



Luther Park Bible Camp

Where FAITH is nurtured through holy play

Camper Handbook

Welcome!

Welcome to Luther Park Bible Camp Summer 2020!

We are excited your child is coming to camp this summer! We have a wonderful program planned that will make this an unforgettable camp experience for all who attend!

This handbook is designed to familiarize you to Luther Park, to answer any questions, and share with you the expectation of life at camp during the summer.

Many people from around the world come together to make camp happen each summer. Our staff is a big family from all around the world bringing new culture and their love for outdoor ministry to Luther Park each summer. Many of our staff and volunteers are behind the scenes working and praying to make each summer camp experience memorable.

If you have more questions about Luther Park after reading the handbook, please contact our office. We are happy to answer any questions about camp and share with you more about the summer camping experience at Luther Park.

Peace be yours,

Ross Hardie

Program Director

Building our Faith: Jesus as the Cornerstone

This year's theme is "**Building our Faith: Jesus as the Cornerstone**". Daily themes will include focus on Foundation, Community, Spiritual Practices, Past Generations, and the Body of Christ. The theme will be incorporated into morning devotion, Bible study, evening worship and campfire with lively skits, songs and messages led by staff and visiting pastors.



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Summer Staff

Each summer Luther Park hires 35+ program and support staff. These young people are dedicated to the ministry at Luther Park. All counselors are 18 years old and complete two weeks of intensive training. Luther Park staff are chosen because of their commitment to following Christ and to caring for and teaching campers.



Arrival and Departure

Arrival

Check-in is between 3:00-5:00pm on Sunday at the Chapel. Please bring your camper health form, medications, canteen money and final payment to check-in. Then you can move into your cabin and meet your counselor(s). After moving in all week long programs will stop by the pool for a swim test.

Check-in for Discovery Camp starting Wednesday will be at 9:30am in the Welcome Center.

Day Camp

Day Camp check-in begins daily at the Welcome Center at 8:00am. Check-out is at 5:00pm at the Welcome Center. Lunch and Snacks are provided with Day Camp.

Departure

All persons picking up a child at camp will be required to show a picture ID and be verified as an authorized pickup on the campers account. You can add a person to the authorized pickup list online in your account, by calling our office, or by adding them at check in.

For programs ending on Friday the departure time is 12:00pm. We invite you to join us for closing worship at the chapel at 11:00am.

If your end date is Tuesday your departure time is 5:00pm. We invite you to join us in a closing sing-a-long at 4:45pm at the chapel.

*We request that **NO** pets are brought onsite for arrival or departure times.*

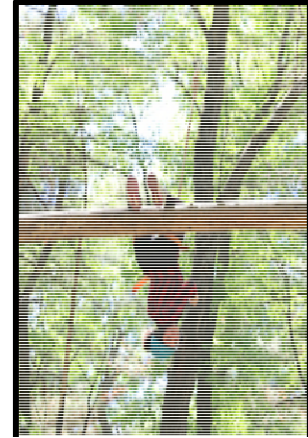


Passion Play

Join the staff and campers for the Passion Play every Thursday evening during camp. The passion play depicts the last week of Jesus life performed by camp staff and begins promptly at 8:15pm at the New Amphitheater.

Camper Expectations and Guidelines

At Luther Park it is our Priority to take care of the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of both the individual campers, as well as the group. To make this possible we have established basic guidelines and expectations for our campers.



Camper Expectations:

- Explore your faith
- Try new things and learn new skills
- Be an active part of the Christian camp community

Camper Guidelines:

- Respect others with appropriate language, actions, clothing , and physical contact
- Respect the privacy, personal space, and possessions of your cabin mates
- Respect and care for the facilities and natural environment at camp
- Respect your safety by staying within camp boundaries, staying with your group, and telling a staff member if, at any time, you feel unsafe
- Respect the rules shared with you, posted around camp, and given for specific activities during your time at camp

Camper Consequences:

Luther Park staff practice positive behavior management and work with the campers to build cooperation and communication within the group. If a camper breaks a rule or does not follow the camper guidelines, our staff will work with the camper to define what the appropriate behavior would have been and to determine the appropriate consequences for their actions.

