

FOR PARENT/GUARDIANS OF LCLC CAMPERS

Dear Parent,

We are excited that your child will soon come to camp! We look forward to meeting you and your child and suggest that you mutually talk about the items in this packet. In your conversations, please highlight the following:

- * **Prepare well in advance**, taking notice of the items below, *before coming to camp*.
- * **Closely examine your camper's luggage** to insure that everything is packed on both the General and Special Packing Lists and note the 'not permitted' items. Children adapt to camp much easier if they have everything they need.
- * Although infrequent, **homesickness** may be a challenging issue. Reactions of both children and parents can be in a constructive or unhealthy way, depending on the personality of the individual.
 - **Emphasize that your child is "going" to camp rather than "being sent" to camp.**
 - **Mention things like "I'm so excited for you!" or "Camp will be a great experience" rather than "I'll miss you so much while you're away" or "I can't wait for you to come home."**
 - **STRONGLY avoid statements like "Call me." "Text me." or "You can come home if you don't like it."** Not giving camp a fair chance only compounds the problem for those who have adjustment difficulties. LCLC is a community where we ask everyone to "unplug" for the week. As such, campers are asked not to use phones.
- * **Heighten your child's interest** by pointing out some of the exciting things you remember about your camp experience or a similar overnight. Be positive about how you were able to handle being away from home.

A fantastic summer experience is in store for your child! Thanks for choosing to send your child to LCLC!

In Christ,

LCLC Staff

BEFORE COMING TO CAMP

Get ready now and avoid inconvenience later.

- **Send the Following at Least Three Weeks In Advance:**

Full Camp Fee Payment	Canteen Deposit
Completed Health Form	Camp Photo Order
Parent's Information	Camper's Letter
Meningitis Form if applicable (RATS & LIT campers only)	
Other Required Items in this Packet (LIT, RATS and Sailing Camp).	

The check-in process can be significantly shortened if you return these items at least three weeks prior to arrival.

- **Full Camp Fee Payment.** Send this in with the bottom portion of the enclosed Acknowledgement Letter.
- **Canteen Deposits.** There is no need for your child to have cash while at LCLC. Canteen Deposits (camp store) can also be made in advance with the form on the bottom of the enclosed Acknowledgement Letter.

Your camper may purchase LCLC clothing or souvenir items during Sunday check-in or Friday/Saturday check-out. During the week we recommend a **maximum of \$15** for the Canteen, which is normally open once a day. This account allows your child to "purchase" drinks, snacks, postcards and stamps.

At the end of the camp, you can donate the balance to a designated cause or receive the cash refund.

- **Camp Photo Order.** You can also place your child's order in advance for an 8"x10" glossy photo of his/her camp program group for \$7. Place your order on the Registration Acknowledgement Letter.

⚡ Please Note ⚡

- **Health & Examination Form and Medications.** New York law requires a current Health Form and Immunization History **every year** and a Physical Examination with in **one year** of your child's camp experience.

LCLC is required to comply with all NY Health Department and State regulations. This form is confidential and will be kept on file in the Health Center. In the event that your child participates in an off-site program, a copy of their Health Form will be sent with the group's first aid provider.

Please review the Health & Examination Form instructions carefully to ensure LCLC's ability to provide for your child's medical needs while at LCLC. ***All medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, must be accompanied by a written standing order signed by a physician.***

The Health & Examination Form ***must be signed by both a parent/guardian and the Primary Physician.***

All prescription and over-the-counter medications must be in the original container with label and directly given to the Camp Nurse who keeps them in the Health Center and dispenses them at the appropriate times and dosages. If your child requires any medications to be given while at camp, be sure to have your physician complete the appropriate portion of the Health Form as well as the required prescription form.

Please be aware that your child will be screened upon arrival for general health as well as flu symptoms. If your child has flu symptoms and/or a fever of 100° F or more at arrival, he/she will not be permitted to stay at camp. If a fever develops at any time during camp, we will call you immediately.

ARRIVING AT CAMP & CHECK-IN

Early arrival is **not** possible, since staff preparations continue right up until check-in time. Late arrivals may experience some inconvenience because LCLC staff becomes involved with the program activities after check-in closes.

Please make every effort to arrive between 2 and 4 pm as specified on the cover letter.

Your check-in may be significantly shortened when you have mailed your forms in advance. Your camper should remain with you throughout the registration process until you say goodbye.

