



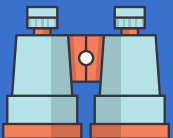
# Lakeview Methodist Conference Center

## Resident Camp Parent Guide

Thank you for choosing Lakeview for your child's summer resident camp experience. We understand the awesome responsibility that you have given us to take care of your camper. Our number one priority is to ensure your camper's physical and emotional safety. This Parent's Guide will help you prepare for your 2017 Summer Camp experience. This guide includes important new information on how to make your camper's experience as amazing as possible. Please make sure to read all the following information and let us know if you have any questions.

Bradley Doherty  
Director of Program and Ministry

## LAKEVIEW CONTACT INFORMATION



Camp Office Phone: 903.538.2711

Camp Fax Number: 903.538.2797

Camp Registrar Email: [registrar@lakeviewmcc.org](mailto:registrar@lakeviewmcc.org)

Camp Address: 400 Private Road 6036  
Palestine, TX 75801

Camp Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30-4:30 pm

\*You will find emergency contact information in this guide.

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## PRE-CAMP CHECKLIST



Here is a Checklist to assist you in preparing for your camper's week at Lakeview!

Specific details will follow in this guide.

- Please make sure you have made your final camp payment.
- Submit your Cabin Life, Camper Conduct and Health History.
- Help your child pack using the enclosed packing list as a guide.
- Familiarize yourself with the Parent Curriculum.
- Follow Lakeview on social media so that you and your camper can get updates and see new additions to Camp!

# Paperwork Details



Three Camp forms are required before your camper arrives for there camp session.

1) Health History Form- Campers will not be admitted to camp without an accurately completed and signed health from by a parent/guardian. A Doctor's signature or copy of a physical visit is at the parent's discretion.

2) Cabin Life Form- Our Counselors really appreciate this information, it helps them get to know your camper even before they arrive. It gives you the opportunity to "talk" directly to your campers counselor!

3) Camper Code of Conduct - This is the standard that all campers will be held accountable to. Make sure that you and your camper read and sign this together. It really allows us to avoid potential conflicts when the Camp, Parents/Guardians and Campers are all on the same page!

You, can find these forms by going back into your campers registration account.

# Payment Options



Final Payment is due by May 22nd.

If you still have a balance, there are a few options for paying your camp fees:

#1- By logging back into your account, additional payments can be made as often as you would like:

[www.lakeviewmcc.org](http://www.lakeviewmcc.org) and -> Register to log in again.

#2- By mailing a check or money order to Lakeview. Please assure that you have your camper's name in the "for" line of the check.

#3- By calling Peggy Jordan (Camp Registrar) at the Camp Office during business hours and giving your debit/credit card information over the phone.

\*If you marked a payment plan on your registration form, your debit/credit card will be charged as chosen and a receipt will be sent for each of those payments.

## Emergency Contact Information.

During business hours (8:30 am-4:30 pm) please contact the Lakeview office at 903.538.2711.

After hours please contact in order:

Bradley Doherty at 210.313.6200

Matt Idom at 979.229.9873

Monroe Walker at 903.724.5553

Caleb Estrada at 903.363.5133



# Frequently Asked Questions



Here are some of the most commonly asked questions. If you have any others please do not hesitate to call our main office at 903.538.2711.

## Cabin Mate Requests - Can my child request to stay in a cabin with a friend?

We make every effort to place campers with requested cabin mates. We set up our cabins by age and gender and ask that cabin mates be no more than a year apart in age. All cabin mate requests must be made by families on their registration form, or in writing to the Camp Registrar prior to arrival. Requests made less than two weeks prior to a session are not guaranteed. If no cabin mates requests are made Lakeview will automatically place campers from the same church together.

## Snack Shack and Camp Store - How do I set up an account for my camper?

We think it is best for campers to not have cash at camp. So we recommend before the session starts, parents purchase Lakeview Bucks for their camper(s) to use in the Snack Shack, Camp Store and Snow Cone stand. Any unused funds at the end of the summer will go into Lakeview's scholarship fund.

