



# EXPLORER

GRADES 1-3

Explorer is a two-night program designed to introduce kids to the adventure of camp. This program is the perfect launching point to life at camp on their own!

## PRE-CAMP CHECKLIST

- Mark your dates on the calendar!**  
Make sure you have the correct dates written down for when you'll be attending camp.
- Double check roommate requests!**  
Check with your buddy to make sure they requested you as a roommate and that you're both registered for the same session and the same housing option.
- Fill out your forms!**  
See what forms you need to fill out on the Form Checklist below. Fill out your forms using your online account.
- Pay in full!**  
Full payment of your registration fee is due by May 1st. Payment of your balance can be made by check or credit card. You can pay via mail or through our online registration system.
- Start packing!**  
Visit <https://campluther.com/parents> to download a camp packing list and to find other helpful information.

## FORM CHECKLIST

All forms must be completed prior to registering. You will complete these forms as a part of our online registration process.

- Camper Profile Form
- Emergency Medical Form

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Check-In Process

Check-In will be start at 2:00pm on the first day of the Explorer session. Upon arrival, our staff will greet your family and guide you through the check-in and move-in process.

### Pick-Up Process

Camper Pick-Up will take place at 11:00am on the third day of the Explorer session..

### Canteen/Spending Money

The Canteen is our camp store that offers a variety of snacks, clothing items, souvenirs, and more. Campers visit the store twice a day and use pre-paid Canteen Cards to purchase items. If you registered online, you may add money to your camper's Canteen account prior to attending camp. Otherwise, please send money with your child for them to purchase a canteen card at camp. A typical spending amount for this program is \$5-\$10.

### Camper Medication

Any required medications should be brought to camp with your child. Our First Aid Office is stocked with over the counter medication (ibuprofen, tylenol, benadryl, etc.), so your child does not need to bring these items unless he/she takes a specific amount each day. In compliance with state regulations, all medications brought to camp (including inhalers) must be in the original prescription container with a physician's directions for dosage. We CANNOT accept unlabeled medication.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **What if I have to drop my camper off late, or pick them up early?**

Late arrival or early pick-up is not recommended and should be considered only in extreme circumstances. If you must arrive late for any reason please call our office in advance so we may prepare for your arrival. Early pick-up should also be arranged in advance.

## **Can my camper bring their cell phone, Nintendo DS, ipod touch, etc. to camp?**

We do NOT allow campers to bring their cell phone or other handheld electronics to camp. We have found that a technology-free policy not only promotes camper safety, but also greatly enhances the overall camp experience. Any electronics that are sent with campers will be confiscated and held in the office until the end of the session.

## **How do you handle homesickness at camp?**

Our staff are compassionate and well trained to deal with homesickness and other potential camper issues. We will do everything we can to help a camper make it to the end of their time at camp and experience the success of this accomplishment. If homesickness is detected, counselors will do their best to comfort and encourage the afflicted camper. Campers will not normally be allowed to call home just because they are homesick. Parents will be called only as a last resort.

## **What if my child has a food allergy or dietary restriction?**

If your child has an allergy or dietary restriction concern that could result in a reaction while at camp, we want our health staff and food service team to be knowledgeable about your child's situation. PLEASE include this information on your Medical Form and communicate with us so that we can provide a positive and safe experience for your child. For more information on menus and managing food restrictions, please contact our Food Service Manager at [kitchen@campluther.com](mailto:kitchen@campluther.com) or 715-546-3647.

## **What if my child has special needs or disabilities?**

If your child has any special needs or disabilities that could impact their camp experience, please identify this information on your Medical Form and Camper Profile Form and communicate with our Director of Programs, Kardia, to discuss how we can best serve your child during their camp experience. Kardia can be contacted at [kardia@campluther.com](mailto:kardia@campluther.com) or 715-546-3647.

## **What will you do if my child gets sick while at camp?**

Ensuring the health and safety of your child while at camp is of utmost importance to us. We have a certified medical professional on site 24/7, as well as a trained Health Care Coordinator. In addition, all of our summer staff are certified in First Aid/CPR. If your child is sick, our health staff will assess the situation and seek to make them as comfortable as possible. If the illness is of a serious nature, we will contact you immediately. If your child needs medical attention, we will contact you as soon as possible to keep you updated on the situation. Being sick is never fun, but it can be worse at camp. In cases of prolonged illness, we will ask that the child be picked up and returned to the comfort of home if they are ill, rather than remaining at camp.

## *The Fine Print*

**Deposit and Payment:** Camp Luther accepts Visa, MasterCard, and Discover for deposit and balance payments. You may also pay by check. Full payment is due May 1st.

**Cancellations:** Once you have received confirmation of registration, your deposit is non-refundable. No refunds will be granted within 30 days of your camper session except in cases of illness or injury (with doctor's note), and family emergencies. A pro-rated portion of the registration fee minus your deposit will be refunded if a camper is sent home due to illness or injury. Refunds will not be made for a remaining period of two days or less. If a camper leaves early due to homesickness, disciplinary reasons, or parent request, no refund will be given. All refund requests must be made in writing.

**Grade Level Policy:** All program grade levels are based on current grade levels for the 2023-2024 school year. For the well-being of the program, campers, and staff, we do not make exceptions for camper grade.

**Camper Expectations:** It's our goal that everyone who attends Camp Luther is encouraged and strengthened in their faith through authentic community, outstanding staff, experiential activities, and intentional faith building. To ensure a safe and positive environment for every camper, Camp Luther asks that each camper's behavior, speech, and clothing are appropriate for the Christian atmosphere we try to model.

**Rules for Acceptance:** Camp Luther accepts campers without regard to religion, race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap.

**Roommate Policy:** We do our best to honor all roommate requests, but cannot guarantee them. Please list only one name as a roommate preference, and please make sure that BOTH campers request each other when they register. Roommate requests should only be made between campers who are in the same camp program. PLEASE double check with any potential roommates that your campers are actually signed up for the same housing for the same week.

**Housing Policy:** Housing options fill up fast, so please register early to ensure you receive your preferred housing. If there are any issues with the housing option you selected, Camp Luther staff will notify you as soon as possible to discuss your options.

**Waiting List Policy:** Programs at Camp Luther fill fast, so it is important that you register early. If you register for a full program or filled housing option, you will be contacted regarding availability about housing and program options. Camp Luther does not maintain a waitlist so please check for availability frequently as programs may open up again in the future or additional spots made be made available.

**Promotional Images:** Camp Luther regularly uses photographs and/or video images of camper participants for official Camp Luther promotional purposes including print, internet, social media, video, and other media. While your child's image may be captured, their name will not be shared. If you wish for your child to be excluded, please provide a request in writing along with a photo of your child.

# PROGRAM SPECIFIC INFORMATION

- Housing is in the Retreat Center. Roommates may be requested.

## TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP

<b>8:00</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>Morning</b>	<b>Christian Growth</b> - skits, songs, Bible stories <b>Activity Time</b> - archery, canoeing, etc.
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Quiet Time</b> <b>Activity Time</b> - earthball/parachute, arts and crafts, etc. <b>Canteen</b> <b>Swimming</b>
<b>5:30</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>Evening</b>	<b>Large Group Activity</b> - minnow races, olympic relays, etc. <b>Canteen</b> <b>Campfire Worship and Devotions</b> <b>Story Time</b>
<b>9:30</b>	<b>Get Ready for Bed   Lights Out</b>