

Hunt, TX

BEFORE

AFTER

July 4th, 2025

Texas Senate and House
General Investigative
Committees on the July 2025
Flooding Events



Source Material

- 120+ witness interviews
 - Site visits/tours by witnesses
 - Transcripts and video of 2025 legislative hearings
 - 911 calls and audio witness statements
 - Newspaper articles and media reporting
 - Information from all civil suits
 - Multiple meetings with all civil lawyers - very cooperative
 - Review of information provided by both sides
 - Attended court hearings and reviewed transcripts
 - Drafting preliminary report
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MYSTIC FACTS

*Camp
Mystic*
FCR GIRLS
Hills, Texas



HILL COUNTRY LOCATION

On the Guadalupe River

1926: FORMED



1939: BOUGHT BY DICK
EASTLAND'S GRANDMOTHER



PRIVATE
CHRISTIAN
SUMMER
CAMP



FOR
GIRLS

720 ACRES

TWO CAMPUSES:

- Cypress Lake
- Guadalupe River





Rustic: No air conditioning in the cabins; no cell phones

Sequestered : Month long sessions; very limited contact with parents

Traditional : Deeply religious; obedience encouraged

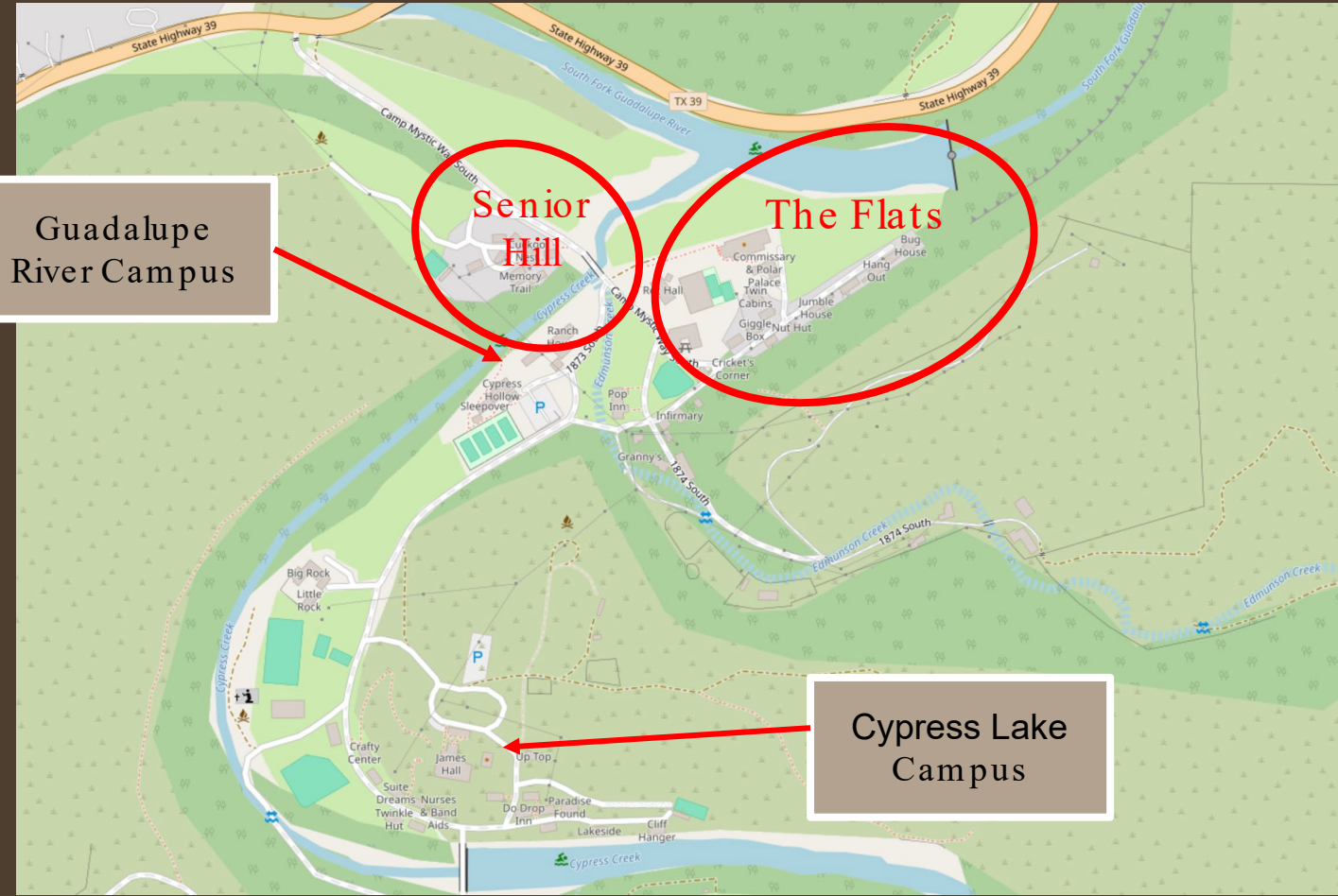
Mystic Culture: Multi-generational

“Since she is a relative of a former Mystic girl she will be considered a “Mystic Grandchild.””

“Almost one-third of the girls are ‘Mystic Grandchildren’ and it is great your daughter will be coming to continue the tradition.”



Excerpts from the Camp Mystic acceptance letter.



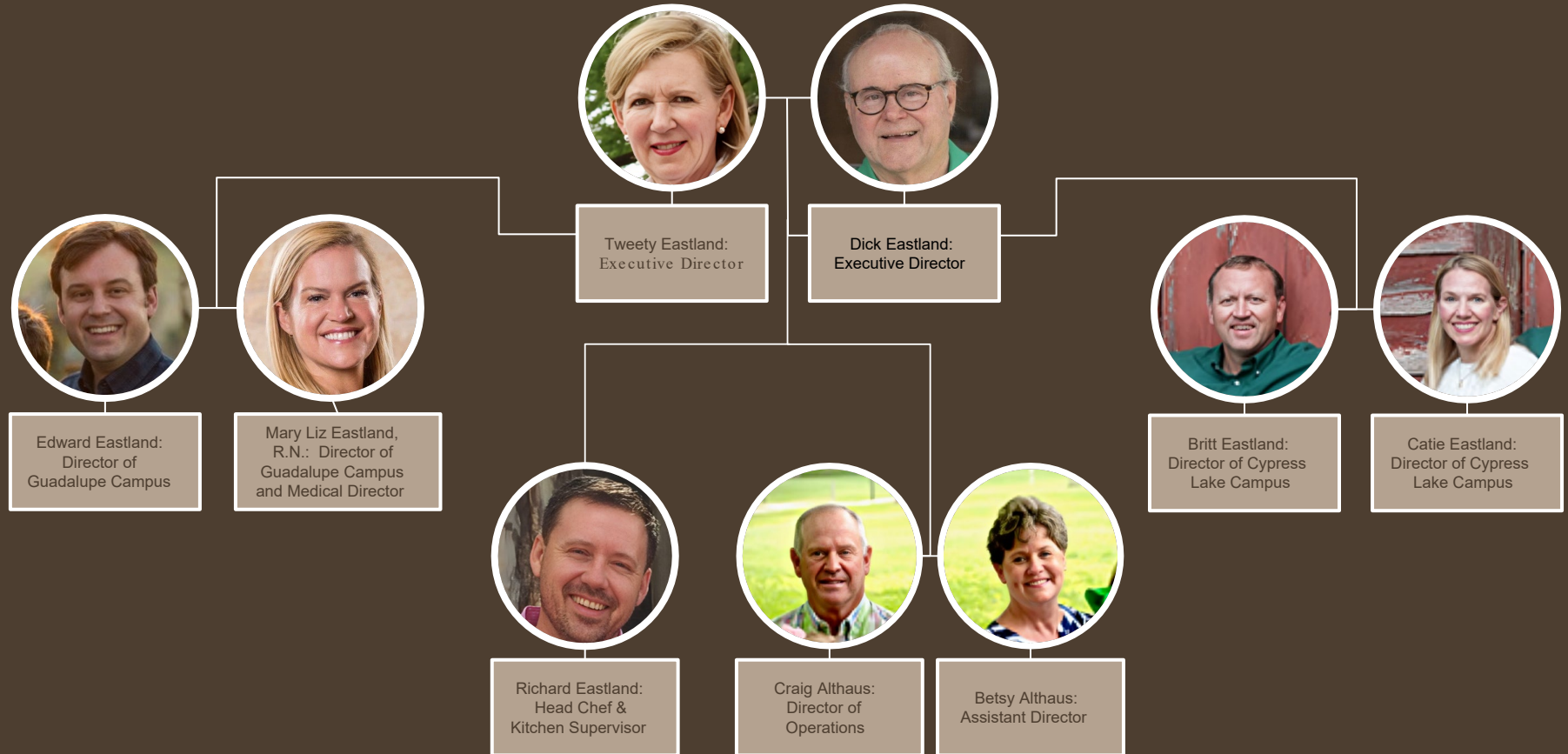
Guadalupe River Campus

Senior Hill

The Flats

Cypress Lake Campus

Camp Mystic Year-Round Personnel:



Camp Mystic Seasonal Staff

Security

Glenn Juenke and Lee Pool

Night Watchmen

Francis Blackwell - Loper

Front Gate Guard

Medical (RN) (Guadalupe)

- Mary Floyd
- Betsy Knowles
- Erika Perez

Support Crews

Grounds Keepers (10+)

Kitchen Workers (10+)

Program & Leadership (Guadalupe)

Big Three:

Elizabeth Sweet (Program Director), Mary Morgan Brumley (Tribe Director), Rachel Farhoudi (Activities Director)

Additional Staff:

Nancy Clement, LuLu Bass, Jane Charpentier

Dick Eastland as Commander

Served many years on Board of UGRA
Founder of C.A.M.P.



Tweety Eastland: "He ruled."

Edward Eastland: There may have been an evacuation plan, known only to Dick

Richard Eastland: describes micromanaging - Vanilla Ice Cream and Fried Chicken

Britt Eastland: Regarding joining ACA: "I think my dad is just old-school..if you have too much regulation no one is going to want to do this anymore...He would typically win those arguments"

Craig Althaus: "Mr. Veto," "The Eagle" and "The Eagle is Swooping"

Counselors - Terrified of action - "I knew I would be in trouble if.."; "The Eastlands' word was law."

Glenn- Dick was "The General"

Polish Kitchen Workers - Afraid to assist with campers in flood

He was loved and respected.

Communication Equipment at Camp Mystic



Walkie-Talkies

(via Communication Tower)

- Dick and Tweety Eastland
- Edward and Mary Liz Eastland
- Britt Eastland
- Glenn Juenke
- Francis Blackwell Loper
- Big 3
- Riflery Range (on Senior Hill)



Landlines

- Infirmary
- Office
- Houses



Cell Phones

- WiFi - in a/c areas
- Not allowed for campers or counselors
- Broadband and Fiber



Loudspeaker System

- By Office
- One on Senior Hill

Topography of Region

“Be Flood Aware” 2017 - Upper Guadalupe River Authority



Richard Eastland [REDACTED]

Fwd: UGRA Press Release - Be Flood Aware Video

3 messages

Dick Eastland <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Mar 23, 2017 at 9:40 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Great YouTube video. Please watch love DD

From Dick's cell phone

An aerial photograph showing a residential area with a road and a creek. The road is partially submerged by floodwater, and the surrounding greenery is also inundated. The text "Be Flood Aware" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Be Flood Aware

Flood History

1869 - 2025

“History doesn’t repeat itself, but it often rhymes.”

— Mark Twain

Eastlands have intimate knowledge about historical floods

Old Kerr County Flood system map

4 messages

Dick Eastland

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED], Britt Eastland [REDACTED]

Dear Matt,

Enjoyed visiting with you yesterday. I hope you got my text but the quality of the better copy of the old Flood System while on the UGRA board in the late 1970s. This system and the real time rain gages are fantastic. The only limitation is the lack of major flood events that info can be crucial to buy precious time before a level sensor at location #9 (South Fork Ranch) but it was removed years ago. I can buy us about 30 minutes during an event. Location #13 at West Perkins has recorded some critical big floods including 1978, 1984, 2000 and many others.

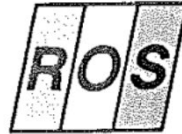
I am also attaching an old 1988 UGRA report we had commissioned years ago.

Hope this info is useful. Thanks, Dick [REDACTED]

2 attachments

 **Kerr County Flood Alert Map and stations.pdf**
900K

 **Flood History Kerr County to 1988.pdf**
4578K



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A SUMMARY FLOOD HISTORY
OF KERR COUNTY

Researched, Compiled and Edited
by
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“We’ve been here for some critical big floods including 1978, 1984, 2000 and many others.”

Early Records: The Foundation of the Flood Data (1869–1919)

July 16, 1900 – Camps and Houses Washed Away

Kerrville receives an astonishing 11.41 inches of rain. The Guadalupe River hits 31 feet, heavily damaging the city's electric light plant and local infrastructure.

1915 & 1919 – Record Rises

September 1915 brings a 30-foot rise on the Upper Guadalupe, threatening to annihilate the village of Ingram. By August 1919, 11 inches of rain wash out 4 miles of the Aransas Pass railroad track.



The Roaring Twenties: Early Fatalities on the Crossings



While the 1920s saw relatively minor flooding compared to surrounding decades, the June 12-13, 1921 event proved fatal. A 20-foot rise on the Guadalupe River following 9 inches of rain caught a buggy attempting to ford the river, completely swamping the vehicle and claiming two lives.

A 15-foot rise on Cypress Creek simultaneously severed local road access, establishing a pattern of isolation that plagues the county to this day.



4 Abilene Girls Home From Camp To Return July 15

Four Abilene girls, home from Camp Mystic while it is being rehabilitated following flood damage are to return July 15, when the camp reopens.

In the group are Miss Evelyn Jackson, her sister, Peggy, Patty Hanks and Martha Musser. The four came to Abilene late yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hanks, who drove to Kerrville for them.

A fifth girl, Frances Cash, went from Kerrville to San Antonio to join her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. V. Cash, who are visiting in his parents' home.

Girls and counselors, brought from Camp Mystic to Kerrville Monday, were transferred across the river, one at a time, in a canoe. Kerrville residents met them at the river and offered automobile transportation to the hotel.

Three Cabins Lost

The Abilene girls, occupying a cabin on the bluff at Camp Mystic, lost none of their personal effects. They reported only three cabins swept away. A few others were damaged.

As the floodtide threatened Friday night, girls were called from their cabins into the recreation hall, where counselors kept watch throughout the night. On Saturday, airplanes from Kelly field flew over the camp and dropped messages. Sunday Major Simpson, husband of Dr. Linda Coleman Simpson, camp director, landed his plane near the camp and carried messages back to San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanks left Abilene Monday afternoon, spent the night at Junction, drove to Kerrville yesterday morning, and returned with the girls at 6:30 p.m. Miss Jackson is a swimming instructor at Camp Mystic.

Camp Stewart for boys, near Camp Mystic and under the same management, has not been closed.

James Omar Radford, young son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Radford, remained at the San Antonio Y. M. C. A. camp, west of Kerrville, where damage was slight. His parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Radford, who went to Kerrville Saturday, returned yesterday afternoon.

The 1932 Catastrophe: A New Benchmark for Destruction

On July 1-2, 1932, a phenomenal 10 to 19 inches of rain fell in the Divide area, unleashing a torrent that nearly wiped the Village of Hunt off the map.



