

LIFE FOR YOUTH CAMP

RESIDENT CAMP POLICY & INFORMATION

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, please feel free to call us at 772-567-2446 or FAX us at 772-567-1216. Visit us at our web site at www.lifeforyouthcamp.com or e-mail us at registration@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 will be cancelled and given away to campers on our waiting list. (See cancellation policy below.)

ARRIVAL: Orientation will be held for all Resident campers and parents at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon in the main chapel. You may arrive starting at 3:30 p.m. and will be seated in the order that you arrive. Check in, cabin assignments, first aid and snack ticket purchases will follow orientation. Cabin assignments, etc. will not be made available until after orientation.

DEPARTURE: Each camp session ends on Friday night with Family Night.

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 Spread the Light final Family Night on August 8th.

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. You are assigned a cabin before arrival and cabin assignments will not be changed after they have been made. Cabin Buddies are not held a spot until they send in their registration and the proper deposit. If your cabin buddy is unable to come because of a medical cancellation, with less than fourteen days notice, we will not honor your cancellation under our exception clause. (See cancellation policy below.)

CANCELLATION POLICY: No cancellations or changes are accepted by Fax, Voice Mail, or E-mail. You may cancel by mail or call our office Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. **IF CANCELLATION** is received **fourteen days** or more before the camp starts, camper's total deposit, minus \$25.00 will be refunded. **NO REFUND, FOR ANY REASON, IF CANCELLATION IS RECEIVED LESS THAN FOURTEEN DAYS.** *(One exception: If camper becomes ill less than fourteen days prior to camp and is unable to attend, a refund will be given **ONLY** if **LFYC is able to fill camper's spot** and with a dated doctor's **bill**). Doctors' excuses are **not** accepted. 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: Phone calls to campers are discouraged at camp except in emergencies, as the cabin and activity areas are not accessible by phone. Letters and faxes are more than welcome and they will be delivered to the camper at dinner. Campers do not have access to a phone to make outgoing calls. **Please do not ask them to call you.** *Note: **Cell phones are not allowed.** Any cell phones brought to camp will be confiscated and returned to the camper upon departure. Campers may send faxes during their free time, for a charge of \$1.00 per fax. (This fee may be taken off their Snack Ticket.) Please include camper's name and cabin name when writing or faxing. Keep in mind campers are busy and don't always fax their families back.

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 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.

FIRST AID: All medication must be turned in at check-in. All medications must be in their original containers with labels attached and directions and name clearly marked. After swimming, ear drops will be put in for the campers' protection. (A solution of half alcohol, half vinegar).

HOMESICKNESS is a common malady. We suggest the following procedure. Have a sincere discussion with your child before he/she comes to camp and explain they are entering into 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. **Do not tell your child to call home** if he/she feels homesick. 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.

AGE GROUPS/TRACK SIGN-UP: Campers (ages 8-16) will have the opportunity to experience many of our **30+ ACTIVITIES** per week. Campers will sign up for their tracks Sunday evening after dinner. Activity tracks may be chosen with friends of the same age group. Age groups are 8 & 9 year olds, 10 & 11 year olds, and 12 & up.

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. **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, may be refunded. Any money not refunded will automatically go to the offering at the end of the summer. These cards may be used all summer for any week your child is attending. 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 Book Store has many camp items such as Bibles, books, jewelry, LFYC T-Shirts (camp T-shirt day is Monday), pencils, posters and much more.

DRESS CODE:

GUYS: Shirts at all times

No half shirts

No speedos

Belts must be worn with all oversize pants

No body-piercings or make-up

Shoes are required at all times

GIRLS: Modest shirts and shorts (no halters or midriffs)

1-piece swimsuit

No 2-piece swimsuits (bikinis, tankinis, etc.)

No 2-piece swimsuits under t-shirts or other clothing

Girls, who need them, wear bras

Shoes are required at all times

Discretion should be used so that wording and pictures on T-shirts and hats are in good taste at a Christian camp. Any LFYC staff member has permission to request camper to change unacceptable clothing. Camp T-shirt day is every Monday.

WHAT TO BRING: MAKE SURE ALL BELONGINGS ARE MARKED WITH CAMPERS 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-shirts), jeans, sleepwear
- Shoes- tennis shoes, sandals
- Swimwear (modest 1-piece, girls), sun screen, sunglasses, hat
- Rain gear – umbrella
- Camp stuff – flashlight, insect repellent, Kleenex, camera and film
- Personal medications
- A good attitude, servant spirit and a desire to grow in Christ.

OPTIONAL:

- Musical Instrument

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

LEAVE AT HOME:

- * **Cell Phones**, TV, DVD players, radios, iPods, CD/MP3 players, gameboys, or any electronic equipment
- * Toys, comic books, collecting cards (Example-Pokemon)
- * Knives, guns, cigarettes, alcohol or drugs (except medications that are to be turned into First Aid on Sunday)
- * Fishing poles, skateboards, roller blades, skate shoes, or pets
- * Homesickness