


LCLC WELCOME PACKET - SUMMER 2024

 Dear Friends,

We are excited that your child will soon come to camp! We look forward to meeting you and suggest that you mutually talk about the items in this Welcome Packet. In your conversations, please highlight the following:

- * Prepare well in advance, taking notice of the items below, *before coming to camp*.
- * Closely examine your camper's luggage to insure that everything is packed on both the General List and note the 'not permitted' items. Children adapt to camp much easier if they have everything they need.
- * Although infrequent, homesickness may be a challenging issue. Reactions of both children and parents can be in a constructive or unhealthy way, depending on the personality of the individual.
 - **Emphasize that your child is "going" to camp rather than "being sent" to camp.**
 - **Mention things like "I'm so excited for you!" or "Camp will be a great experience" rather than "I'll miss you so much while you're away" or "I can't wait for you to come home."**
 - **STRONGLY avoid statements like "Call me." "Text me." or "You can come home if you don't like it."** Not giving camp a fair chance only compounds the problem for those who have adjustment difficulties. LCLC is a community where we ask everyone to "unplug" for the week. As such, campers are asked not to use phones while at camp.
- * Heighten your child's interest by pointing out some of the exciting things you remember about your camp experience or a similar overnight. Be positive about how you were able to handle being away from home.

A fantastic summer experience is in store for your child! Thanks for choosing to send your child to LCLC!

In Christ,

LCLC Staff

BEFORE COMING TO CAMP

Get ready now and avoid inconvenience later.

- **Send the Following at Least Three Weeks In Advance:**

- Full Camp Fee Payment
- Canteen Deposit
- Completed Health Form
- Camp Photo Order
- Parent's Information
- Camper's Letter
- Special Needs Information Form

The check-in process can be significantly shortened if you return these items at least three weeks prior to arrival.

- **Full Camp Fee Payment.** This can be made via our online portal: <https://lclcenter.campbrainregistration.com/> or checks can be mailed to camp.
- **Canteen Deposits.** There is no need for your child to have cash while at LCLC. Canteen Deposits (camp store) can be made in advance via our registration website
 - Your camper may purchase LCLC clothing or souvenir items during Sunday check-in or Friday check-out. During the week we recommend a maximum of \$20 for the Canteen, which is normally open once a day. This account allows your child to "purchase" drinks, snacks, postcards and stamps.
 - At the end of the camp, you can donate the balance to a designated cause or receive the cash refund.
- **Camp Photo Order.** You can also place your child's order in advance for an 8"x10" glossy photo of his/her camp program group for \$7.

Please Note

- **Health & Examination Form and Medications.** New York law requires a current Health Form and Immunization History **every year** and a Physical Examination within **one year** of your child's camp experience.
 - LCLC is required to comply with all NY Health Department and State regulations. This form is confidential and will be kept on file in the Health Center.
 - Please review the Health & Examination Form instructions carefully to ensure LCLC's ability to provide for your child's medical needs while at LCLC.
- The Health & Examination Form **must be signed by both a parent/guardian and the Primary Physician.**
- **All medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, must be accompanied by a written standing order signed by a physician.**
 - All prescription and over-the-counter medications must be in the **original container with label** and **directly given to the Camp Nurse** who keeps them in the Health Center and dispenses them at the appropriate times and dosages. If your child requires any medications to be given while at camp, be sure to have your physician complete the appropriate portion of the Health Form as well as the required prescription form.

ARRIVING AT CAMP & CHECK-IN

Early arrival is **not** possible, since staff preparations continue right up until check-in time. Late arrivals may experience some inconvenience because LCLC staff become involved with the program activities after check-in closes.

Please arrive between 2:00 and 4:00 PM Sunday afternoon of your week at camp.

Your check-in may be significantly shortened when you have sent in your forms in advance. Your camper should remain with you throughout the registration process until you say goodbye at the cabin.