Record Stage: 36.6 feet at the Guadalupe River station near Hunt.



Destruction: 17 buildings in Hunt washed away; 40 homes in Kerrville swept away.



Human Toll: 4 lives lost in the angry waters of the Guadalupe.



Financial Impact: Estimated half a million dollars in property damage (1932 valuation).

1932

1935

1936

1939

Mid-Century Surges: The Era of the Cloudburst (1940–1959)

September 1952

Torrential cloudbursts hit the Hill Country. Kerrville records 8.90 inches, while nearby Boerne reports 20 inches. The storm causes \$10.8 million in statewide damages and claims 8 lives in Gillespie County.

October 1959

Termed the “Worst Flood in 24 Years.” A massive crest of 40 feet is recorded on the North Fork. 50 automobiles submerged, miles of fences lost, and significant damage to the MO-Ranch water and sewage systems. Total county damage hits \$1 million.



The Relentless Cycle: Infrastructure Under Siege (1960–1977)

During these decades, Kerr County experienced major rises almost annually. Flooding ceased to be a generational anomaly and became a persistent logistical crisis.



1964: 14-15 feet of water over the Center Point Bridge.



Hunt bore the brunt of the flood's wrath. This thriving little village, that was the gateway to the summer camp district, was practically wiped out and it is there that the greater number of refugees are being temporarily cared for.

Ingram suffered considerable damage, as did the lower section of

were washed away.

Camp Mystic was the most severely damaged and officials considered it advisable to recess for a few days. The girl campers were permitted to return to their homes as soon as the roads were accessible; but activities are to be resumed this week end at Mystic. Camp Stewart had five cabins swept away; but there was no break in the camp routine since ample emergency facilities were available.

Camp Rio Vista suffered some damage to buildings and the boys were marooned for two days; but the youngsters took the experience as a lark.

Some time before the wall of water swept down, a warning had been sounded along the river. Boys and girls in the various camps were



August 1-4, 1978



December 31, 1984



I guess the weather is a good topic to talk about. Today, Sunday, and yesterday, were beautiful days. Then on Jan. 2nd the floods came. Both North and South Forks were many feet above the bridges. The next day a snow storm so heavy that most people could not get out of their houses. Our hearts go out to the family from Comfort that lost three members in the flood at Center Point.

Recent guests of our friends at Putter Acres (Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ross, Erminery Derrick and Mattie Mayberry) were Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Wartenbach from Spring Branch, G.W. Derrick of Gonzales and Mrs. Ann Skipper of Hunt.

Roxie Sweat, and her husband Ray, and Bill and Jenni Rosenberg of Kerrville are spending a week at Lake Tahoe.

Congratulations to Ray and Roxie Sweat on the arrival of a grandson, Eric Randall, who was born to Mark and Cindi Sweat of Arlington on Jan. 4. He weighed 7 lbs. and 14 ounces.

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Advisory group grinds out six suggestions

Stained glass workshop

Holidays for Kerr students

Kerrville school officials announced a reminder to parents that Jan. 16, 17, and 18 are study days.

Items of immediate interest to students and parents include the end of the school year on Tuesday, Jan. 22. The issuance of report cards is on Thursday, Jan. 24.

School term closes, and students will be participating in graduation ceremonies. Parent-teacher conferences and parent workshops on current topics. Dr. Shirley Hunter, Kerrville ISD, will discuss her new book, "Instructional Improvement: A Practical Approach," and John Clay, Kerrville ISD, will make a presentation concerning "Discipline."

Genealogical Society

Historian Eugene M. Wait will speak to the Kerrville Genealogical Society on Wednesday afternoon about the recent additions to the genealogical collection at the

July 17, 1987

Bryan-College Station Eagle

Sunday, July 19, 1987

Camp owners say they have flash flood evacuation plans

AUSTIN (AP) — While several Hill Country summer camps reported rising water and some flooding damage from the swollen Guadalupe River, camp operators say they are prepared for flash floods.

Eight teen-agers were killed Friday and two others were missing Saturday after a flash flood overturned a church bus and van trying to cross the swollen Guadalupe River near Comfort.

But Larry Graham, owner of La Junta boys camp on the Guadalupe River, 15 miles west of Kerrville, said parents should not be concerned about the periodic flooding.

"The camps in this area have been here since 1928, and floods on the river are common throughout the year. In over 60 years at La Junta, it has never been a problem," Graham said.

But a number of camp operators stressed the importance of heeding warning signs at the numerous low-water crossings in the Hill Country.

"When you're traveling the roads, and you see the water is traveling over the low-water crossing, you should definitely take caution, because it can

■ Six bodies found Saturday, 1A

sweep a car off the bridge," said Susan Stephens, program director at Camp Mystic, where 310 girls and 65 counselors are staying.

"We kept our counselors in last night from their days off for that very reason, because the low-water crossings have been covered with water and become impassable," Stephens said.

The camp's evacuation plan was activated as the water began to rise early Friday. Residents of two cabins closest to the Guadalupe River were moved to the recreation center.

"We were never in any danger. We watched the river through the night and saw it was going up," Stephens said. "We never felt threatened or endangered from it."

Kendall County authorities said they had also notified Pot O' Gold camp supervisors, where the drowned youths were staying, about the rising waters and warned them not to attempt to cross the river.

At another large summer camp, Camp Walde-

mar, cars owned by five counselors were moved by high water that reached the parking lot.

"It's better to let a car go down the river than let a counselor go in and get in trouble," said Mary Kay White, the camp's administrative assistant.

White said Friday's flooding left 318 girls and 97 staff members marooned by high waters.

"It's no major problem, because we have plenty of food and all that good stuff," she said.

"We weathered it, we have high ground, and the water didn't get even close to our cabins. We lost some equipment, and there was some fence damage. The kids weren't even aware of the flood until this morning. They just knew it was raining very hard," White said, adding that counselors were prepared to move the campers to higher ground if the river continued to rise.

There are 512 licensed camps in Texas, Mansell said, including 23 in Kerr County and six in Kendall County, said Travis Mansell, chief of the recreational sanitation branch of the Texas Department of Health.



A little flooding on the
bridge today!! Rain days
at camp are the best.



Posted by
[@campmystichunttx](#) in
October 16, 2018

CAMP MYSTIC

July 4, 2025



TIMELINE

Each part of Camp had a different experience

Common Timeline

TIMELINE

June 27, 2025 - June 29, 2025

Session 2 - Counselors' Orientation

June 27, 2025 - Counselors Arrive for Training

- Camp Mystic moved from three to two counselors in many cabins
- Counselor Hierarchy – What is an “Ette”?
- No senior counselors matched with Ettes; counselors expressed concern
- Ettes paired with youngest campers
- No drills, no procedures, no plan
- No radios, no walkies, no phones, no toolkits, no ladders, no lifejackets

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE 2nd Term 2025

June 27th, 2025

- 3:00PM Counselors Arrive!!**
- 4:00PM Counselors Continue Arriving**
- 5:30PM Welcome to Mystic!!** **prayer before every meeting*
Porch of Kozy
- Family introductions
 - Big 3 introductions
 - Big 3:** Welcome counselors; have counselors introduce themselves
- 6:30 PM Dinner**
Harrison Hall
- 7:30 PM All Counselor Meeting**
Ranch House
- 8:30 PM Pre-camp duties (posters)**
- Explain: cabin calendar, bed raffle, duty chart
 - Cabin calendar: need to start working on it tonight
 - Bed raffle: no moving beds around
 - Duty chart: counselors need to add themselves to the chart. Counselors always clean showers and toilets.
 - Hygiene chart for younger cabins
 - Get to know your co-counselors and talk about goals for the cabin
 - (pass out cabin supply pouches and poster board)
 - **Overview of orientation & 1st day**
 - Explain “day-by-day”
 - Stress that there will be many counselor meetings throughout the term to go over important notes and scheduling
- Tribes**
- Talk about Tribe Check Sheet
 - Talk about giving a “U”
 - Who to talk to first – Tribe Coordinator and Co-counselors
 - When to give it – early, time/room for improvement
- 9:00 PM Cabin Devotional Discussion**
- Explanation of nightly devotionals
 - Give some examples for each age group – tell campers they can plan if they want
 - There are plenty of resources in the office and ask us for suggestions/advice if needed (Jesus Calling for Kids)
 - Idea: cabin comes up with uplifting adjectives for each camper
 - Why we’re a Christian camp...to learn, grow spiritually, love God and one another. Everyone’s walk is different, and this is a time to positively and spiritually end the day
 - YOU control the direction and conversation of each devo. Please make sure it’s meaningful time for your cabin and that the discussions don’t get too heavy or go off track

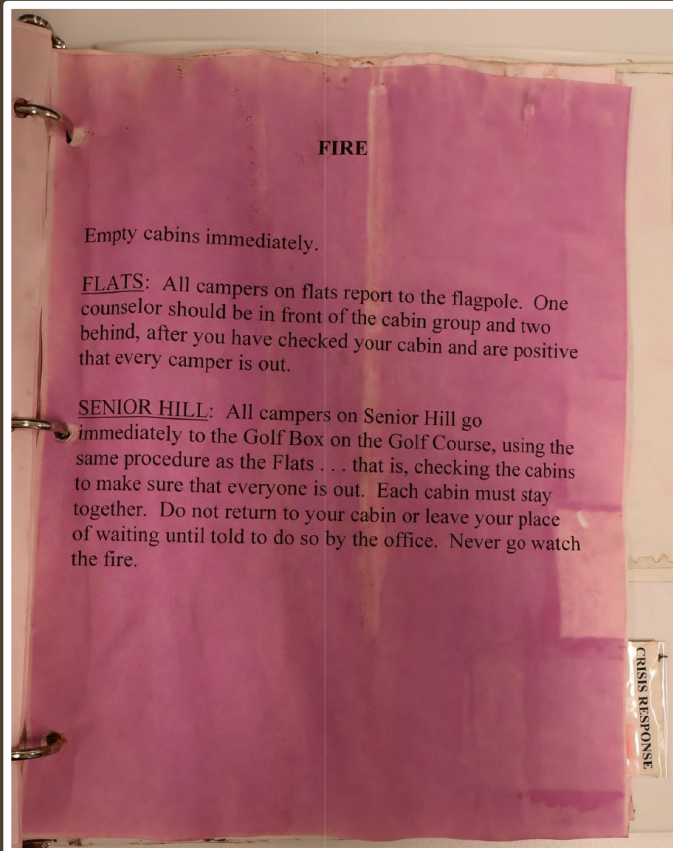
MEDICAL INFORMATION FOR COUNSELORS

3. Floods
 - a. Stay in your cabins!!
 - b. You will be informed of proper procedures over the P.A. system.
 - c. When in doubt - get help!

Counselor Responsibilities

2. At least one counselor should be in the cabin at all times.

The Emergency Instructions Require Three Counselors



“One counselor should be in front of the cabin group and two behind.”

EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS

II. Floods

In case of flood, all campers on Senior Hill must stay in their cabins. They will be given instructions through the loud speaker. If the electricity is off, a walkie-talkie will be used. Food and other supplies will be delivered to Senior Hill by boat or truck. Campers and counselors NEVER wander away from your cabin. Those on the flats must also stay in their cabins unless told otherwise by the office. All cabins are constructed on high, safe locations.



Voice of Counselor describing training on floods

Texas Administrative Code § 265.15 (k)

(k) Emergency plans required. A written plan of procedures to be implemented in case of a disaster, serious accident, epidemic, or fatality shall be formulated and posted in the camp's administrative on-site office or location and in each permanent and semi-permanent occupied building. The plan shall include procedures for emergency shelter and for evacuation of each occupied building and the facility. Campers shall be instructed as to their actions in the event of fire, disaster, or the need to evacuate. These procedures shall be reviewed by the staff with specific assignments made to each staff member and counselor. All camp staff and volunteers shall be made aware of this plan during the staff-training program or volunteer briefing. Documentation of this training shall be kept at the camp's administrative on-site office or location.

1. Plan shall be written and posted in all buildings.
2. Plan shall contain procedures for disaster, serious accident, epidemic, or fatality
3. Plan shall include procedures for emergency shelter AND for evacuation of each building
4. Campers shall be instructed on their actions for fire, disaster, or need to evacuate
5. Specific assignments to staff member and counselor
6. Camp must document the training for camp staff and volunteers on the plan

EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS

I. Accidents (Horse falls, falling injuries, cuts, etc.)

1. Be sure that the victim has an open airway and is breathing.
2. Do not move the victim.
3. Calm the victim.
4. Send someone for the nurse.
5. Stop bleeding with pressure directly over the injury if she has an open wound.

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III. Tornado

1. Stay inside cabins.
2. Provide for cross-ventilation by opening windows.
3. Take cover under beds.
4. Stay inside cabins unless given official notice to do otherwise.

IV. Fires

Empty cabins immediately.

FLATS: All campers on flats report to the flagpole. One counselor should be in front of the cabin group and two behind, after you have checked your cabin and are positive that every camper is out.

SENIOR HILL: All campers on Senior Hill go immediately to the Golf Box on the Golf Course, using the same procedure as the Flats . . . that is, checking the cabins to make sure that everyone is out. Each cabin must stay together. Do not return to your cabin or leave your place of waiting until told to do so by the office. Never go watch the fire.

V. Helpful Information Regarding the Infirmary

If you observe any physical illness, an unneeded loss of weight, or a camper constantly feeling bad, please see to it that she checks with the nurse. You as a counselor can help the nurses by keeping a close check on your campers and seeing to it that they get to the doctor on the day that he is at camp so that the nurses will not have to make an unnecessary trip into town.

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1. Plan is written and posted in all buildings.

2. Plan should address disasters, serious accidents, epidemics, or fatalities. This plan only covers disasters and serious accidents.

3. Plan should address emergency shelter and evacuation. This plan does not address evacuation in case of flood.

4. Campers were not instructed.

5. No specific assignments given to staff or counselors.

6. No documentation of training because inadequate training was given.

TIMELINE

June 29, 2025

557 Campers Arrive

Drop Off: June 29, 2025



Dick: "I got your girl! She is safe here."
"Mystic is the safest place
on Earth"

TIMELINE

July 2, 2025

Inspection by Texas Department of
State Health Services (DSHS)

July 2, 2025 - Camp Inspection



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES
Consumer Protection Division
PO Box 149347, Austin, TX 78714
(512) 834-6660

Facility Name	CAMP MYSTIC INC	License Type	Youth Camp License
Facility Address	2689 HWY 39 HUNT TX 78024	License Number	133010
Inspection Type	Discretionary/Special	Inspection Number	15818
Inspector	ZAMARRIPA, MARICELA	Inspection Date	07/02/2025

This notice is to acknowledge that the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) conducted an inspection of or visited your business on the date listed above. The information that has been gathered is subject to further department review, and you may receive additional correspondence as a result.

There is no deficiency/violation cited or noted within the scope of this inspection/visit.

Remarks:

Guadalupe: Upper Guadalupe River Authority

Remarks:

Guadalupe:
Cold Holding Temperatures, in degrees Fahrenheit:
Reach in cooler: 39 diced tomato
Reach in cooler: 39 milk

Sanitizer:

Mechanical ware washing not in use at the time of inspection.

No hot hold, cooking, reheating or cooling observed during the inspection.

