

LIFE FOR YOUTH CAMP

DAY 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 carefully 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, please feel free to call us at 772-567-2446, FAX 772-567-1216, email us at registration@lifeforyouthcamp.com or visit our website at www.lifeforyouthcamp.com.

PAYMENT: WEEKLY FEE IS DUE TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE SESSION START DATE. If payment is not received by two weeks prior, an additional \$10.00 late fee will be charged. If payment is not received by Monday (first day of the session), the camper may not come to camp until payment is made. Payments accepted are: checks (made out to Life For Youth Camp), cash, money orders, cashier's checks, or credit cards (onsite only). **Credit cards are NOT accepted at bus locations.** There is a returned check fee of \$15.00. For your camp fees, please use a summer camp payment envelope (available in the Front Office prior to the beginning of camp), and fill out all the information. If the campers' last name is different from the last name on the check, please put the campers' name on the memo line. This can be turned into the bus representative Monday mornings. There will be extra envelopes available at the drop off locations. **We do not provide an end-of-year statement.** Pay by check and use this for your records. Our tax identification number is **59-1053699**.

ADDING ADDITIONAL WEEKS: Day Camp weeks and bus services do fill, so we recommend and encourage you to pre-register now for all of the weeks you would like for the summer. If you are unable to pre-register, our office must receive your payment in full plus a \$10 late registration fee by Thursday at 5:00 p.m. for the following week, providing there is an opening. No registrations will be taken on Friday. If you choose to wait until Monday morning to register, providing there is an opening, payment in full \$120 plus a \$10 late registration fee will be required **AND** the camper **may not** ride the bus on Monday morning. They must be brought out to the camp and signed in at the Day Camp Center.

REFUND POLICY: If you cancel, there is a **\$50 cancellation fee per week**. Any payment over the \$50 non-refundable deposit will be refundable with two weeks notice. Please check your calendar carefully before registering. There are no daily rates or discounts for days missed. There is no refund or credit if camper goes home sick or if camper is sent home for behavioral reasons. Prepaid bus fees will be refunded with fourteen days cancellation notice. No refund or credit if less than fourteen days.

LUNCH: Each camper must bring a bag lunch or sign up for the Free Lunch Program on Monday morning. Campers bringing their lunch must be brought in a disposable gallon size Ziploc bag or brown paper bag. **PLEASE NO LUNCH BOXES OR COOLERS.** LUNCHES SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE CHILD'S NAME, AGE, AND GENDER. Lunches will be refrigerated. **NOTE:** Do not put money or swimsuit in the same bag as camper's lunch, as they do not have access to lunch bags until lunch time. Free Lunch will not be provided the week of Day Camp 1, June 1-4 or Day Camp 10, Aug 2-6.

Free Lunch Program: LFYC is partnering with the Indian River County School District to provide a free lunch for each camper. This is a cold lunch and a sample menu can be found on our website. This is a rotating menu and subject to change. You must sign up each Monday morning by 9:00 a.m. for each week to receive the free lunch. Sign up is available at the Day Camp center and all Bus pick up locations. Free Lunch will not be provided the week of Day Camp 1, June 1-4 or Day Camp 10, Aug 2-6.

AGE GROUPS/TRACK SIGN-UP: All campers are grouped together by age (as of Sept 1st) and will not be allowed to switch age groups. Campers (ages 8-14) will have the opportunity to choose an activity track each week. (See activity list on the website.) Five, six, and seven year olds have a preset, rotating schedule, therefore eliminating the need to sign-up for Tracks. Please send five year olds in their swimsuits with a change of clothes for midmorning.

FIRST AID: All medication must be turned in at 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 before your child can attend camp.

CHECK-IN: Whether checking in at a bus stop, or at the Day Camp Center: all campers must be checked in by an authorized staff member daily. You were required on your child's registration form to choose an arrival location. (Example: Rotary Park, Ft. Pierce Bus) Arrival supervision will start at the times listed below. Late arrivals after 9:00 a.m., must check-in at the front office, off of 82nd Avenue. Only pre-registered campers that have paid the \$20.00 Bus Fee may ride the bus. **Please note bus times vary by location. All buses are drop-off/pick-up locations and they return promptly to the camp.**

Rotary Park Ft Pierce Bus: Drop off time is 7:45 a.m. at Rotary Park, located at S. 23rd St and Virginia Ave, east of the County Admin. Building.