1. **Please park your car in the designated areas. Do not drive up to cabins.** Bring with you any balances due, Canteen Deposits, medications, and any other required forms not already returned to LCLC.
2. **Stop at the Registration Table at the Pavilion,** to register your arrival, submit or update your Camper Release, get your cabin assignment, order a photo, make a Canteen deposit if needed and/or pay any balances due.
3. **Next, go to the Nurses' Table. Every camper needs to be screened in the presence of his/her parent or appointed guardian.** Any camper who has not mailed in or updated his/her Health Form, has medications, or has had an illness or injury that occurred since sending the Health Form, will need to clarify these matters with the Camp Nurse.
4. **Go to the Canteen** (camp store) in the Dining Hall where you can purchase camp swag prior to going to your cabin. (Optional)
5. **Return to your car, get your luggage, and take it to your cabin.** Staff will greet you at the porch and move your camper in to the cabin.
6. **Say good-bye,** knowing that you and your camper will have a great week. The quicker the good-bye the easier it is for both you and your child, especially for first-time campers.

DEPARTING CAMP & CHECK-OUT

Please be sure that you have signed and submitted the Camper Release form which lets us know who has permission to transport your child home. Please indicate if a non-custodial parent may **NOT** pick up your child.

1. **Closing Program:** A 30 minute closing program will take place in the Pavilion.
*** Closing Program Times: ***
 - **Friday at 4:00 PM** for Classic Camps, R.A.T.S., Sailing Camp, Senior High Week, and Night Owls
 - **Friday at 10:30 AM** for Confirmation Camp
 - **Wednesday at 10:30 AM** for Mini Camp
2. **Please park along the road near the Pavilion.** After the Closing Program, walk to your camper's cabin, where you can meet your child and collect their belongings.
3. **Signing Out.** Children will be released only to the person who has been previously designated by the parent/guardian on the Confirmation Letter. LCLC requires the signature of the person who is picking up your child, including parents'. A fax with the parent's signature will be required if any last minute changes are to be made.
4. **See the Camp Nurse.** If you brought medications which you need to take home or have any questions, you need to see the Camp Nurse at the Pavilion.
5. **Stop at the Canteen** in St. John's Hall. You do not need to visit the Canteen if you have chosen to donate your child's remaining Canteen balance to an LCLC purpose.

MORE GOOD THINGS FOR PARENTS TO KNOW ABOUT LCLC

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: Please contact the LCLC office if your child has any dietary restrictions or food allergies.
Email: contact@lclcenter.org Phone: 716-386-4125

MAIL & PACKAGES. Mail is delivered daily Monday-Friday. Mail for campers is distributed during the dinner hour. Campers are encouraged to write home during the course of their stay. Likewise, a letter from home can be a highlight of a camper's day. It takes **two - four days** for mail to arrive, so plan ahead! Please address your letters to:

Camper's Name
Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center
5013 Route 430
Bemus Point, New York 14712

For **"Bunk Notes"** our 1-way email program, sign up on the Summer Programs page of our website.

CAMPER BEHAVIOR. LCLC strives to provide a safe, Christian community for your child. Behavioral rules and expectations are covered with campers, often using a covenant method. Intentional malice and willful destruction of camp property results in informing parents of the camper's behavior. Campers will be expected to pay for the repair or replacement of vandalized items.

If LCLC has a concern during your child's session, we will consult with you. **On rare occasions, campers may be asked to leave camp before the end of the week.** This would be due to the camper's behavior not being in accordance with LCLC's Code of Conduct. In these situations, the camper will be dismissed with no refund and the parent/guardian will be responsible for the immediate transportation of the camper from camp.

NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS. Parent/guardians listed on the Health Form will be notified in the event of any prolonged illness, an emergency which requires off-camp medical attention, or behavioral concerns. If the listed parent/guardians cannot be reached, the other emergency contacts on the Health Form will be notified. During check-out, parents may speak with the nurse about their campers week at camp and any basic health care issues that may have arisen.

GENERAL PACKING LIST

Please **label all items with your full name** using a laundry marker, so that you do not lose your personal belongings.

NECESSARY ITEMS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacket or windbreaker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag (preferred) or 2 sheets and 1 blanket | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight & extra batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow & pillowcase | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>At least 2 pairs of closed-toe shoes (sneakers) or light boots (Wearing slip on sandals or flip flops around camp is discouraged!)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm, comfortable clothes (jeans, 1-2 sweatshirts or fleeces) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water shoes or sports sandals for swimming, boating, and showers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat & Waterproof shoes or boots | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & toothpaste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap & shampoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant & other toiletries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handkerchief/Tissues | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen (min. 30 SPF recommended) & sunglasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts, Tee shirts, short sleeved shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Retention strap for glasses when boating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear & socks for each day at camp | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 towels & washcloth | |

