

Lutheran Youth Ministries

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Dear Camper,

We're happy to welcome you for a week of Christian fellowship, fun, and excitement. Staff is preparing a special program for camp, and we are eager to welcome you in person Sunday, July 23. Registration Sunday is from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. It is important that you arrive between 2:00 and 3:00. Campers leave Friday at 2:30pm but not until after we pitch in to clean up the camp. Most campers do not get much sleep on the last night at camp, we recommend that adults drive campers' home after the week of camp. Please arrange to arrive and leave as close as possible to these times, if this is a problem let us know in advance.

Remember to bring the following to camp. **One night will be a Candy Land themed dinner, camper attire for the meal is your favorite Candy Land candy.** This year you may bring a camp/lawn chair (optional) and a refillable water bottle. **Your name should be affixed to these items.** Bible, flashlight with good batteries, bug spray, lots of casual clothes, **Recreation committee is asking that you bring an outfit that you don't mind getting wet or dirty.** Make sure clothing is appropriate attire for a church youth camp. Shorts are an appropriate length and covers the entire buttocks. No shorts shall be pulled up too high. Dressier outfit if you want for our worship service (remember this is camp and it could get a little dirty), swimsuits, towels, bedding, and toiletries. Camp provides cots and mattresses, but you must bring your own sleeping bag, sheets and/or blankets, and pillow.

Please note we are not responsible for lost or broken property, so we suggest you do not bring any valuables with you. **Cell phones are allowed but their use is regulated.** This is camp, and part of the experience is to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Use of cell phone as a camera is allowed. Permission to use cell phone for any other use must be approved by camp management. Snacks and soda and T-shirts are available, so you'll want to bring some spending money. Tupper ware, or other sealable containers, for snacks to be kept in cabins is suggested. Soda should be bought through the camp store. Ice chests or similar items are not allowed due to limited space in cabins. Your copy of the camp rules is on the back side of this letter. Make sure you have read them and are familiar with them before camp.

Please have your parents/guardian keep the following phone number handy in case they need to contact us. Phone number is for emergency use only please. (618) 558-8668 or (618) 978-6279.

When you register Sunday, it is necessary for the camper to have the enclosed emergency/medical form, properly filled out and **NOTARIZED**, also **include photocopy of insurance card both front and back.** **We will NOT be able to notarize forms at camp.** Most banks will be able to notarize forms. **Failure to comply will result in the camper not being able to stay at camp.**

Please refer to our website (Lymcamp.org) regularly prior to camp for additional updates or announcements. Directions to camp may be found on the camp website.

Need additional information please contact us before Friday, July 21, 2023.

Yours in Christ,

Bob Milkert &
2023 LYM Staff

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LYM Camp Commandments

- I Inform the camp manager if you need to leave camp anytime during the week.
- II Cars are off limits during camp, except for staff use for camp business. Cars will be parked in designated areas for the week.
- III Everyone's possessions are to be respected. Any personal property damaged or destroyed must be paid for. This includes state property. We reserve the right, with due cause, to inspect any luggage, bags, packages, or coolers brought into camp for the safety of our campers and staff.
- IV If you are currently taking any medications or prescription drugs, inform the nurse at registration. For insurance reasons all medications will be administered by the camp nurse. **Medications are to be in the original container with directions for dosage clearly legible on label.**
- V The State of Missouri does not permit fireworks in the park. No fireworks at camp. COVID guidelines will be enforced according to CDC and the state of Missouri guidelines.
- VI Campers will not possess or partake of any alcoholic beverages or any drugs other than those prescribed by their physician and/or administered by the nurse in accordance with Missouri state law and LYM camp policy. **Campers violating these rules, your parents will be called and will result in your being sent home.** There will be no smoking in any buildings, or during any activity. Smoking is allowed only in designated areas and only by those of age to smoke.
- VII Curfew will be observed by all campers.
- VIII Campers & staff cabins are off limits to all other campers. We respect your right to privacy, safety, respect of personal property, and feelings. Please observe others cabins as off limits. The food preparation area in the dining hall is also off limits unless you are on KP or seeing the camp nurse.
- IX Camp activities are an important part of camp. They are planned for your enjoyment and benefit. If you find it necessary, to be late to an activity consult with a counselor or staff member prior to the activity.
- X Stereo, sound & office equipment in dining or recreation hall are also off limits. Cell phone use will be regulated. Other than use as a camera, cell phones may not be used for texting, calling friends or for use of other apps unless approved by a member of staff.