1. **Please park your auto in the designated areas. Do not drive up to cabins or tents.** Bring with you any balances due, Canteen Deposits, medications, and any other required forms not already returned to LCLC.
2. **Stop at the Check-In Table at the Pavilion,** to register your arrival, submit or update your Camper Release, get your cabin assignment, order a photo, make a Canteen Deposit and/or pay any balances due.
3. **Next, go to the Nurses' Table. Every camper needs to be screened in the presence of his/her parent or appointed guardian.** Any camper who has not mailed in or updated his/her Health Form, has medications, or has had an illness or injury that occurred since sending the Health Form, will need to clarify these matters with the Camp Nurse.
4. **Go to the Canteen** (camp store) in the Dining Hall where you can purchase camp tee shirts or other nifty items prior to going to the cabin. (Optional)
5. **Return to your car, get your luggage, and take it and your camper to his/her cabin or tent.** Staff will be available to assist you and your child in finding your way and carrying gear.
6. **Say "good-bye"**, knowing that you and your camper will have a great week.

DEPARTING CAMP & CHECK-OUT

Please be sure that you have signed and submitted the Camper Release on the cover letter which informs LCLC Staff who may transport your child home. Please indicate if a non-custodial parent may NOT pick up your child. We hope that this Release will help avoid any misunderstanding.

At departure, you also need to:

1. **COME TO THE CLOSING PROGRAM!** Parents, guardians, immediate family, and friends are encouraged to participate in the Closing Program. Campers may depart after the Program. Closing Program for camps ending on Saturday begins at 9:30 am. For camps ending on a Friday, the Program begins at 6:30 pm. Campers may depart after the Program - about 1 hour long. (**Note: Confirmation Camps end on Friday morning at 9:30.**)
2. **As directed, park your car and go to the designated area/building for your camper's Closing Program. Please do not go to your camper's cabin or tent.** Campers will be dismissed for Check-Out from the designated area/building after the Closing Program is complete.

3. **After the Closing Program, sign out with your child's Counselor.** Children will be released only to the person(s) who have been previously designated by the parent/guardian on the Acknowledgement Letter. LCLC requires the signature of the person who is picking up your child, including parents'. A fax with the parent's signature will be required if any last minute changes are to be made.

4. **See the Camp Nurse.** If you brought medications which you need to take home or have any questions, you need to see the Camp Nurse in St. John's Dining Hall.

5. **Stop at the Canteen in St. John's Hall.** You do not need to visit the Canteen if you have chosen to donate your child's remaining Canteen Deposit balance to an LCLC purpose.

MORE GOOD THINGS FOR PARENTS TO KNOW ABOUT LCLC

SPECIAL DIETS. In order to plan for the correct food, LCLC needs to know **at least two weeks in advance** if your camper requires a special diet for medical reasons (diabetic or doctor prescribed) or is a vegetarian. If a special diet is required, send a detailed note to LCLC or call LCLC during weekday office hours. Also, please note allergies on the *Parents' Information* and the *Health Form*.

MAIL & PACKAGES. Mail is delivered daily Monday-Friday. Mail for campers is distributed during the dinner hour. Campers are encouraged to write home during the course of their stay. Likewise, a letter from home can be a highlight of a camper's day. It takes **two - four days** for mail to arrive, so plan ahead! Please address your letters to:

*Camper's Name
Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center
5013 Route 430
Bemus Point, New York 14712*

*Please see the insert for the
Bunk Notes program!*

CAMPER BEHAVIOR. LCLC is proud to provide a safe, Christian community for your child. **Camp rules are made for the safety and well being of everyone.** Behavioral rules and expectations are covered with your camper, often using a contract or covenant method. Intentional malice and willful destruction of camp property results in informing parents of the camper's behavior. Campers will be expected to pay for the repair or replacement of vandalized items.

If LCLC has a concern during your child's session, we will consult with you. Parents may be required to remove any camper who does not comply with camp rules.

NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS. Parent/guardians listed on the Health Form will be notified in the event of any prolonged illness, of an emergency which requires off-camp medical attention, or of behavioral concerns. If the listed parent/guardians cannot be reached, the other emergency contacts on the Health Form will be notified. During check-out, parents may speak with the nurse about their campers week at camp and any basic health care issues that may have arisen.

Please note the items on the General Packing List that should NOT be brought to camp.

CELL PHONE/DEVICES. LCLC believes that one of the valuable qualities of camp is the uninterrupted time away from home and technology. Consequently, campers' use of cell phones/devices for calls, texting, and accessing the internet is not permitted during camp. **Please help us by not calling or texting your camper or asking them to call or text you throughout the week.**

LCLC staff leaders are glad to discuss your child's experience at any time. Routine calls can be made during office hours. During non-office hours, please leave a message on the answering machine. Recorded messages are regularly monitored.

SNACKS. *Snack items should NOT be brought from home* for your camper. Snacks can be purchased in the LCLC Canteen once each day. Food stored in cabins attracts "critters" such as mice, raccoons and skunks!