OPTIONAL ITEMS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Daypack or bookbag | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Postcards, stationery, stamps, pen/pencil | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothespins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable camera | <input type="checkbox"/> Plain white T-shirt to tie-dye or paint |

DO NOT BRING ...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phones | <input type="checkbox"/> Weapons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tablets | <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco/Alcohol Products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MP3 or other music players | <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs/Drug Paraphernalia |

- Computers
- Electronic Games or Electronics in General
- Expensive Jewelry or Clothing
- Snacks from Home
- Knives

~ These items can interfere with the Christian community we try to build during a week of camp. If your camper's cell phone is also their camera, we'll be happy to work out ample time for camera use, however, disposable cameras the best option. If discovered, the above items will be stored during camp and returned to the camper's parent/guardian at Check-Out.

A Few Summer Camp Policies

- **CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** LCLC believes that one of the valuable qualities of camp is the uninterrupted time away from home and technology. Consequently, campers' use of cell phones/devices for calls, texting, and accessing the internet is not permitted during camp. ***Please help us by not calling or texting your camper or asking them to call or text you throughout the week.***
 - ~ LCLC staff leaders are glad to discuss your child's experience at any time. Routine calls can be made during office hours. During non-office hours, please leave a message. Messages are regularly monitored.
- **SNACKS:** ***Snack items should NOT be brought from home*** for your camper. Snacks can be purchased in the LCLC Canteen once each day. Food stored in cabins attracts "critters" such as insects, mice, raccoons and even skunks.
- **Climbing Tower:** Use of the climbing tower is restricted to campers in 5th grade and older, provided they fit into our harnesses. All campers meeting this criteria will be given an opportunity to use the climbing tower during their week of camp.
- **LOST & FOUND:** LCLC can return any "lost" items upon request, at your expense, within two weeks after your child leaves camp. LCLC is not responsible for lost or damaged items. Any items which are not claimed are donated to charity at the end of summer.
- **RULES FOR ACCEPTANCE:** Campers are enrolled on a "first come, first serve" basis. Rules for acceptance and participation are the same for everyone, without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, or disability.

Camper Code of Conduct
To be signed by the camper and parent.

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LCLC seeks to be a safe, accepting, and inclusive environment for all children. To better ensure this kind of environment is provided, we ask that campers and their parents agree to the following:

Camper Rights:

1. To be respected and treated fairly, regardless of differences, by the other campers and the LCLC staff.
2. To be safe in all camp settings.
3. Not to be bullied by others, either with actions or words.

Camper Responsibilities:

1. To treat others fairly and respectfully, regardless of differences.
2. To behave in a way that does not affect the safety of themselves and or others.
3. To be kind, considerate and caring to others through actions and words.

Camper Signature: _____ Parent Signature _____

Definitions to clarify what bullying is compared to other unwanted, yet occasional childhood behaviors.

Rude: Inadvertently saying or doing something that hurts someone else.

Mean: Purposefully saying or doing something to hurt someone once or twice.

Bullying: Intentionally aggressive behavior, repeated over time, that involves an imbalance of power. This is unacceptable at all times.

Camper's Letter
To be filled out by the camper.

*CAMPERS: To help you enjoy your LCLC camp experience, please complete and return this sheet to LCLC as soon as possible. It will be kept by your counselor or in the camp office and will not be seen by anyone other than the staff. We want you to feel free to share any information that will help us provide you with an enjoyable experience while here at LCLC. **Thanks!***

My name is _____ My friends call me _____

I am ___ years old and just finished ___ grade. I am coming to camp for the first time Yes No

I am coming to LCLC because _____

What I look forward to doing most at LCLC is _____

What I don't want to do at LCLC is _____

I am excited about _____

I am concerned about _____

I would like my counselor to know this about me _____

Other comments and ideas _____

Your LCLC counselors & staff hope and pray you are as excited about the LCLC summer camp as we are.
We can't wait for you to get here!

Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center Camper Care Form

The more we know about your child, the better able LCLC will be to meet their unique needs. No matter how seemingly small (nail biting, nervous quietness, homesickness, etc.) or complicated your child's needs are, please complete this online form that can be found at: <https://forms.gle/o937HhgoQeqpkMhb8>