

LAKEVIEW 2017

PREARRIVAL INFORMATION

Summer Camp 2017 is almost here!

I am so glad that you have chosen to make Forest Home a part of your summer plans. It is truly an honor to partner with you this summer.

This letter intends to answer any questions or concerns you might have about camp prior to your arrival. If there is anything else that comes up as you prepare for your week at camp, please do not hesitate to ask.

Theme

This year our theme is “All That Glitters”. Our goal is to help students understand their identity is in Christ alone. We will explore the masks students wear to try to cover up their perceived imperfections. We will look at the lies shame tells students, and God's grace to cover their shame. We will end the week exploring what it looks like to live into who God has created them to be once they are free from shame.

Our main teaching verse is Zephaniah 3:17

***“The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.”***

Through worship, messages, counselor-led “cabin chats” and solo times throughout the week, we pray that campers will have an opportunity for meaningful conversations that lead them closer to Christ. Please join me in prayer that God would begin to prepare their hearts, and ours, during this “pre-season”.

Check-in/Arrival

Check-in will take place on SUNDAY on the Lakeview Lawn from 3pm-5pm. Upon arrival at Lakeview, our staff will greet you and help you find your way. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30pm buffet style. In the unfortunate event of a late arrival (traffic, distance, etc.) please contact our Reservations Associate, Ashley Renfroe at (909) 389-4465 as soon as possible.

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Medical Forms

Please be advised, Medical Forms are ONLINE in our new system, and MUST be completed prior to campers arriving on our grounds. Campers who do not have a completed medical form WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CAMP. We must strictly enforce this policy as not only is it law, but also ensures the safety of all of our guests. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

First Aid

Health Screening (attached). Each camper is required to undergo a health screening before arrival at camp, but no more than 24 hours prior to the start of camp. Please perform the health screening for each camper in your car and be sure to include each campers name individually. Please note that any ill campers or counselors should not come to camp until they are well. They may be sent home (subject to Camp Nurse discretion).

Medications: Must be in their original pharmacy container along with written instructions from the Doctor. Place all in a Ziploc plastic bag with the camper's name printed on it. (PLEASE NOTE: If medications are not in the original container we WILL NOT be able to administer them.)

Food Allergies

Our Food Service team is fervent in providing options for your dietary needs, and our new online registration system will make this even easier! Please ensure that all dietary requests are indicated on your registration forms online. Our chefs are trained on being able to meet most of the dietary needs of our guests, such as: Gluten Free diets, Dairy Intolerances, Vegetarian diets, Soy Intolerances, and Nut allergies. Please note that many allergies can be very severe, and we cannot fully guarantee that every item served is 100% free from airborne particles or other means of cross-contamination. There are also other areas in camp that may cause reactions that are out of our control, such as in retail locations, vending machines or other campers that may bring snacks. Although we do our best to accommodate certain dietary restrictions, we cannot always provide an equivalent to what is being served. Along with the items we do provide, we encourage our guests to bring items such as snacks or desserts that may not be provided so that you and/or your group have the greatest experience possible. Our desire is that every guest has a great food and dining experience at Forest Home. If you have any additional questions, please contact Matt Billhardt at mattb@foresthomes.org or at 909-389-2300 and someone from our Food Service team will respond within 2-3 business days.

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Speakers and Worship Leaders

We have hired amazing speakers who have years of experience speaking to high school students and running student ministries. They are passionate about preaching the Gospel to high school students so they understand the truth of God's Word. Our worship band is comprised of talented musicians who are regularly involved in youth worship services. They have a passion to lead students into worship.

Recreation

All of these options are free of charge and available to your campers during free time, weather permitting:

- Canyon Park (Zipline, Giant Swing, Skytrail)
- Lake Activities (Kayaking, Swimming, Blobbing)
- Basketball and Volleyball Courts
- Sports Equipment (Frisbees, Soccer Balls, Footballs)
- The Den (pool, ping-pong, board games, foosball, and more)
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What to Pack

No Electronics: Because of our commitment to providing our guests with Sanctuary and Solitude, Forest Home is making the decision to remain a cell-phone free destination. This means that we will continue to ask all campers to leave all electronics (including cell-phones) at home and ask that all of our guests join us in our efforts to keep our open/public areas at Forest Home cell-phone free. Further, Forest Home does not make phone service available for campers. This includes pay phones, landlines and cell phones. Generally speaking, children are not able to make or receive phone calls during camp. If there is a situation with your child at camp that warrants parental contact (i.e. homesickness, injury, not cooperating, etc.), you will be contacted by our camp staff immediately.

Spending Money: Many campers will want to purchase souvenirs at camp. We have a few different retail locations throughout Forest Home property which accept cash and credit cards. I recommend students come with some cash in the event of the credit card network going down unexpectedly. Group camp photos will be available for purchase with CASH ONLY. There will be multiple opportunities for campers to make purchases, beginning Monday afternoon.

Appropriate Attire: Please see the attached packing list for details on exactly what to bring to camp!

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A Safe Place

At Forest Home, we fervently care about the safety of our campers in every regard. For this reason, we have a closed campus. Because of space and liability issues, please do not invite anyone up to camp (for ANY length of time) who is not a paid guest. Day passes are NOT available unless pre-arranged with the Camp Director. Your cooperation with this will be extremely helpful in keeping our campers safe. For more information on our Child Protection Policies, please contact Melissa Galban, Director of Children & Youth, at melissag@foresthomes.org.

Emergencies: If there is a serious family emergency and a parent needs to contact their child while at camp, they may contact the Forest Home Roundhouse at 909-389-2300 and they can put them in contact with the Camp Director.

Check-out/Departure

Check-out will take place at the conclusion of the Summer Camp Program at 11:30am on Friday. Our program will end promptly at 11:30am. Please do not plan on leaving prior to 11:30am as it disrupts program. Please ensure that you proceed directly to the Lakeview for Camper Pick Up.

We are also sending the following documents for your convenience:

- **Packing List** – camper's list

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself or Ashley Renfroe, Reservations Associate, at ashleyr@foresthomes.org. We look forward to seeing you and your campers!

In Him,

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