LOST & FOUND. LCLC will return any "lost" items COD, if you call and ask us to, within two weeks after your child leaves camp. LCLC is not responsible for lost or damaged items. Any items which are not claimed are donated to charity at the end of summer.

RULES FOR ACCEPTANCE. Campers are enrolled on a "first come, first serve" basis. Rules for acceptance and participation are the same for everyone, without regard to race, color, national origin, or disability.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Camperships & Retreat Reservations:
Ask for Brenda Peterson,
Retreat & Office Manager.

Camp Program Activities:
Ask for Lee Lindeman
Executive Director

**Medical / Dietary Needs
Registration & Balance Due:**
Ask for Jim Bartok, Registrar

GENERAL PACKING LIST

Please **label all items with your full name** using a laundry marker, so that you do not lose your personal belongings.

NECESSARY ITEMS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight & extra batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag (preferred) or 2 sheets and 1 blanket | <input type="checkbox"/> At least 2 pairs of closed-toe shoes (sneakers) or light boots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow & pillowcase | <i>(Wearing slip on sandals or flip flops around camp is discouraged!)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm, comfortable clothes (jeans, 1-2 sweatshirts or fleeces) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water shoes or sports sandals for swimming, boating, and showers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Head-to-toe <i>raingear</i> , like a slicker, poncho or raincoat with hood or rain hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & toothpaste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap & shampoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant & other toiletries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handkerchief/Tissues | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen (min. 30 SPF recommended) & sunglasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Retention strap for glasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tee shirts, short sleeved shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Money for Canteen and Camp Photo (if not paid in advance) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear & socks for each day at camp | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 towels & washcloth | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jacket or windbreaker | |

DO NOT BRING...

Cell Phones Tablets MP3 Players Electronic Games Expensive Jewelry or Clothing Snacks from Home
Computers Knives Weapons Tobacco / Alcohol Products Drugs/Drug Paraphernalia
These items can interfere with the Christian community we try to build during a week of camp. If your camper's cell phone is also their camera, we'll be happy to work out ample time for camera use.

If discovered, the above items will be stored during camp and returned to the camper's parent/guardian at Check-Out.

OPTIONAL ITEMS - All the following are **recommended** *but* not necessary.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Daypack or bookbag | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Postcards, stationery, stamps, pen/pencil | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothespins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable camera | <input type="checkbox"/> Plain white T-shirt to tie-dye or paint |

SPECIAL PACKING LISTS

The unique activities of the Specialty Camps below require that you bring the following special things other than those listed in the General List. Note:

N = **N**ecessary to bring. Call LCLC if you need an alternative.
R = Highly **R**ecommended if you have it already or can afford it

Sailing I & II

- R** A vest-type lifejacket*
- R** Sun screen SPF 50
- R** Retention strap for glasses
- R** Retention strap or clip for your hat, or it will fly away!
- N** Water shoes, sneakers, or sports sandals that will stay wet. Appropriate footwear must be worn when in boats.

* If you own any of these and like to use them, bring them. Otherwise, they'll be provided.

Leaders-In-Training / R.A.T.S.

- R** Sleeping bag and its stuff sack, both made from synthetic materials (nylon, polyester). This is far better than cotton sheets or a cotton sleeping bag because cotton absorbs and holds water.
*Please note: RATS sleep in our platform tents. L-I-T campers will change cabins each week.
- R** Flashlight, good rain/mud boots, extra socks, and an extra swimsuit.
- R** **Larger Canteen Deposit than usual** Suggested: \$20-30 for RATS and LIT.
Because these are multi-week programs, you may need more than the \$10 maximum suggested for other campers.

Horse Camp

- N** Long pants /jeans for when horseback riding
- N** Boots with heels. Heels will keep your feet from slipping through the stirrups.

Parents' Information

Child's Name _____

To be filled out by parents.
(This form is optional as you see fit.)

PARENTS: This completed sheet helps LCLC to make your child's experience wonderful. Please feel free to include any additional information about your child or current family situation that could help our staff. All information is confidentially kept by your child's counselor or in the office. Thanks!

1] My child is registered
in (circle) →
for the dates of
____/____ to ____/____

Sailing I	L-I-T	Mini Camp	Confirmation	R.A.T.S.
Sailing II	Classic Camp	Horse Camp	Sr. High	Night Owls

2] Father's
Name _____
Guardian's
Name _____

Mother's
Name _____
Camper Mother Both Parents
Lives With: Father Other: _____

3] Number of children in our family and household: ____ boys; ____ girls

4] My child goes to school at _____ in town/city _____

5] This is my child's ____ year attending a resident camp and my child's ____ year at LCLC.

