



Helpful Information As You Prepare Your Child for Camp

We are excited to have your child come to New Life Island this summer. We are sure that he will have a great time of fun and fellowship while learning about our Lord Jesus Christ. We want to help you understand a little better, how The Island works so that you may best prepare your child for his time here at camp.

What to Bring:

Bible, pen, notebook, flashlight, camera, sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, towels, casual clothing for the week, footwear (including one pair to get wet/muddy and for tubing), swimwear, etc.

What NOT to Bring:

In order to preserve the "get away" atmosphere, we ask that you do not bring iPods, or other listening devices, video games, books, magazines, cell phones, playing cards, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, controlled substances or other things like that.

Clothing Standards:

New Life Island is a Christian camp and we strive to be Christ honoring in our dress. We ask that you also adopt this policy.

Shorts and skirts must be of modest length and shirts of modest cuts and styles. Please refrain from extremely tight and/or short clothing. Swimwear should be boxer style trunks for guys and one-piece (non-white) suit for girls. If you have any questions please feel free to give us a call.

New Life Island does reserve the right to request that immodest clothing be changed.

Lost and Found:

We recommend that all of your child's property be marked with his name. Lost and Found articles are kept until Labor Day. Unclaimed items will be disposed of.

Registration:

Begins Monday at 9:00 am at the camp office. "Express Registration" is for those who pay their full camp fee in advance. We like to have all campers registered by 10:30 am. Campers will take swim tests at 11:00 am on Monday.

Spending Money:

Extra money is needed for the snackshop, craftshop, offering, campstore, (t-shirts and sweatshirts @\$12-\$30) and paintball during Junior High and Teen Weeks, (\$15.00 -\$20.00).

Bank:

We run a New Life Island Bank during each week of camp. Our bank greatly reduces lost or misplaced funds. Bring your spending money to registration to open your bank account. Each camper uses a camp "Money Access Card" during the week. The cards are collected on Friday and all excess funds are returned to the camper.

Medication:

We have a nurse on the island 24 hours a day. Our Nurse's Station is stocked with First Aid supplies and some over the counter medications. If your child needs other medications, please indicate that on the camper medical form.

All medications must be brought to the nurse at registration time. Medications must be in their original containers or the nurse will not be permitted to dispense them.

Insurance:

If it is necessary to take a camper to the hospital New Life Island has an "excess" insurance plan. The camper's parent's health insurance is the primary coverage for campers.

Mail:

Campers enjoy receiving mail at camp. Parents and others who write to a camper can help deter homesickness by emphasizing the positive aspects of a week at camp, fun, making new friends, learning from the Bible, instead of telling them how greatly they are missed.

When you write please include your campers name, week of camp, and your return address on the envelope.

To qualify for moose kissing and song singing a letter must be postmarked by the U. S. Postal Service.

Telephone:

Due to the volume of normal/usual camp business, we would ask that you not telephone for your camper except in case of an emergency. This also helps suppress homesickness which seems to be fostered by talking on the telephone. Campers are not permitted to use the phone unless given permission by the Director.

You may call the office at any time to check on your camper. The camp office will call you in the event of illness, accident, or severe homesickness.

Check Out Time:

We will be having a short closing program after each week of camp. The program will begin after breakfast, usually 8:45 or 9:00 and will feature some camp songs and video from the week. Your campers will be free to go following this program.

Please be sure that your camper knows who will be picking him up at the end of the week. Campers will only be allowed to leave with the people you designated on your child's registration form. When you pick up your child be sure to talk to the counselor. We would like the counselor to have at least one contact with you and your child.

While your child is away...

Enjoy the quiet and pray for your camper. Prayer will make a significant impact on your child's week of camp. Pray for his counselor and the speaker for the week. Pray for your child's spiritual needs and for his social, physical, and emotional growth.

When your child comes home...

Ask about the week and then listen. Your interest in his week of camp is important. Ask about decisions and spiritual lessons. You can play an important role in reinforcing decisions made and lessons learned at camp.