

# Welcome 2023 Campers!

Thank you for registering for camp! We are so excited for you to arrive! We are praying for a wonderful week of fun and adventure for you!

**Please read carefully** through this information to be prepared for camp; **Keep a copy in your files for reference.** 

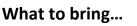
Before June 15th:

Balance due Paid in Full



All forms completed

After June 15th - Pay by the Friday before your camper's Sunday arrival or at Sunday registration





#### Make sure your name is on EVERYTHING

- Bible (optional, we have many you can borrow (and take home!)
- □ Masks (1-2/day) Optional in dining hall
- Water bottle
- Flashlight (plus batteries)
- Money for camp store (unless prepaid online)
- □ Sleeping bag & pillow
- Towel & wash cloth
- □ Shower shoes (flip flops)
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste & toiletries
- Swimsuit/Towel
- □ Sunscreen, hat and/ or sunglasses
- □ Shoes (closed-toe & sandals)
- Rain jacket and/or warm jacket
- Insect repellant lotion (optional)
- Shorts & one pair of long pants
- T-shirts (long & short sleeve)
- Socks & underwear
- □ Camera (optional please label)
- <u>Completed paperwork</u> (If not completed online)

#### Basketball (additional Items)

□ Athletic shoes (non-marking soles)



#### Ranch, Night, Outback, Tree House, Adventure, Wild Water, Rock Climbing, Pack 'n' Raft Camps (additional items)

- Sturdy hiking shoes (boots/close-toe, hard-soul shoes)
- Long pants for riding (Ranch Camp)
- □ Sleeping pad-optional

#### STAR Camp only (optional item)

- □ An instrument if you wish
- Talent show items

## Camper Drop Off & Pick Up



Registration Drop-off and Camper Pick-up is at the Camp for all camp programs

#### Arrival Sunday 3:30 - 5:00 pm

- Registration takes place between 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm
- Have medications in original containers & ready to turn in

#### Friday Pick Up (and short week - Wed, July 12)

- 11 am Closing program-Amphitheatre for parents & all
- 12-12:30 pm Pick up at your child's cabin or on the courts

#### \* On-site Day Camps:

- o Drop off time at camp 9:00 9:15 am Monday-Friday
- o Pick up time at camp 3:00 pm Monday-Thursday
- o Pick up time on Friday is 12-12:30 pm
- \* Navigator half weeks:
  - o Drop off 3:30 pm Sunday-Pick up Tuesday 11:30 am
  - o Drop off 3:30 pm Wednesday-Pick up Friday 12-12:30 pm

#### Please note: Fridays - 11 am Closing Program-All are welcome

What to leave at home, Please!



- Electronics (phones, iPods, tablets, smart watches, etc.)
- D Personal equipment, i.e. sporting goods, instruments
- D Pets (not allowed even at Sunday drop off or Fri pickup)
- Pocket knives or any weapons
- □ Snacks/candy/gum/soda
- U Valuables
- Apparel referencing alcohol, drugs, negative language, violence, politics
- Alcohol, Drugs

## Medications (must be in original containers)



As a safety measure and to ensure your camper is receiving their correct medications, all medications must be turned in to the camp health care staff at registration in the original container. We are required to follow directions and dosage on the original container. Medications such as EpiPens and emergency inhalers may be kept with the camper's counselor after discussion with healthcare staff.

## Keep in Touch!

#### ...on Facebook

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Follow us on Facebook at "Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp" to stay up to date on what's going on at FLBC. Watch for pictures, updates & more!

## ...on Instagram



Search @flatheadlutheranbiblecamp for photos of what's happening around camp.

## ...throughout the week

This year we will be using Google Photos to create separate albums for each week of camp. We will share the



link and password with the parents of registered campers after check-in on Sunday evening. The link and password will be sent via email.

## Share your story!



We would love to hear about your camp adventure! Share your story with us on Facebook (tag us!), or email office@flbc.net

## Directions

Physical Address for drop-of & pick-up only: (Do not send mail to this address)

550 Lutheran Camp Road Lakeside MT 59922

Located on the west side of Flathead Lake along Highway 93 Turn onto Lutheran Camp Road (between mile markers 94 & 95) After 1/2 mile, turn left at the 'Y' and continue another 1/2 mile to the parking lot on the right - staff will be there to direct you! **Ouestions?** Contact 406-564-5039 or registration@flbc.net

## Camperships

FLBC believes that every person who wants to come to camp should be able to do so! No one is ever turned away for financial reasons. 25% of all program fees are already funded through generous gifts from FLBC supporters. If your child or a person you know needs financial assistance, "Camperships" are available beginning April 15<sup>th</sup>. After you have checked with your congregation and /or family for scholarships, call the FLBC Business office at 406-752-6602 to request a Campership application.