If a camper continues to break rules or is disruptive to the program, he or she will meet with the Program Director or Executive Director to develop a written agreement on appropriate behavior. Parents will be notified of the written agreement for appropriate behavior. If the agreement is broken, parents may be asked to pick up their camper.

Camper may be sent home at any time, even for a first offence or without a written behavior agreement, if the Program Director or Executive Director determine that the camper poses a safety concern to themselves, other campers, or staff.

Health and Wellness

Each camper is required to have a signed Camper Health, Emergency, and Authorized Information Form each year. This form can be completed online with online registration. If you chose to complete a paper copy please bring this form with you to check in on your first day of camp or send it to Luther Park two weeks before your camp start date.

All medications will be collected by the Health Care Staff at check-in. Please bring medication in its original container with original label with **only** the amount of medication your camper will need during their stay at camp.

A doctor is available on call. The health and safety of each camper is a primary concern of our staff. Safety rules are enforced.

The doctor has signed a Health Care Plan that allows us to give your child over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, cough syrup, tums, etc. for acceptable symptoms. This plan also gives instructions on treatments of injuries and illness. All campers are treated according to the Health Care Plan.

A member of the Health Care Team makes every attempt to notify parents of health issues promptly. You will be notified of everything but “bandaid” type injuries and/or illnesses as per the protocol below. For these reasons please have names and phone numbers updated on Ultra Camp account online.

- NON-EMERGENCY (Minor Illness, Minor Injury)
 - After treating according to the Health Care plan, contact parent/guardian for every injury and/or illness requiring more than just “bandaid-type treatment”. This includes possible strains, sprains, and/or large bruises. Some parents may want to come pick up their child and take them to the doctor. Parents will also be notified of any injury sustained as a result of safety rules not being followed.
- URGENT (Non-Life Threatening)
 - The Health Care Staff will use their best judgment in calling 911 or parents first. LPBC prefers all transportation be done by ambulance or parent.
 - Contact parents/guardian as soon as possible
- EMERGENCY (Life-Threatening)
 - Call 911 for ambulance service
 - Contact parents/guardian as soon as possible



Preventing Homesickness

Twelve million kids go away to camp each summer. For most summer campers it is an opportunity to be independent, learn self-reliance, and experience adventure. However, with so many children going to camp, some will become homesick. While homesickness is usually mild and temporary, it's not fun for your child – or for you. Fortunately, you can help prevent homesickness with these steps:

Help set your child up or success!

DO's

- **Help your child learn about Luther Park before they get here:** Look at pictures on the website and on [Facebook](#).
- **Do a practice run:** Let your child stay at grandma's house or attend a friend's sleepover to practice being away from home.
- **Tour Camp:** Come to the Open House held in May or call and make arrangements to tour the camp.
- **Save the date:** Mark a calendar with the camp dates so that your child can visualize the beginning and ending of the trip.
- **Pack together:** Encourage your child to pack a picture, stuffed animal or other comforting memories. Send along paper and stamped, addressed envelopes so that your child can write home.
- **Send a picture of you with your camper:** This helps the camper be less homesick when they can still "see" you.
- **Have a Heart-to-Heart:** Explain that everyone gets homesick sometimes. Be positive and enthusiastic about your child's independence. If you have your own separation anxiety, keep it a secret.

Don'ts

- **Don't promise an early pickup if your child is homesick:** This puts your child's focus on getting home – and it sends the message that the experience won't be a success.
- **Discuss ahead of time what to do if your child starts feeling homesick:** Write down your ideas and pack it in their suitcase. Some ideas might be: talk to a friend or counselor, do something fun or new, look at a picture from home, think about something good that happened that day, or write a letter home to share your camp experience.
- **Don't let your child worry about you while he/she is at camp:** Reassure your child that you will be fine while they are away. Send them encouraging, happy notes.
- **Don't talk about what they will miss at home while at camp or use the words "I miss you".**

HOMESICK CAMPER POLICY

- The camper's counselor informs the Program Coordinator of the camper's homesickness. The counselor also encourages the camper to become actively involved in activities and to have fun.
- The Health Care Staff will also evaluate and encourage.
- If homesickness continues, the Program Coordinator calls the parents to inform them of their camper's homesickness and consult with the parents about the next steps.
- We, as the Luther Park Staff, do our best to include everyone in our camp community. We want campers to feel as comfortable as possible, especially when it may be the first time away from their family. Yet, for some campers it is still not easy to be away from home. We feel it is best for the parents to decide whether it's appropriate for the camper to be encouraged to stay at camp or go home and try another year. At the same time, when a camper is extremely homesick it's not only difficult for the camper, but also for the camper's counselor and the community of the cabin. We hope that together we can find the best solution for everyone involved.