Remarks:

Guadalupe:
Staff #: 64
Campaer #: 386
Director: Edward Eastland
Youth Protection Training: YC06-0004 F #4
Archery: Anna Todd Nelson, 2 year experience
Lifeguarding: Shepherd Gregg, exp 06/27/2027
Camp Health officer: Mary Liz Eastland, RN, exp. 01/31/2026
On Call Physician: Dr. Merriwether

Remarks:

Cypress Lake:
Upper Guadalupe River Authority

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Remarks:

Cypress Lake:
Staff #: 44
Campaer #: 171
Director: Brett Eastland
Youth Protection Training: YC06-0004 F #4
Archery: Holly Kate Hurley, 2 years experience
Lifeguarding: Lindy Black, exp. 05/17/2025
Camp Health officer: Mary Liz Eastland, RN, exp. 01/31/2026
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Required Emergency Plans

Is there a written plan of procedures to be implemented in case of a disaster, serious accident, epidemic, or fatality formulated and posted in the camp's administrative on-site office or location? Yes

Are all camp staff and volunteers made aware of the plan of emergency to be implemented during the staff-training program or volunteer briefing? Yes

Is there documentation of this training kept at the camp's administrative on-site office or location? Yes



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TIMELINE

July 2-4, 2025

TDEM Prepares for Holiday Rain

July 2, 2025

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TDEM Activates State Emergency Response Resources Ahead Of West, Central Texas Flood Threat

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) today announced that the agency activated state emergency response resources in anticipation of increased threats of flooding in parts of West and Central Texas heading into the holiday weekend.

"As rain and flooding threatens parts of Texas ahead of the Independence Day weekend, state emergency response resources have been activated to support local response efforts," said Texas Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd. "Our priority remains protecting lives and property and Texans are urged to proactively prepare for potential hazards. Remember: Turn Around, Don't Drown."

According to the National Weather Service, heavy rainfall with the potential to cause flash flooding is anticipated across West Texas and the Hill Country beginning tonight and is expected to last a few days. Texans are encouraged to monitor local forecasts and avoid driving or walking into flooded areas.

July 3, 2025

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TDEM INCREASES READINESS LEVEL OF STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, ACTIVATES ADDITIONAL STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE RESOURCES FOR RAIN AND FLOOD THREATS

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) has increased the readiness level of the Texas State Emergency Operations Center (SOC) to Level II (Escalated Response) and activated additional state emergency response resources as portions of West and Central Texas prepare for continued heavy rainfall and flash flooding threats heading into the holiday weekend.

“Texas responders remain ready to support local officials in Texas communities as flooding threatens the state over the next couple of days” said Texas Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd. “As we head into a busy holiday weekend involving travel plans for many folks, Texans are urged to keep personal preparedness as their number one priority.”

According to the National Weather Service, heavy rainfall and flash flooding will continue to threaten West Texas, Central Texas, and the Hill Country over the next couple of days. Texans are encouraged to monitor local weather forecasts from trusted sources and avoid flooded roadways.

July 3, 2025

8:00 a.m. – Daily Weather Call

10:00 a.m. – State-wide weather call with NWS –
468 Zoom Dial-in

11:37a.m.– NWS predicts greater severity; TDEM
deploys resources to 160 square miles

1:00 p.m. – Resources fully deployed

1:18 p.m.– National Weather Service issues Flood
Watch

** Some counties and youth camps prepare. Other
counties and youth camps conduct business as usual.*

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URGENT - IMMEDIATE BROADCAST REQUESTED
Flood Watch
National Weather Service Austin/San Antonio TX
118 PM CDT Thu Jul 3 2025

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Val Verde-Edwards-Real-Kerr-Bandera-Kinney-Uvalde-Medina-
Including the cities of Del Rio, Leakey, Brackettville,
Kerrville, Bandera, Hondo, Uvalde, and Rocksprings
118 PM CDT Thu Jul 3 2025

...FLOOD WATCH IN EFFECT THROUGH FRIDAY MORNING...

* WHAT...Locally heavy rainfall could cause flash flooding across portions of South Central Texas. Rainfall amounts of 1 to 3 inches with isolated amounts of 5 to 7 inches are possible.

* WHERE...A portion of south central Texas, including the following counties, Bandera, Edwards, Kerr, Kinney, Medina, Real, Uvalde and Val Verde.

* WHEN...Through Friday morning.

* IMPACTS...Excessive runoff may result in flooding of rivers, creeks, streams, and other low-lying and flood-prone locations. Creeks and streams may rise out of their banks.

* ADDITIONAL DETAILS...

- A moist tropical air mass combined with a slow moving storm system will bring rounds of scattered to widespread showers and storms with heavy rain rates possible.
- <http://www.weather.gov/safety/flood>

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

You should monitor later forecasts and be alert for possible Flood Warnings. Those living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to take action should flooding develop.

TIMELINE

July 3-4, 2025

The Flood

July 3, 2025 Evening



Supper



Vespers



Counselor Skits

July 3, 2025 - 9:45 p.m.



Glenn Juenke arrives for his 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. shift

No one at Camp Mystic was designated to be awake all night. Glenn Juenke, a former police officer, worked as "Night Watchman" from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

At least one family reported that after calling Camp Mystic to ask about security, they were told that an "ex - Marine patrols the Camp 24/7." This was not true.

July 3, 2025 - 10:00 p.m.
Taps on Loudspeaker

Camp Mystic plays “Silver
Taps” at the Mystic Office



Posted by
[@campmystichunttx](#) in
August 13, 2020



July 4, 2025 - 12:45 a.m.

Counselors who had the night off arrive back at camp. They report dangerous conditions and water on the roads to Francis Blackwell- Loper (gatekeeper) and to the Big Three. They turn in cellphones.

TIMELINE

July 4, 2025 - 1:14 a.m

National Weather Service Flash Flood Warning

“Everyone ignores warnings”

- During camp season, there have only been 3 other flash flood warnings during camp season since 2009.
- Counselor who had a disabled phone received it.
- Counselor who spent night off in Byrd received it.
- Big Three received it.
- Glenn Juenke received it and noted that he and Dick discussed the alert.
- Dick's phone data shows that he went to NOAA/NWS website shortly after the alert. He obsessively launched weather apps and checked home - use rain gauge.
- Code Red called Edward Eastland's phone. He also received the text alert and read the text at 1:51 a.m.



BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED

FLASH FLOOD WARNING

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AUSTIN/SAN ANTONIO TX

114 AM CDT FRI JUL 4 2025

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN AUSTIN/SAN ANTONIO HAS ISSUED A

*** FLASH FLOOD WARNING FOR...**

NORTHWESTERN BANDERA COUNTY IN SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS...
CENTRAL KERR COUNTY IN SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS...

*** UNTIL 415 AM CDT.**

*** AT 114 AM CDT, DOPPLER RADAR INDICATED THUNDERSTORMS PRODUCING HEAVY RAIN ACROSS THE WARNED AREA. BETWEEN 1 AND 2 INCHES OF RAIN HAVE FALLEN. THE EXPECTED RAINFALL RATE IS 2 TO 3 INCHES IN 1 HOUR. ADDITIONAL RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 1 TO 3 INCHES ARE POSSIBLE IN THE WARNED AREA. FLASH FLOODING IS ONGOING OR EXPECTED TO BEGIN SHORTLY.**

HAZARD...LIFE THREATENING FLASH FLOODING. THUNDERSTORMS PRODUCING FLASH FLOODING.

SOURCE...RADAR.

IMPACT...LIFE THREATENING FLASH FLOODING OF CREEKS AND STREAMS, URBAN AREAS, HIGHWAYS, STREETS AND UNDERPASSES.

*** SOME LOCATIONS THAT WILL EXPERIENCE FLASH FLOODING INCLUDE... KERRVILLE, INGRAM, HUNT, WALTONIA, KERR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AND LOST MAPLES STATE NATURAL AREA.**

July 4, 2025 - 1:51 a.m.



From: 76993
To: 18309282714 (owner)

CodeRED Weather Warning: The NWS has issued a Flash Flood Warning for your HIGHWAY 39 location from 1:14 AM July 4 until 4:15 AM July 4.

Priority: Normal

Participant

Delivered

Read

Played

18309282714

7/4/2025 1:51:40
AM(UTC-5)

7/4/2025
1:51:40
AM(UTC-5)

Status: Read

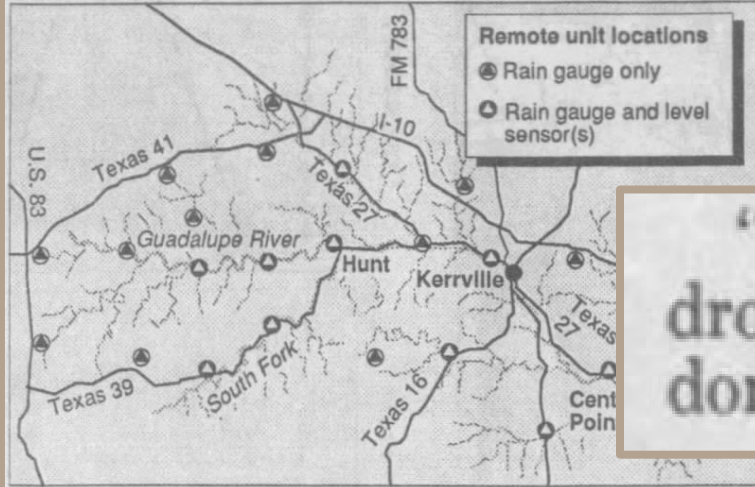
Platform:

7/4/2025 1:14:35

Read

7/4/2025
1:51:40
AM(UTC-5)

Kerr County automated flood alert system



“I’m sure there will be other drownings,” Eastland said. “People don’t heed the warnings.”

bus was swept into the flood-swollen Guadalupe River near Comfort.

After that tragedy, Eastland said, the river authority board believed a warning system should be implemented.

Emergency management coordinator Holloway said the victims of the 1987 bus accident had ample warning under the old system, but he says the new system is an improvement.

The computer system gives an

exact and timely approach to what had previously been an inexact network, Bruns said.

“For the people who make the forecast, that’s gold information,” Bruns said of the computer-charted river rises.

But, there are no guarantees that tragedies no longer will occur, officials said.

“I’m sure there will be other drownings,” Eastland said. “People don’t heed the warnings.”

June 5, 1990
Austin American-Statesman

Dick Eastland's Web History



July 4, 2025
12:42 to 3:23 a.m.

Applications Usage Log (56)

Events indicated in blue are ones that have been encrypted.

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TIMELINE

July 4, 2025 - 1:45 a.m

Dick Eastland summons Edward Eastland
to the Front Office

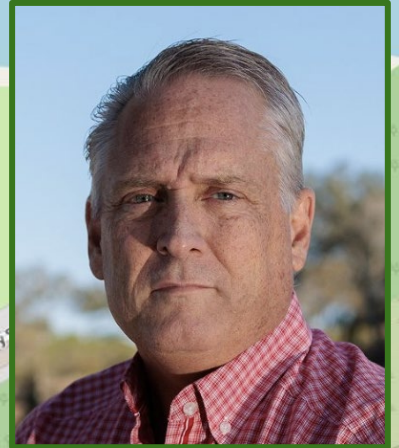
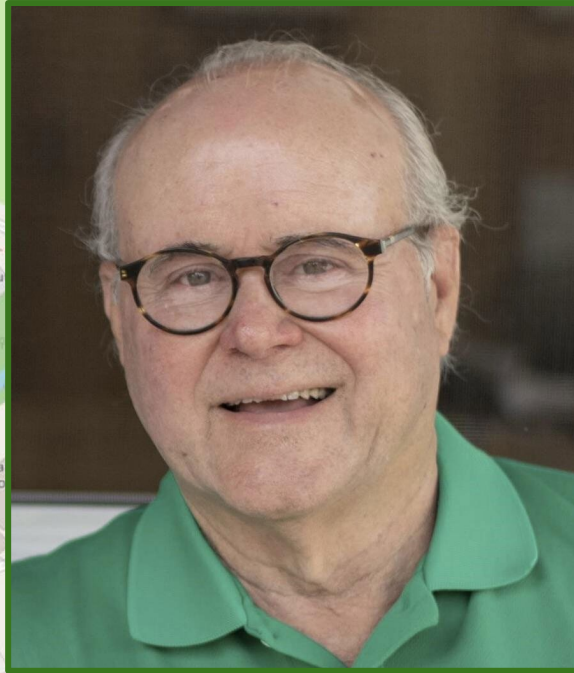
July 4, 2025: 1:45 a.m.

Dick to Edward: “We’ve gotten 2 inches of rain in the last hour. We need to get the ground crew to move the waterfront equipment.”

Edward: “He called the grounds crew right after he called me.”



Non-counselor Adults on The Flats July 4, 2025



Dick told Glenn
to go home.

July 4, 2025 1:47 a.m.

Guard House

Land Bridge

Edward: "As I was going there was maybe an inch of water on the bridge"



July 4, 2025 - 2:01 a.m.

From: +18309282714 (owner)
To: +18309282715

Attachments:



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Priority: Normal

Participant	Delivered	Read	Played
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Status: Sent
Platform:

7/4/2025 2:01:40 AM(UTC-5)



Edward in video of Bubble Gum Creek: "I'm not coming home tonight to my wife."

From: +18309282715 Mary Liz Eastland
To: +18309282714 Edward Eastland (owner)

I knew that would happen!
Priority: Normal

Participant	Delivered	Read	Played
+18309282714 Edward Eastland		7/4/2025 2:06:10 AM(UTC-5)	

“I knew that [Bubble Creek cutting access] would happen!”

From: +18309282715 Mary Liz Eastland
To: +18309282714 Edward Eastland (owner)

There's a bed in Byrd
Priority: Normal

Participant	Delivered	Read	Played
+18309282714 Edward Eastland		7/4/2025 2:06:10 AM(UTC-5)	

“There's a bed in Byrd”





July 4, 2025 - 2:11 a.m. Glenn Juenke notifies retired Fire Chief Stephen Hayes about Flooding



From: +18329699099 Glenn Juenke (owner)
To: +18328086610 Stephen Hayes

You wouldn't believe the flooding here. Wish I could get a photo of the creek by the golf course

Priority: Normal

Participant	Delivered	Read	Played
+18328086610 Stephen Hayes	7/4/2025 2:11:31 AM(UTC-5)		

Status: Sent

Platform:

7/4/2025 2:11:30 AM(UTC-5)

July 4, 2025, 2:14 a.m.

Glenn Juenke takes
this video of Bubble
Gum Creek to
document flooding.

Bubble Gum Creek is
normally a dry creek
bed.





July 4, 2025 - 2:14 a.m.

