

Camp Lutherwood Oregon offers an outdoor experience that empowers staff and guests of all ages to discover caring and affirming relationships with God, others, self, and the natural world. Camp Lutherwood Oregon Mission Statement



WELCOME from Camp Lutherwood Oregon! We are eagerly anticipating your arrival and hope that your camp experience will provide a life time of memories. Below you will find some basic camp information that will be helpful in preparing for your time with us. If this is your first time or your 100th time at camp, please review this information and contact us if you have any additional questions that have not been answered in this packet.

Camp Lutherwood Oregon is a place for people of all ages to experience God's love and grow in their understanding of who they are in the world. Our summer camp program is small group based and camper focused. We work to enhance the faith development of children, youth, and families through the mentoring of our staff, the fellowship of the community, and most importantly the sharing of God's Word in worship, prayer, and exploration. We are intentional about spending time in the natural world through experiential education and play and emphasize being good stewards of the earth. The Gospel message is at the heart of our ministry. We celebrate God's grace to us through the gift of Jesus Christ. We strive to give each person love, encouragement, and hope along with lots of fun and laughter.

STAFF

Our summer staff consists of college-age adults who spend their summer serving both the on-site program and off-site Day Camp program. They apply from colleges and universities around the country. Many are former campers themselves! After intensive interviews, background checks and ten days of staff training they are excited and ready to meet their first group of campers. Our summer staff are supervised, mentored and guided by our program leadership staff and year round staff.

WHEN DOES CAMP START AND END?

Sunday registration begins at 3:00pm and we hope to have all our campers checked-in by 5:00pm. Sunday dinner is served at 5:30pm. Please call the camp office if you will be arriving late and please understand that we may **not** be ready to welcome campers before 3:00pm. Upon arrival to camp, you will be greeted by camp staff and directed through the registration process including check in, moving into your cabin, a visit to the nurse and Camp Store.

Camp ends on Friday with a closing campfire at 1:30pm to which family and friends are invited. Departure is at 2:00pm. The Camp Store will be open following closing campfire. The pool is not open on Friday afternoon.

WILL MY CHILD BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES?

Absolutely! We strive to maintain a camper to counselor ratio of 10 to 1 for high school youth, 8 to 1 for middle school youth, and 7 to 1 for elementary campers. We meet the standards of the industry according to the American Camp Association. Campers spend a majority of their time at camp with their cabin group. We honor up to one cabin mate request and encourage campers to meet new friends while at camp.

MEDICATIONS AT CAMP

Camp Lutherwood Oregon is an American Camping Association (ACA) accredited camp. This requires campers with prescription medications to bring all medications to camp in the original containers. The prescriptions must be current and contain detailed instructions from the provider or pharmacy for proper dispensing of each medication to the camper.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO CAMP?

Please write your camper's name on each item to help campers identify what is theirs. We keep lost and found until the end of the summer season. If you return home without something, call us! We ask for you to cover the cost of shipping if we need to mail something to you. Any unclaimed lost and found is washed and donated to a local charity by October each year.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible | <input type="checkbox"/> Money for the camp store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow & sleeping bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal items (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casual clothes (jeans, shorts, t-shirts) | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel (2 if possible, includes one for the pool) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear and socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit (one-piece for girls, shorts for boys) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary medications (in original bottles) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirt/jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creek walking shoes (shoes that can get wet) | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Close-toed hiking shoes or tennis shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter writing materials (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain jacket or poncho | <input type="checkbox"/> Program specific items (for rafting, climbing, service) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle (or buy one at the camp store) | <input type="checkbox"/> Musical instrument (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight and extra batteries | |

PLEASE DO NOT BRING: iPods, cell phones, personal sports equipment, any valuables, electronic games, knives or other weapons, drugs or alcohol. There is **no cell service** available at Camp Lutherwood Oregon. Any of these items brought to camp will be checked into the Camp Store for safe-keeping until Friday. Campers can bring snacks but they may not be kept in any cabins but they will be checked in at the Store or designated cupboard in the kitchen. **No pets are allowed beyond the main bridge. If you have to bring your pet on opening day, we will provide a place for them to be tied until you have completed the check-in process. Again, NO PETS are allowed beyond the main bridge.**

ALLERGIES and DIETARY CONCERNS

We make every effort to ensure that all campers have a great experience at camp, which includes our food service. If your camper has a food allergy or dietary concern, please include this information with your registration and/or health form to give our food service staff time to adequately prepare. This includes vegetarian and vegan requests. Notifying camp of any medical or behavioral issues that can be helpful in preparing our staff in advance is greatly appreciated. All information is kept confidential, but our goal is to give your camper the best possible camp experience.

