU will appreciate if you are clothed **WARMLY** – activities will be outdoors, and while this is Texas, that doesn't mean it's going to be warm – and bring extra
- Sturdy shoes – for those who haven't been here before, there is a fair degree of walking involved – closed toes shoes are **REQUIRED** for high ropes activities
- You may get dirty, smoky, wet, sweaty – plan accordingly
- Flashlight – it gets dark at night...this isn't the city – you may also want to bring some extra batteries
- Bugspray & Sunscreen – enough said

### Optional

- Ear plugs (this is under optional... but really... recommended)
- Snacks – we will feed you, but you may find that we don't feed you **EXACTLY** what you want, and no-one wants to be left without a backup snack
- Puppy treats – there may be a puppy, and if you want her to love you, you're gonna have to bribe her.

Please direct any questions to our friendly Conference Director, Jeremy Hickman.