Resting in Garage after moving equipment

From: +18309282714 Edward Eastland (owner)
To: +18309282715 Mary Liz Eastland

Attachments:

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Priority: Normal

Participant	Delivered	Read	Played
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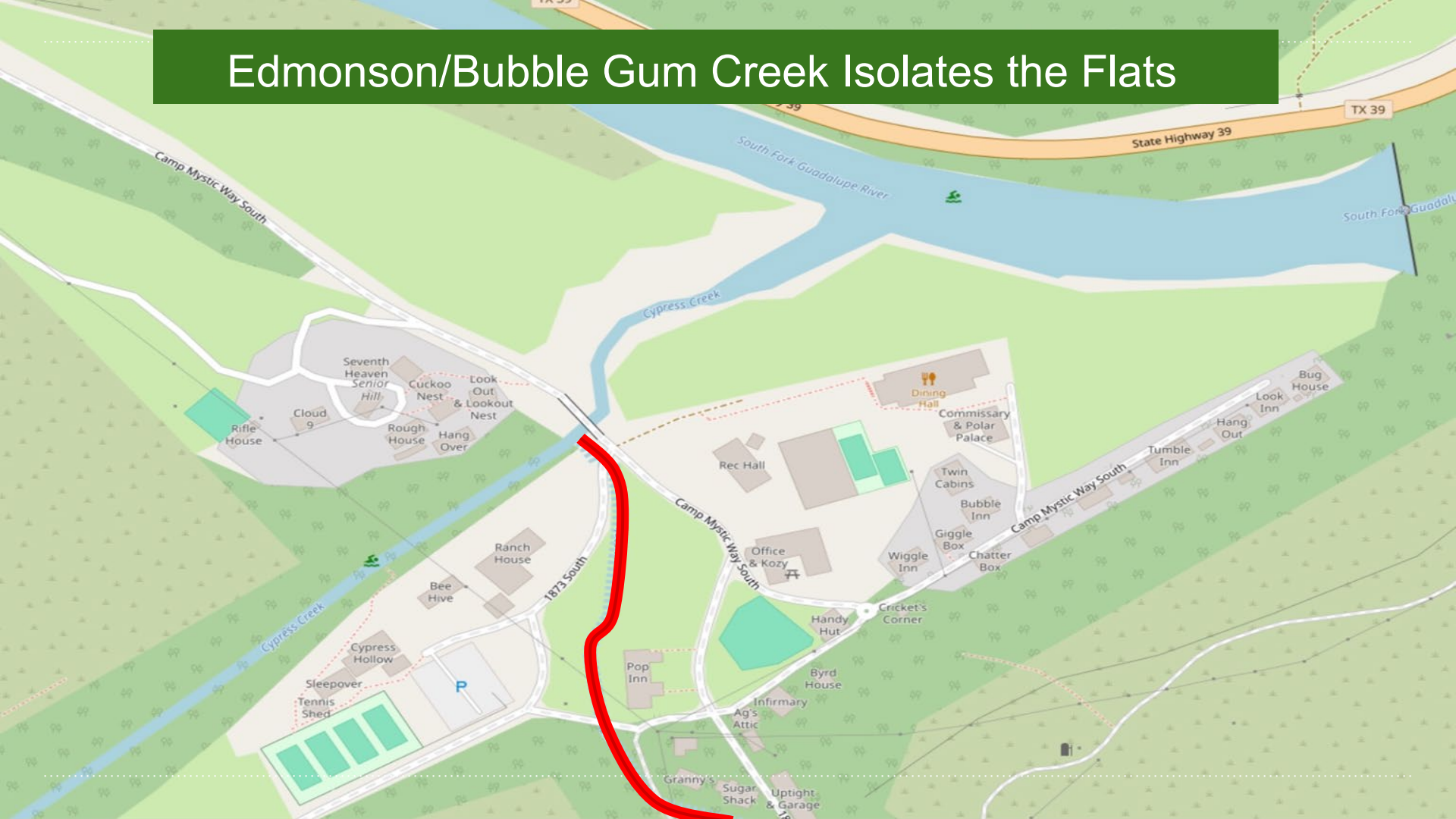
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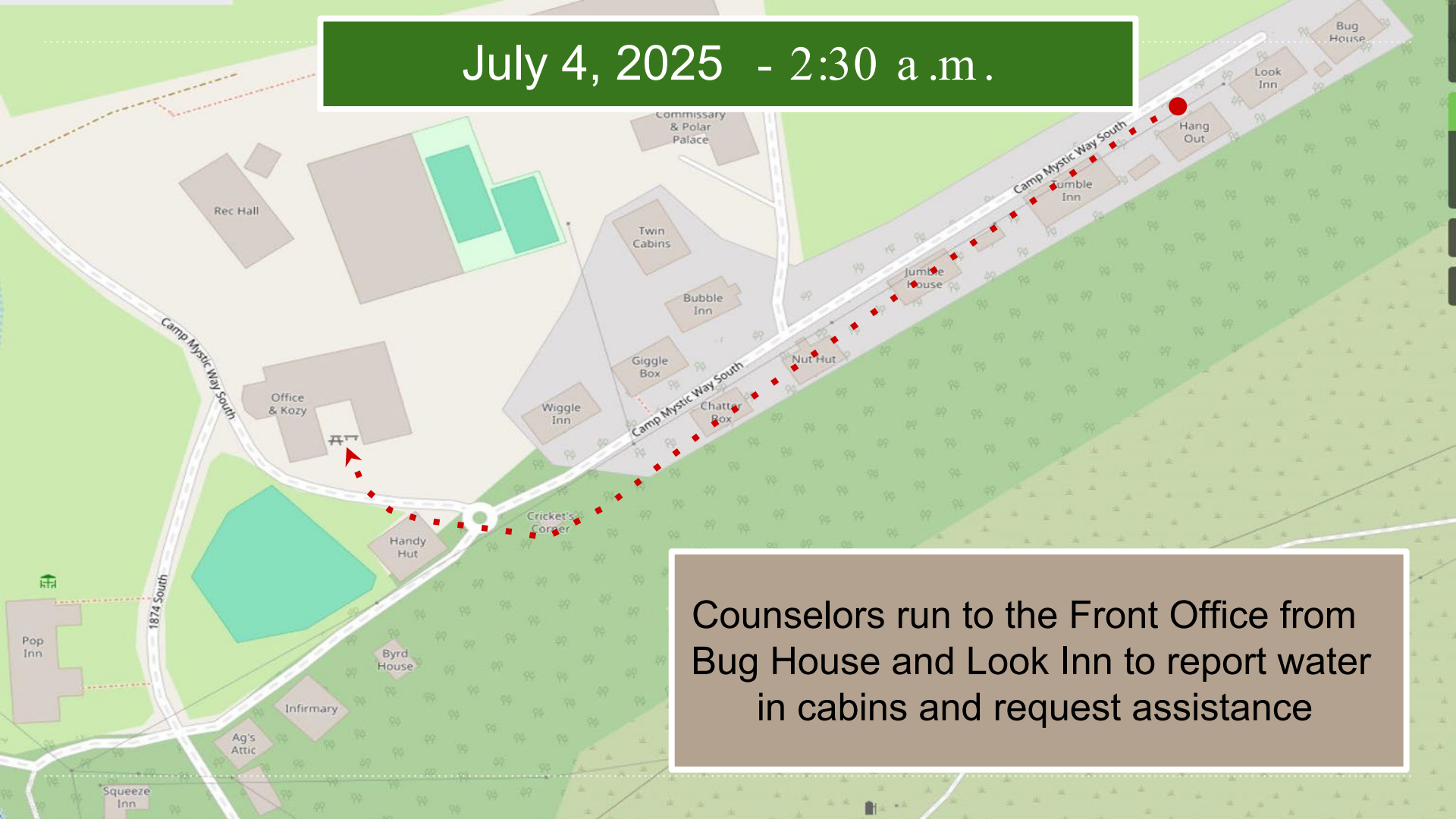
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Edmonson/Bubble Gum Creek Isolates the Flats



July 4, 2025 - 2:30 a.m.



Counselors run to the Front Office from Bug House and Look Inn to report water in cabins and request assistance



From: +18307390078 Dick Eastland (owner)
To: +18307392278 Tweety Eastland

So far over 4 inches. Bubble gum creek up. Stay put. I am at the office
Priority: Normal

Participant	Delivered	Read	Played
+18307392278 Tweety Eastland			

Platform:
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7/4/2025 2:33:38 AM(UTC-5)



July 4, 2025: 2:33:38



July 4, 2025 - 2:37:26 a.m.

Dick's phone connects to his Tahoe as he drives the counselors back to their cabins

Assesses water in cabins. Tells them to put towels down.

July 4, 2025 - 2:42:07 a.m.

Dick's phone connects to his Tahoe as he drives back to the office



TIMELINE OF EVENTS: JULY 4, 2025 (2:55 AM - 3:00 AM)

2:55 a.m.



Francis frantically radios that her cabin is flooding. Dick Eastland is walking along the riverfront monitoring the water level and hears Francis over the walkie-talkie.

3:00 a.m.



Dick radios: "We need to start getting the girls out of Bug House," - as he walks back to the office.

3:00 a.m.



Edward: "The road was completely dry and the soccer field had not taken on water yet."

July 4, 2025 - 3:10:56 a.m.



From: +18307392278 (owner)
To: +18307390078

Our house is flooded
Priority: Normal

Participant	Delivered	Read	Played
+18307390078	7/4/2025 3:10:56 AM(UTC-5)		

Status: Sent
Platform:

7/4/2025 3:06:47 AM(UTC-5)



“Our house is flooded”

TIMELINE

July 4, 2025 - 3:11 a.m. - Daylight

Evacuation Attempt of the Flats
in Three Attempts

3:11 to 3:23 a.m.

Evacuation Attempt One:
Bug House, Look Inn, and Hang Out



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July 4, 2025

3:23 AM

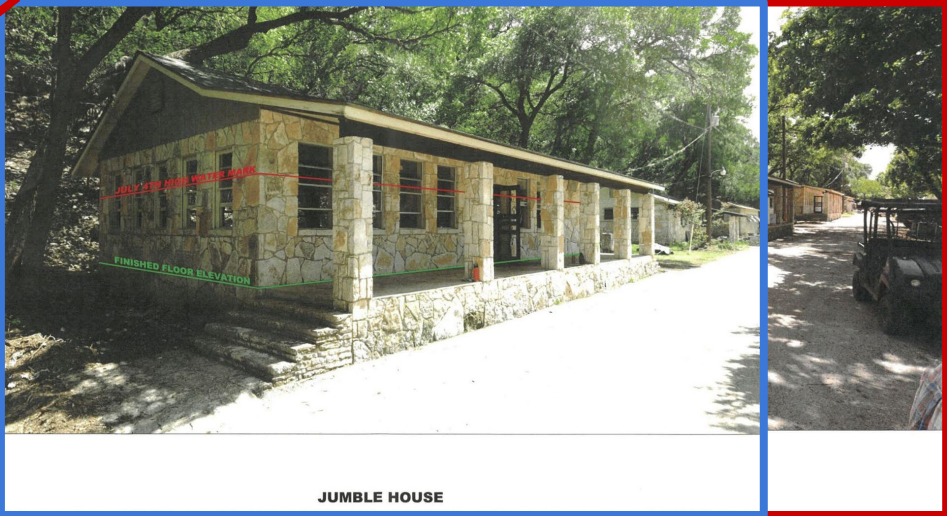
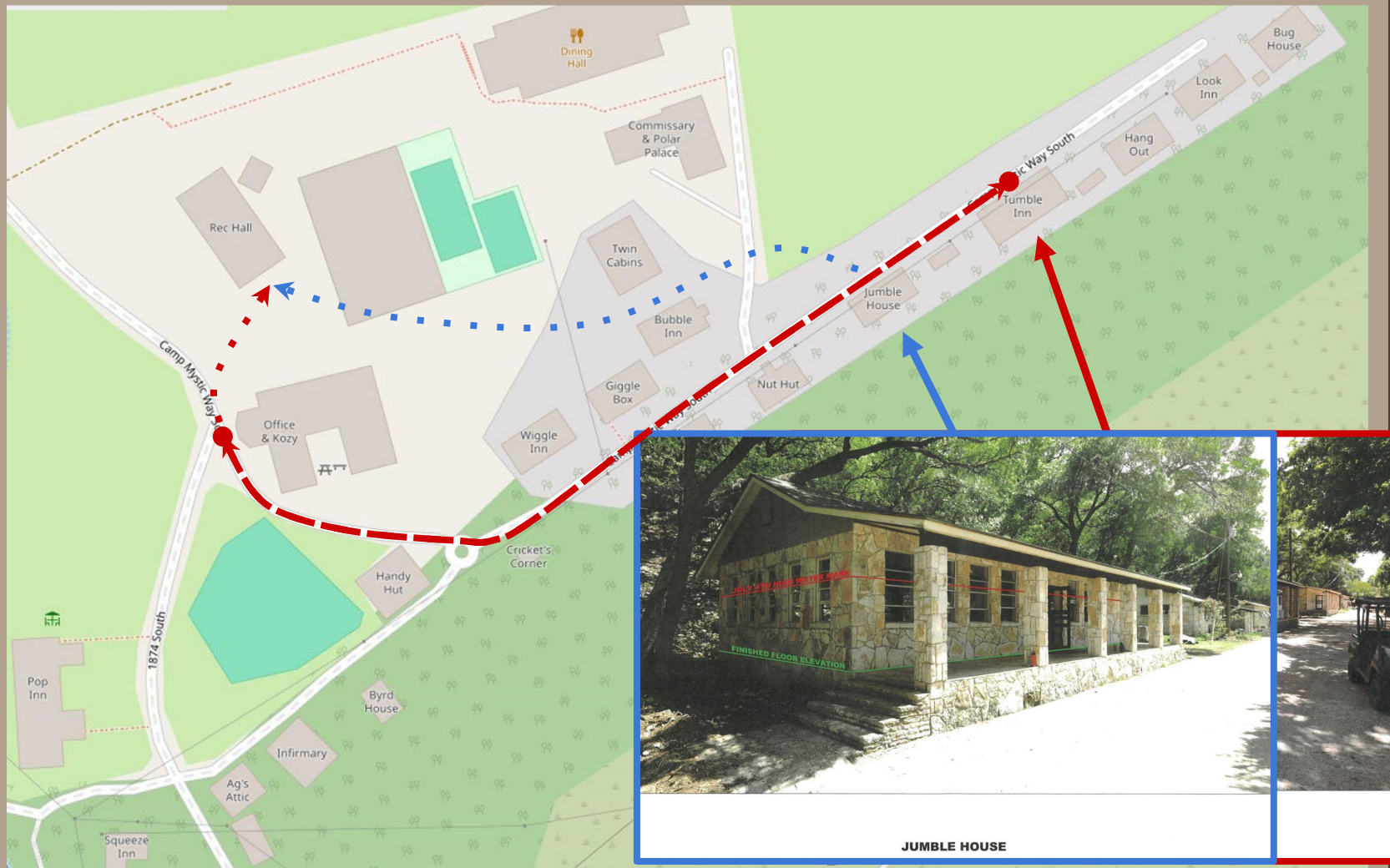
 LIVE



Girls walking from Office to Rec Hall

3:24 to 3:40 a.m.

Evacuation Attempt Two:
Tumble Inn 1 & 2 and Jumble House



JUMBLE HOUSE

July 4, 2025 - 3:26 a.m.

Edward Recalls: “The water at that point on the road was maybe ankle-deep. I remember some of the canoes and kayaks were floating. At this point, the water was an all-time record. It had never gotten that high in history. It felt surreal. This can’t be happening. This water had never touched these cabins. It had never been on the grass of the soccer field. You wish it was a dream. It was wild.”

Jumble House counselors: “should we walk?” Edward says “yes.”