We recommend \$20 for snacks for one week and add any additional amount for souvenirs or extra snacks. These souvenir items are typically priced between \$2.50 and \$20.00. Estimated prices for a few of our most popular items: Lakeview T-Shirts \$15, Stuffed Animals \$10 - \$15, Flashlights \$5, Water Bottles \$4 - \$8, Jewelry \$3 - \$10.

If campers run out of money parents can add funds during the week if needed. Churches are able to purchase Lakeview Bucks for campers.

## Medications and Allergies - What if my child takes medication or has life threatening allergies?

All medication (including prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, and vitamins) must be brought to camp in the original container (as purchased or issued) and preferably in a Ziploc-like bag to turn into the Camp Nurse during check-in. Prescription containers must detail the child's name, name of medication, dosage directions, and the name of the person ordering the medication. All medication must be noted on the Health Form, and will be held by the Camp Nurse who will dispense it appropriately.

Life threatening allergies (bee stings, food allergies, etc) need to be listed on the Health Form and discussed with the Director of Program and Ministry or Food Service Director during the check-in process. You also may inform your child's camp counselor about any special needs, but please do not list it on your cabin life form. It must be listed on the Health Form. Epi-Pens and Inhalers will be carried by your camper during the day.

At the end of the week all medications will be returned with your camper.



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## Camper Mail - How should I send mail to my camper?

Mail means so much to campers and we highly recommend it. Parents should avoid talking about missing campers as this may lead to homesickness. Comments like “we are so proud of you” or “see you soon” are just what campers need to hear! Funny cards, post cards, and small care packages are fun too.

Parents can get mail to campers by:

1) Mailing them a few days prior to camp or at the beginning of the week to:

Camper's Name, Camp Session week  
400 Private Road 6036  
Palestine TX 75801

2) Send it up with a leader from your church with the camper's name and what day they want the mail delivered.

## Camp Pictures - Does Lakeview post pictures of camp during the week?

Yes, we do! By 10pm Sunday through Thursday, Lakeview will post camp pictures for parents to get a peek of what campers are experiencing that day at camp. For viewing camp pictures:

Go to: [lakeviewmethodistconferencecenter.zenfolio.com](http://lakeviewmethodistconferencecenter.zenfolio.com)  
Password is “thunderbridge” (all lower case).

## Camp Updates - Can I get updates from Lakeview during the week?

Yes, Lakeview has established an opportunity for parents to sign up for text alerts. Camp will send out texts in the event of severe weather, reminders, emergencies, etc. To receive messages via text, text '@lakeview17' to 81010. Alerts are used sparingly. You can unsubscribe at any time by replying 'unsubscribe @lakeview17'.

Follow us on Instagram (@iheartlakeview), twitter (@iheartlakeview) and Facebook for other updates.

## Cell Phones and Electronics - Can my child bring a cell phone or other electronics

Camp is a place for kids to get “unplugged” from their outside world and enjoy a week of just being a kid. We encourage you to challenge campers to leave their electronic devices at home.

## Last Day to Pay - When is my last day to pay my final balance and turn in my forms?

We require that all forms are turned in and final payments are made by May 22nd. If for some reason more time is needed please contact Peggy Jordan (Camp Registrar) to make arrangements.

## Volunteers - How will volunteers be used in 2017?

In 2017, Lakeview will rely heavily on the expertise and gifts of volunteers along with paid staff. Our hope is that the new structure will allow us to use the gifts of everyone who wants to be a part of summer camp.

In an ideal world, counselors will be 100% volunteer. Lakeview staff will serve as cabin counselors when not enough quality volunteers can be recruited.

We will still have volunteers helping us with recreation, fishing, filling water jugs, crafts, etc...



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## Church Payments - What if my church is going to pay a portion of my camper's fees?

If your church or district has decided to subsidize the cost of camp they will provide you with a coupon code that will be entered when you register for camp. Coupon codes can be applied after registration by Lakeview. Your church leader will provide you with further details as needed.

## Check-In - When does check-in start in 2017?

Summer camp 2017 will start on Sunday. Check-in will run from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Dinner will be served on Sunday. If you need to check in later than 7:00 pm please make sure that you make arrangements before your camp session.

