



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.

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 aware of this and prepared to help your camper work through any homesick feelings to have a great week at camp. Here are a few 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 drive-through style again this year.
 - Plan to arrive at camp between 4:15pm and 5:00pm on the day your program begins.
 - Follow the signs and instructions from camp personnel, being sure to stop at each station.
 - You will stay in your vehicle for the entire check in process, though your camper will need to get out briefly for a temperature check and head-lice screening at the medical stop.
 - Parents do NOT need to go with their child to their cabin at the end of the drive through check-in process. Unlike last year, parents of young campers will be

allowed to walk their child to the cabin this summer, if they desire, but should keep it brief.

- 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, for you to complete and bring with you to camp. **Please help us reduce the load on our camp nurses by only sending essential medications to camp, and in their original packaging.*
- 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 any payment will be refunded.
- We often have merchandise available for purchase during check-in. Because of the drive-through 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. **Pick up will be 7:00-7:30pm on the final day of the program.** 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 some lost and found items 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 check lost and found by contacting the camp office.

General Policies:

Snacks- Please do not send or allow your camper to bring snacks to camp, including gum and candy. 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 important as we wish nothing to distract campers from the primary purpose of learning and growing in their faith in Jesus Christ.

We do not allow clothing which exposes undergarments, is too revealing, or contains inappropriate phrases or graphics. Shorts should extend to at least mid-thigh and shirts should cover the entire torso.

Campers will discretely be asked to change if they are wearing something deemed 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 at Camp but **youth must bring secure-fitting, close-toed shoes** (sneakers) to wear for some activities.

COVID-19 Precautions

We take the protection of the children that are entrusted to us very seriously. While we are excited to have a near-normal summer we are still paying attention to best practices and are prepared to adapt our response if the situation changes.

Before Camp

- Families should monitor for illness in the 10 days prior to arrival at Camp.

During Camp

- Campers and staff will be screened for symptoms upon arrival at Camp. 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.
- Campers are not required to wear a mask, but are still welcome to do so. Camp Luz reserves the right to request masks be worn in indoor settings in the event of local outbreaks.

After Camp

- Any campers or staff that develop symptoms within 10 days of leaving camp should notify the camp office so that we can inform others who were in close contact.

What Happens 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, including medical and release forms. Please keep an eye out for that email.

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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