Canteen

- Parents and/or campers “deposit” their money into their account during registration. You may also deposit canteen money on Ultra Camp on-line at any time before arrival.
- Campers can then visit the canteen and make purchases throughout the week that will be subtracted from the amount deposited in their account. No need to worry about campers losing cash.
- On Friday following closing worship when campers return to their cabins to collect their belongings, their counselor will have a sealed envelope returning their unspent money. The canteen will be open after closing worship if you want to swing by and spend your cash on a treat for the way home or some Luther Park attire.
- Items in the Canteen included snacks, Luther Park merchandise and apparel.
Snacks: Candy, ice cream, chips, pretzels, soda, juice....fruit is available for no charge. Snack purchases are limited to one drink, one ice cream, and one snack item during each Canteen opening. Snacks range in price from \$0.50-\$2.00
Luther Park Apparel: T-shirts, sweatshirts, long sleeved, vests, hats, sweat pants, and more ranging in price from \$8.00-\$40.00
Luther Park Merchandise: Water bottles, Frisbees, sunglasses, and trinkets \$2.00-\$12.00

Communication

We recommend US Mail for the best way to Communicate with your camper. It is something special to get a physical piece of mail!



Mail: Luther Park Bible Camp
Attn: Your camper Name
944 24 ¼ Street
Chetek, WI 54728

We receive mail at Luther Park in the late afternoons. Mail received will be handed out at lunchtime each day. If we do not receive the mail while the camper is at LPBC the mail will be “returned to sender”.

Facebook: We encourage you to “like” us on our Facebook page, lutherpark-chetek. We will post any updates and schedule changes as needed.

Email: Campers can be emailed at campers@lutherpark.org

Emails will be printed in am and distributed to the camper during lunch each day.

Phone Call Policy: In most cases, we request that campers do not talk with their parents over the phone. Please do not arrange a certain time to call your camper or for your camper to call you. Do not send your child with a cell phone to check in. If you have special concerns, feel free to call 715-859-2215 to speak with the Program Director about your camper.

What to Bring

Resident camp

Clothing

- Long pants/jeans
- Shorts
- Swimsuit, modest one
- Closed toes shoes/tennis shoes
- Sandals with back strap
- Socks and undergarments
- T-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt
- Rain coat or poncho
- Hat & sunglasses

Personal Items

- Bath towel & wash cloth
- Beach towel
- Soap & Shampoo
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Comb/Hair brush
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Dirty Clothes bag

Bedding

- Pillow & pillow case
- Sheets and blanket **OR**
- Sleeping bag

Other

- Health Form & Camp fee
 - Money for Canteen
 - Flashlight
 - Medication
 - Bible
 - Writing paper & pencil
 - Stamps & Envelopes
 - Reading book
 - Small daypack for carrying items
 - Camera
 - Water bottle
 - Item of clothing to Tie Dye on Tuesday
- *Shirts are for sale in the Canteen.

Day Camp

- Health Form & Camp Fee
- Towel
- Swimsuit
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Tennis Shoes
- Casual Clothing
- Jacket or Sweatshirt
- Water bottle
- Bible
- Hat or Sunglasses
- Camera
- Small Backpack
- Change of clothes

Please Do NOT Bring

- Food
- Music players-radios, iPods, mp3 players
- Cell phones
- Electronic games or devices-IPads, kindles, Nooks, DVD, laptops
- Knives, weapons, drugs and tobacco products
- Jewelry or other valuables

Dress Code

All clothing should be appropriate for a church camp setting. Please do not bring clothing that has messages with double meaning or advertisement for adult themed products.