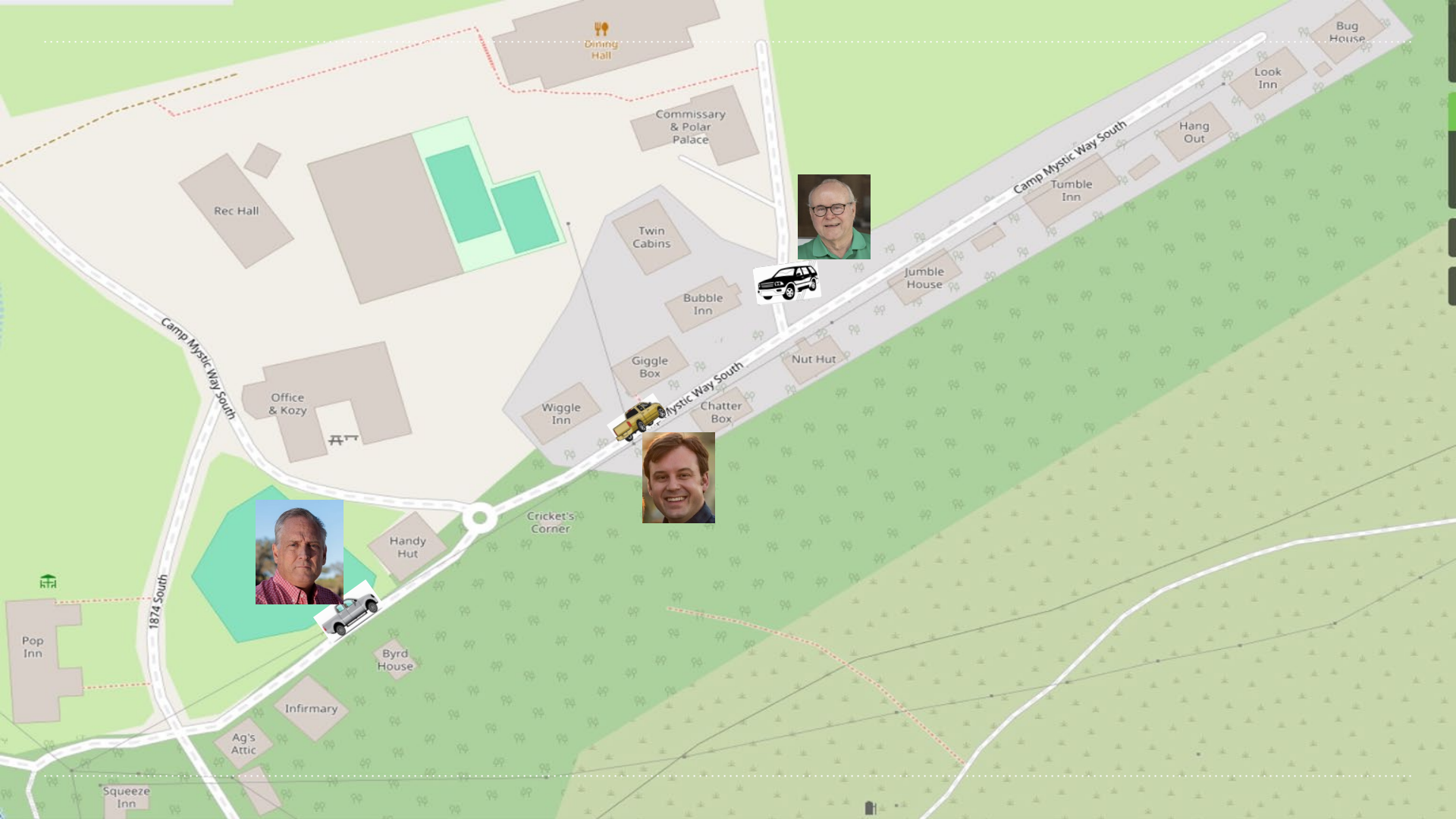
Greta Toranzo

Aged 10



3:24 to 3:40 a.m.

Evacuation Attempt Three:
Nut Hut, Chatter Box, Giggle Box



Dining Hall

Commissary & Polar Palace

Rec Hall

Camp Mystic Way South

Office & Kozy

Twin Cabins

Bubble Inn

Giggle Box

Wiggle Inn

Chatter Box

Nut Hut

Jumble House

Tumble Inn

Hang Out

Look Inn

Bug House



Pop Inn

Squeeze Inn

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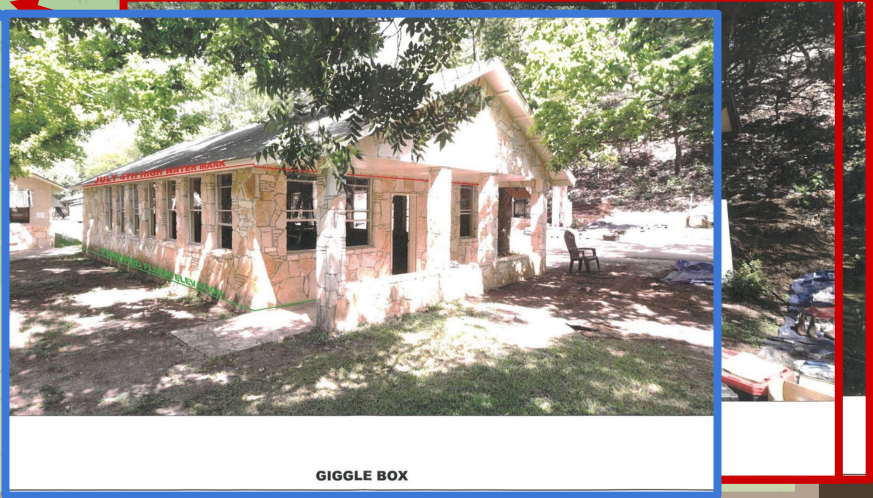
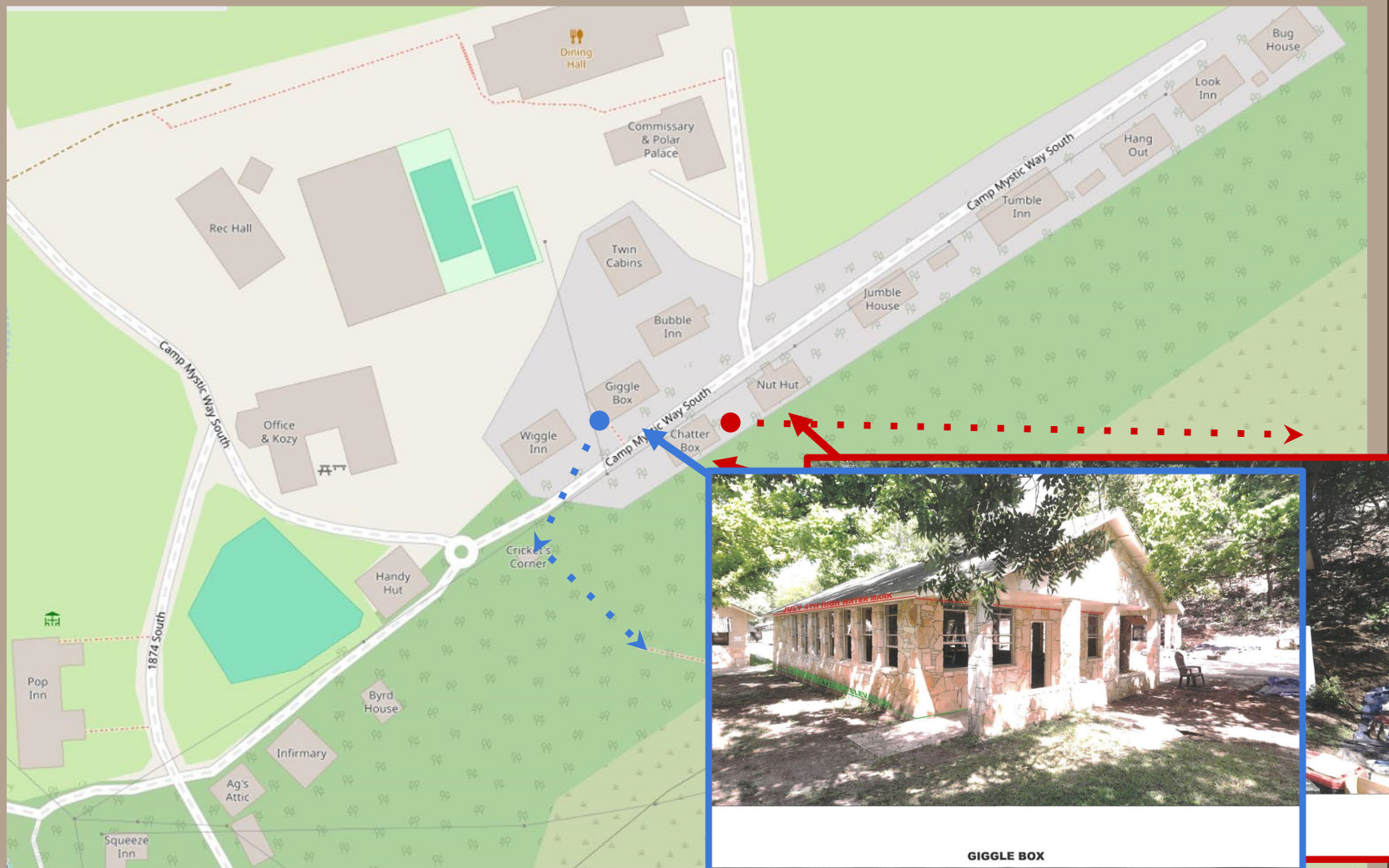
Infirmary

Byrd House

Handy Hut

Cricket's Corner

1874 South



GIGGLE BOX

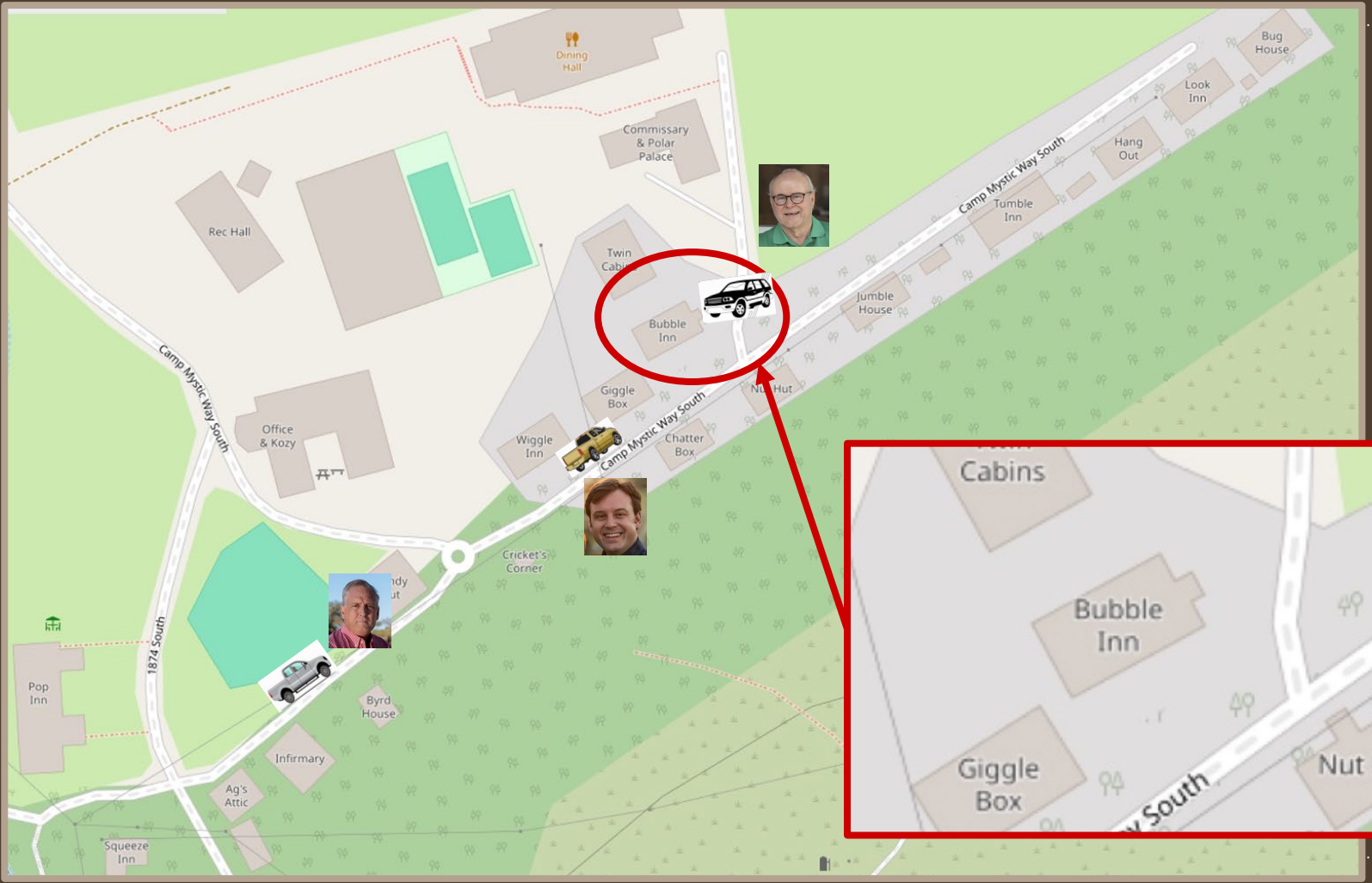
DICK RADIOS:

**'WE HAVE TO GET
BUBBLE
AND TWINS OUT.'**

TIMELINE

July 4, 2025 - 3:40 - 3:51 a.m.

Bubble Inn



Bubble Inn 2025

Margaret Bellows
Dallas

Elen Getten
Houston

Lila Bonner
Dallas

Molly DeWitt
Houston

Janie Hunt
Dallas

Lainey Landry
Houston

Sarah Marsh
Mountainbrook, AL

Linnie McCown
Austin

Wynne Naylor
Dallas

Eloise Peck
Dallas

Abby Pohl
Austin

Renee Smojstria
Ingram

Mary Stevens
Austin



Bubble Inn



Bubble Inn



CRITICAL RADIO TRANSMISSIONS: JULY 4, 2025 - approx. 3:50 A.M.



DICK EASTLAND
(Stuck near Bubble Inn)

Dick: "We need to get Twins and Bubble out."
Dick: "I have Bubble Inn cabin in my car...I'm stuck against a tree. I need help."
Dick repeats his plea for help.



EDWARD EASTLAND
(At Twins Cabin)

Edward: "Dad, I'm sorry I can't get to you. I'm staying here with Twins."



BRITT EASTLAND
(Listening from Cypress Lake)

Britt Eastland hears all of these transmissions at Cypress Lake.

