

LAKE LAVON CAMP



Parent's Guide 2024



Welcome!

We are so excited to welcome your child to camp this summer! This guide is to help ease your mind as you send your kids off to camp, as well as provide you with as much info as we can about what you & your child can expect during their time here.

Each year we spend months praying, planning, and preparing for our summer program camps and we are blessed to welcome churches from all over Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. During their time at camp, your kiddo will have the opportunity to grow in their faith & develop essential life skills, all while having a blast. We look forward to welcoming each and every one of your campers this summer, and we pray fervently that their time with us is a memory that will last a lifetime.



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PACKING LIST

NECESSITIES:

- T-SHIRTS / TOPS (No strapless)
- SHORTS (Modest Length)
- ONE-PIECE SWIMSUIT
- PAJAMAS
- SOCKS
- CLOSE-TOED SHOES (Required for land-recreation activities)
- HAT (For sun protection)
- WATER BOTTLE
- TWIN BED SHEETS / BLANKET / SLEEPING BAG
- PILLOW & PILLOW CASE
- TOWELS (SWIM & SHOWER)
- TOILETRIES
- SUNSCREEN
- BIBLE / JOURNAL FOR TAKING NOTES / PEN

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- FLASHLIGHT
- INSECT REPELLANT
- CASH (For Snack Shack or Lakehouse Coffee & Gift Shop)

What NOT To Bring

- Crop Tops
- Web-Enabled Devices
- Tobacco Products / Vapes
- Weapons
- Handheld Video Games
- Valuable Items that you would mourn the loss of (apple watches, sentimental or expensive jewelry, etc.)
- Low-cut Tank Tops
- Bikes or Skateboards
- Pets
- Alcohol / Illegal Drugs
- Fireworks
- A bad attitude

CAMP RULES

- 1. Prank supplies are not allowed (i.e. Shaving cream, water balloons, spray paint, water guns/blasters, silly string, etc.)**
- 2. Adult supervision is required at the Pool/Swim Lake/ Lake Front/Ropes Course/Go-Karts, etc. At no point is a student to go to these areas without adult supervision.**
- 3. Drugs, alcohol, any form of tobacco, firearms, knives, or any other kind of weapon, or fireworks are strictly prohibited. If discovered, parents will be immediately notified and camper(s) will be sent home.**
- 4. Appropriate dress attire is expected. Shorts (for boys and girls), skirts and skorts (for girls) should be no shorter than fingertip length. Girls should have one-piece swimsuits or tankinis. Swimsuits should only be worn at the swimming pool. Shoes are required to and from every activity.**
- 5. Public Display of Affection (PDA) is not allowed.**
- 6. No fighting, physical aggression or bullying will be tolerated.**
- 7. All snack items must be stored in sealable containers to prevent ants and other critters in the dorms and meeting rooms. Texas Department of Health regulations prohibit cooking in dorms without kitchens.**
- 8. Guests are not allowed to bring pets on campus. No pets of any kind are permitted in the dorms, conference center, recreation areas, or meeting rooms.**
- 9. Students are to respect all adult leaders and follow their instructions.**
- 10. Any damages inflicted by campers such as: broken windows, graffiti, etc. will result in the responsibility of the respective parties being charged for clean-up / repairs of the damage inflicted.**

Health + Safety Protocols

FAQ:

- **WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD GETS SICK OR INJURED WHILE AT CAMP?**

IT IS OUR HOPE THAT EVERY CAMPER WILL REMAIN HEALTHY & SAFE, ALLOWING THEM TO FULLY ENJOY THEIR CAMP EXPERIENCE. JUST IN CASE, THOUGH, LAKE LAVON CAMP'S HEALTH CENTER IS STAFFED WITH A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL THROUGHOUT EVERY CAMP SESSION. OUR CAMP NURSE RESIDES ON-SITE FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE WEEK AND IS ON-CALL 24/7.

- **WHAT IF MY CHILD TAKES PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION?**

NO WORRIES! ALL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS CAN BE SENT TO CAMP AND TURNED IN TO THE CAMP NURSE AT THE TIME OF CHECK-IN. THESE MEDICATIONS MUST BE BROUGHT WITHIN THEIR ORIGINAL BOTTLE, LABELLED WITH THE RECIPIENTS NAME. WHEN PACKING PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION, WE ASK PARENTS TO PLACE THEIR CHILDS MEDICINE WITHIN A ZIPLOCK BAG THAT IS CLEARLY LABELLED WITH HIS / HER NAME. MEDICATION IS NEVER TO BE KEPT WITHIN YOUR CHILDS DORM, AND CHURCH LEADERS ARE PROVIDED SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO ENSURE THIS RULE IS NOT VIOLATED FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL CAMPERS.