CAN I CONTACT MY CHILD WHILE AT CAMP?

- Everyone loves mail while at camp. You can send letters to our camp address with your child's name and cabin listed, or can email your camper via our website with your child's name and cabin in the subject line.
- Since campers are not able to respond to email messages we encourage them to send letters and postcards. Stamps and stationary are available for purchase at the Camp Store.
- Campers are not permitted to use the phone unless special arrangements have been made for specific needs. Email will not be delivered on Friday and Postal Mail usually does not arrive in time on Friday for delivery before closing campfire. Any postal mail received after your child has returned home will be forwarded to the return address.

CAN I VISIT?

We discourage family from visiting campers during their stay at camp. Camp provides an opportunity to develop independence and personal responsibility. Interruptions from family members may detract from the experience and even increase homesickness.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS HOMESICK?

Homesickness can be a difficult situation for campers, counselors and parents. It can affect the experience of entire cabin groups. Spend time talking to your child about what a camp experience is like so that they are prepared before they arrive. If homesickness does occur, our staff will do all they can to comfort and enable the child to overcome their fears. Phone calls home are discouraged. If the situation gets to the point where the child can no longer function as part of the group, our staff will contact you to discuss options. Campers are sent

home only as a last resort. Those who leave often regret it and feel as if they have failed. We don't want any child to miss out on the fun of Camp Lutherwood! Refunds are not provided for homesickness.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS INJURED OR ILL WHILE AT CAMP?

Every effort is made to provide a safe environment for campers. Our nurse/medic is on site 24/7 to assist with any health care needs. We will not hesitate to call emergency medical personnel if warranted. We will make every effort to contact parents/guardians immediately if any serious injuries or illness occur. In cases of prolonged illness parents will be asked to take their child home.

HOW DOES CAMP LUTHERWOOD HANDLE DISRUPTIVE CAMPERS?

Our counselors are trained in behavior management and positive reinforcement to proactively prevent disruptive behavior. We attempt to keep campers too busy having fun to think about misbehaving! Our leadership staff will step in if any serious infractions occur. Campers will be sent home if they are a continual disruption or danger to other campers.

WHAT CAN YOU BUY IN THE CAMP STORE?

Our Camp Store is filled with clothing, souvenirs, snacks and frozen treats with prices ranging from \$0.25 to \$30. Campers generally visit the Camp Store each afternoon. We have a \$3.00 a day limit on the purchase of food items. In order to make purchases you must purchase store cards for your child during registration or on Sunday as part of the check-in process. As your child makes purchases from the Store throughout the week, the card will be deducted accordingly. Any remaining balances will be donated to our designated charity for 2017. **No refunds will be given from camp store credit.**

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE?

Campers spend most of their time at camp with their cabin group led by their counselor. Cabin time activities vary day to day but consist of opportunities to play, learn, explore and discover together. Each day consists of worship, nature activities, games, crafts, Bible Adventure, Group Initiative Challenges and plenty of time for play! Each evening concludes with campfire and devotions with cabin groups. Camp life is grounded in a rhythm of worship, gratitude and fellowship. Many camps have specialized programming with age-appropriate activities depending on the week of camp they are attending.

GOALS, PHILOSOPHY, and EXPECTATIONS:

2017 Summer Staff Goal:

The summer staff of Camp Lutherwood Oregon will be a community that shares and models with all campers and guests what it means to follow the leadership of Christ through:

- ...a growing relationship with God
- ...an affirming relationship with self
- ...genuine relationships with others
- ...a caring relationship with the earth

2017 Goal for all Campers:

Camp Lutherwood Oregon will be a safe and caring environment for all campers and guests to:

- ... discover new things
- ... share in community
- ... laugh and have fun
- ... learn about God's character, love and our response
- ... experience nature in ways that will encourage life-long stewardship of the earth.

