

**LUTHER SPRINGS**



**CAMP & RETREAT CENTER**

# **Luther Springs**

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## **2010 SUMMER INFORMATION AND FORMS FOR PARENTS/CAMPERS**

**INFORMATIONAL FORMS – Please read the following & keep for your records:**

- General Information & Directions
- Packing List

**REQUIRED FORMS – Please remove & return to Luther Springs on or before May 1:  
(If you receive this after May 1, please turn in all these forms immediately!)**

- Health Form

**PLEASE RETURN HEALTH FORM (by May 1) TO:**

Luther Springs  
264 Vause Lake Rd  
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or fax: 352-546-1469

**If you have any questions, please contact us...**

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## WELCOME to Camp 2010!

We're excited that you will be part of the 2010 summer camp program at Luther Springs in Hawthorne, FL. We're gearing up for an awesome season! Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with EVERYTHING in this packet of information.

## CHECK-IN

Check-in begins at 4:00 pm & ends at 5:30 pm. **We are unable to allow any check-ins prior to 4:00 pm.** Upon arrival at Luther Springs, please stop to check-in with our Program Staff at the Schmertmann Welcome Center, on the right, just after you drive through the gates. If campers must arrive later than 5:30 pm, please call our office to advise us.

## CHECK-OUT

The camp week ends with worship & lunch on Friday beginning at 12pm (Tuesday at 12 pm for half-week programs). Parents are invited to join the campers for worship & lunch. Children worry if parents are not on time. Please let Luther Springs staff know at check-in if you **MUST** be late.

## FINAL PAYMENT

If full payment was not made upon registration, final payment is due no later than 3 weeks prior to the start of your child's camp week. **Final payment receipts are sent only upon request.**

## CANCELLATIONS

All cancellation requests **must be in writing** by fax, mail or email. If you cancel at least 4 weeks prior to arrival, you may request a full refund minus the deposit. If you cancel with less than 4 weeks, but more than 72 hours notice – you may request 50% of full fee minus the deposit. No refunds will be given for less than 72 hours notice.

## MAIL & COMMUNICATION

Campers LOVE getting mail! The Luther Springs mailing address can be found at the top of the first page of this information packet. Please include the camper's full name on the envelope to help with delivery to your camper. Campers eagerly await letters and cards from relatives and friends. Make contents cheerful and "newsy". Post mail before Wednesday for likely delivery.

Regarding phone calls, please understand that your child will NOT be calling you. Calls home can be very disruptive for a cabin group and take away from the true camp experience for all campers. Cell phones are not allowed. If you must speak with your child by phone or have questions/concerns about this policy, please contact the program director to discuss this.

## VEHICLE SAFETY

During the camp week, campers (with the exception of those in Mini Camp and Discoverers) may be riding in a Luther Springs vehicle. The driver of the vehicle is trained and will have safety/emergency equipment with them at all times. As per the guidelines established by the American Camping Association (ACA), we are providing you with the vehicle safety rules, listed below. **Please go over these rules with your child prior to their camp week at Luther Springs!**

Before campers are permitted to travel in these vehicles, we will cover the following **safety guidelines** with them:

1. Everyone traveling in a Luther Springs vehicle (except buses) must wear a seat belt,
2. All passengers must have a seat. Vehicles will not contain more than the manufacturer's suggested seating capacity,
3. No screaming, horseplay or moving around while vehicle is moving,
4. Do not stick arms, heads or legs outside window while vehicle is in motion.

## GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

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### LOST & FOUND

Luther Springs is not responsible for lost personal items. Our counselors try hard to ensure that all camper belongings are properly cared for. Please read the guidelines in the Packing List. Do not bring clothing or items that are expensive or irreplaceable. However, if you find something missing, please feel free to call us to give any details that will help us locate the missing items. Any items unclaimed by September 1 will be given to local charities.

### MEDICAL CARE

It is the goal of Luther Springs to provide all of our campers with a very happy and healthy summer camp experience.

Luther Springs staff are First Aid and CPR certified. A camper requiring a medical examination and/or treatment will be taken to one of the area's medical facilities/health centers, and the parent will be notified as soon as possible. A parent/guardian must sign the Health History form in order that emergency medical treatment can be provided as necessary.