LAKE LAVON CAMP ASKS THAT ALL NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION SUCH AS: TYLENOL, ADVIL, MELATONIN, MULTI-VITAMINS, ETC. BE KEPT AT HOME DURING YOUR CHILD'S TIME AT CAMP.

- **HOW DOES LAKE LAVON CAMP DEAL WITH HOMESICKNESS?**

HOMESICKNESS IS A REALITY OF OVERNIGHT CAMPING, BUT AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE CAMP EXPERIENCE IS ALLOWING CHILDREN TO DEVELOP A HEALTHY SENSE OF INDEPENDENCE. IN THE EVENT THAT YOUR CHILD NOTIFIES OUR STAFF THAT SHE / HE IS HOMESICK, OUR TEAM WILL DO OUR BEST TO COMFORT YOUR CHILD. IF THE HOMESICKNESS PERSISTS, WE WILL CONNECT WITH PARENTS / GUARDIAN TO SEE WHAT THE BEST STRATEGY FOR MOVING FORWARD WILL BE.

- **HOW ARE CONFLICTS HANDLED AT CAMP?**

CONFLICTS HAPPEN, EVEN IN UPLIFTING ENVIRONMENTS LIKE CAMP. OUR FULL-TIME LEADERSHIP STAFF IS TRAINED TO RECOGNIZE AND REDUCE CONFLICT IN THE CONTEXT OF CAMP AND WORKS DILIGENTLY TO DO SO. CONFLICT IS HANDLED BY BOTH CHURCH LEADERS / FULL-TIME STAFF AND IS RESOLVED IN A HEALTHY MANNER, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON TEACHING GRACE. BULLYING AND PHYSICAL VIOLENCE ARE NOT TOLERATED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.

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- **CAN LAKE LAVON CAMP ACCOMMODATE MY CHILDS' FOOD ALLERGY?**

HERE AT LAKE LAVON CAMP, WE ARE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE NUT ALLERGIES, GLUTEN ALLERGIES, DAIRY ALLERGIES, AND VEGETARIANS. IF YOUR CHILD HAS A SEVERE ALLERGY (ANY ALLERGY THAT REQUIRES AN EPI-PEN), WE DO ASK THAT YOU PACK MEALS FOR THEM TO BRING TO CAMP. THESE MEALS CAN BE STORED SAFELY WITHIN OUR KITCHEN, AND WE WILL PROVIDE A MICROWAVE IN THE DINING HALL FOR REHEATING. IF YOUR CHILD HAS AN ALLERGY THAT WAS NOT LISTED ABOVE, THIS MEANS THAT DUE TO THE VOLUME OF GUESTS WE SERVE- WE ARE UNFORTUNATELY UNABLE TO SAFELY ACCOMMODATE THEIR ALLERGY. FOR ALLERGIES THAT CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED, WE OFFER THE SAME OPTION OF CAMPER BRINGING THEIR OWN MEALS TO BE STORED AND REHEATED WITHIN THE DINING HALL. FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT US DIRECTLY BY CALLING OUR FRONT OFFICE AT 972-736-2273.

- **WHAT POLICIES DOES LAKE LAVON CAMP PUT IN PLACE FOR THE SAFETY OF MY CHILD?**

LAKE LAVON CAMP TAKES THE MATTER OF YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY INCREDIBLY SERIOUS. EACH AND EVERY ADULT ON CAMP GROUNDS IS BACKGROUND CHECKED PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT OUR FACILITIES. ADDITIONALLY, WE REQUIRE ALL ADULTS TO COMPLETE A CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING COURSE PRIOR TO CAMP- PROVIDING THEM WITH THE TOOLS TO RECOGNIZE AND PREVENT ALL FORMS OF ABUSE. BOTH STAFF AND ADULT SPONSORS ARE NEVER ALLOWED TO BE ALONE 1-ON-1 WITH A CHILD, AND LAKE LAVON CAMP STRICTLY ENFORCES THE RULE OF 3 TO ENSURE THAT THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN.

