

# LIFE FOR YOUTH CAMP

## DAY CAMP POLICY AND INFORMATION 2017

THANK YOU for selecting Life For Youth Camp. To help make your child's camp experience as pleasant as possible, please carefully review the "Camper Confirmation" printout 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](mailto:registration@lifeforyouthcamp.com) or visit our website at [www.lifeforyouthcamp.com](http://www.lifeforyouthcamp.com).

**PAYMENT:** 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.** WEEKLY FEE IS DUE MONDAY MORNINGS. If payment is not received by Tuesday, an additional \$10.00 late fee will be charged. If payment is not received by Friday, the camper may not ride the bus home and payment must be made at that time. There is a returned check fee of \$12.00. For your camp fees, please use the enclosed envelope, 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 park attendant Monday mornings. There will be extra envelopes available at the park. We try to keep administration costs down, so we can provide the finest program possible for your child, therefore, there are no daily rates and no discounts for days missed. **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 deposit 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, you will be charged \$110.00 instead of \$100.00 for the week **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 \$10 cancellation/transfer fee per week. 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.

**BRING:** Please be sure to send your camper with a one piece swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, water bottle, and bag lunch daily. Shoes and shirts are required at all times (see dress code). **Please do not bring:**

- \* Cell phones, media devices, game devices, or any electronic equipment
- \* Toys, comic books, or collecting cards (example- Pokeman)
- \* Knives, guns, cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs (except medications that are turned in at check-in)
- \* Skateboards, roller blades, skate shoes, fishing poles, or pets

**LFYC will not be responsible for any valuables brought to camp.**

**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, May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**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 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, May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**AGE GROUPS/TRACK SIGN-UP:** All campers are grouped together by age (as of Sept 1<sup>st</sup>) 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 in brochure.) Five, six, and seven year olds have a preset, rotating schedule, therefore eliminating the need to sign-up for Tracks. Five year olds need to bring a nap mat. Please send five year olds in their swimsuits with a change of clothes for midmorning.

**DRESS CODE:** Dress Code will be strictly enforced. Consequences for violating the dress code may include warning, suspension, or the parent bringing a change of clothes to camp. Responsibility for the dress and appearance of camper rests primarily with the parents/guardians; they are expected to monitor camper dress/packing before coming to camp. Modesty is expected.

- All shorts must extend beyond finger length or mid-thigh whichever is longer. No Spandex or tight fitting shorts.
- Girls Shirts/Dresses: No Mid-drifts, Halters, Strapless, or Spaghetti Straps. Straps should be at least 1 inch wide. Make sure tops are not too low, avoid exposing cleavage. Girls, who need them, wear bras. Shirts that expose the mid-drift area while standing, sitting, or reaching are not acceptable.
- Girls Dresses/Skirts must be knee length or longer.
- The size of shirts or pants should be appropriate to the camper's body size and shall not be unduly oversized or undersized.
- Pants must be worn above the hip bone, no undergarments visible.
- Undergarments will not be visible or seen through clothing including sheer, net or mesh clothing.
- No clothing with inappropriate sayings, themes, or advertisements will be allowed (alcohol, tobacco, drugs, firearms, sexual innuendos, etc...).
- 1 piece swimsuits only! No 2 piece swimsuits, tankinis, etc... No 2 piece swimsuits under t-shirts or other clothing.
- Shoes are required at all times, sandals/flip flops are allowed.
- Camp T-shirt day is every Monday.

**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 the parks 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: Vero Beach Bus) The attendance lists are printed weekly and cannot be changed midweek. Arrival supervision will start at the times listed below. Late arrivals between, 9:00-3:30, must check-in at the front office, off of 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Only pre-registered campers that have paid the \$10.00 Bus Fee may ride the bus. **Please note bus times vary by location.**

**Vero Beach Bus:** Campers may be dropped off from 7:45-8:30 a.m. at Pocahontas Park, located at 2140 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, next to the Heritage Center

**Fort Pierce Bus:** Campers may be dropped off from 7:45-8:20 a.m. at Rotary Park, located at S. 23<sup>rd</sup> St and Virginia Avenue, east of the County Admin. Building.

**Port St. Lucie Bus:** Campers may be dropped off at 7:45 a.m. (the bus will leave promptly to return to camp) 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> Street between 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 82<sup>nd</sup> 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. 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. **There will be no pick up between 3:30-3:45 p.m.**

**Vero Beach & Fort Pierce Bus Riders:** The bus arrives back at the parks in the afternoon at 4:30 p.m. and stays until 5:15 p.m. Any child, who has not been picked up by 5:15 p.m. will be brought back to camp, unless written permission has been given for us to leave the child unattended at the park. 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.

**Port St. Lucie Bus Riders:** The bus arrives back at Wal-Mart (south parking area) at 4:45 p.m. and will return promptly to the camp. Any child, who has not been picked up by 4:45 p.m. will be brought back to the 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 3:30 AND 3:45 P.M.** As soon as attendance is taken, we will open the 12<sup>th</sup> 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, 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.

**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 parks 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 will reimburse for any legible amount still showing on damaged cards. 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 much more.

**FAMILY NIGHT:** Campers and their families are encouraged to attend Family Night, every Friday evening, at 7:00 p.m. We will have special music, entertainment and camper awards. This program usually lasts about one and a half hours. No awards will be presented prior to Family Night. Campers must be present to receive all awards, including the Christian Spirit Award, which is good for one free week of Day Camp the following summer. All Day Campers are invited to attend our Duck Race Picnic & "Spread the Light" final Family Night on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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, boys against girls. 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). At Family Night, the winning side gets to slime a counselor or staff member from the other side... 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 PICNIC:** Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Duck Race will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. 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. Please join us to cheer on your duck and come to our picnic following the race. Our "Spread the Light" Family Night will follow at 7:00 p.m.