



Summer Camper Information Packet



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Summer Camp is here and we are excited that your child will join us for an exciting camp adventure!

Your child will have fun and

- find common ground with diverse friends
- share and deepen in fellowship with the natural world
- discover their own gifts and talents and practice new skills
- create games, songs, skits and make crafts
- explore God's creation, the living Word and grow closer to Jesus!

We provide a safe environment where college age counselors act as big brothers and sisters caring for children and sharing their witness to the importance of God in their own lives. Our staff is carefully screened, selected and trained. We are VERY proud of them. If you'd like to know more about our staff training or risk management procedures, just ask! We are happy to share with you why our camps are accredited by the American Camp Association.

Addressing Attitude and Concerns: We make the camp experience as happy and worry free as possible for both parent and camper. If your child is reluctant about coming to camp, keep your conversations with him/her calm and encouraging. Show every confidence that it will be GREAT. (It's true!) Talk over any fears or worries you may have and make a plan. Feel free to call us with concerns and suggestions. Below are some of the typical parent/camper concerns.

Making Friends: Counselors use fun and inclusive games and activities that give rise to natural friendships. We train counselors on bullying issues so they know how to take preventative action. Before camp, encourage your child to take the lead to include others and reach out to anyone who may seem shy or quiet.

Homesickness: Many of us miss home when we are away. Help your child see that this is normal but shouldn't stop camp from being fun. Learning how to manage those feelings is an important part of growing up. Camp is a GREAT place to do that. Let your child know you believe in his/her ability to take this important step in being away from home, and that you trust the camp staff. Our top strategies for helping homesick kids are: Keeping kids involved in fun and challenging play, encouraging them in making friends and showing them love – lots of it!

Our top three strategies for helping homesick kids are:

1. Keep kids involved together in fun and challenging play and fellowship.
2. Support and encourage them in working, playing, and making friends.
3. Love them ~ LOTS.

Unplugging: One of the biggest gifts of outdoor ministry is being away from technology: TV, computers, video games and cell phones. Being present to ourselves, each other and the beauty of the natural world is a vital part of fellowship at camp. The single biggest reason that camp experiences are so intense and transformational is that we are away from such

distractions. Please speak with your child about this policy before you leave for camp and make sure they do not have any electronic devices with them.

Camper Health Form: Please use the health form to tell us about particular needs, issues, and delights that will be beneficial for us to know about your child. Examples include: a divorce or death in the family, if your child loves swimming, has a fear of water, is afraid of the dark, etc. We want to provide great support for your child to have the best camp week possible.

Thank you for sharing your child with us. Having fun and loving God go hand in hand, and camp is all about experiencing the abundant life that Jesus offers. We weave worship, praise, prayer, scripture—and loving each other—into all that we do. Our goal is that campers leave singing Jesus songs and seeing God in everything and everyone.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to welcoming your child to summer camp!

In Christ,

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Summer 2018 Parent Information



Registration Office

2049 Upper Laurel Drive
Arden, NC 28704

Phone: 828-209-6302 Fax: 828-687-1600

Email: Registration@novusway.com & Camperhealth@novusway.com

Camper Health Forms & Waivers are due by April 1st 2018*. There are now digital forms online through online registration.

Where to find a health form:

- If you registered online, you may log back in to your account and fill out the health form through our registration portal and then simply upload a copy of the doctor's physical to your account as well.
 - If you filled out a health form online last year your information will pre-fill and you just need to update it.
- Visit www.luthersprings.org or www.lutheranch.org
 - Select Summer Camp (Luther Springs or Lutheranch)
 - Select the age group (Grade, Middle or High School)
 - Scroll to the very bottom of the page and select REGISTRATION INFORMATION
 - Scroll to the bottom of this page and the form is found under General Information
- Or contact the Registration Office at registration@novusway.com or call 828-209-6302 to request a paper form.

How to submit your child's health form & waivers:

- Scan and email to: camperhealth@novusway.com
- Fax to: **828-687-1600**
- Or mail to: NovusWay Registration, 2049 Upper laurel Drive, Arden, NC 28704

Helpful Notes for Submitting Health Forms:

- A new health form is required for each year your child registers for camp.
- A physical exam within the last **12 months** must be validated on the health form with a physician's signature or a physician-signed copy of the exam.
- If you completed an online health form last year your information will prefill for this summer and you only need to update it and submit a new doctor's physical.
- Please include immunization dates.
- Please keep a copy of the health form and any program waivers for your files.
- Per guidelines of the American Camp Association, this form will be reviewed by our health care staff prior to your child arriving at camp.
- We are unable to readily access physical exams from previous years, however you may attach a copy of last year's physical if it is dated within **12 months** of this year's camp week.
- Campers cannot be admitted on opening day without a completed and signed health form.

****If registering after April 1, 2018, please submit your child's health form & waivers at least two weeks prior to his/her camper week.***

A licensed nurse or EMT is in residence at Luther Springs during the summer. All Luther Springs Outdoor Adventure (OAP) staff members are First Aid & CPR certified.

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General Camp Information

SUNDAY CHECK-IN: 4:00pm - 5:30 pm

Upon arrival at Luther Springs or Lutheranch, please check-in with our Program Staff after you drive through the gate.

