

LIFE FOR YOUTH CAMP

RESIDENT CAMP POLICY & INFORMATION 2017

THANK YOU for selecting Life For Youth Camp! To help make your child's camp experience as pleasant as possible, please 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, 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: Balance is due two weeks prior to arrival. If your balance is not paid two weeks prior to arrival, your child's spot may be cancelled and given away to campers on our waiting list. (See cancellation policy below.) Payments accepted are: checks (made out Life For Youth Camp), cash, money orders, cashier's checks, or credits cards (online or onsite only).

ARRIVAL: Orientation will be held for all Resident campers and parents at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon in the main chapel. **Please see our website for Sunday check-in procedures at www.lifeforyouthcamp.com.** Cabin assignments, etc. will not be made available until after orientation. Orientation and 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 night at 6:30 p.m. Family night begins at 7:00 p.m. Please see below for details.

FAMILY NIGHT: Family Night is the final event of the week's activities on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Family and friends are invited to attend. We will have special music, entertainment and camper awards. Camp closes after the program at about 8:30 p.m. No awards will be presented prior to Family Night. Campers must be present to receive the Christian Spirit Award which is good for one free week of Resident Camp the following summer. All campers are invited to attend our Duck Race Picnic & "Spread the Light" final Family Night on August 4th.

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 leave them with some coins or dollars to donate. On Fridays, campers are allowed to donate the balance of their snack tickets at Bible. At Family Night, 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 will go towards missions.

DUCK RACE PICNIC: Our 7th Annual Duck Race will be held on August 4th 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 from 5:00-6:00 pm before the race. Our "Spread the Light" Family Night will follow at 7:00 p.m.

CABIN BUDDIES: One Cabin Buddy may be chosen by Resident Campers. 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 in writing 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 proper deposit. If your cabin buddy is unable to come, with less than a fourteen day notice, we will not honor your cancellation unless we are able to fill your spot. (See cancellation policy below.)

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations must be done in writing. If cancellation is received **fourteen days** or more before the camp starts, camper's total deposit, minus \$25.00 will be refunded. If cancellation is received less than fourteen days before the camp starts, no refund will be given **unless** we are able to fill your child's spot. If we are able to fill their spot, the camper's total deposit minus the \$25.00 cancellation fee 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. The registration fee is non-refundable and not considered part of your deposit.

TRANSFER POLICY: A service charge of \$10.00 will be charged per change, per child to switch weeks. The switch must be made 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.

PHONE CALLS/FAX: When checking your child into their cabin, all cell phones 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 Resident Camp Recreation (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 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. As always faxes, mail, & care packages are encouraged and will be given to the campers during dinner. Campers may send faxes during R&R, for a charge of \$1.00 per fax (this fee can be taken off their snack ticket). When sending a package/letter or faxing your camper please include camper's name and cabin name. Please keep in mind during R&R campers have the opportunity to shower, swim, go to the snack shack, play field games or call/fax their parents.

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 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 reasons. 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.

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 with your registration form before your child can attend camp.

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 and faxes 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 at the Snack Shack on Sunday afternoon (Snack Shack packages are available, please see our website for details). PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE SNACK MONEY ON YOUR CAMP FEES CHECK. 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.

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 rest 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.

WHAT TO BRING: MAKE SURE ALL BELONGINGS ARE MARKED WITH CAMPER'S NAME. Send enough clothes for the entire week. Campers do not have access to laundry facilities. LFYC will not be responsible for any valuables brought to camp.

BE SURE TO BRING:

- ❖ Bible, notebook/paper, pen/pencil
- ❖ Bedding- 2 single bed sheets & blanket or sleeping bag
- ❖ Pillow, laundry bag
- ❖ Toiletries- toothbrush/paste, comb, brush, shampoo, deodorant, razor, hair dryer, etc.
No shaving cream, silly string, water balloon or toothpaste fights allowed.
- ❖ Towels (swimming & shower) and washcloth
- ❖ Nice clothes for Camper Appreciation Dinner
- ❖ Clothing- undergarments, socks, sports clothes (modest shorts and t-shirt), jeans, sleepwear
- ❖ Swimwear (modest 1-piece, girls), sunscreen, sunglasses, hat
- ❖ Water bottle
- ❖ Rain gear- umbrella
- ❖ Camp stuff- flashlight, insect repellent, Kleenex
- ❖ Personal medications
- ❖ A good attitude, servant spirit and a desire to grow in Christ

Also bring an adventurous spirit and a happy smile!!!

LEAVE AT HOME:

- * TV, DVD players, radios, iPods, media devices, DSIs, or electronic equipment
- * Toys, comic books, collecting cards (Example-Pokemon)
- * Knives, guns, cigarettes, alcohol, drugs (except medications that are turned into First Aid on Sunday)
- * Fishing poles, skateboards, roller blades, skate shoes, or pets
- * Homesickness