



Camp Luz

Freely proclaiming the radical hope of Jesus Christ to the next generation!

Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing to invest in the spiritual development of your child, and for allowing Camp Luz to be a part of their journey. The following letter includes some helpful information as you prepare for camp this summer. Please read carefully, as some things have changed for this summer due to COVID-19.

Preparing your child for camp

Whether your child has been to camp before or this is their first time away from home, changes in routine can sometimes be unsettling. Rest assured that our well-trained summer staff are not only aware of this, but prepared to help your camper work through any homesick feelings to have a great week at camp. Here are two tips for you as a parent if you think your camper might struggle with the transition:

- Assure them that they will have fun and their counselors and camp leaders will take good care of them.
- Don't tell them they can call home or you can come get them if they miss you too much- *We know that your intentions are good, but by saying these things, you are planting seeds of homesickness in their minds. Instead, assure them that the staff will take good care of them and that you look forward to hearing about all their adventures at the end of the week.*
- Do not make plans to pick them up during the week for ball games or other sports events- *these often add extra stress, and detract from the camp experience.*
- Camp tours can be arranged through the camp office if you think that would be helpful.

Check-In Info:

- Check-in will be a drive-through set up this year, as we need to limit contacts between households and different cabin groups.
 - Plan to arrive at camp between 4:15pm and 5:00pm on the day your program begins.
 - Family members will be asked to remain in their vehicle at all times. Only the camper will be allowed to exit the vehicle at the end of the check-in process.
 - Follow the signs and instructions from camp personnel.
- Bring a completed **Camper Medical Form and Release** for each camper. These will be sent with a follow up email about a week before your child's camp program. We will

have blank copies available, but having it completed before you arrive will save time during check-in.

- Due to the close living conditions of summer camp, all campers will be checked for head lice as well as screened for symptoms of COVID-19 during Check-In. Any camper found to have lice or exhibiting symptoms will not be able to attend camp, and payment will be refunded.
- We often have merchandise available for purchase during check-in. Because of the revised format this summer we will be providing camper families the opportunity to purchase camp merchandise online ahead of camp. All campers will still receive a FREE t-shirt.

Camper Pick-Up:

- Pick-Up will also be a drive-through format. Please remain in your vehicle and follow the signs and instructions of staff members. Note that we can only release campers to the people you have authorized on the final page of the **Camper Medical Form and Release**. If you need to change who will be picking up your camper, please contact the camp office.
- We often have a fair bit of lost and found left at the end of a program. We will do our best to help campers keep track of their belongings and reunite lost items with their owners. Any items still left behind will be kept at the camp until Nov. 1. If your camper returns home missing items, you may schedule a time to search lost and found by contacting the camp office.

General Policies:

Snacks- Please do not send or allow your camper to bring snacks to camp. We provide 3 meals and 2 snacks every day, so no one goes hungry. Extra snacks create litter and invite unwanted critters into the cabins, potentially creating a health hazard. Unauthorized food will be discarded. *If your child has special dietary needs please contact the camp office prior to bringing them to camp. Our foodservice team can accommodate most dietary restrictions.*

Dress Code- Modesty in clothing is very important as we wish nothing to distract campers from the primary purpose of learning about Jesus Christ.

For girls: one piece bathing suits (or full-coverage tankinis), fingertip length shorts, no spaghetti strap tops or low neck lines, shirts must cover abdomens.

For boys: modest bathing trunks, no sagging pants.

We do not allow clothing which exposes undergarments, is too revealing, or contains unsuitable phrases or graphics.

Campers will be asked to change if they are wearing something inappropriate. If they have nothing else to wear, parents or guardians will be contacted to bring other clothing.

It's best to leave jewelry at home so that it does not get lost. Strong colognes and perfumes attract insects; please leave these at home.

Sandals are permitted but youth must bring secure-fitting, close-toed shoes for recreation.

COVID-19 Precautions

We take the protection of the children that are entrusted to us very seriously. While children seem to have been spared the hardest hit from COVID-19, there is still some risk including the possibility that summer camp could become a vector for spreading the disease more broadly in our communities.

We are choosing to move forward with in-person, overnight programs using a cautious approach based on guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), state and local health agencies, Camp Nurses Association, American Camp Association, and the Christian Camp and Conference Association. Below is a summary of the changes we have adopted. Please pay special attention to the items in the "Before Camp" section, as these will need to be done before the start of the camp program.

Before Camp

- All Campers and staff are expected to quarantine for 14 days prior to arriving at Camp. This means, limiting contacts with people outside of your own household and using appropriate masking and social distancing when contact outside of your household is required.
- Families should monitor for symptoms for the 14 days prior to arrival at Camp. This includes: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.
- Campers or staff who show symptoms or have been in close contact with someone with a known or suspected case of COVID-19 within the past 14 days will not be able to attend.
- Any staff and campers who are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine are encouraged to do so before coming to Camp.

During Camp

- Campers and staff will be screened for symptoms upon arrival at Camp, and once each day for the duration of the program. Anyone who develops symptoms while at camp will be isolated and sent home as soon as possible. Families will be notified of potential exposures in a timely manner, while also protecting personal privacy.
- Cabin group size is limited to 10. (typically 8 campers and 2 counselors)
- Cabin groups will be treated as households, where masking is not required and social distancing is relaxed. Masks will need to be worn whenever cabin groups are interacting with staff or campers from outside their cabin group. Most camp activities are done as a

cabin group, so campers will have plenty of mask-free time. Campers should have at least one clean mask for each day of the program.

- As many activities as possible will be done outdoors, including meals. (so sunscreen and bug spray may be even more important than normal)

After Camp

- Any campers or staff that develop symptoms within 14 days of leaving camp should notify the camp office so that we can inform others who were in close contact. Individual privacy will be protected.

What's Next?

About a week before the start of your child's program you will receive an email from us that will include several important items.

1. A link to be able to pay for camp ahead of your arrival. This form will also have merchandise available for purchase, which you will receive at Camp. We encourage those who are able to use this online form for payment as it will speed up the check-in process.
2. The Camper Medical Form and Release. Please complete it and bring it to camp with you for check-in.

If you have any questions regarding this information or about the Camp Luz program, feel free to contact us at 330-683-1246 or info@campluz.com

Thank you for trusting us with the care of your camper this summer. We are privileged to be a part of this great and awesome ministry. God Bless!

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