- If campers must arrive *later* than 5:30 pm, please call:
 - Luther Springs: 727-415-9887
 - Lutheranch: 727-415-9887

Friday CHECK-OUT: 11:00 am

If you must arrive later than 11:00am, please tell your child's counselor at Check-in. Special arrangements will have to be made, as the scheduled supervision of campers ends at 11am.

Mail & Communication

Campers LOVE getting mail! Our camp mailing address is at the top of the first page. Please include the camper's full name on the envelope, and post mail to your child early in the week (definitely before Wednesday) to ensure its likely delivery. The best mail is cheerful and newsy. Please don't send gum, candy, or food.

E-mail Messages: Send to SueM@FBSynod.org. Please put your camper's name in the subject line.

Phone Calls: Please understand that your camper will NOT be calling you. Calls home can be disruptive for a cabin group and can take away from the true camp experience. Cell phones are not allowed. If it is important for you to speak with your camper during the camp week or if you have questions about this policy, the program director will be happy to make a plan with you and your camper.

Packing List

- Sleeping bag & pillow
- 2-3 towels & washcloths
- Soap, shampoo, brush, comb
- Toothpaste & toothbrush
- Light jacket/sweatshirt
- Raincoat or poncho (& head cover)
- Shoes—2 pairs: sneakers with treads or closed-toe shoes that can get wet. **Closed-toe shoes are required for canoeing.** Shoes will likely get dirty and wet!
- Shower shoes or flip flops
- Sturdy clothes that can get dirty or wet
- Long pants (1 pair)
- Swimsuits (2)
- Cards, book, etc. for rest times
- Bible, notebook, pen or pencil
- Flashlight
- Water bottle (refillable)
- Insect repellent & sun block
- Plastic trash bag (wet/damp clothing, towels)
- Camera (optional)

Helpful Packing Hints:

- ✓ Please do not over-pack! Storage space in camper housing is limited.
- ✓ Write your child's name on each article of clothing, towels, hats, etc.
- ✓ Please make certain clothes are in good taste. Shorts should not be too short, and T-shirts should not contain inappropriate language or symbols. Swimsuits must be modest. Campers may be asked to change/cover up if clothing is deemed inappropriate.

What Not to Bring

Alcoholic, beverages, tobacco, and drugs (not prescribed by a physician). Violation of this policy results in immediate dismissal. Transportation home will be at the expense of the parent/guardian. Do not bring CELL PHONES, food (snacks, gum, candy, or drinks), knives, firecrackers, or similar items to camp. Leave hair dryers, curling irons, iPods, MP3 or any other electronic items at home. Weapons of any kind are not allowed!

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DIRECTIONS TO LUTHERANCH McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center

GPS coordinates for Lutheranch will not work as it is a new address and most GPS systems don't recognize it yet. You can use the GPS coordinates below or follow directions below.

GPS coordinates for 344 Salem church road, Tallapoosa GA then Turn Left (the second left after the church) on St. James Way, a gravel road, and continue approximately .8 miles to the Retreat Center on your left.

From Atlanta (Approximately 1hr 10 min for I-285)

Take I-20 West to GA-100N in Haralson County. Take Exit 5 on GA-100 and turn right to continue to Tallapoosa.

Turn left onto W. Alabama st., Right on Head Ave. Left on E. Atlanta St., and Right onto Robertson Ave.

Continue onto GA-100 North/Bowdon St. and follow the GA-100 signs.

Turn Left onto Salem Church Rd.

The Salem Baptist Church at 344 Salem Church Rd is ¼ mile before the left turn on St. James Way.

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From Birmingham, AL (Approximately 1hr and 40 minutes from Central City)

Take I-20 East to GA-100 North at Exit 5 in Georgia.

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From Northeast: Take I-95 S to exit 311 (CR 207), travel 19.4 miles to East Palatka, turn right on Hwy 20 for 27.3 miles, turn left on CR 21 for 3.4 miles, then right on Vause Lake Road. Follow signs on the road to camp entrance on the right.

DIRECTIONS TO LUTHER SPRINGS

Do not follow a GPS or use directions obtained on-line once you leave the interstate.

From Southwest: take I-75 north to exit 358 just North of Ocala, turn right on to Hwy 326 for 2.5 miles, turn left onto Hwy 301 for 15 miles, turn right onto Hwy 318E for 12.3 miles, turn left on to Co Rd 315, stay left at the fork on CR 21, continue for 5.4 miles, turn left onto Vause Lake Road and follow the signs on the road to entrance on right.

From Southeast: Take I-95 North to exit 268, turn left onto FL-40, 58 miles to right on Co Rd 315 (flashing yellow light), north for 22 miles, veer left at fork onto Co. Rd 21 for 5.4 miles, turn left onto Vause Lake Rd and follow the signs on the road to entrance on the right.

From Northwest: Take I-75 South to exit 399, turn left onto MLK/SR 20 for 46.2 miles, turn right at the light onto Co Rd 20A for 3.8 miles, turn right at the stop sign onto Co Rd 21, for 1.3 miles turn right onto Vause Lake Rd and follow the signs on the road to entrance on the right.

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