If you registered with a church or youth group please check with them about check-in as many groups car pool or ride together on a bus/van.

## Counselors - What kind of training do the counselors/staff go through?

The physical and emotional safety of your camper is the single most important thing to us. All staff hired by Lakeview are found and vetted by process that includes extensive interviews, reference checks and background checks. Our staff will go through 1.5 weeks of intensive training that includes CPR and First Aid.

All Lakeview volunteers are required to:

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Complete all Safe Sanctuary trainings before camp starts.
- Attend (in person or online) Lakeview's volunteer counselor training.

## Lakeview Curriculum - What is the 2017 curriculum like?

We are so excited about how the curriculum that is being written will change lives. The curriculum has a solid foundation in Wesley's understanding of Grace. Curricula are being developed for each age level. Small groups will be gender specific to allow honest conversation.

Along with the small group curriculum that campers will go through while at Lakeview, we are developing two partner curricula.

1) We are developing a resource that will be sent to you that will parallel what your camper is studying at Lakeview. It will guide you on what campers might be thinking, questioning, talking about, etc... so that when your camper gets home you will be able to have conversations with them. This will be emailed to you in the spring.

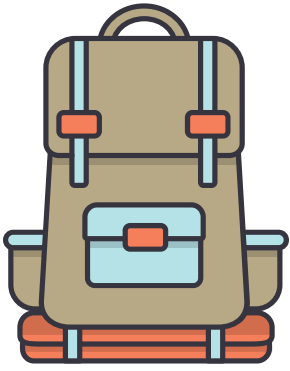
2) We are writing a resource that will be sent to churches that can be used by youth directors or volunteers to prepare camper's hearts for camp and also debrief with them when they return home.

## Lakeview Scholarships -Does Lakeview offer financial assistance for campers?

We believe that financial hardships should not be a reason why campers can't participate in our program and services. That's why Lakeview offers camp scholarships for those who financially qualify. Because resources are limited Lakeview is unable to fund 100% of any camp fee. Recipients are expected to participate financially in some way. The scholarship is determined based on the number of household members and total household income.

This assistance is given independent of any assistance that the local Church or District may offer. Families will need to apply directly with Lakeview to be eligible. Families can contact Peggy (Camp Registrar) for an application.

# Packing List



The following is a recommended list. You may pack your camper's belongings in a large duffle bag or trunk. A trunk up to 14" tall will fit underneath a bunk. Lakeview is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items. Label items plainly with your child's name, have your camper check the lost and found area before leaving camp and check through your child's belongings when he/she returns home. If your camper is missing any items please call camp at 903.538.2711. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity 2 weeks after the camp session ends.

## Recommended Clothing

- Tennis shoes (2 pair)
- Long pants (1 pair)
- T-shirts (8)
- Shorts (6)
- Underwear (8)
- Socks (8 pairs)
- Appropriate swimsuit
- Shower shoes
- Pajamas
- Cap or hat
- Poncho or rain jacket
- One set of messy day clothing (that might just get to messy too return home.)

## Items to Leave at Home

- Cell phones (Recommended)
- Electronics (iPods, game systems, etc...)
- Money (We recommend Lakeview Bucks)
- Knives, weapons
- Expensive jewelry
- Candy, gum, food and drinks.
- New clothes/shoes (campers need to be free to play and not worry about ruining anything while here at Camp.
- Anything intended for pranks.
- Bad attitudes

## Recommended Items

- Shower caddy
- Bath towel
- Beach towel
- Dirty laundry bag
- Soap and shampoo
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Sleeping bag or twin sheets with blanket
- Pillow
- Bible
- Journal/notepad
- Pre-addressed stamped cards
- Disposable camera
- Hiking boots
- Backpack
  - Sunscreen (spray)
  - Bug spray
  - Water bottle
  - Flashlight
- Optional: Costume clothes for dance/dress up nights (example: silly hats, fun socks, bright and colorful clothing...)
- Shirt, socks, hat, or pillowcase for tie-die (optional)