

LIFE FOR YOUTH CAMP

RESIDENT CAMP PARENT INFORMATION 2021

THANK YOU for selecting Life For Youth Camp! To help make your child's camp experience as pleasant as possible, after registering, please review your emailed confirmation and call the office **immediately** if you find any mistakes. If you have any questions or if we can be of any service to you, feel free to call us at 772-567-2446, email us at registration@lifeforyouthcamp.com or visit our website at www.lifeforyouthcamp.com.

PAYMENT: Payment in full is required when registering. Payments accepted are: checks (made out Life For Youth Camp), cash, money orders, cashier's checks, or credits cards (online or onsite only).

ARRIVAL: Check-in will be from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the main chapel. Check-in will be located at the main chapel and the doors will not open until 4:00 p.m. **Please watch the Resident Camp Orientation Video prior to check-in and see our website for Sunday check-in procedures at www.lifeforyouthcamp.com.** Cabin assignments, etc. will not be made available until check in. Check in will take approximately one hour. Camper must be checked in by a parent or responsible adult.

DEPARTURE: Each camp session ends on Friday evening at 6:15 p.m. Please check your child out at their cabin with their counselor.

CABIN BUDDIES: Resident Campers may choose one Cabin Buddy. Because cabins are assigned by age, the buddies must be no more than twelve months apart in age and must choose each other. If you did not request a buddy when filling out the registration form, you may do so via email anytime up to two weeks before the camp you are attending starts. You cannot request a certain cabin or counselor. Campers are assigned a cabin before arrival and cabins assignments will not be changed after they have been made. Cabin Buddies are not held a spot until they send in their registration and payment.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations must be done in writing. If cancellation is received **fourteen days** or more before the camp starts, camper's payment, minus \$100.00 will be refunded. If camper becomes ill during camp and goes home, there will be no refund or credit given. There will be no refund if camper is sent home for behavioral reasons or chooses to go home for any reason.

TRANSFER POLICY: If you need to change weeks, the change must be requested at least fourteen days before the camp you are changing from starts. NOTE: The transfer is subject to availability of the new week(s) chosen.

RESIDENT CAMP RECREATION (R&R): If you would like for your child to call you during their stay at camp, they must bring **their own cell phone**/media device (Wi-Fi is available). When checking your child into their cabin, all cell phones/devices will need to be signed in. Cell phones will be kept in the front office. Campers will have the opportunity to call/text their parents during R&R, weather permitting, Mon-Thurs between 4:00-5:00pm. This time will be limited to about 10-15 minutes, please keep in mind that campers may use this time to check their email, social media, text, call home, etc. Any cell phones not signed in on Sunday will be confiscated. Campers will not be able to charge their phones throughout the week, make sure they are charged up before coming to camp and powered down everyday. During R&R campers have the opportunity to shower, swim, go to the snack shack, play field games or call their parents. Mail & care packages are encouraged and will be given to the campers during Resident Camp R & R. When sending a package/letter to your camper please include camper's name and cabin name. If you would like to leave a package/card on Sunday after checking you child into their cabin, please come to the front office and make sure their name, cabin name, and the day you would like it delivered are clearly marked on the package.

BEHAVIOR: Life For Youth Camp is a non-denominational Christian Camp. Its purpose is to provide clean, wholesome recreation and to give each camper an opportunity to know Jesus Christ personally; **THEREFORE, WE WILL NOT TOLERATE FIGHTING, FOUL LANGUAGE, INAPPROPRIATE SEXUAL GESTURES OR REMARKS, OR DISRESPECT OF AUTHORITY.** Counselors do their best to handle behavioral issues with each child in a loving but firm way. Should the camper refuse to acknowledge the authority of the staff member or becomes a repetitive problem, the camper will be sent to the office. If camper is sent to the office repeatedly, the parents will be called and disciplinary action will be agreed upon. If necessary, the camper will be sent home. There is no refund for campers sent home for behavioral reasons. Smoking, vaping, drinking & drugs are not permitted. Should any of these substances be found on a camper or in his/her belongings, they will be taken and authorities may be called. Use or possession of these items will be reason enough to send the camper home.

FIRST AID: All medication must be turned in during check-in. All medications must be in their original containers with labels attached, directions, and name clearly marked. After swimming, ear drops (a solution of half alcohol, half vinegar) will be put in for the campers' protection. A completed Medical Form must be submitted with your registration form before your child can attend camp. **Medicine must be picked up by the parent on Friday evening in the FIRST AID building.**

RAIN DELAY: We will run activities in light rain (no lightning) or move campers to covered areas/indoor when necessary for camper safety. In case of inclement weather, the campers will go indoors for organized games, music, or G/PG movies (age appropriate).

HOMESICKNESS: Some campers may become homesick while at camp. We suggest the following procedure. Have a sincere discussion with your child before he/she comes to camp and explain they are entering an agreement where they give their promise to stay for a specified time even if they get homesick. Encourage them to keep busy, participate in the activities, and homesickness will go away. If homesickness continues, we will be sure to call you. Hug your child, tell them you love them, and keep those letters coming. NO refund if child goes home.

SNACK SHACK & BOOKSTORE: Snack tickets may be purchased for \$10.00 each. We encourage campers not to have any money in the cabins, so we ask that money is traded in for Snack Tickets on Sunday afternoon (Snack Shack packages are available, please see our website for details). Cash is not accepted in the Snack Shack after Sunday afternoon. Any additional money left on Snack Tickets on Friday, can be refunded. These cards do not have an expiration date and may be used for future sessions of camp. These cards are just like having \$10.00 in cash, so be sure to help your child understand that he/she is responsible for it. LFYC is not responsible for lost or stolen snack cards. The Snack Shack has soda, chips, candy bars, popcorn, ice cream, etc. The Gift Shop has many camp items such as Bibles, books, jewelry, LFYC t-shirts (camp t-shirt day is Monday), pencils, and much more.

COINS FROM CAMP: The campers have an opportunity to give to missions each week through a competition called Coins From Camp. Counselors compete to raise the most money. If you would like for your child to participate, please leave them with some coins or dollars to donate. On Fridays, campers are allowed to donate the balance of their snack tickets at Bible. On Friday afternoon, the winning counselor gets to slime their opponent ... or create a human taco, kiss a pig, eat a dog biscuit, or other fun, crazy, messy things. All money raised goes toward missions.

“SPREAD THE LIGHT” FAMILY NIGHT: Campers and their families are invited to our close of the summer “Spread the Light” Family Night on July 30th at 7:00 p.m. We will have special music/performance from each age group of campers and our special Light Ceremony. All campers who have been to camp this summer are welcome to attend regardless of which week their child attended camp.

DUCK RACE: Our 11th Annual Duck Race will be held on the morning of July 30th. Please check Facebook for the time of this streamed event. You can “adopt” a duck to help raise money for our expansion fund (see website for adoption forms). The ducks will race down the waterslide and winning ducks will get great prizes. Some prizes include a free Week of Resident Camp, gift cards, attraction tickets, media devices, and much more.