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## Welcome to Summer Camp at Luther Springs!

We are excited your child is joining us this summer! They will discover the joys of camp and explore their faith in an outdoor setting. Camp activities may include: swimming, archery, campfires, canoeing, gaga ball, games, low ropes challenge course, hiking, age-appropriate crafts, Bible study and storytelling. Make sure to like our Facebook page, Luther Springs, where we will post pictures of our week together.

We strive to make the camp experience as happy and worry free as possible for both parent and camper. If your child is reluctant about camp, keep your conversations with him/her calm and encouraging. Show every confidence that it will be GREAT. (It's true!) Discuss any fears or worries your child has and help your child make a plan to address each one. Feel free to call us with any concerns.

**Sunday Check-In** begins at 4:00 PM and ends at 5:30 PM. **We are unable to allow check-ins prior to 4:00 PM.** Upon arrival, please check-in at Kinports in the Kuehner Center, the last building after you drive through the gate. If campers must arrive after 5:30 PM, please advise us (number below) so we can have staff waiting for you.

**Check-Out** Check out begins at 12:30 PM Friday. Parents are invited to join campers for closing circle (11:15) & lunch (12:00). Children worry if parents are not on time. Please advise us (number below) if you will arrive after 1:00.

**Mail & Communication:** Campers LOVE getting mail! **Mail:** 264 Vause Lake Road, Hawthorne, FL 32640. Include camper's full name and post mail before Wednesday. **Email:** [CamperMail@LutherSprings.org](mailto:CamperMail@LutherSprings.org), please include camper's name in the 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. Please don't send gum, candy, or food. Mail is delivered at breakfast and dinner each day.

**Spending Money** The camp store stocks canteen items (candy, chips, Gatorade, ice-cream) t-shirts, sweatshirts, water bottles, hats, etc. Parents will turn in camper money during check-in and purchases will be debited from this money. Remaining money will be returned to parents at check-out. Parents can also make purchases during check-in and check-out.

**Directions to Luther Springs:** Included in this packet is a map with directions. PLEASE DO NOT RELY ON GPS OR ONLINE MAP PROGRAM TO GET TO THE CAMP! They often will NOT direct you to the right place.

**Camper Health Form:** Please use the health form to share any needs, issues and delights about your child. Examples include: a divorce or death in the family, your child loves swimming, has a fear of water, is afraid of the dark, etc. If you have tips that will help us head off any behavioral issues, please be sure to share them. We want to provide great support for your child to have the best camp week possible.

**Health Care:** All staff are certified in First Aid & CPR. There is a licensed medical person at camp who will see every injured/sick child and who will oversee medication distribution. Campers may not keep any medication in their possession, including over-the-counter. Please send medications in the original container and complete a Medication Form. **We cannot deviate from the directions printed on the medication container, whether prescribed or over-the-counter, unless you attach a doctor's note authorizing the change, to the Medication Form.** Emergency medication (epi-pen, inhaler) will be carried by your camper's counselor.

**Illness and Medical Emergency Protocol:** In the event of a medical emergency, the medical liaison will take your child to one of the area's medical facilities. Should this 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.

**Phone Calls:** Please understand that your camper will not call you. Calls home take away from the camp experience and often makes homesickness worse. If you would like to check on your camper, feel free to contact me at [smendenhall@luthersprings.org](mailto:smendenhall@luthersprings.org) or phone: 828-209-6312.

**Unplugging:** One of the biggest gifts of outdoor ministry is being away from technology: TV, computers, video games and cell phones. The single biggest reason camp experiences are so intense and transformational is that we are away from such distractions. Please speak with your child about this policy before you leave for camp and make sure they do not have any electronic devices with them.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:smendenhall@luthersprings.org). If you have any questions pertaining to registration, please contact the registration office at [mkallies@novusway.org](mailto:mkallies@novusway.org) or 828-209-6301.

In Christ,

  
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.