Wal-Mart Port St. Lucie Bus: Drop off time is 7:45 a.m. at Wal-Mart (south parking area by Lake Charles Blvd) 1675 NW St. Lucie West Blvd.

Day Camp Center: Campers may be dropped off here at the 12th Street camp entrance from 7:00-9:00 a.m., at which time camp starts. Please use the Day Camp Center entrance gate (not bus entrance) off of 12th Street between 74th Avenue and 82nd Avenue.

CHECK OUT SYSTEM: All campers must be checked out by an authorized staff member daily. Campers are released only to the designated people listed on their registration form. **On your first day of camp**, the person who registered the camper will receive two signs, with the child(ren)'s name on it, one to post in your car window and one for another designated persons' car. With this sign, we will check-out and bring your child to your car. Without this sign we will need to verify that you are on the designated parent pick-up list before releasing the child to you. All additions to this D.P. list must be done in writing. Phone calls are not accepted. We will send your child home via Bus or Day Camp Center, according to the way that you indicated on your child's registration form. Early pick-up from camp must be done through the front office located off 82nd Avenue between 9:15 a.m. - 3:35 p.m. **There will be no pick up between 3:35-4:00 p.m.**

Rotary Park Ft Pierce Bus: Drop off time is 5:15 p.m. at Rotary Park, located at S. 23rd St and Virginia Ave, east of the County Admin. Building.

Wal-Mart Port St. Lucie Bus: Drop off time is 4:45 p.m. at Wal-Mart (south parking area by Lake Charles Blvd) 1675 NW St. Lucie West Blvd.

All Bus Locations: After the buses arrive back to their respective locations and unload, they will return promptly to the camp. Any child, who has not been picked up will be brought back to camp. Once the child arrives back to camp, there will be an extra charge of \$5.00 for every 15 minutes that the parent is late.

Day Camp Center: Because of afternoon camper attendance, **NO PICKUPS WILL BE ALLOWED BETWEEN 3:35 AND 4:00 P.M.** As soon as attendance is taken, we will open the 12th Street entrance gate and start checking out your children. Please stay in your car, single file, and a staff member will bring your child(ren) to you. Any child who has not been picked up by 5:30 p.m. will be charged an extra \$5.00 late fee, for every 15 minutes that the parent is late.

BEHAVIOR: Life For Youth Camp is a nondenominational 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 DISREPECT OF AUTHORITY.** Counselors do their best to deal with each child lovingly but firmly. 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 problems. Smoking, vaping, drinking & drugs are not permitted. Should any of these substances be found on a camper or in their 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.

SNACK SHACK & GIFT SHOP: Snack cards may be purchased for \$10.00 each. Snack cards must be purchased at the Day Camp office or at the bus in the morning when checking in. **Money is not accepted at the Snack Shack.** Cards can only be purchased in increments of \$10.00. These cards may be used all summer for any week. The cards have a space for your child's name and age. Please help your child to understand that he/she is responsible for their own cards. Cards belonging to Primary campers (ages 5, 6, & 7) are kept in the Snack Shack for them. We do not replace lost or stolen cards, or cards that have been through the washer/dryer, etc. We have laminating available for the Snack Cards for a charge of \$.50. 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 more.

RAIN DELAY: We will run activities in light rain (no lightening) or move campers to covered areas/indoors 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).

"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/performances 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.

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 send them with some coins or dollars to donate. On Fridays, campers ages 8 & up are allowed to donate the balance of their snack tickets at Bible (5, 6, & 7 year olds cannot donate their snack tickets without prior parent approval). On each Friday afternoon, the winning side gets to slime a counselor or staff member ... or create a human taco, kiss a pig, eat a dog biscuit, or other fun, crazy, messy things. All money raised will go towards missions.

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.