Dick Eastland's Tahoe

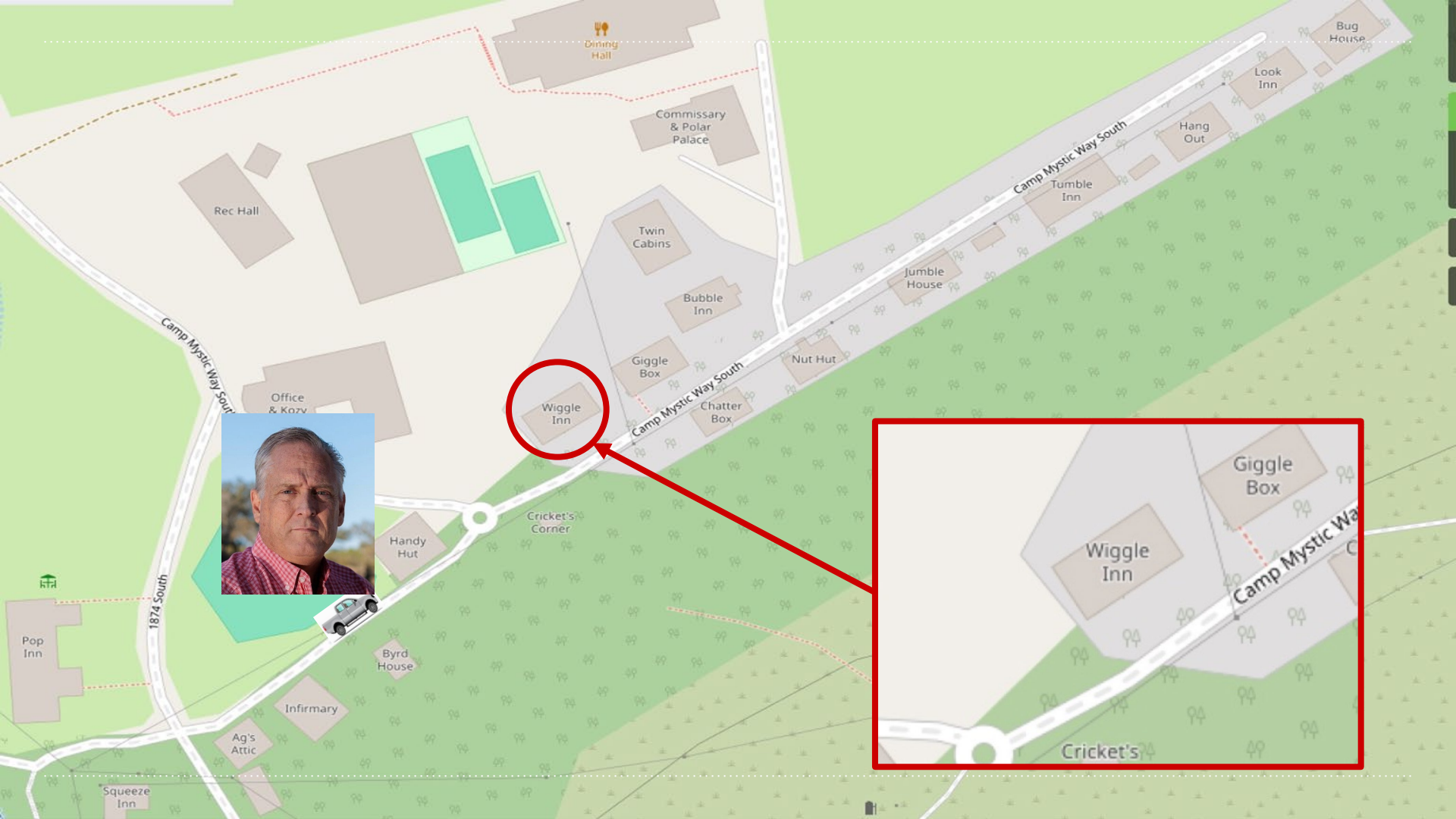


3:51 a.m.- Dick Eastland submerged

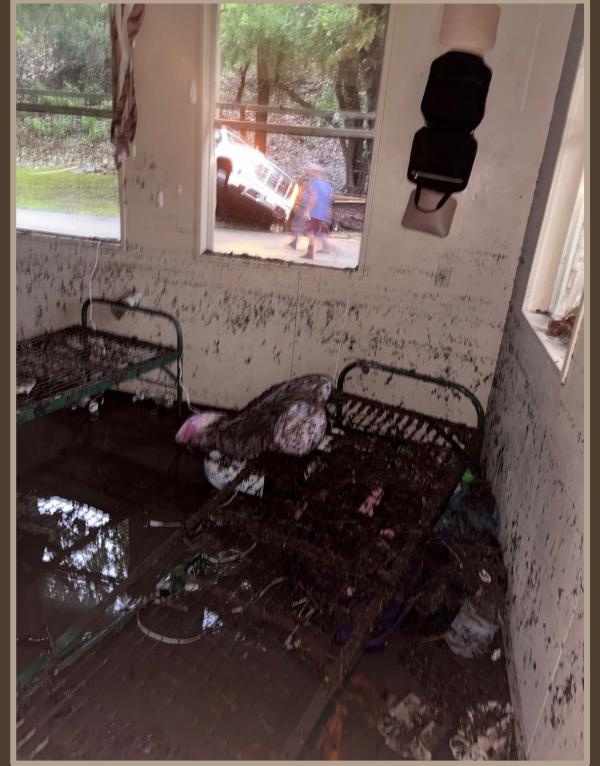
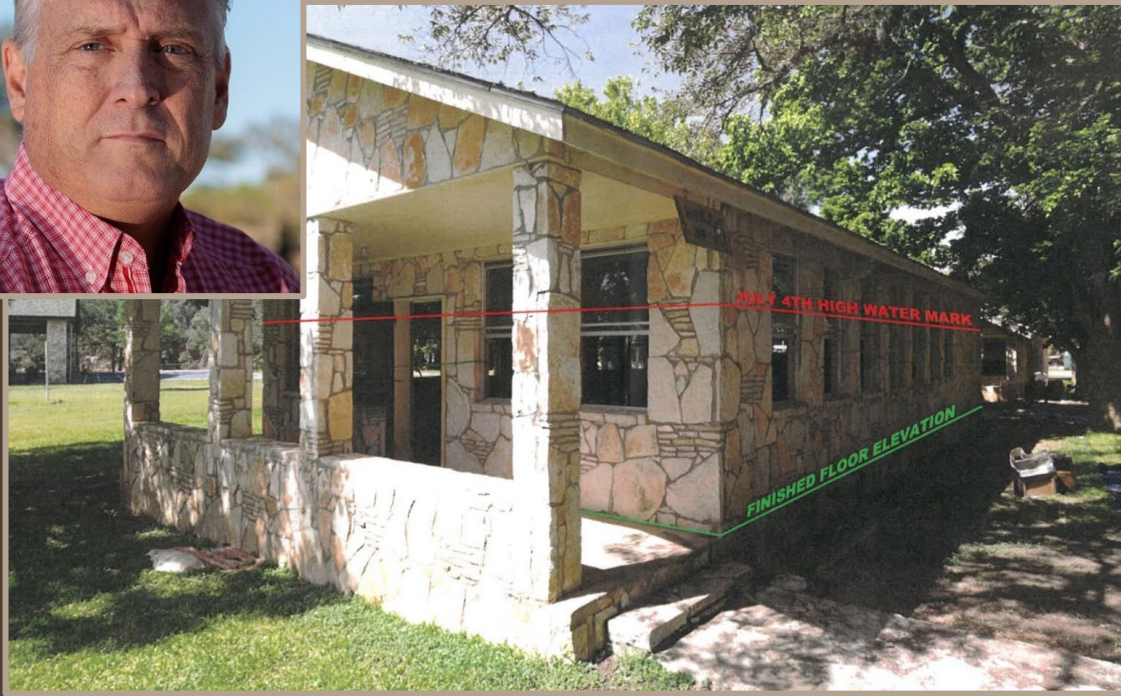
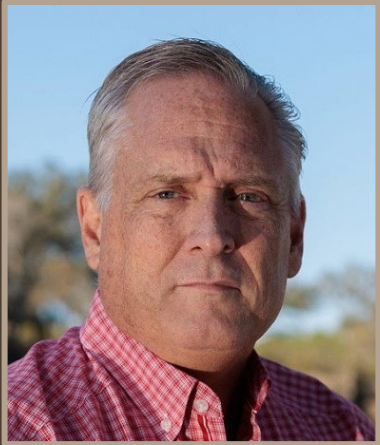
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July 4, 2025 - 3:30 a.m - Daylight

Wiggle Inn - Shelter in Place



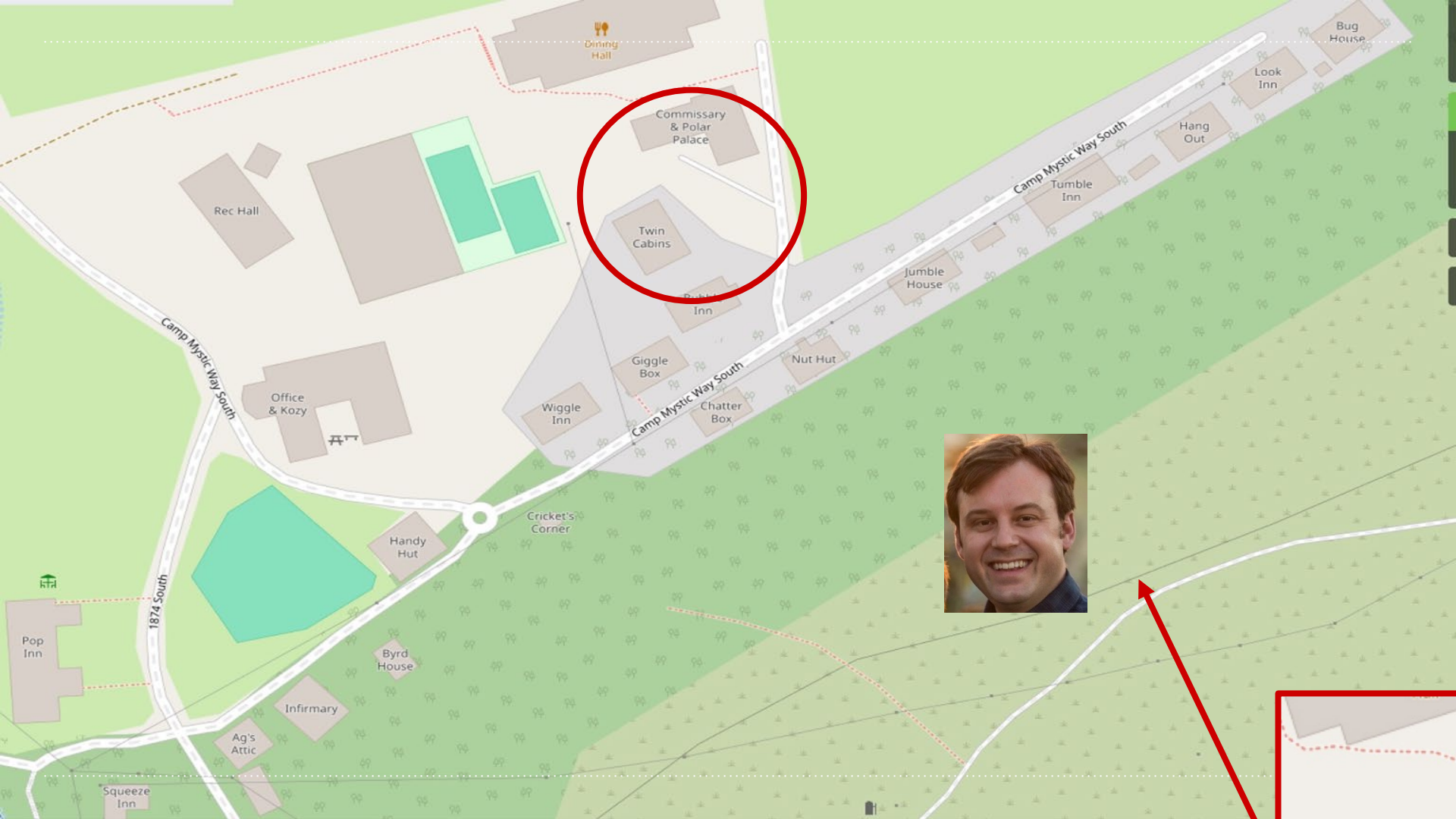
Wiggle Inn



TIMELINE

July 4, 2025 - 3:00 a.m - Daylight

Twins 1 & 2



Twins 1 & 2

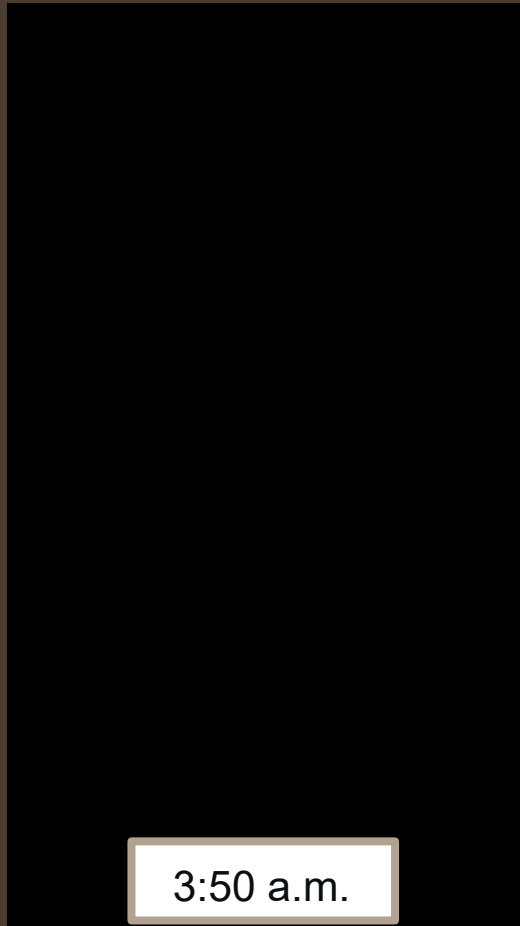


Twins 1 & 2 - Water Line to the Ceiling





3:26 a.m.



3:50 a.m.

A screenshot of an iPhone Health app. At the top, the time is 6:04 and the battery is at 57%. The app is showing the 'Underwater Depth' activity for July 4, 2025, at 4:09 AM. The range is displayed as 4-6 ft. A vertical orange bar on a grid indicates the depth measurement. A profile picture of a smiling man is overlaid on the right side of the screen. Below the graph, there is a section titled 'About Underwater Depth' with explanatory text.

6:04

< Activity Underwater Depth Add Data

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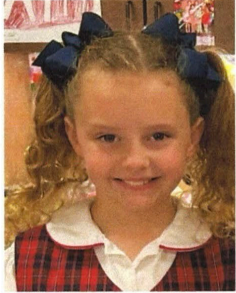
RANGE
4-6 ft
Jul 4, 2025 at 4:09 AM

4:00 AM 4:15 AM 4:30 AM 4:45 AM 7.5

About Underwater Depth

This is a measurement of how deep you are measured from the surface of the water. You can record your dives manually or with a depth sensor that adds data to Health.

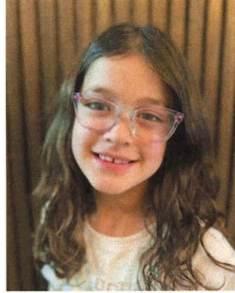
TWINS 1 CABIN LIST



Mary Grace Baker



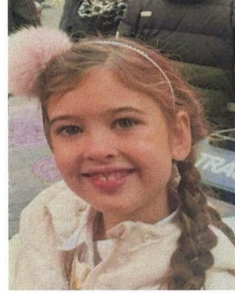
Bug house tree



Lucy Dillon



Bug house tree



Mary Kate Jacobe



Hanna Lawrence



Clung to column



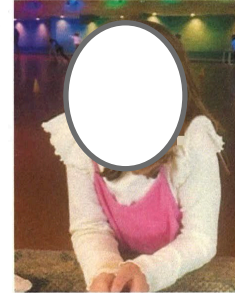
Kellyanne Lytal



Blakely McCrory



Bug house tree



Bug house tree



Griffin family

Twins 2



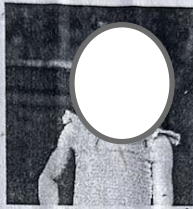
TWINS II



Alive downriver



Bug House Tree



Bug House Tree



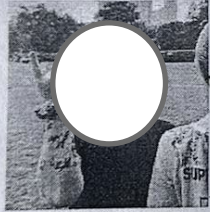
Hadley Hanna
20822 N
11245676



Virginia Hollis
20658 N
11023850



Rebecca Lawrence
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13282193



Alive downriver
8023760.



