



Hosanna Church Summer Day Camp

May 26- June 26, 2026

PARENT HANDBOOK

PHILOSOPHY

We believe that children are valued members of God's family who benefit by being respected, loved, and led by caring adults. Children need time in which to ponder, experiment, discover, and grow in an unhurried and accepting atmosphere. We take care to ensure that our summer camp enhances these important years of development, providing opportunities to learn through play and interaction. Our program is designed to provide spiritual, physical, cognitive, social/emotional and creative experiences at the developmental level of the young child. Activities are Christ-centered, showing God's love and guidance in all areas of Christian living.

ENROLLMENT

Summer Camp enrollment includes preschool children (3 years by January 1, 2026 & independently toilet trained) through children about to enter 6th grade.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Little Palms Preschool admits children of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities made available at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational or admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and other school-administered programs.

PUBLIC RELATIONS VIDEOS & PICTURES

Enrollment at Hosanna Church Summer Camp implies consent for students to be included in videotapes, advertisements, photographs, on our website or Facebook page for the purpose of documenting or publicizing school and church programs and activities. **Should a parent not want a child included he/she should submit written notification to the camp director or Director of Youth & Children's Ministry.**

LUNCH & SNACK

Every child staying for extended care must have a lunch (lunch time 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.). Please clearly mark your child's lunch box with his or her name on the outside of it. Please limit sweets, as we are trying to strengthen our emphasis on good nutrition. Also, please do not send soda pop or anything in glass containers. Lunch should include protein and fruit. Because staff members are focused on supervising children, we are unable to heat or prepare any food items. Lunches should come ready to eat.

APPROXIMATE DAILY SCHEDULE:

Camp is a morning only experience. Afternoons are considered Extended Care and therefore billed differently. Afternoons are considered "add-ons" to morning camp registration.

8am: Doors open **8:15am-12pm:** Summer Camp activities, experiences, snacks, water day Fridays, etc.
12pm: Lunch **12:30-3pm:** outside play time, inside play time, quiet/nap time and quiet/game activities.

CLOTHING

We encourage children to dress comfortably for our summer weather; on Friday's bring or wear a swimsuit (underclothing) as a great deal of water play & exploration will be going on Friday's. **ALL REMOVABLE CLOTHING SHOULD BE MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.**

Camp can be messy. Please send children in clothes that can get dirty or painted. Also, please dress children in clothing that is easy to take down and pull up to make independent toileting possible. Suspenders, leotards, belts, and bib overalls are difficult for small hands to manage on their own.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Your child's health is a matter of major importance to us. We want to protect your child and the other children in our program. **We require that we have only healthy children in attendance.** Children who are ill or who symptoms of illness (such as fever or chills, shortness of breath, dry cough, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, sore throat, body aches or pains, etc.) cannot be allowed to remain in camp. Germs travel quickly among young children. By keeping your ill child at home, infections are not being spread to others and your child is not being exposed to others while his or her resistance to infection is low.

CAMP DISCIPLINE/GUIDANCE

Part of a child's learning at camp is that of self-control. We believe that busy, interested children seldom have behavioral problems. However, when inappropriate behavior occurs the camp leader will redirect the child's behavior. Should this prove ineffective, we will use "time in with the leader" which means that a child and his/her leader will have the opportunity to sit together, talk about the situation, and pray at the conclusion of their talk. We emphasize that the child is always loved and cared about. Our Hosanna Church Summer Camp staff believes it is important to model the kindness and forgiveness as shown by Jesus, and that we encourage the children to practice this in their dealings with each other.

A camp leader may need to talk with a parent if inappropriate behavior continues so that the home and camp can work together for resolution of this matter. If this does not solve the behavior issue, the Camp Director will request a meeting with the leader and parents to determine a plan to enable the child to make appropriate behavior choices. Hosanna Lutheran Church reserves the right to deny a child access to summer camp if behaviors are severe and or cause injury to others.

EMERGENCY PLAN

In any kind of natural disaster (flooding, earthquake, fire, etc.), if our facility is safely usable, all children will remain on the campus until picked up by parents or authorized persons.

FORMS

In order to meet all regulations, it is MANDATORY that **all forms be completed and returned to us by the first day of camp, along with payments.**

If you move, change telephone numbers, add someone who is allowed to pick up your child, or in any way change the data you have given us on these forms, please notify the Director of Children & Youth's Office (480-986-9436) or the church office at (480-984-1414). Because we use this information to reach you in case of emergency, it is extremely important that we have accurate information at all times.

AUTHORIZED ADULTS:

Your child will not be released to a person (other than a parent or legal guardian) who is not listed on the emergency information area of your registration. If you have arranged for someone else to pick up your child, we must have this information in writing from you, the parent/guardian. You may:

- **Write that person's name on your child's emergency form, or you may write a separate, dated note to the camp leader. This note should include the following 5 pieces of information:**

1. Child's name
2. Name of person authorized to pick up your child
3. Date on which this person will pick up your child
4. Your signature
5. Date of note
6. Drivers License # of the person authorized to pick-up your child(ren).

The person picking up your child will be asked to show proper photo identification. We cannot release your child into any other person's custody without your prior permission. If a non-custodial parent is not to pick up your child, we must have an official restraining order or other legal paperwork in our files.

SIGN IN AND SIGN OUT

Each child will be signed *in* and *out* each time they attend Hosanna Church Summer Camp. Parents/Guardians are required to sign their **FULL LEGAL SIGNATURE through the ProCare app (either on your mobile device, or a provided tablet)**

PICK UP

It is **imperative** that your child(ren) be picked up at the end of his/her enrolled program time i.e., 12:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. depending on your enrollment choices. If you know that you will be late, please contact the office at (480) 984-1414 or (480) 986-9436 so that we can inform your child's camp leader and reassure your child.

LATE POLICY AND FEES

1. When parent/guardian are 15 minutes late (12:15p.m. or 3:15), the following calls will be made:
 - Parent's cell phone(s)
 - Parents' work
 - Child's Home
 - Others authorized to pick up the child
 - Emergency numbers
2. When parents are 45 minutes late it may be necessary to call the Sheriff's Department at 602-876-1011 and release the child to their custody if:
 - No one authorized to pick up the child can be reached by phone.
 - Parents have not called to inform us that they are on the way to pick up their child.

The following charges will be incurred per child and payable at that time.

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| • 11-15 minutes late: \$10.00 | 16-20 minutes late: \$20.00 |
| • 21-25 minutes late: \$30.00 | 26-30 minutes late: \$40.00 |
| • 31 minutes or more: \$50.00 | |

Thank you for choosing Hosanna Church Summer Camp as your child's summer fun experience. Please feel free to contact us about any concern that you have regarding your child throughout the summer. Remember, we are here for the entire family. Blessings to you and your family as we are "grow in faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory now and forever more! Amen." 2 Peter 3:18

Hope, love, peace and joy in Jesus,

Amy Anderson

Summer Camp Director

Hosanna Lutheran Church

