

IMPORTANT
 Read Carefully

Facts Sheet

Enclosed you will find:

Registration Acknowledgement: Check the information to make sure it is accurate.

Camp Packing List: Use this to help you pack!

Canteen List: We have a camp store. Use this list to help you determine how much spending money to bring.

Camper Health, Emergency and Authorized Information Form: Fill it out, sign it and bring it with you or mail it at least two weeks in advance to get Express Registration.

What will I be doing at Luther Park?

A typical day includes many of the following:

Experiencing God - FUN - Games - Bible Study - Worship- Crafts - Swimming - Making New Friends - Discovering New Things - Singing - Food! - FUN - Hanging out with counselors - Skits - Rest time

No cell phones, please:

We have a no cell phone policy at camp. Aside from the fact that cell phones are expensive and can get lost or stolen, and that the physical camp environment is not kind to such items, there is a fundamental problem with campers having cell phones at camp, and that is trust. When children come to camp they—and you—are making a leap of faith, transferring their primary care from you as their parents to us as camp staff and counselors. This is one of the growth-producing, yet challenging aspects of camp. As children learn to trust other caring adults, they grow and learn, little by little, to solve some of their own challenges. We believe this emerging independence is one of the greatest benefits of camp. It is one important way your children learn to become resilient. Contacting you by phone essentially means they have not made this transition. It prevents us from getting to problems that may arise and addressing them quickly. Sending a cell phone to camp is like saying to your child that you as the parent haven't truly come to peace with the notion of them being in our care.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ANSWERS:

Do I need a physical by a physician? We recommend one every two years but it is not required.

Do I have to complete the Camper Health, Emergency and Authorized Information Form you sent me? Yes. Children cannot stay at camp without a current form filled out and signed by his/her legal guardian/parent.

When is the form due? Either mail it two weeks before your start date to get in the Express Registration Lane or bring the signed form with you to camp at check-in time.

What if I have medications? We have trained medics who will collect all medications when you check in. Each camper is given his/her medications according to the directions given to us by the physician. Medications must be in original labeled container which should contain only the amount needed during your child's camp stay.

May I send over-the-counter (OTC) meds? Only if you have a signed doctor's order and they are in their original packaging. We provide many OTC meds such as: Tylenol, ASA, decongestant, etc.

PARENT AND CAMPER HOMESICKNESS:

May I come see my camper? We discourage this because camp is an opportunity for the camper to learn to meet new friends and to "break out of their shell." We will call if your child is ill or if your child is too homesick. In this case, "no news really is good news!" Our practice is to encourage the camper by keeping them involved in all the fun of camp. If they think you are going to come and get them, they will never give it an honest try. Many times we have heard the story of the camper who was afraid at first and then wasn't ready to go home at the end of the week because they enjoyed their camp experience so much. For more strategies to prevent homesickness, see "Complete Parent/Camper Info" page online at www.LutherPark.org.

How can I communicate with my camper? We recommend the US Mail (camper's name, Luther Park Bible Camp, 944 24 1/4 St, Chetek, WI 54728). Campers love to get real mail from home. It makes them feel very special. You can also visit www.LutherPark.org to send an email to your camper. Click on Summer Camp and follow the link.

May I send just one or two pills in a baggie? No you may not. According to state law, each medication brought by the camper must be clearly labeled by a pharmacy with the doctor's name, directions and name of medication. Any non-labeled medications will be sent home.

Will my child be safe? The staff is highly trained. There are Emergency Responders available 24 hours a day no matter where your child is. There are certified lifeguards at the pool. Counselors go through two weeks of training, including First Aid and CPR.

What about insurance? Each camper is covered primarily by their own insurance and secondarily by Luther Park's Accident Insurance Policy.

