

Greetings from camp!

We can't wait to welcome your camper to camp soon. We want to do everything we can to simplify things for you. This document contains everything you need to get ready for camp, including:

- ❑ **Summer Updates and Reminders**
- ❑ **Pre-Camp Checklist**
- ❑ **Check-In Process Description**

It is our hope to give you peace of mind knowing you are all set to drop your camper off at camp! **Read on for some important updates and reminders for this summer.** You may already know about some of these, but we an extra reminder never hurts anyone!

Summer 2026 Updates and Reminders

- ❑ **Family members are invited to Experience Camp Together (ECT) time on Fridays**
You and other family members (grandparents, siblings, etc) are invited to enjoy some great camp experiences TOGETHER following camper pick-up on Friday. Our Friday pick-up time begins with Closing Campfire **at 2:00 pm at Camp Lakeview and 3:00 pm at Lakeview Villages.** To learn more go to lakeview.camp/ECT.
- ❑ **Fill out the “Growing Faith Together” Pre-Summer Survey**
We are taking part in a national camp initiative focused on supporting parents and caregivers in nurturing faith at home. As part of this, we have a [PRE-CAMP SURVEY](#) we are asking families to fill out. While completely optional, the insights you share will help shape future camp programs and support faith formation beyond camp! To fill out the survey go to lakeview.camp/grow.
- ❑ **Our Summer Bible Study Theme is “NOT YOUR OWN”, based on 2 Corinthians 5:15**
We'll be exploring the hope-filled truth that, as Christians, we belong to God. The world tells us “You're the master of your own fate”, which seems empowering but creates unsustainable pressure to perform and achieve and succeed. This summer, campers will discover how good it is to trust Jesus with their life, their identity, their decisions, and their future.

We are so excited for your camper to spend an incredible week at camp this summer filled with community, growing in faith, and experiencing the love and goodness of God.

Please reach out if you have any questions or need help as you prepare to come to camp!

In Christ,

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Check-List for Camp

TWO WEEKS BEFORE YOUR CAMP SESSION:

- ❑ **Make sure your contact info is correct:** Go to the “Contacts” section* and make sure email and phone information is correct for each camper. This will ensure you receive any of our communication attempts about anything urgent.
- ❑ **Pay your balance:** Click the “Make a Payment” button to pay your balance. Final payment is due TWO WEEKS before the start of the camp session. **Campers who do not pay in full by this deadline will be removed from the session if we receive no response in attempts to contact.**
- ❑ **Finalize any cabin mate requests:** Go to the “Optional Items” section to update or change your camper’s cabin mate requests. Coordinate with friends to make sure each camper has requested the same group of friends so no “chains” are formed. We HIGHLY suggest only requesting a single buddy to avoid many potential issues – our staff will help your camper connect and make friends with others from the moment they arrive!
- ❑ **Add canteen money:** Go to the “Financial” section and add money to your camper’s canteen account for their week of camp. **\$20-30** is the recommended amount. **This money is NOT able to be used for the Shirt Shack;** it is just for snacks and drinks from the Canteen.

ONE WEEK BEFORE ARRIVING AT CAMP:

- ❑ **Add any camper medications:** Navigate to the “Medical” section and add any medications (prescription, OTC, vitamins, lotions, drops) your camper is bringing to camp with them. **You cannot delete added items** – if you add any item that you no longer plan on bringing, simply let us know at the Medication Check-In Station when checking in your camper.
- ❑ **Update the medical form and fill out any other forms:** Go to the “Forms” section and update the medical form with anything that has changed since you registered. Also fill out any other uncompleted forms indicated. **We freeze the ability to update forms 3 days from the start of the session.** After this point, you will need to make updates at check in.
- ❑ **Read your session’s Info Packet again:** This packet can be found at lakeview.camp/forms and includes a lot of really helpful details. Even if you read it before, scan through it again to refresh your memory on things like arrival/departure information, directions to camp, what to expect, etc.
- ❑ **Pack for camp:** The pack list is found in your session’s [Info Packet](#). Make sure to have your camper help pack so they know where everything is! Label everything and don’t bring anything you’d be sad to lose!