### HEALTH FORM

This three-page document must be received in our Luther Springs office **no later than May 1, 2010!** Per guidelines of the American Camp Association, this form will be reviewed by our health care staff prior to your child arriving on camp. **No camper will be admitted to camp without a 2010 health form on file.** It is required that each camper has a physical exam within the last 24 months of his or her camp week. The bottom of page two of the camper health form provides the necessary information for the physician to sign and complete. A copy of a physical exam completed by a physician within the last two years may be attached to this health form instead, provided the same questions are addressed. We are unable to readily access physical exams sent to us from previous years, however you may attach a copy of last year's physical if it is dated within 24 months of this year's camp week.

### MEDICATION ADMINISTERING POLICY

Children may NOT possess any medications, including over the counter medication, while at camp. If your child must bring medication to camp, please leave it in the original container and furnish specific, written instructions for its administration.

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR ILLNESS

In the event of a medical emergency that cannot be treated on camp premises, the health care staff will see that your camper is treated at an off-site medical facility. In the event that off-site treatment is given and/or prescribed, you will be contacted as soon as reasonably possible. In the event of a minor illness, our health care staff might find that a camper needs to be separated from the rest of their group, in the infirmary, while recuperating. If the camper's condition persists or worsens, the parent/guardian will be contacted to let them know the camper's status.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have about your camper.

### DIRECTIONS

To reach Luther Springs from the South, take I-75 N to Hwy 326, North of Ocala. Turn East (right) onto Hwy 301, then proceed North (left) on Hwy 301 to Citra. Turn East (right) onto Hwy 318 and proceed 13 miles to Hwy 21 at Orange Springs. Turn left/North and proceed 5 miles on Hwy 21 to Vause Lake Rd. Turn left and go 1/4 mile to the fork. Take the left fork and go 3/4 mile to the next road on the left. Go left and proceed 3/4 mile to the gate. The gate will be on your right.

From the North, take CR 20 from Gainesville or Palatka. Take Hwy 21 through Johnson. From the railroad tracks, go 1.2 miles to Vause Lake Rd. Turn right and go 1/4 mile to the fork. Take the left fork 3/4 mile to the road on the left. Go left 3/4 mile to the gate. The gate will be on your right.



# PACKING LIST

## WHAT TO BRING

Please do not over pack! Storage space in camper housing is limited. Placing labels on all articles of clothing, towels, etc. will make it easier for things to be returned to the correct owner should they be left behind or go home in the wrong suitcase. Information regarding lost and found is located in the General Information section of the packet.

### You need to pack the following:

- Sleeping bag & pillow
- 2-3 towels & washcloths
- Soap, shampoo, brush, comb
- Toothpaste & toothbrush
- Additional toiletries needed
- Light jacket/sweatshirt
- Raincoat or poncho (& head cover)
- 2 prs of shoes (sneakers or closed-toe shoes-on that can get wet for activities)
- Shower shoes
- Sturdy clothes that can get dirty or wet\*\*
- Swimsuit(s)
- Cards, book, etc. for rest times
- Bible, notebook, pen or pencil
- Flashlight
- Camera/film (optional)
- Insect repellent & sun block
- Large plastic bag (for wet/damp clothing, towels)
- Water bottle (refillable)
- 1 pair of long pants

\*Shoes should NOT be new; sneakers with good tread work best.

\*\*Please make certain clothes are in good taste. Shorts should not be too short, & tee shirts should not contain inappropriate language. Swimsuits must be modest. Campers may be asked to change/cover up if clothing is deemed inappropriate.

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

Alcoholic beverages, cigarettes or other tobacco products, and drugs not prescribed by a physician are NOT permitted at camp! Violation of this policy results in immediate dismissal. Transportation home will be at the expense of the parent/guardian. Do not bring CELL PHONES, food (snacks, gum, candy, drinks), knives, firecrackers or similar items to camp. Leave hair dryers, curling irons, radios, iPods, MP3 or CD players and other general electronic items at home also. Weapons of any kind are not allowed! **Do not bring new or expensive clothing, jewelry or other such items; Luther Springs is not responsible for their loss or damage.**

## SPENDING MONEY

The registration fee includes the cost of lodging, meals, study materials, craft supplies and program costs. However, there are additional opportunities to spend money:

The canteen is open to campers once each day. The canteen stocks items such as t-shirts, jackets, sweatshirts, souvenirs, postcards, postage stamps, etc. It is open once each day. Most items range in price from \$1.00 - \$50.00. Campers will also have the opportunity to donate money to the ELCA World Hunger Campaign. Campers will turn in their money during check-in and purchases will be debited from their account. Remaining money will be refunded at check-out. Parents can make canteen purchases during check-in and check-out times.