Shirts-must cover the entire torso. Modest tank tops are acceptable, but avoid the custom cut shirts with large arm holes or split sides. Keep straps/shoulders at least an inch thick.

Shorts- must be an appropriate length (fingertip length or longer is great) worn at the waist/hips, and must cover undergarments.

Swim Suits-must be modest, tankinis and one piece bathing suits are recommended. No string bikinis or speedos. Shirts may be worn over swim suits.

Frequently Asked Questions

What will I be doing at Luther Park?

A typical day includes many of the following:

Experiencing God - FUN - Games - Bible Study - Worship- Crafts - Swimming - Making New Friends - Discovering New Things - Singing - Food! - Hanging out with counselors - Skits - Rest time

HEALTH AND SAFETY ANSWERS:

Do I need a physical by a physician? We recommend one every two years but it is not required.

Do I have to complete the Camper Health, Emergency and Authorized Information Form you sent me? Yes. Children cannot stay at camp without a current form filled out and signed by his/her legal guardian/parent. This form can be completed online with registration or a paper copy can be downloaded.

When is the form due? Fill it out online, mail it two weeks before your start date, or bring the signed form with you to camp at check-in time. On-line is the preferred method.

What if I have medications? We have trained Health Care Staff who will collect all medications when you check in. Each camper is given his/her medications according to the directions given to us by the physician. Medications must be in original labeled container which should contain only the amount needed during your child's camp stay.

May I send over-the-counter (OTC) meds? Only if you have a signed doctor's order and they are in their original packaging. We provide many OTC meds such as: Tylenol, ASA, decongestant, etc.

May I send just one or two pills in a baggie? No you may not. According to state law, each medication brought by the camper must be clearly labeled by a pharmacy with the doctor's name, directions and name of medication. Any non-labeled medications will be sent home.

Will my child be safe? The staff is highly trained. There are trained nurses and staff trained in first aid available 24 hours a day no matter where your child is. There are certified lifeguards at the pool. Counselors go through two weeks of training that includes First Aid and CPR.

What about insurance? Each camper is covered primarily by their own insurance and secondarily by Luther Park's Accident Insurance Policy.

Money Answers:

If I cancel, will my deposit be refunded? The required deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable after May 1. If the cancellation occurs prior to May 1 the deposit will be refunded less a \$25 processing fee.

When is my final payment due? The final payment for camp is due on the first day of the camp session. You can pay this online before you arrive or with one of the Luther Park staff when you check in.

What if my friend or I can't afford to come to Luther Park? If you need a campership, please download a form at lutherpark.org or call our office. We make every effort to ensure that no one is turned away from Luther Park because of the inability to pay. We are very grateful to all the people who make it possible for kids and families to come to camp through their generous financial gifts.

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Upcoming and Year Round Events

Heart for Luther Park Quilt Auction

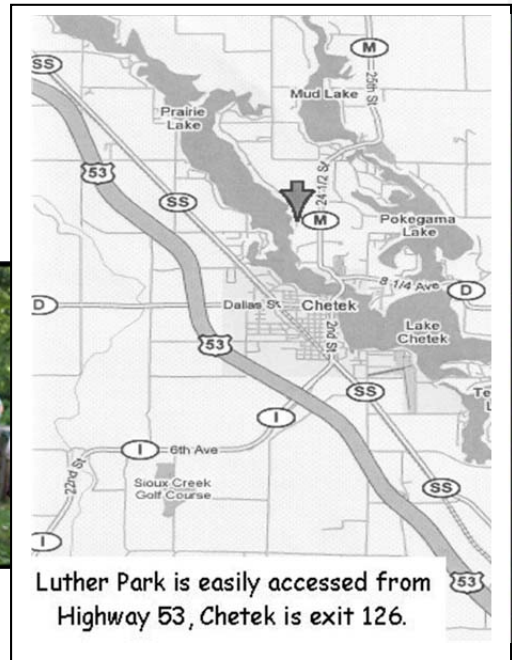
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Recharge Youth Events

2020: January 3-4, April 3-4, October 23-24

Family Advent Retreat

December 5-6, 2020



Luther Park is easily accessed from Highway 53, Chetek is exit 126.