## Camper Mail



# Mail Early! Before Camp Starts!

Campers LOVE to get mail! Keep mail travel time in mind when sending through the post office, or *drop off mail at Sunday registration to make* sure your camper will get it! As you plan for sending your camper mail we ask that you please DO NOT SEND or Bring care packages including food, candy or gifts.

Be sure to include your camper's first and last name when addressing letters and mail to:

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

- Camper Name (& cabin name/# if you know it)
- PO Box 790
- Lakeside MT 59922

We do have a mailbox at camp if your camper would like to send a letter home throughout the week! Help younger campers by sending them with pre-addressed, pre-stamped envelopes.

You may also email your camper at camper@flbc.net. Include their full name (& cabin name if you know it) in the subject line.

## Camp Store







FLBC's camp store is open during both registration and camper pick-up times. We offer FLBC apparel, accessories, water bottles and more! Campers are able to purchase snacks and small items each day throughout the week when the Canteen is open.

Go online to prepay your camper's canteen balance or put money into canteen accounts upon arrival. Suggested \$40/week for snacks. Any unused canteen money can be refunded to your credit card or you may choose to donate unused canteen money to summer offering. If you did not use a credit card to deposit canteen money, your canteen refund will be issued by check. In order for everyone to have a timely departure, we will not be refunding canteen money in cash.

## **Refund Policy**

- FLBC will refund all except the \$100 deposit up to one month in advance of your week at camp
- If FLBC has to cancel your camper's program, you will receive a refund of the entire amount paid.
- As always, if you are sick or have been in close contact with someone who is ill with Covid, flu, cold, or anything contagious, *please stay home* - you will receive a full refund.
- If you need to change your plans, the \$100 deposit is non-refundable but may be transferred to another week of summer camp, or a different retreat/event only in 2023.

#### In Case of Illness



We have health care staff at camp 24 hours a day every week of youth / family camp. A large part of this role is tracking and documenting all medications and first aid treatment. All FLBC counselors are trained in wilderness first aid and CPR to help make camp a safe and comfortable place. If there is an emergency or serious illness, parents will be notified by camp staff. The camper is required to have health insurance.

## A Note on Bullying and Camper Behavior Expectations

At FLBC, it is our deepest hope and prayer that each camper experiences a positive environment where they build positive relationships, grow in confidence, and try new things within a Christian learning environment. We work hard as a staff team to ensure that all feel included and safe while they are attending camp: onsite, offsite and at day camps. Unfortunately, persons who are bullied may not be able to experience camp in the way that we hope. Bullying is inexcusable, and we have a firm policy against <u>all types</u> of bullying. We take such incidents of bullying very seriously. Our staff is trained to promote communication so that campers feel safe alerting them to any problems during their camp experience. We encourage you, as parents, to let us know about any particular bullying concerns you may have regarding your camper. Staff are trained to promote inclusion, kindness and positive relationships within their cabin groups and throughout the camp experience for campers. On the rare occasion that a camper exhibits behavior that is dangerous or overly disruptive to fellow campers, they may be asked to leave the camp session early. The parent or guardian will be responsible for immediate pick up from camp property, and will not receive a refund.

#### **Homesick Campers**

Sometimes campers get homesick, or experience anxiety or fear (It's a new place with new people). This is not unusual. We would like your help to encourage your camper "that they can make it"! It is a <u>huge victory</u> for a camper to stay for the whole week or 1/2 week program. If we feel it is necessary, we will call you and explain your child's concerns.

After we (director) have talked to you, we will explain our procedure of having your camper call you, so you can encourage them to stay at camp.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, you may text or call our Executive Director, Margie Fiedler at (406) 890-0662.

## **Summer Offering**

Join us this summer in contributing to our offering project! Bring an offering frim your family or congregation -- or you may donate your leftover camp store funds.

This year's offering will go to **The Haitian Ruby Project** started by our 2022 staff member from Haiti, Jovenel Pierre. The goal of the project is to rebuild Haiti, by impacting Haitian people through ministry, community, education, and development. For more information go to https://thehaitianrubyproject.online/



## Summer 2023 Health and Safety Guide (including COVID-19 Precautions)

You or your child have the option to wear masks while at camp. The camp experience will focus on small-group activities, which will focus on safety, fun, and spiritual development (as always)! Many meals will be eaten outdoors. As always, safety is our biggest priority at camp. Our amazing team of health care professionals are helping us make decisions and implement policies based on scientific findings. Thank you for being prepared to help us achieve this goal to have an awesome summer of 2023!



#### PLEASE STAY HOME if you are ill or have been in close contact with anyone who is ill with anything contagious (Covid, flu, cold, etc.)



**Vaccines** – Multiple COVID-19 vaccines are increasingly available to an expanding range of adults and youth over the age of 5. As a policy, FLBC will urge all staff, campers, and adult volunteers to be vaccinated, as available and medically advisable. FLBC encourages everyone to be part of the global pandemic solution and stay informed about the value of COVID-19 vaccinations for all. Vaccinations are in addition to other safety steps.