LAKE LAVON CAMP IS A GATED FACILITY THAT HAS SEVERAL SECURITY MEASURES IN PLACE IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR GUESTS. ALL STAFF MEMBERS, CAMPER, AND ADULT LEADERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR IDENTIFICATION BADGES WHILE AT CAMP SO THAT WE CAN EASILY IDENTIFY AUTHORIZED GUESTS. WE LOCK THE GATES. THE CODE IS GIVEN TO YOUR CHURCH LEADER AT CHECKIN. FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL, WE DO NOT GIVE OUT THE CODE OR OPEN THE GATE FOR VISITORS. THE CODE MUST COME FROM YOUR CHURCH LEADER. IN ORDER TO PRESERVE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT, WE ASK THAT PARENTS / FAMILY MEMBERS DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SHOW UP TO CAMP FOR UNPLANNED VISITS OR TO PICK THEIR CHILD UP WITHOUT FIRST CONTACTING OUR FRONT OFFICE AND FILLING OUT THE PROPER PAPERWORK. UPON ENTERING OUR FACILITIES, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION.

LAKE LAVON CAMP HAS EMERGENCY PROCEDURES IN PLACE FOR VARIOUS SCENARIOS INCLUDING SEVERE WEATHER, FIRE, MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, VIOLENT SITUATIONS, INTRUDERS, MISSING CAMPER, AND ACTIVE SHOOTER. WE TRAIN OUR STAFF ON HOW TO RESPOND AND WHAT THEIR ROLES ARE IN THESE EMERGENCIES.

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- **WHAT IF MY CHILD IS NOT A STRONG SWIMMER?**

IN ORDER TO SWIM IN OUR POOL, EACH CAMPER IS REQUIRED TO TAKE A SWIM TEST ON THEIR FIRST DAY. ONCE THEY COMPLETE THEIR TEST, THEY ARE GIVEN A COLOR-CODED BRACELET TO SIGNAL TO OUR LIFEGUARDS THEIR SWIMMING ABILITY. IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO PASS THE TEST, OR SHOWCASE THAT THEY ARE AN OTHERWISE WEAK SWIMMER, THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A LIFEJACKET WHILE IN THE POOL TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY.

LIFE JACKETS ARE REQUIRED IN BOTH THE SWIM LAKE & LAKE FRONT FOR ALL AGES, REGARDLESS OF ABILITY.



CAMPER CASH BRACELETS

DURING YOUR CHILD'S STAY AT LAKE LAVON CAMP, THEY WILL BE PRESENTED WITH SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PURCHASE SNACKS / DRINKS AT BOTH THE SNACK SHACK & LAKEHOUSE COFFEE SHOP. BOTH OF OUR CONCESSION LOCATIONS ACCEPT CASH + CARD, ALTHOUGH PARENTS MAY CHOOSE TO PURCHASE CAMPER CASH BRACELETS FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO PREVENT THE RISK OF MISPLACING MONEY WHILE THEY ATTEND A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES AT CAMP.

CAMPER CASH BRACELETS CAN BE PURCHASED BY PARENTS PRIOR TO CAMP ONLINE VIA CARD, AND ONCE YOUR CAMPER ARRIVES THEY ARE ALSO ABLE TO PURCHASE A BRACELET VIA CARD OR CASH IN THE LAKEHOUSE COFFEE SHOP. THESE BRACELETS ARE LOADED WITH \$10 / BRACELET AND ARE VALID FOR ANY SNACK, DRINK, AND GIFT SHOP ITEM.

TO ORDER BRACELETS: CHURCH LEADERS WILL PROVIDE A LINK PRIOR TO YOUR CHILD'S CAMP SESSION. OTHERWISE, YOU ARE WELCOME TO CALL AND ORDER THEM DIRECTLY AT 972-736-2273.



LOST & FOUND

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING BELONGING TO YOUR CAMPER PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. IF YOUR CAMPER LOSES AN ITEM DURING THEIR CAMP SESSION, PLEASE EMAIL US WITH A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE ITEM(S) ASAP AT OFFICE@LAKELAVONCAMP.COM SO THAT WE ARE MADE AWARE. AFTER EACH CAMP SESSION, LOST & FOUND ITEMS ARE KEPT FOR 2 WEEKS. IF THEY ARE UNCLAIMED AT THE END OF THE 2 WEEK PERIOD, THEY WILL THEN BE DONATED. LAKE LAVON CAMP CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR BROKEN ITEMS, SO PLEASE DO NOT SEND VALUABLE ITEMS TO CAMP!



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