



Living Water Ministries

Faith Formation, Service, Leadership, and Community

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DAY CAMP INFORMATION

Philosophy

Day Camp is a unique blend of outdoor ministries and congregational ministry. It is a joint effort between camp and congregation. It is an evangelical ministry which reaches both church and community youth as well as enriches the lives of the adults who become involved.

Purpose

The purpose of Day Camp is to provide congregations with a quality Christian outdoor ministry experience with a strong evangelism component. Our hope is that your Day Camp will be a program of evangelism for your church and the surrounding community. When Living Water Ministries Day Camp staff leave, we think it is important to have congregational adult teachers who have impacted and touched the lives of the campers involved. These will be adults that the campers will have continued connections with after the Day Camp is over.

Ages of Campers

For campers grades Kindergarten through the end of elementary school. Our experience has shown that preschool children need special programming and generally our staff is not trained in working with children this young. Please do not plan on having children younger than kindergarten (5 years old) in the day camp program. If your church wishes to include a pre-school component we can share the curriculum with you so that you can adapt it and have church members run that component.

Responsibilities of Living Water Ministries

1. LWM will provide a copy ready advertising flyer, and sample forms you can use for campers.
2. Your Day Camp program will be tailored to your needs and the needs of your community. We will work with you to make the program meet the needs and goals of your congregation.
3. LWM will provide all programming including Bible Study, Arts & Crafts, Games, Worship, Nature Activities and all materials needed.
4. LWM will provide coordination and supervision of the program, including the basic daily schedule.
5. LWM will provide a quality trained staff and will provide an information session for the congregational staff.

Responsibilities of the Congregation

1. Establish a team from the congregation to work with the LWM Day Camp Director in planning and preparation.
2. Communicate with LWM Day Camp Director any changes or additions to the program, special activities or any other information that is different than our day camp program as it is provided. We are flexible and adaptable, but want to know what you need to make the program run as smoothly as possible.
3. Handle all public relations including internal congregational announcements, bulletin inserts, advertisements, flyer distribution, social media and make follow-up contracts with neighborhood families to secure registrations.
4. Provide volunteers on site each day to coordinate registration, snacks, and handle emergencies. You may wish to have a clean-up crew come at the end of each day to help prepare for the next day.
5. Provide additional help for the day camp staff as needed to keep camper to staff/adult ratio 8:1 (campers:adults). Counselors must be 16 years of age. *We request that the church provide 1 adult (18 or older) per 14 youth under the age of 18. This provision when added to the LWM staff will meet state licensing requirements for youth to adult ratios.*
6. To make arrangements and provide any and all food for participants (or ask that they pack a lunch to bring).
7. Provide updated First Aid Kits and a volunteer who is dedicated to managing meds and other health care needs during Day Camp.
8. Handle registrations and group assignments.
9. Handle the distribution and collection of all campers forms.
10. To provide room and board for the LWM Day Camp Staff.
11. Have a severe weather plan posted/available for use during Day Camp.

Sample Daily Schedule

8:30 am	Living Water Ministries Staff Arrives	
9:00 am	Arrival/Join Class for "Add-in" Games	
9:15 am	Opening Worship	
9:45 am	Activities Period #1	<u>Activities Include</u>
10:15 am	Activities Period #2	Bible Study
10:45 am	Snack	Arts & Crafts
11:00 am	Activities Period #3	Nature Activities
11:30 am	Activities Period #4	Games
12:15 pm	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Large Group Games or Special Activities	
2:45 pm	Closing Worship	
3:00 pm	Departure	
3:15 pm	Debriefing by Living Water Ministries Day Camp Staff	

*schedule can be modified to fit the needs of your church

Daily Day Camp Schedule				
Start Time	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
9:15 a.m.	Opening Worship			
9:45 a.m.	Bible Study	Arts and Crafts	Nature	Games
10:15 a.m.	Arts and Crafts	Nature	Games	Bible Study
10:45 a.m.	Snack			
11:00 a.m.	Nature	Games	Bible Study	Arts and Crafts
11:30 a.m.	Games	Bible Study	Arts and Crafts	Nature
12:15 p.m.	Lunch			
1:00 p.m.	Afternoon Activity			
2:45 p.m.	Closing Worship			
3:00 p.m.	Departure			

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