Bug House Tree



Margaret Sheedy
21686 N
12922674



Bug house tree



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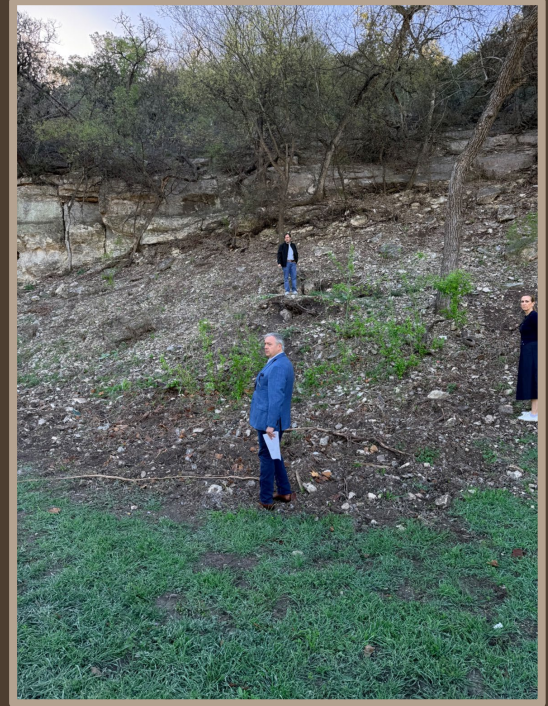


Tree



Bug House Tree

Twins 1 & 2



Bug House Tree



Camp Waldemar

HUNT

Guadalupe River

North Fork
Guadalupe River

Camp La Junta

South Fork
Guadalupe River

Camp Mystic



Maxar



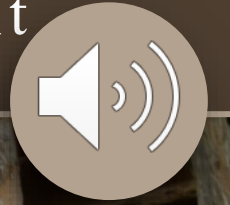
Two Survivor Stories



4:19 a.m.
911 Call from 1+ Mile Away
from Camp Mystic

Meanwhile,
in the other areas of Camp ...

Rec Hall - July 4, 2025 - 3:30 a.m. to Daylight



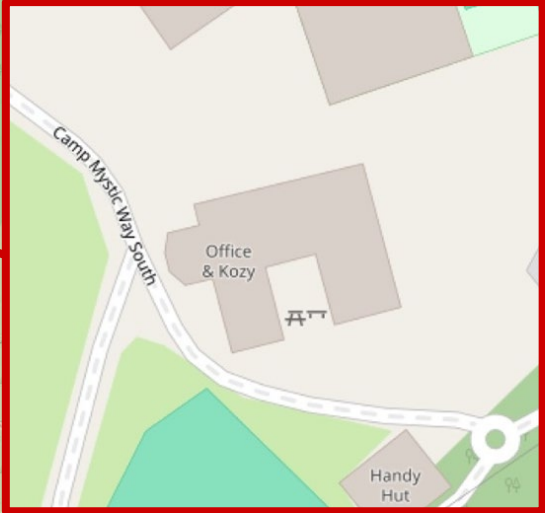
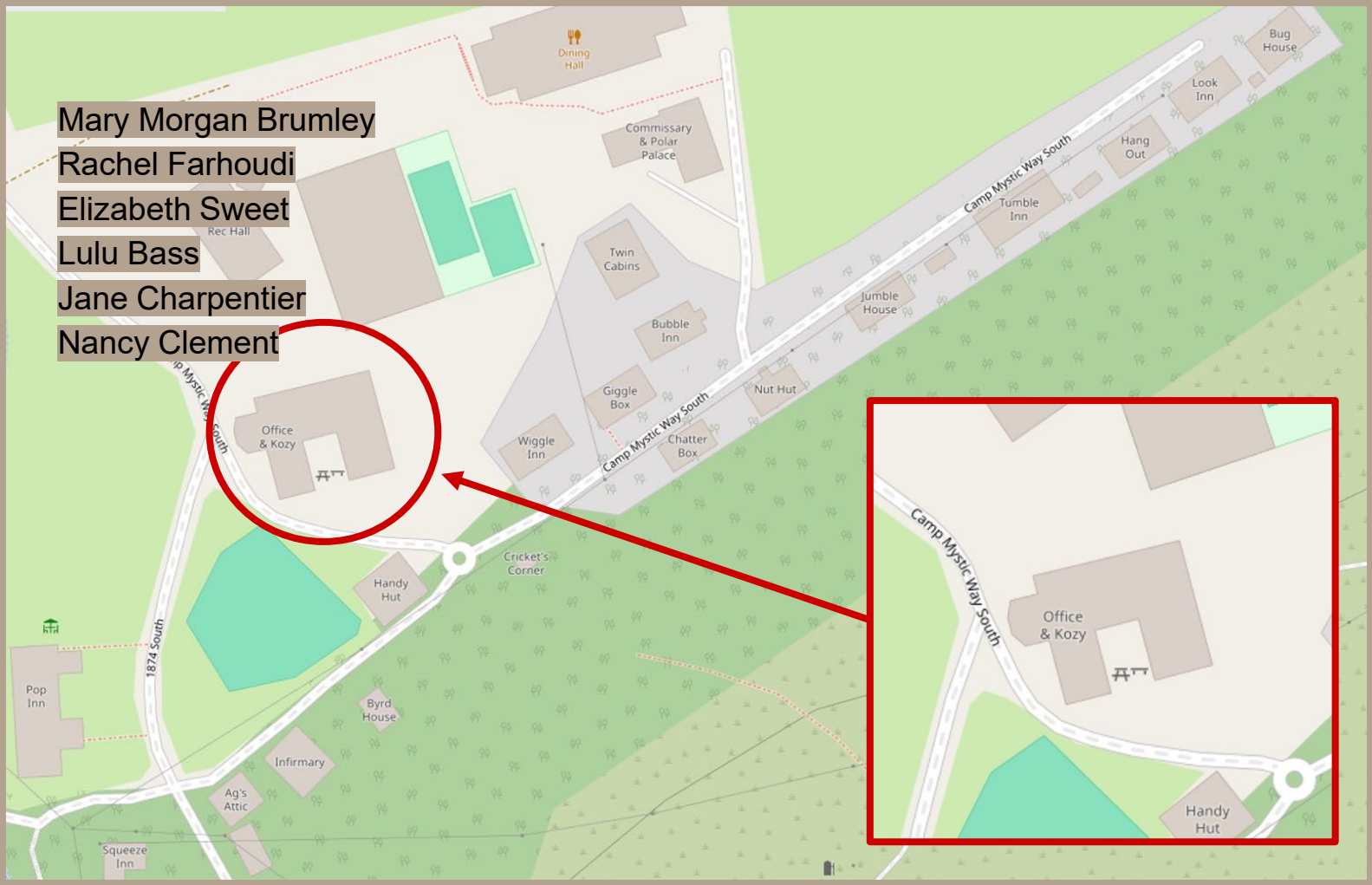
95 campers and 13 counselors

TIMELINE

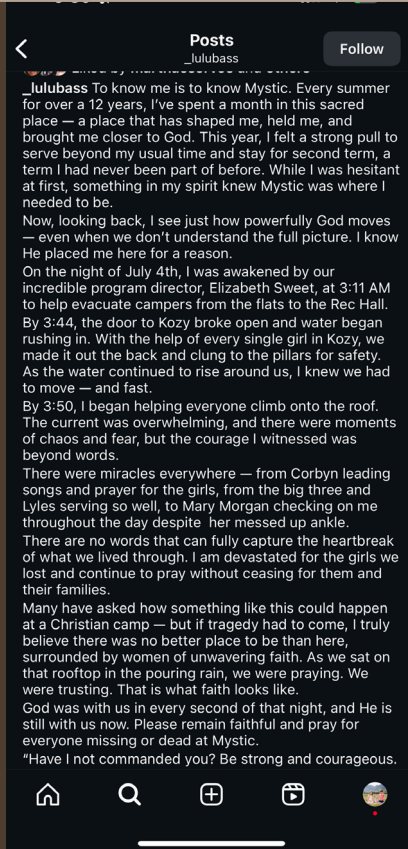
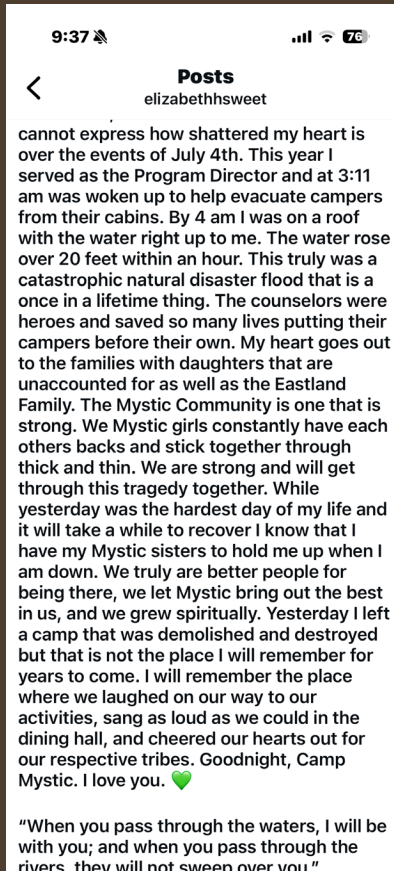
July 4, 2025 - 3:11 a.m. - Daylight

Kozy Kabin

Mary Morgan Brumley
Rachel Farhoudi
Elizabeth Sweet
Lulu Bass
Jane Charpentier
Nancy Clement



3:11 a.m. Kozy Cabin Awakened



Flooding in Kozy Cabin



3:43 a.m.

Power Still On

3:46 a.m.



Flooding in Kozy Cabin



3:50 a.m.

Power Still On

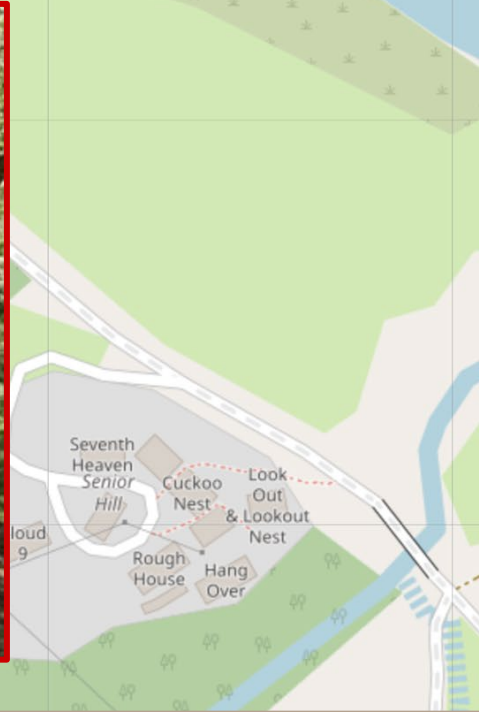
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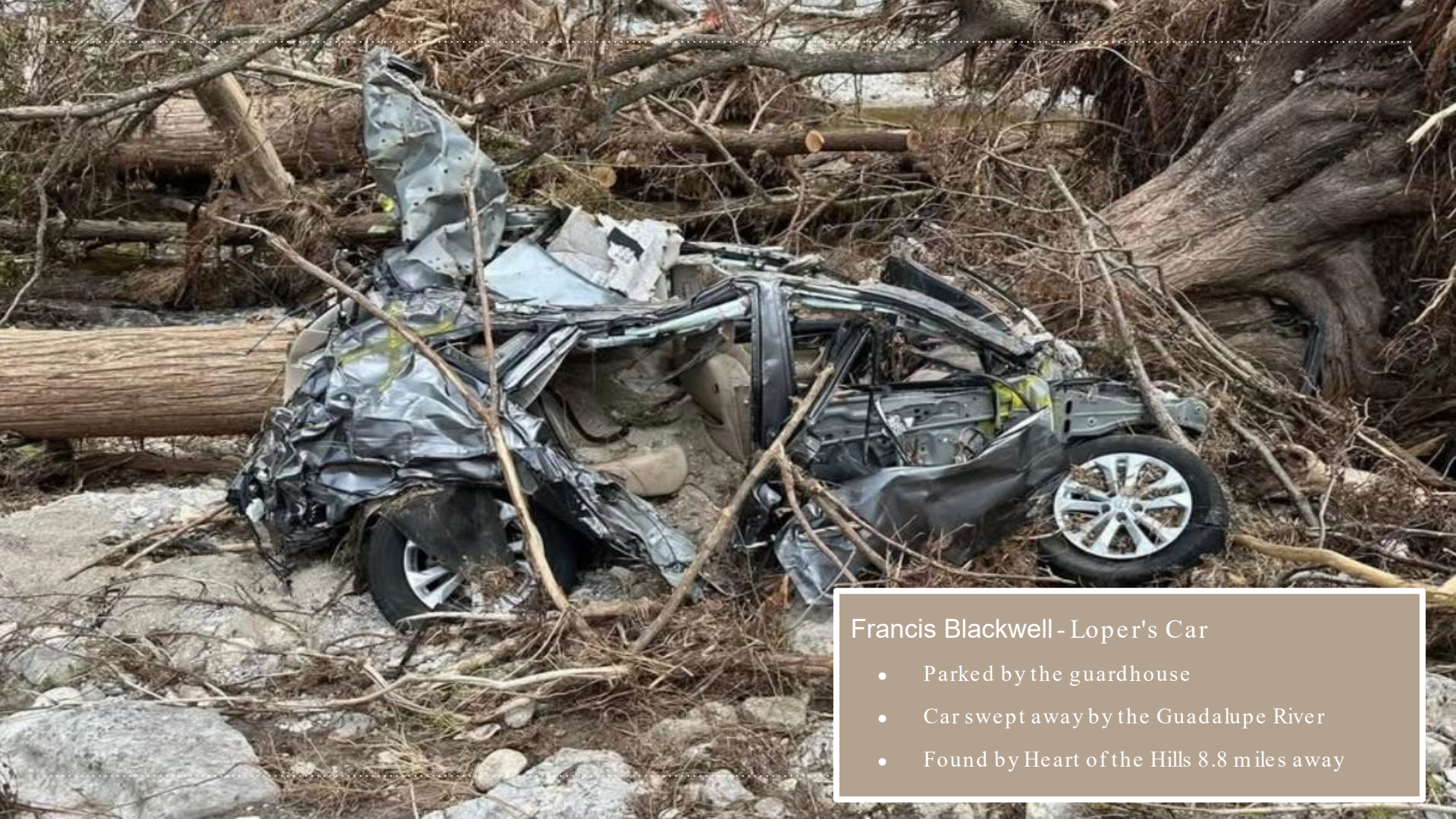
July 4, 2025 - 2:55 a.m - Daylight

Guard House



Guard Shack Post-Flood





Francis Blackwell - Loper's Car

- Parked by the guardhouse
- Car swept away by the Guadalupe River
- Found by Heart of the Hills 8.8 miles away

TIMELINE

July 4, 2025 - 2:55 a.m - Daylight

Senior Hill



3:56 A.M.

911 Call from Counselor on Senior Hill

“We are cut off from the main office,
our cabins are flooding, and we don’t
know what to do.”

