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2010

Parent/Camper  
Information Booklet

Dear Parents,

This handbook has been carefully prepared to answer most of the questions you or your camper might have about camp. There is a lot of important and valuable information contained in these pages. Together, please take time to go through this handbook carefully.

Camping is about laughter and having fun, fellowship and making friends, singing and praise, worship and faith talk. These opportunities may take place at mealtimes, on the ball field, in the cabin, around the campfire, or anywhere in God's creation. Church camp can be the most important place for people, young and old, to learn, discover, and experience their Christian faith!

As we embark upon this camp program we pray that God will bless this ministry with wonderful, caring, volunteer counselors and a dedicated nurturing staff. We are all excited about spending time with your child at camp! We know your child is going to have a terrific time in God's incredible outdoors at Bay Lake Bible Camp.

Please feel free to call us with any questions or concerns you or your camper may have pertaining to camp. We can be reached at the church at 651-463-4100.

God's Blessings,

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**Farmington Lutheran's  
Bay Lake Camp  
2010**

**June 21 - 24          4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp**

Grade in school is based on the 2009-2010 school year. All campers must be in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade at the time registration opens on February 6th, 2010.

**Camp Registrar**

Maria Tarpinian, Director of Children's Ministries, will handle all Bay Lake Bible Camp registrations. Please direct all registration inquiries to her at 651-463-4100 ext. 205, or you may email her at [maria.tarpinian@farmingtonlutheran.org](mailto:maria.tarpinian@farmingtonlutheran.org).

**Leaving for Camp – Monday, June 21**

Campers should check-in just inside the main doors of the church at 7:00 a.m. There is no need to arrive before then. There will be camp volunteers at the check-in to answer questions and assist you in any way. The school bus will leave at approximately 7:30 a.m. Please put your camper's luggage in the bus trailer. If the camper is ill or will be delayed the day of departure, please call the church office at 651-463-4100 to report the camper's absence or delay as soon as possible.

**Returning from Camp – Thursday, June 24**

The arrival time for all campers returning from Bay Lake Camp will be at **approximately** 12:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Parents should be in the church parking lot by 12:00 to welcome the bus as it arrives. If an emergency arises that will prevent you from picking up your child on time, please call the church office with that information.

Please be prompt when picking up your child! A great time

### **Change of Transportation**

If your camper's transportation to or from camp is other than the buses provided, please notify Maria Tarpinian, Director of Children's Ministry, at least one week prior to camp, especially if he/she is leaving camp earlier than the scheduled ending.

**The buses will be unable to stop at any point to pick up or drop off travelers on the way to or from camp.**

### **Camp Cost and Payments**

The 2010 camp fee is ~~\$270.00~~. A \$100.00 deposit should accompany each registration form. All checks should be made to Farmington Lutheran Church.

**Final payments are due by May 15, 2010.**

### **2010 Camp Scholarship Policy**

Scholarships are available to all campers in need of assistance. Camp scholarships are given on an ability to pay basis that range from \$25.00 to a full scholarship. We will not leave anyone out because of the cost of going to camp or the inability to pay.

If a scholarship is needed, please contact Maria Tarpinian at 651-463-4100 ext. 205. The request for a scholarship needs to be made before camp begins. All scholarship information is kept confidential.

### **Miscellaneous Registration Information**

The camp session is based on the grade the camper is/was completing as of 6/10/2010.

March 15<sup>th</sup> is the priority registration deadline for Farmington Lutheran kids. After March 15<sup>th</sup> friends may

## **Health Evaluation Form**

A Health Evaluation Form is included with this handbook. Please fill out the form completely, including the “Consent for Non-prescription Medications” and sign it. Be certain to list the year of the camper’s last tetanus booster shot. If necessary, visit your physician to bring all immunizations up to date. **This form must be turned in to the camp registrar by May 15.**

## **Medications**

**All medications must be given to the volunteer Camp Check-in Coordinator at the time of check-in.** The camp nurse will administer all medications.

All medications must be clearly marked with the camper’s name and dose instructions in the original container. We will not dispense prescriptions in someone else’s name or on a different dose schedule unless there is a signed note from the parent stating those changes.

## **Non-prescription Medication**

The medications listed below will be provided by Farmington Lutheran Church and available at camp if needed by your child as long as the Consent for Non-prescription Medication section on the Health Form has been signed and items checked. Any non-prescription medications (other than what is listed below) that are sent with a camper must include a note stating the conditions for their use.

Tylenol/Advil  
Pepto Bismol  
Antihistamines

Cortaid  
Imodium A-D

Antacid  
Eye Drops

## **Camp Curriculum**

The curriculum for camp this year will be the ELCA's Outdoor Ministries "Life Is Good!" curriculum. The campers will be assigned to small groups for their Bible studies with adult leaders. Each day at camp will be packed with learning, singing, craft projects and lots of fun.

Our goal at Farmington Lutheran's Bay Lake Bible Camp is to provide a fun, safe, caring and quality camping experience in a loving Christian community. Our hope is that each camper would have a "mountain top" experience in their journey of faith at camp.

