



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you well and full of anticipation for the upcoming summer! We understand that sending your child to summer camp is a significant decision, and we are grateful that you are considering Camp Loucon as a place for your camper to grow, explore, and experience community.

At Camp Loucon, we prioritize the safety and well-being of every child entrusted to us. We implement a **two-deep leadership model**, ensuring that no adult is ever alone with a camper. This practice helps us maintain a secure and nurturing environment where your child can grow spiritually, socially, and personally.

Camp Loucon is rooted in three core values:

God-Centered

Everything we do points to God. From prayer before meals and activities to worship, small group devotions, and camp-wide teaching, our focus is on helping campers encounter the love and message of Jesus Christ.

Neighbor Driven

Our staff and counselors are committed to meeting campers where they are. We walk alongside each child, valuing their unique story and supporting them in their faith journey and personal development.

Growth Focused

Every camper is unique. Our programs are designed to help children grow spiritually, relationally, and personally while discovering their God-given identity and potential.

At Camp Loucon, we hope every person who enters through our gates will know God and experience the life God has for them. We are excited to welcome your family into that experience this summer.

2026 Summer Theme: First Things First

Theme Verse:

“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” — Matthew 6:33

This summer, *First Things First* invites campers to re-order their priorities around the kingdom of God. In a world that encourages chasing success, comfort, popularity, and security, Jesus calls us to something different—trust.



Through the Gospel of Matthew, campers will explore what it means to seek God first in every part of life:

- Day 1: Trusting God over worry (Matthew 6:25–34)
 - (Discovery day 1, Explorer day 1, Family camp day 1)
- Day 2: Seeing themselves as part of God’s bigger story (Matthew 1:1–17; Ruth 1:16)
 - (Family camp day 2)
- Day 3: Building deep roots before expecting fruit (Matthew 13)
 - (Discovery day 2)
- Day 4: Remembering Christ through communion (Matthew 26:26–30)
- Day 5: Redefining happiness through the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12)
 - (Discovery day 3)
- Day 6: Being sent into the world with courage (Matthew 28:16–20)
 - (Discovery day 4, Explorer day 2, Family camp day 3)

By the end of the week, campers will not only understand what it means to seek the kingdom. They will leave knowing that Christ goes with them.

What Campers Will Experience

Campers will enjoy a wide variety of activities designed for fun, challenge, and connection, including:

- **Spiritual Growth:** Worship, devotionals, small group discussion, and prayer
- **Special Moments:** Campfires, hikes, and *Presentation* (a retelling of the Gospel story), along with screen-free time in creation
- **Adventure Activities:** Zip lining, climbing, rappelling, high ropes, low elements, and Dangle Duo (age-dependent)
- **Waterfront Fun:** Swimming, canoeing, paddle boarding, and corcling
- **Creative & Group Time:** Crafts, games, and camp-wide challenges

Important Information for Families

Camper Mail

- Campers love receiving mail and encouragement during the week!
- You have three options for sending mail to your camper:
 1. Give any pre-written cards or letters to our staff at drop-off.
 2. Mail letters approximately two weeks before your camper's session to ensure timely delivery.



3. Utilize our Campergrams service! Simply complete the online form through UltraCamp, and we will print your message and deliver it directly to your camper.
Step by Step:
 - a. Log-in to UltraCamp
 - b. Go to Message Center
 - c. Email a Camper (Has to be in session to submit)
- Please include the camper's **full name and camp session** on all mail.
 - Please note: **no mail is delivered on Fridays.**

Photos (SmugMug)

- Camp photos will be available through our registration platform (UltraCamp).
 - Log in to UltraCamp
 - Photo Gallery
 - Choose Individual
 - Facial Recognition Available
- Families may create friend accounts to view photos throughout the week.

Alumni Connection

- Camp Loucon remains a lifelong community. Families are encouraged to stay connected through our Alumni Association, including opportunities like **Homecoming** and **Christmas Camp**. camloucon.org/alumni & camloucon.org/events

Dress Code

Camp attire should be modest, comfortable, and appropriate for active play. Clothing should allow campers to fully participate in all activities while showing respect for the camp community. *(For more details, visit our Parents & Guardians page at camloucon.org/summer-camp.)*

Theme Days

We encourage campers to join the fun by dressing up for our daily themes:

- **Sunday:** Loucon Shirts
- **Monday:** *Meow Monday* – cat-themed attire
- **Tuesday:** *Geriatric Tuesday* – dress like a senior citizen
- **Wednesday:** *Smitty City Wednesday* – wear your Smitty City shirt (available at the Smitty City station near camp)
- **Thursday:** *Tropical Thursday* – beachy, island-inspired outfits
- **Friday:** *Freedom Friday* – red, white, and blue



Packing List

A full packing list will be provided and is also available on our Parents & Guardians page at camploucon.org/summer-camp. Please pay special attention to the following essentials:

- Closed-toe shoes (required for activities)
- Water shoes (for waterfront activities)
- Weather-appropriate clothing (layers recommended)
- Bedding (sleeping bag or sheets, pillow, blanket)
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.)

Medications & Health Needs

All medications must be submitted upon arrival and handled by trained staff. Please ensure all medical forms are completed in UltraCamp prior to arrival.

If your child will need to take medication while here at camp, please do the following;

- Print and complete the attached medical form.
- Prescription medications must be in original bottles with the camper's name.
- Only send the amount that your child will need while at camp.
- Place all medications and the completed form in a gallon plastic bag.
- Write your child's name in permanent marker on the bag

Food Allergies & Dietary Needs

Families are welcome to email Danielle@camploucon.org with any food allergies or dietary questions so we can adequately prepare for your camper's needs. Please ensure all dietary forms are completed in UltraCamp prior to arrival.

Electronics Policy

Campers are encouraged to unplug during their time at Camp Loucon. Electronic devices, including cellphones, are not permitted, allowing campers to fully engage in community, nature, and spiritual growth.

Camp Store

The camp store, located in Turner Lodge, will be open for campers/families to visit on Wednesdays and Fridays during the designated pick-up times.



Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Specific drop-off and pick-up (**ALWAYS CENTRAL TIME ZONE**) times will be provided via registration maps. Staff will be available to guide you through a smooth and welcoming arrival and departure process. For camper pick-up, please ensure that all authorized individuals are listed in our UltraCamp registration system. ID will be required at the time of pick-up.

Restrooms are available at the dining hall and cabin areas during drop-off. For pick-up, restrooms are accessible at Turner Lodge.

What Campers Take Home

- New friendships and stronger community bonds
- A deeper understanding of identity and faith
- Confidence in being their authentic selves
- A heart for inclusion, justice, and leadership

We are excited about the opportunity to serve your family this summer. We believe the time your child spends at Camp Loucon will be meaningful, joyful, and transformative.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to support you in every step of the process.

Thank you for choosing Camp Loucon! We look forward to welcoming your camper into this incredible experience.

Blessings,
The Camp Loucon Staff