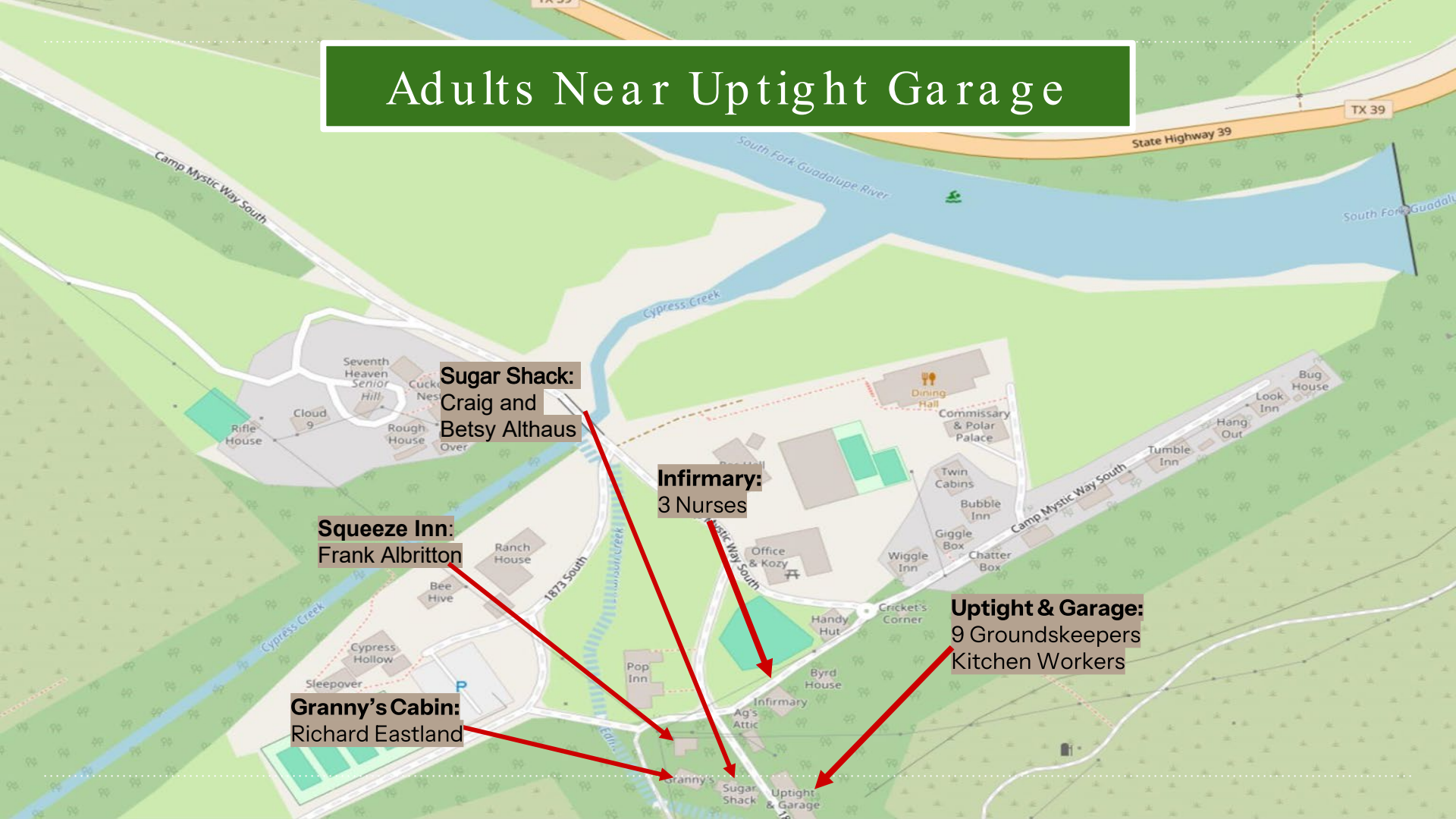


TIMELINE

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Uptight Garage Area

Adults Near Uptight Garage



Sugar Shack:
Craig and
Betsy Althaus

Infirmary:
3 Nurses

Uptight & Garage:
9 Groundskeepers
Kitchen Workers

Squeeze Inn:
Frank Albritton

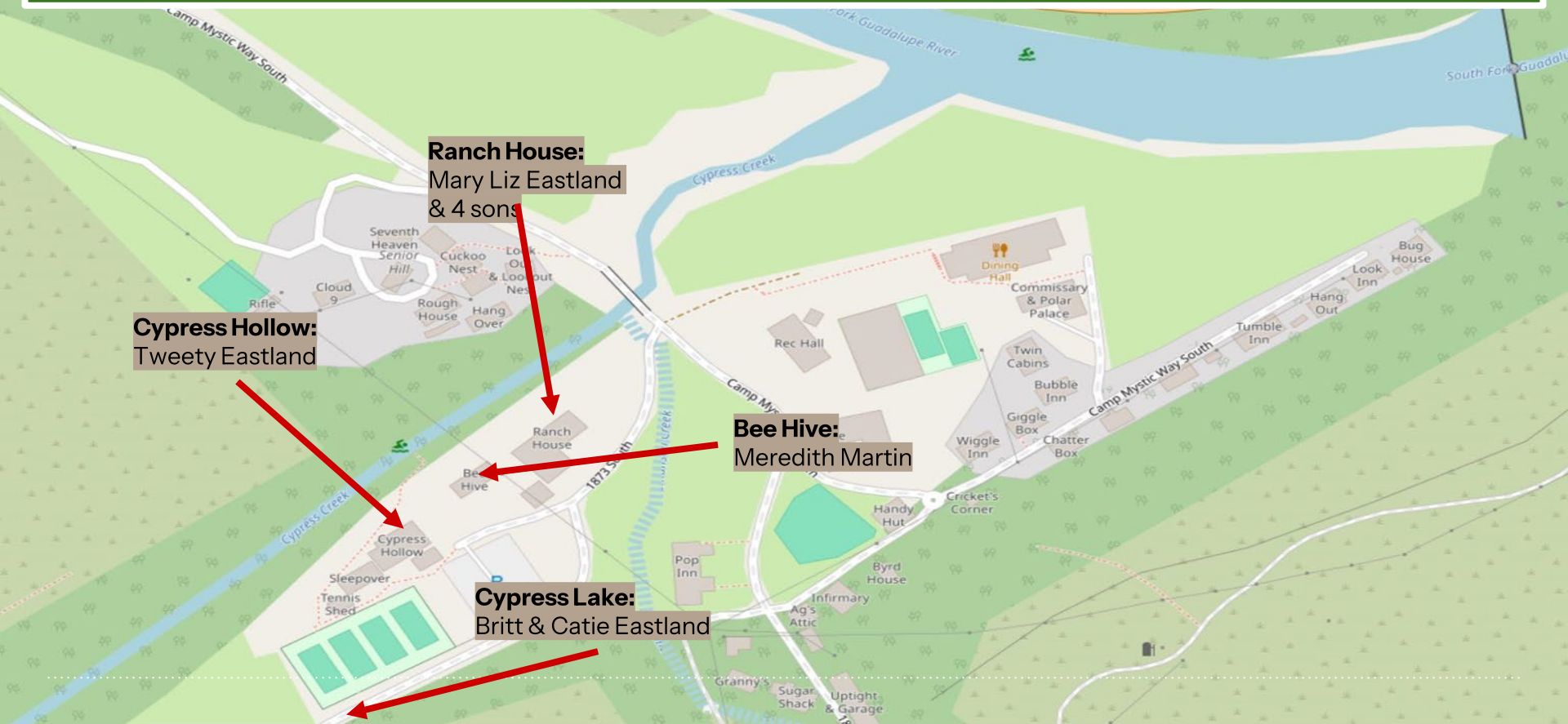
Granny's Cabin:
Richard Eastland

TIMELINE

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Ranch House and Cypress Hollow

Adults between Cypress Creek and Bubble Creek



Ranch House:
Mary Liz Eastland
& 4 sons

Cypress Hollow:
Tweety Eastland

Bee Hive:
Meredith Martin

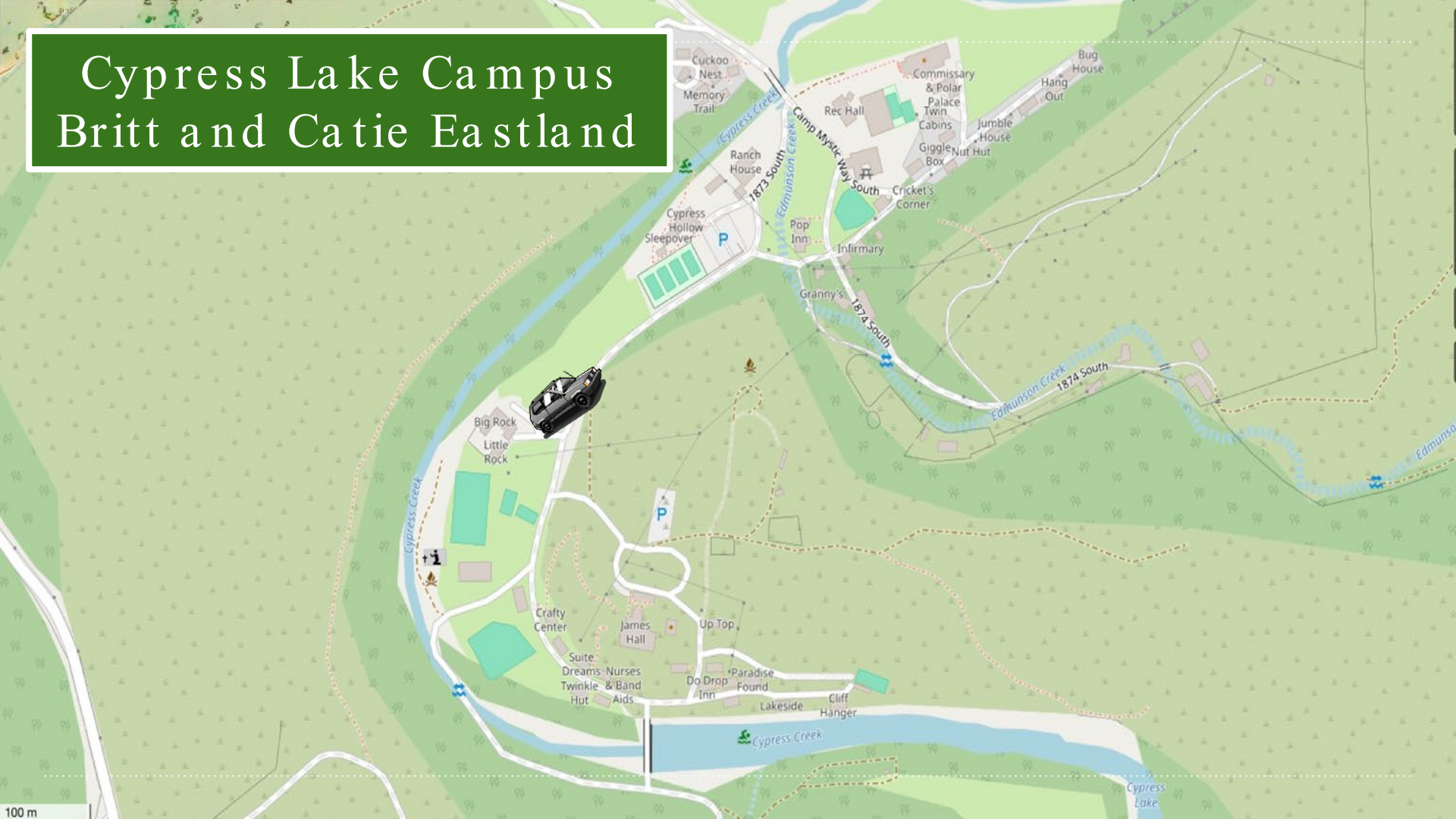
Cypress Lake:
Britt & Catie Eastland

TIMELINE

July 4, 2025 - 3:00 a.m - Daylight

Cypress Lake

Cypress Lake Campus Britt and Catie Eastland



TIMELINE

July 4, 2025 - Daylight and beyond

The Aftermath

EVACUATION OF THE BUG HOUSE TREE



Search and Rescue



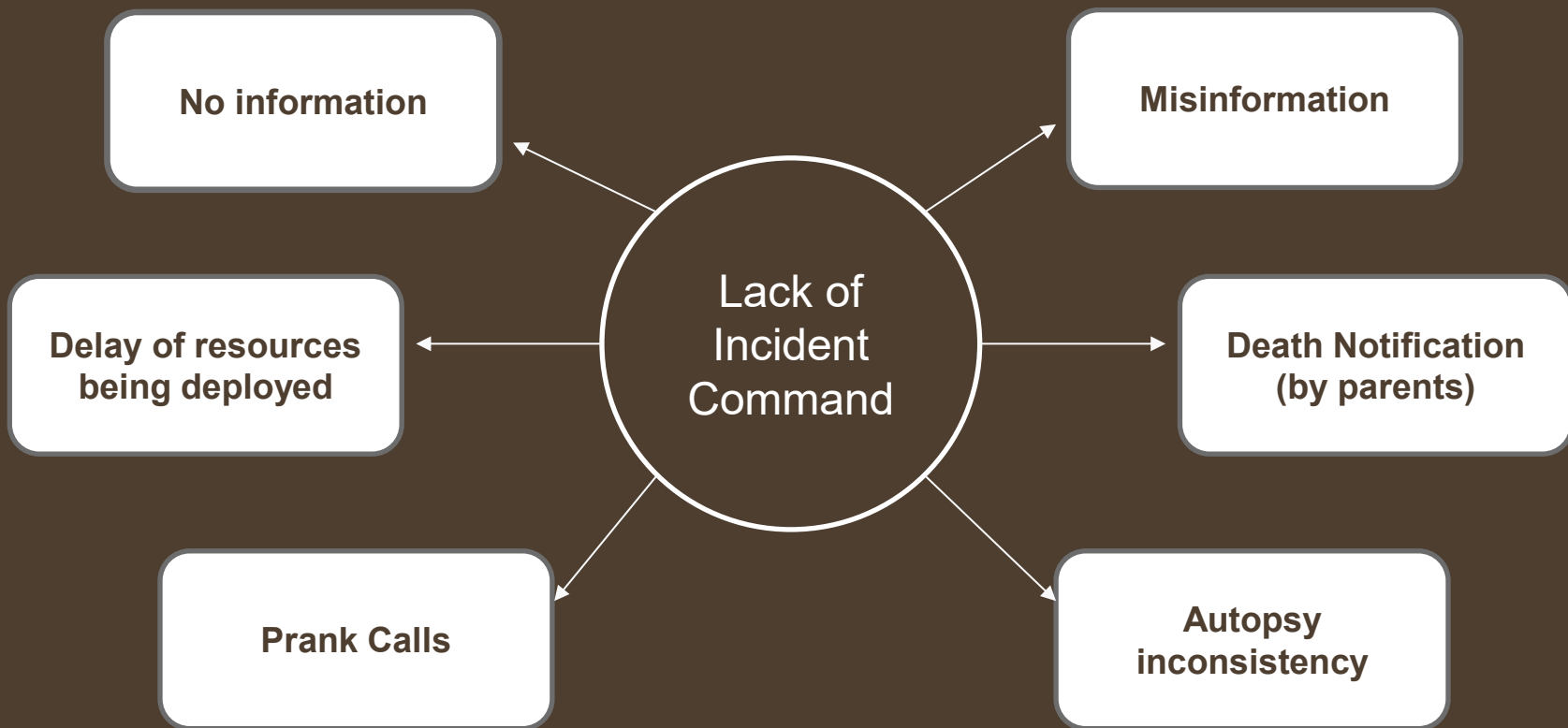
Evacuation from Camp Mystic



July 4, 2025

Post-Event Response: Lack of Incident Command

Lack of Incident Command



Reunification Center - Ingram Elementary School Post Event Response and Crisis Management



The Impact Crater



“I want parents to look at their child after camp
and know that they were kept safe, not lucky.”
– Lacey Hollis, Mother of Virginia Hollis