6] We want a camp experience
for our child because _____

7] My child is most
happy when _____

8] My child is likely to be timid, nervous, or afraid about _____

9] Things we feel need special attention are: _____

10] You should know these great things about my child: _____

11] Any food or other allergies: _____

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Camper's Letter

To be filled out by the camper.

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My name is _____ My friends call me _____

I am ____ years old and just finished ____ grade. I am coming to camp for the first time Yes No

I am coming to LCLC because _____

What I look forward to doing most at LCLC is _____

What I don't want to do at LCLC is _____

I am excited about _____

I am concerned about _____

I would like my counselor to know this about me _____

Other comments and ideas _____

I am a **Sailing I**, or **Sailing II** camper and have also completed and returned page 7.

Your LCLC counselors & staff hope and pray you are as excited about the LCLC summer camp as we are.
We can't wait for you to get here!

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Special Info Questionnaire for Sailing I & II Camps

Please return at least three weeks before arrival.

CAMPERS: Please complete the section below and return it with your Campers' Letter, Health Form, and Parent's Information so that your instructors and counselors will know how to make it one of your best weeks ever! Don't worry, you don't need to have much -or any- experience to be a Specialty Camp participant, but if you have, we'd like to know about it so that we can plan appropriately. Thanks so much!

~ The LCLC Staff

My Name first _____ last _____

Sailing I & II Camps

- I have had sailing lessons before. No Yes

Describe your skill: _____

- I have had canoeing lessons before. No Yes

Describe your skill: _____

- I can sail the boats listed here **by myself:** _____

- I can sail the boats listed here **with the help** of another sailor: _____

- The longest sailing trip on which I've been was _____ miles long.

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DATED MATERIALS!
PLEASE READ & COMPLETE SOON.
Acknowledgement of Your Summer Camp Registration



COME TO LCLC FOR YEAR-ROUND FUN!

- ▶ **4TH—8TH GRADE ADVENT RETREAT Dec 1-3, 2017**
- ▶ **SR HIGH WINTER RETREAT JANUARY 5-7 2018**
- ▶ **4TH—8TH GRADE WINTER RETREAT MARCH 2-4, 2018**

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DIRECTIONS TO LAKE CHAUTAUQUA LUTHERAN CENTER

From the Thruway (I-90):

Coming from the EAST: Exit at the Dunkirk/Fredonia Exit: Turn left at the light, after the toll booths, onto **Rt. 60 South** to Cassadaga. Turn right at the stoplight in Cassadaga onto **Rt. 58 West** to Stockton for approximately 3.5 miles. Continue on 58 West through Stockton to Hartfield for about 7.5 miles. At the stop sign, continue to follow **Rt. 58 West** (ahead and slightly to the left). At the next stop sign, 58 West ends and you turn left onto **Rt. 430 East**. The LCLC entrance is indicated by a large sign on the right side of **Rt. 430** at the top of the hill. The vacant Hot Fish Shop Restaurant is across from the entrance.

OR ... Exit at the Westfield Exit (easier, but longer): After the toll booths, turn left onto **Highway 394**, drive approximately 7 miles to Mayville. At the stoplight, turn left onto **Rt. 430 East**. Follow 430 about 7 miles to LCLC. The LCLC entrance is indicated by a large sign on the right side of the highway at the top of the hill. The vacant Hot Fish Shop Restaurant is across from the entrance.

Coming from the WEST: Take the **Westfield Exit** (explained above) **OR** take **I-86 East** (East of Erie, PA) and follow directions for the East-Bound I-86 (explained below).

From The Southern Tier Expressway (I-86):

WEST-BOUND: Take **I-86** to the Bemus Point area. Take the **Exit 10** (towards Bemus Point Exit) just before the bridge. After you have exited off I-86, **DO NOT TAKE THE BEMUS POINT EXIT (Rt. 430 East)**. Stay straight as the road becomes **Rt. 430 West** towards Mayville & Midway State Park. Remain on **Rt. 430 West** for about 4 miles. You'll pass Midway State Park on your left. The LCLC entrance will be 0.6 mile past Midway Park on the left side of **Rt. 430** at the top of the hill with a large sign near the entrance. The vacant Hot Fish Shop Restaurant is across from the entrance.

EAST-BOUND: Take **I-86**, over the bridge. Take **Exit 10** (to the left, **Rt. 430 West**) immediately after you cross the bridge. After you have exited off I-86, **DO NOT TAKE THE BEMUS POINT EXIT (Rt. 430 East)**. Stay straight as the road becomes **Rt. 430 West** towards Mayville & Midway State Park. Rem

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