## **Mail**

Kids love to get mail at camp. "Mail Call" will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday. Since mail delivery at camp is not always reliable it is strongly suggested that you drop off a letter (or two!) when you check-in for camp. Another suggestion would be to mail your letter or postcard to your camper the Friday before camp.

**Address all mail to:**  
**Farmington Lutheran Church**  
**"Your Camper's Name"**  
**16257 Brighton Point Road**  
**Deerwood, MN 56444**

## **Phone Calls**

For many campers these days at camp may be their first significant time away from their parents and vice versa. This is a time of growth and independence for all. For this reason, as well as others, the telephone is available to a camper only in an emergency. **Please do not call your camper unless it is absolutely necessary. Please do not promise your camper that they can call you from camp or that you will call them.**

## **Cabin Assignments**

There are 5 cabins at Bay Lake Camp. Cabin sizes vary and accommodate 10 to 22 people. Campers will be broken into groups with a camper to counselor ratio of 8:1. Efforts will be made to make sure campers feel good about the cabin they are placed in. Remember camp is about experiencing and sharing the love of God through Jesus in a variety of ways. Meeting new people and making new friends is one of those ways.

## **Packing for Camp**

Campers are allowed a sleeping bag or bedroll (single sheets and two warm blankets), pillow and one suitcase or large duffel bag. Parents, please make sure your kids have appropriate clothing. All items brought to camp should be labeled with the camper's name.

### **What to Bring:**

Light jacket or sweatshirt	Rainwear
Jeans	Shorts
Long sleeve shirt	Extra pair of shoes
Socks	T-shirts
3 or 4 pr. of underwear	Pajamas
Swimsuit (one piece)	Beach Towel
Toiletry items	Towel & washcloth
Toothbrush & toothpaste	Shampoo & soap
Sunscreen	Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
Bible & pen or pencil	Flashlight
Plastic bag for wet clothes etc.	Softball glove, fishing pole,
Spending money	Camera with camper's name

**Please leave MP3 players, electronic games, cell phones, etc. at home. Since extra food items in the cabins may attract "critters," please don't bring any food items from**

## **Lost and Found**

If found, we will do our best to see that articles left around camp during the week are returned to their rightful owners. However, items that are left at camp will be returned to the Farmington Lutheran Church office the following week. Any items that are not claimed by October 1st will be given to charity or discarded.

## **Spending Money**

Campers have the option of bringing spending money for the canteen. They will turn in all their money to the volunteer Camp Check-in Coordinator at the time of check-in. That amount will be recorded on a punch card with their name on it. When they purchase something at the canteen the amount spent will be subtracted from the punch card. Any unused money will be returned to the camper at the end of camp. Below is a list of items the campers will have the opportunity to buy. Please be responsible about the amount you send with your camper. \$3.00 per day for the canteen is plenty – add a T-shirt and/or sweatshirt and they should be set for their time at camp.

**Canteen:** The canteen will be open twice each day and will be selling a wide variety of candy, snacks, drinks and clothing. There will be several different styles and colors of shirts. There is a two item & one pop limit at each canteen time. This does not include clothing and postcards.

Candy/Pop	\$ .50 - \$1.00
Camp T-shirts	\$12.00 - \$20.00
Sweatshirts	\$25.00 - \$45.00
Small Trinkets & Toys	\$.25 -
\$5.00	

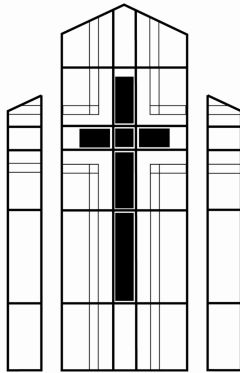
## **Camp Checklist**

**Please turn in the following items to the camp registrar at**

## **General Camp Rules**

These rules are not intended to hinder people from having a good time. Rather, they are intended to ensure that everyone can enjoy their camp days to their fullest in a safe and accepting community.

1. Stay on the campgrounds. Why would you want to leave?
2. Please treat everyone with kind words and actions.
3. Please respect the camp and your cabinmate's property.
4. Remember that one bell, one whistle, one yell, one scream, one of anything means quiet. Simple, but important.
5. Please wear proper shoes (not clogs or sandals) for hiking and athletics. Clogs or sandals can be worn at other times.
6. Please help maintain a Christian environment by wearing appropriate clothing at all times. Please do not bring two-piece bathing suits; revealing tank tops, tee shirts, or shorts; clothing with alcohol or cigarette advertisements, crude jokes, or other sayings or logos that would hinder spiritual growth. We reserve the right to ask a camp participant to change their clothing if deemed inappropriate.
7. Please do not bring cell phones, MP3 players, electronic games, etc. to camp. Take a break from hi-tech and enjoy your friends. Any of these items will be confiscated and stored until the end of camp at which time they will be returned.
8. Campers and counselors are not allowed in opposite sex cabins at any time. There are a lot of other places to hang out and talk. Everyone needs his or her own space.
9. The waterfront is under strict supervision. Lifeguards are always on duty during swimming and boating times. All swimmers will use the "buddy system." All boaters will wear a life preserver. Everyone will



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