



264 Vause Lake Road; Hawthorne, FL 32640

Camp Phone: 352-546-5554

Camp Fax: 352-546-1469

Camp E-Mail: info@lomfla.org

TRAVELING DAY CAMP: REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Greetings in the name of Christ!

Even though the summer of 2012 is still months away, now is the time to start planning for hosting a Luther Springs Day Camp this summer. We have been busy pulling together many aspects of all the summer programs together, and Day Camp is a huge part of our summer ministry.

Day Camp is an excellent opportunity for congregations in partnership with Luther Springs to bless others for a week this summer. If your congregation has never hosted a Day Camp before, consider making 2012 your first! If you have hosted a Day Camp before, I'm really excited you are considering doing so again this coming summer. Either way, check out the other Day Camp information on the web site (www.lomfla.org) as we have updated a few things for this coming summer.

I encourage you to register for Day Camp as soon as you can because the available weeks do fill up quickly. Print off the Day Camp Registration Form from the web site and then follow these three easy steps:

- 1. STEP ONE: Fill in your congregation's information.**
- 2. STEP TWO: Determine your program size and dates.** The *program size* you select helps us know how many staff to send for your week of Day Camp. We understand that unforeseen circumstances may indicate a need for this to be adjusted as your week of Day Camp approaches, but what you indicate on the registration form is primarily what we will be working with in terms of how many staff to have ready for you. If an adjustment of available staff needs to be made from our end, you will be billed accordingly. If you are planning on including Middle School youth in your Day Camp Week (this has become increasingly popular over the years), please indicate that as well. *Choose a date* you would like to host Day Camp at your congregation. Please indicate your top three choices, and we will honor them as closely as possible.
- 3. STEP THREE: Money & Mail.** *Money* - you will need to include with your registration a *\$500.00 non-refundable fee* that will secure your congregation for hosting a week of Day Camp. This can be sent either by a check (made out to Luther Springs) or by credit card (please completely fill in information on the second page of the Registration Form). *Mail* - you can send your Day Camp Registration to us in one of two ways:
 - **Fax** - *registration form with credit card payment information included, on or after November 15, 2011, to: ATTN: Day Camp Registration - 352-546-1469.*

- **Mail** – *registration form and deposit check TOGETHER, postmarked on or after November 15, 2011, to: Luther Springs; 264 Vause Lake Rd.; Hawthorne, FL 32640.*

PLEASE NOTE: *Compete registrations will be honored in the order in which they are received. Registrations without deposits are not considered complete until a deposit arrives.*

A word about the camp costs... The last couple of years Day Camp for Florida/Bahamas Synod congregations have been provided at a cost of \$65.00 per camper for the whole week. This is less than the actual cost to Luther Springs to provide the quality services for Day Camp. As a former accountant, as well as serving as treasurer and Counsel President in a congregation, I understand the reality of congregational finances. Our goal at Luther Springs is to keep costs at a level that will enable congregations to be able to financially afford to host a Day Camp. Because of that, and because of requests to expand the levels of campers, we have slightly adjusted our rate scale, keeping the cost slightly below 2011's camp costs. Should you need to make changes to your expected number of campers, we can make those changes up to 4 weeks before your camp. *Please contact us directly at Luther Springs for conversation regarding our partnership in making your Day Camp become a reality this summer.*

What happens after you have registered for Day Camp? You will receive a Day Camp Manual from us with all the latest information on having a successful Day Camp week at your congregation. The manual includes an outline of schedule/elements of each day, publicity, hosting the Day Camp Team, congregational responsibilities, helpful hints and much, much more.

Our goal this year is to be in *regular conversation with you from the point of registration to follow-up after your Day Camp week is over.* This will be done via emails, phone and a personal visit with you as soon as it can be arranged. We want your week of Day Camp to be productive, organized, and run smoothly. In order to make this a reality, communication from the very beginning is essential.

If you have any questions or would like to meet in person, I would be more than happy to come and talk with anyone about the Day Camp program. You can reach me by phone (352-546-5554 or 352-207-4935) or by email (johnc@lomfla.org).

Peace,
John Corneilson
Program Director
Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Florida / Luther Springs