**All directions like this can be done by logging into your online account and selecting the “Update Info” button next to your camper’s name to navigate to their online dashboard.*

ARRIVING AT CAMP:

- ❑ **Plan to arrive at camp between 2:00-3:00 pm.** Arriving at ANY point within this time frame will give you plenty of time to get your camper checked in before their session starts.

- ❑ **Check-in takes place on different sides depending on which session you are attending.** **Classic** and **Explorer** campers turn **RIGHT** off Lake Rd. to head to our Camp Lakeview side, and **Village** campers will turn **LEFT** off Lake Rd. to head to our Lakeview Villages side. Check out the directions and map in your session's INFO PACKET if this is your first time visiting camp!

- ❑ **Pack medications separately.** You will need to turn in medications for your camper (including drops, vitamins, etc.) at check in, so make sure to keep them separate from your luggage!

- ❑ **You can leave your luggage in the car.** 😊 You'll head to your camper's cabin to get unpacked AFTER checking in, so you can leave your luggage in the car while checking in.

Policy Reminders/Updates

Here are some policies and procedures that we updated for this year (compared to last summer) or are trying to be extra intentional in emphasizing this year.

Snack Policies

Camperers are also able to bring their own snacks to camp! Make sure any snacks brought meet the following requirements:

- **Must fit in a 1 gallon bag or tub (due to limited storage space)**
- **Must be single-serve or resealable (to limit mess)**
- **NO items that contain peanuts or tree nuts**
- **NO energy drinks allowed**

Swimsuit Guidelines

Please avoid bikini-style swimsuits, single-piece suits with large cutouts, or speedos/swim briefs. Tankinis are allowed if they cover the midriff. Camperers with swimsuits that do not meet these guidelines will be asked to wear a shirt or shorts over top while swimming.

Camper Behavior Expectations

We are committed to creating a safe, welcoming, and Christ-centered environment where every camper is treated with dignity and respect. As a result, we teach and expect camperers to treat others, staff, and camp property with care and kindness, reflecting Christ's call to love one another.

Camperers are taught basic rules and expectations on the very first day of camp. When behavioral issues arise, we respond with correction paired with compassion. Camperers are given opportunities to apologize, make amends, and start fresh. Our response to most issues includes such things as brief reminders/warnings, one-on-one conversations, or the temporary loss of privileges.

While we lead with grace, we also maintain clear boundaries to ensure the safety and well-being of the entire camp community. If your camper has behavioral issues that are severe or persistent, we will contact you. Behaviors that are unsafe, disrespectful, or disruptive may result in your camper being sent home early.

Before camp, please talk with your camper about your expectations and camp's expectations for their behavior at camp. It is also helpful to discuss how even at camp there may be kids who behave inappropriately and mess up. If they encounter someone else behaving inappropriately, the best thing they can do is tell a staff member to help make sure it is known and addressed.

Description of CAMP LAKEVIEW Check-In Process

Check-in takes place between **2:00-3:30 pm** on the first day of your camp session. Please plan on arriving **no earlier than 2:00 pm**. Pro Tip: Waiting until after 2:30 pm can help you miss the crowds! If you happen to arrive early, expect to park and wait at the bottom of the hill for the start of check-in.

Stop #1: Bottom of the Hill on the CAMP LAKEVIEW side (turn RIGHT at the entrance)

Staff will welcome you and direct you to the parking area. Wave to Houston the mini horse in the corral as you drive past!

Stop #2: Dining Hall Parking Lot

Find a place to park and leave your luggage in the car, only taking **medications** and **mail** to check in. Staff will be in the parking lot to help direct you and your camper(s) to the Dining Hall for check-in!

Stop #3: Dining Hall (Inside)

Head to the **RIGHT** side of the building and enter through the double doors (by the Slip n Slide!) Entering here will help with the flow of traffic. Once inside, choose a line based on whether your camper has medications/food allergies/food to drop off with kitchen staff, or none of these items.

