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## Welcome to Summer Camp at Luther Springs!

### Southwest Florida Disaster Response Information Packet

We are excited your group will join us for a Southwest Florida Disaster Response mission week! This week-long experience, based out of Faith Lutheran Church in Sarasota, will provide high school students the opportunity to be God's hands in a community hit hard by Hurricane Ian. We will partner with Faith and Lutheran Disaster Response as we walk alongside those impacted by the storm, helping to clean up, repair and rebuild. During this time, we will also engage in conversation, listening to the stories of those we are working alongside and learning to share our own stories. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be spent working on debris removal and other rebuild projects. On Thursday we will work alongside Faith Lutheran in their food distribution program. After our work is complete each day we will spend time at the beach. There will also be a fun excursion during the week that might include either a snorkeling trip, sunset dolphin excursion or a boat outing. During the July 4th week, we will participate in the local fireworks display. Make sure to like our Facebook page, Luther Springs, where we will post pictures of our week.

**Location:** This retreat will take place in Sarasota at Faith Lutheran Church located at 7750 S Beneva Rd, Sarasota, FL 34238. Luther Springs staff will begin check in at the retreat center Sunday afternoon and check out will take place on Friday morning. Retreat leader will be in touch with group leaders to coordinate arrival and departure times. Please note: This Luther Springs retreat is based out of Faith Lutheran Church in Sarasota and not Luther Springs.

**Mail & Communication:** Campers LOVE getting mail! If you would like to send a letter, we suggest sending it by email with your camper's name in the subject line to: [CamperMail@luthersprings.org](mailto:CamperMail@luthersprings.org) – please include SWFL Mission and camper's name in subject line. The best mail is cheerful and newsy – please save disappointing or upsetting news for when the camper returns and, while it is fine to mention that you miss them, make sure to follow up with your confidence that they are doing great and having fun. Mail is delivered at breakfast and dinner each day.

**Health Care:** All our staff are certified in First Aid & CPR and prepared to handle any medical situation that might arise and are also great at TLC. The adult leader from your group will oversee medication distribution. Campers may not keep any medication in their possession, including over-the-counter medication. Please send all medications in the original container and complete the attached Medication Form. **Please note, we cannot deviate from directions printed on the medication container (prescribed or over-the-counter), unless you attach a doctor's note, authorizing the change, to the Form.**

**Illness and Medical Emergency Protocol:** In the event of a medical emergency, the staff and adult leader from your church will take your child to one of the area's medical facilities. Should off-site treatment be necessary, we will contact you as soon possible. Please complete your child's health form with the understanding that it may be used to deal with an emergency, as unlikely as that is. Make sure the information you provide is complete and accurate and all emergency contact information is current.

**Spending Money** The registration fee includes lodging, meals, supplies and program costs. However, campers may want money to use at the camp store for canteen items (candy, chips, Gatorade, ice-cream) which range in price from \$.50 - \$1.00 and t-shirts, water bottles, cross necklaces, etc., which range from \$5-\$15. There will also be opportunities to buy souvenirs in the local community.

**Lost & Found** Luther Springs is not responsible for a camper's lost or damaged personal items. Please do not send clothing or items that are expensive or irreplaceable. If your item is found, we will ship to you via USPS and ask that you send reimbursement for the cost of postage. Any items unclaimed by September 1st will be given to local charities.

Should you have any other questions regarding the program or the camp itself, please do not hesitate to contact me at 828-209-6312 or smendenhall@luthersprings.org. If you have any questions pertaining to registration, please contact the registration office at mkallies@novusway.org or 828-209-6301.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan C. Mendenhall". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "In Christ," text.

Deacon Susan C. Mendenhall  
Luther Springs Program Director  
NovusWay Ministries

# GENERAL INFORMATION



## Packing List for Luther Springs

- Sleeping bag & pillow
- 2-3 towels & washcloths
- Soap, shampoo, brush, comb
- Toothpaste & toothbrush
- Light jacket/sweatshirt
- Raincoat or poncho (& head cover)
- Shoes—2 pairs: sneakers with treads or closed-toe shoes that can get wet. **Closed-toe shoes are required for all activities, including canoeing.** Shoes will likely get dirty and wet
- Shower shoes or flip flops
- Sturdy clothes that can get dirty or wet
- Long pants (1 pair)
- Swimsuits appropriate for active water activities (2)
- Cards, book, etc. for rest times
- Bible, notebook, pen or pencil
- Flashlight
- Water bottle (refillable)
- Insect repellent (mosquitos, tics)
- Sunscreen
- Plastic trash bag (wet/damp clothing, towels)
- Camera that is not a cell phone (optional)

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### Additional Notes for our Adventure & Disaster Response Programs

- Hair ties for long hair (all programs– required for ziplining)
- Shorts to the knee or long pants (horseback)
- Helmet (Horseback – optional, facility provides)
- Work gloves (Disaster Response)
- Snorkeling gear (Disaster Response – optional)
- Surfboard (Wave Riders – optional, surf school provides)
- Surf-friendly bathing suits – broadshorts for guys, no strapless or tie top/bottoms for girls during surf lessons (Wave Riders)
- Rash guard shirts during surf lessons (Wave Riders)

### Helpful Packing Hints:

- ✓ **Please do not over-pack! Storage space in camper housing is limited.**
- ✓ **Write your child's name on each article of clothing, towels, hats, etc.**
- ✓ **Please make certain clothes are in good taste. Shorts should not be too short, and T-shirts should not contain inappropriate language or symbols. Swimsuits must be modest. Campers may be asked to change/cover up if clothing is deemed inappropriate.**

### What Not to Bring

Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and drugs (not prescribed by a physician). Violation of this policy results in immediate dismissal. Transportation home will be at the expense of the parent/guardian. Do not bring cell phones, other electronics, food (snacks, gum, candy, or drinks), hairdryers, flat/curling irons, knives, firecrackers, or similar items to camp. Weapons of any kind are not allowed.

### DIRECTIONS TO LUTHER SPRINGS

*Do not follow a GPS or use directions obtained on-line once you leave the interstate.*

**From Southwest:** take I-75 north to exit 358 just North of Ocala, turn right on to Hwy 326 for 2.5 miles, turn left onto Hwy 301 for 15 miles, turn right onto Hwy 318E for 12.3 miles, turn left on to Co Rd 315, stay left at the fork on CR 21, continue for 5.4 miles, turn left onto Vause Lake Road and follow the signs on the road to entrance on right.

**From Southeast:** Take I-95 North to exit 268, turn left onto FL-40, 58 miles to right on Co Rd 315 (flashing yellow light), north for 22 miles, veer left at fork onto Co. Rd 21 for 5.4 miles, turn left onto Vause Lake Rd and follow the signs on the road to entrance on the right.

**From Northwest:** Take I-75 South to exit 399, turn left onto MLK/SR 20 for 46.2 miles, turn right at the light onto Co Rd 20A for 3.8 miles, turn right at the stop sign onto Co Rd 21, for 1.3 miles turn right onto Vause Lake Rd and follow the signs on the road to entrance on the right.

**From Northeast:** Take I-95 S to exit 311 (CR 207), travel 19.4 miles to East Palatka, turn right on Hwy 20 for 27.3 miles, turn left on CR 21 for 3.4 miles, then right on Vause Lake Road. Follow signs on the road to camp entrance on the right.