Camp Lutherwood Oregon Philosophy

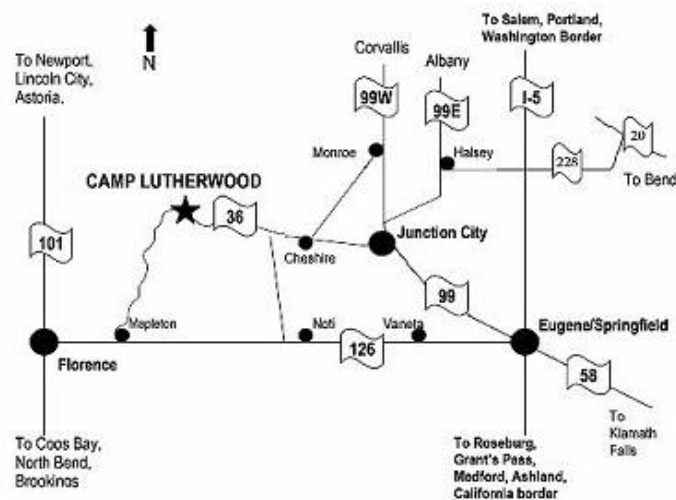
- Camp is a place of discovery and hospitality, where all are welcome!
- Camp is a caring place for all to discover and share their gifts with the community.
- Camp Lutherwood is a clean place. We are ready for our guests at all times, providing a place of rest and renewal. We provide good, nutritious meals so that no one will go hungry.
- Camp Lutherwood provides safe, fun and age-appropriate games and activities that are intentionally programmed for all to participate.
- Camp Lutherwood is a community that offers grace, love, kindness, and compassion. We live lives full of gratitude because of all our Creator God has done for us through the life-giving gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ.
- Camp strives to care for and steward the earth because we understand our connection to the earth as God's good creation.
- Camp Lutherwood builds relationships and partnerships with local communities and regional congregations beyond the 71 acres of camp's physical property.

Behavioral Outcomes for All Campers & Guests

(in addition to specific camp objectives)

- Join in service and hospitality to the greater camp community.
- Practice caring & affirming relationships with God, others, self and the earth.
- Willingness to participate and try new things
- Show respect to staff, fellow campers, property and self.

HOW DO WE GET TO CAMP?



If you are using GPS, the internet signal will be lost about 5 miles before you arrive at camp! Please inform your drivers to take directions down rather than relying on maps.

Coming from Portland or North

Map Quest sends you through Corvallis which also works but we recommend these directions:

From Portland head south on I-5. Take exit #209 west to Harrisburg - Junction City. You will wind through Harrisburg but follow signs to Hwy 99. Go left or South on Hwy 99 and continue to Junction City. Just after going through Junction City, look for a stoplight and Hwy 36 is a right turn. Follow Hwy 36 for about 15 miles and look for Lutherwood on your left at mile marker 37.

From Eugene and points South

The exit off I-5 is listed a little incorrectly on Map Quest and you can follow these directions to save 10 miles.

From I-5 traveling North to Eugene. Take the Beltline exit #195 west towards Junction City. From the Beltline, take exit #6 which is the Hwy 99 Junction City exit. Off the exit, turn left or north onto Hwy 99. At the first stoplight, turn left onto Clear Lake Road. Stay on this road past Fern Ridge Lake and go straight through the stop sign at Territorial Hwy. Without you knowing it, the road will become Lawrence Rd. Just stay on the road and the road will dead end at Hwy 36. Go left on Hwy 36 and Lutherwood is on your left after five miles at mile marker 37.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION about CAMP PROGRAMS & OPTIONS

Mini Camp: Closing campfire is at 1:30pm on the last day of the session.

Confirmation Camp: This is a program designed for your church confirmation group to come and learn together in the study times led by your pastor or confirmation leader. All campers must register as part of a church group. Contact your confirmation leader and/or the camp office for your church code if the church is paying any portion of your camp fee.

Rafting Trips: A completed release form is required for this option. Wetsuits, splash jackets and booties are provided by the carefully selected rafting company. Fleece or non-cotton layers are helpful to wear in addition to the gear provided, especially early in the summer season. A completed release form is required for all participants and will be sent directly to you prior to your week at camp.

Summit Campers: A warm sleeping bag, non-cotton & fleece layers, and sturdy water shoes (not flip flops) will be helpful for your week on the Deschutes River. In addition, close-toed shoes for rock climbing and light-weight pants are suggested. A completed release form is required for all participants and will be sent directly to you prior to your week at camp.

For questions about any of this information, please contact us:

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