At check-in staff will:

- **Complete a health screen.** Make sure to call ahead if your camper has experienced a fever or other illness symptoms in the 24 hours leading up to their arrival at camp.
- **Tell you your camper's cabin and counselor for the week.** And give you a map to help you find the cabin!
- **Check your camper's Medical Form.** If dropping off medications, or if you have other medical concerns, you will be able to talk with the First Aid Coordinator during check-in.

At check-in you will also be able to drop off letters/mail to pass out to your camper during the week, and meet with kitchen staff to talk through food allergy needs.

Optional Stop: Shirt Shack

After checking in, you will exit the dining area into the lobby of the Dining Hall. **Restrooms** will be on your left, and the **camp store** ("Shirt Shack") on your right. Check out some sweet camp swag like t-shirts, hats, water bottles, and more! Pay by cash, check, or credit card.

Stop #4: Cabin Area

Grab your camper's luggage and make the short walk to the cabin area to unpack! (Closer parking is available by the bathhouse but parking is more limited.) You will be able to help your camper move in and meet their counselor. This is a great chance to ask questions and share any information you feel will help the counselor give your camper a better week at camp.

Before you leave, be sure to fill out the **sign-out sheet** each counselor has with the name(s) of who will be picking your camper up. When you're ready to leave give your camper a hug goodbye and have them join our staff and their cabin-mates for some fun and games. We train our staff to be intentional about helping each camper connect with their other cabinmates as soon as they arrive, so head home knowing the camp fun has begun for your camper!

Description of LAKEVIEW VILLAGES Check-In Process

Check-in takes place between **2:00-3:30 pm** on the first day of your camp session. Please plan on arriving **no earlier than 2:00 pm**. Pro Tip: Waiting until after 2:30 pm can help you miss the crowds! If you happen to arrive early, expect to park and wait at the bottom of the hill for the start of check-in.

Stop #1: Bottom of the Hill on the LAKEVIEW VILLAGES side (turn LEFT at the entrance)

Staff will welcome you and direct you to the parking area.

Stop #2: Village Lodge Parking Lot

Find a place to park and leave your luggage in the car, only taking **medications** and **mail** to check in. Staff will be in the parking lot to help direct you and your camper(s) to the Village Lodge for check-in!

Stop #3: Village Lodge (Inside)

Head to the LEFT side of the building and enter through the side door. Entering here will help with the flow of traffic. Once inside, choose a line based on whether your camper has medications/food allergies/food to drop off with kitchen staff, or none of these items.

At check-in staff will:

- **Complete a health screen.** Make sure to call ahead if your camper has experienced a fever or other illness symptoms in the 24 hours leading up to their arrival at camp.
- **Tell you your camper's village and counselor for the week.** And give you a map to help you find the village!
- **Check your camper's Medical Form.** If dropping off medications, or if you have other medical concerns, you will be able to talk with the First Aid Coordinator during check-in.

At check-in you will also be able to drop off letters/mail to pass out to your camper during the week, and meet with kitchen staff to talk through food allergy needs.

Optional Stop: Shirt Shack

After checking in, you will exit the dining area into the lobby of the Village Lodge. **Restrooms** will be on your right, and the **camp store** ("Shirt Shack") on your left. Check out some sweet camp swag like t-shirts, sweatshirts, water bottles, and more! Pay by cash, check, or credit card.

Stop #4: Village Cluster

Head back to your car and drive and park at the Village Cluster where your camper is staying. Make sure to drive clockwise around the Village loop. You will be able to help your camper move in and meet their counselor. This is a great chance to ask questions and share any information you feel will help the counselor give your camper a better week at camp.

Before you leave, be sure to fill out the **sign-out sheet** each counselor has with the name(s) of who will be picking your camper up. When you're ready to leave give your camper a hug goodbye and have them join our staff and their cabin-mates for some fun and games. We train our staff to be intentional about helping each camper connect with their other cabinmates as soon as they arrive, so head home knowing the camp fun has begun for your camper!