



CHILDREN'S CAMP 2026



GENERAL INFORMATION

- Lake Forest Ranch
- July 17-21, 2026

CHAPERONES

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DEPARTURE / ARRIVAL

- Departure:
 - Our plan is to depart from the Son Building at 2:00PM, 7/17.
 - Please plan to come earlier than that so we can load the bus with your camper's luggage.
 - Camp arrival/check-in time is from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm on Welcome Day.
- Arrival:
 - Departure time for campers is 9:15 am on the last day after breakfast.
 - Plan for a 10:15AM arrival time at the Son Building Parking Lot for camper pick up. Text updates will be provided that day as needed.

PACKING LIST

- Clothing: enough to last the entire camp as doing laundry may not be an option. This includes shorts, T-shirts, swimwear (one piece swimsuit is required), and shoes (comfy and quick dry).
- Bible
- Towels
- Bedding for twin-sized bunk bed (sleeping bag or sheets) & pillow
- Flashlight
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc.
- Insect repellent
- **Please label everything you wish for your camper to return home with!!*

PLEASE DO NOT BRING

- Electronic equipment; including tablets, phones, smart-watches laptops, music players, gaming systems, etc.
- Alcoholic beverages, vapes, cigarettes, chewing tobacco, illegal drugs, etc.
- Fireworks, rifles, bow and arrows, knives, or weapons of any kind.
- Jewelry or other expensive items.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

- Campers must pass a swimming test at the pool before tubing.
- Shoes that are secured to the foot are required to participate in any or all Ropes Course activities (no flip flops or loose sandals are allowed).

TECHNOLOGY & REMOVING DISTRACTIONS

- Do not bring electronic equipment or game systems.
- Cell-Phone Policy: Cell phones can be a distraction and a danger, therefore we do not allow campers to have them at camp. If a camper brings a cell phone or other smart device, our staff will hold on to it for the duration of camp.
- Please wear modest clothing. Shorts (not too short or revealing), T-shirts (avoid ones with crude or rude printing please), Swimwear (modest; for girls, one piece swimsuits are required), shoes (comfy and quick dry).
- No short shorts, short skirts, or halter tops. Guys must wear a shirt at all times unless in your cabin, swimming, or tubing.

MEDICATION

- All medications (prescription and over-the-counter) must be in original packaging/bottle that identifies the prescribing physician, name of medication, dosage, and frequency of administration. No exceptions. All meds will be given to the camp nurse for distribution.

CABIN ASSIGNMENTS

- Cabins will be assigned beforehand, but you may request a cabin-mate with the “Friend Request” feature during registration through iCampPro. We will try to accommodate when we can.”
- Changes made at check-in cannot be guaranteed.

CAMPER MAIL

- Family and friends are encouraged to send mail to your camper. Please make sure they are delivered in time.

SNACK SHOP + CAMP STORE

- The Snack Shop and Camp Store are open each day except departure day. They are open each afternoon and some evenings.
- Money should be loaded by the parent/guardian on the camper’s account in iCampPro. This money will be deducted throughout the camp as the camper makes purchases. Money can be added at any time during the camp.

LOST & FOUND

- We will do all that we can to help your camper return home with everything they bring to camp. In spite of our best efforts some of them will leave something behind.

If you realize your child has left behind something important let us know and we will try to find it and return it to you.

- Parents will be asked to reimburse LFR for all postage or shipping cost for any returned items.
- Anything that is not called for and is not easily identified will be donated to a local charity at the end of the summer.

CALLING HOME

- Campers may not call home except in the event of an emergency. Parents who need to contact their children for emergencies may call (662) 726-5052.

FISHING

- Campers will be allowed to fish with their own equipment and tackle. Rules and regulations will either be posted around camp or mentioned in orientation. Catch and release only during summer camp. No license is required.

HELPFUL TIPS

BECOME FAMILIAR WITH LFR CAMP ACTIVITIES

- Talk to your child about camp and what it's all about. While you can't prepare your child for everything, you can give him/her some idea of what to expect. Fear of the unknown is usually the biggest concern for children attending camp. Practicing a typical day at camp may provide some reassurance and self-confidence; try walking outside in the dark with a flashlight, making the bed, brushing teeth, placing laundry in a laundry bag, going to the bathroom with the toiletries kit, and showering independently. Make sure they know that recreation activities are optional as some are nervous about high ropes, swimming, etc.

BE CAREFUL WITH PROMISES

- As parents we often make little promises to our children in order to alleviate their fears. It can be devastating to a camper if those promises aren't met. Some examples: » Don't tell your child you will talk to him or her on the phone. » Don't tell them it won't rain and that there are no bugs. » Don't tell your children you'll come pick them up if they don't like camp. » Instead of making promises, encourage them to be confident in the Lord while at camp

PACKING

- We highly encourage you and your child to pack together. If you pack your child's things, please take 10 minutes to go over everything in their bag with, locating things and making sure they feel prepared. If your child packs their own bag, make sure they have everything they need and that they have not packed things they should not bring. » Label Everything. It's easy to lose things at camp, but if you want it back, it's

got to have your name on it. Label t-shirts, towels, pillowcases, and anything else important. Leave expensive or sentimental items at home when possible (i.e. grandma's jewelry or a special Bible). Most children lose something at camp, so remind yours to check the lost-and-found on closing day. » Include plastic bags or a laundry bag for wet or dirty clothing. "Containerize" smaller items when packing. » Put similar things together in see-through travel bags, zip-locks or plastic units so that they are easy to find and keep organized.

BE REALISTIC

- Like the rest of life, camp will probably have its high and low points. Remind them that the main purpose of camp is to make friends and have fun while learning more about God. Set up a "thinking about you" time: you and your child will think about each other every day at breakfast, when you see the first star of the night, or when you brush your teeth. Let your children know they are going to have the time of their life.

DOUBLE-CHECK THE OPENING AND CLOSING DATES AND TIMES

- Start camp off on a smooth note by arriving on time and on the right day. Use a wall calendar in the months prior to Welcome Day to make an exciting count-down to the big day.

LISTEN TO AND TALK ABOUT CONCERNS

- As your child prepares for their first camp experience, be sure to talk with them about any uneasiness. Do not assume you know how they feel. Instead, ask questions that will help them explore what they are feeling as the time for camp approaches. Ask open ended questions, "What are you looking forward to? Is there anything you are unsure about?". Answer questions with confidence in their ability to handle being away from home. Assure them that they will be well cared for while at camp.

LET YOUR CHILD PRACTICE BEING AWAY FROM HOME

- We highly recommend this for new campers who are going away to camp for the first time. Have your child do an overnight at Grandma's and Grandpa's house or another close friend's house without you. This will give your camper some experience in being away from home before heading off to camp.

BEGIN PRAYING ABOUT CAMP

- Set aside some time at meals or before bed to pray with your child about camp. Pray for your children's cabin mates, counselors, the Bible studies they will participate in, the activities they will do, and for safety while at camp. All of our counselors at Lake Forest Ranch make sure to set aside some time to meet with each child one-on-one. Pray that the time your child spends with their counselor is meaningful.

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