



Lakeview Methodist Conference Center



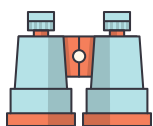
Leader's Guide to Camp

We are so excited about the opportunity to partner with you in ministry. We do not take this lightly. Our goal is to empower you and your leaders to impact your campers for Christ. Hopefully Lakeview will provide you with opportunities to grow in deeper and better relationships and focus on the spiritual development of your youth. Please let us know if you have any questions or we can help.

Bradley Doherty
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LAKEVIEW CONTACT INFORMATION



Camp Office Phone: 903.538.2711

Camp Fax Number: 903.538.2797

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

Camp Address: 400 Private Road 6036
Palestine, TX 75801

Camp Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am -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 group's week at Lakeview!

Specific details will follow in this guide.



Make sure that your Church has enough counselors



Submit your payment for if your church is covering any fees



Help your campers prepare for Lakeview by using the pre-camp curriculum.

Church Subsidies/Scholarships/Payments

Camper families and counselors will register for camp directly with Lakeview but Churches will have the ability to pay any portion of their fees.

If your church wants to subsidize the cost of camp for campers or volunteers you can do so one of two ways. First, you can contact Lakeview and make a credit card payment on behalf of someone. Second, you can send a check to Lakeview on behalf of your campers/volunteers. If you are sending a check please include a note with how much you want applied to each camper or volunteer. You can sign into the registration system anytime to see what campers/volunteers have registered from your church by following the directions on page 3 of this guide. Once a payment is received it will be applied to the camper/volunteer account. This means that your families will show an outstanding balance on their account until the church has paid. Please communicate with them how much your church will be paying so that they will know how much they are responsible for. This summer all accounts must be at a zero balance (church payments and family payments) before the start of the session.

If you have any questions please email Peggy Jordan at registrar@lakeviewmcc.org.

Campers/volunteers can apply for financial assistance through our scholarship program. The application can be found at www.lakeviewmcc.org.

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:

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Matt Idom at 979.229.9873

Monroe Walker at 903.724.5553

Peggy Jordan at 903.922.6210

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Registering for Camp

Lakeview has launched a new online registration system for volunteers and counselors. Online registration for Summer Camp 2018 is now OPEN.

A link to register online is available on Lakeview's website (www.lakeviewmcc.org).

This summer, Churches can register for any week of the summer regardless of district. We encourage you to communicate with parents before they register so that they know which week to select.

The new registration system will allow parents to complete all forms, register, pay and manage their account information from a computer, tablet or cell phone. One of the best benefits is that families will have the opportunity to pay towards camp throughout the year by automatic monthly installments or logging back on and paying any amount that they wish towards the camp fee. The mobile friendly site will also enable families to register multiple children/volunteers simultaneously.

Viewing Registration

As a leader you will be able to view who has registered for camp from your church.

Our new registration software will allow you to see who is registered for camp at anytime by logging in from a computer, tablet or smart phone.

Go to: <https://lakeviewregistrar.campbrainoffice.com> and sign in using your credentials. Contact Lakeview at anytime we will send you your username and password.

You can find step by step directions of how to access Church reports on our website under resources. You can always call Peggy (Registrar) or Bradley (Director of Program and Ministry) if you need help.

Lakeview Scholarships

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 (Registrar) for an application.

Counselors Requirement

Churches are required to provide a minimum of one counselor for every five campers of each gender that register. This allows Lakeview to keep the cost of camp as low as possible. We feel that a quality volunteer counselor makes our ministry more effective because they often come to camp with existing positive relationships with campers.

To qualify to be a volunteer counselor they must:

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Complete all Safe Sanctuary trainings before camp starts.(provided by Lakeview)
- Complete all required training's prior to the start of campers. Once registered volunteers will get information on how to complete training's.

Lakeview counselor trainings will be held at locations throughout the Texas Annual Conference.

Frequently Asked Questions



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

Cabin Mate Requests - Can campers 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 with some campers from the same church.

Snack Shack and Camp Store - How do campers up an account?

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. Funds purchased prior to the Thursday before the session will be delivered on opening day.

Funds purchased after Thursday will be given to campers as soon as possible. Any unused funds at the end of the summer will go into Lakeview's scholarship fund. We have changed our process so that we can get Lakeview bucks to campers quicker.

You can visit www.lakeviewmcc.org to order Lakeview bucks

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.

Medications and Allergies - What if a camper 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. Epi-Pens and Inhalers will be carried by camp counselors during the day.

At the end of the week all medications will be returned to the 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! Lakeview will post camp pictures each day by 10 pm for parents to get a peek of what campers are experiencing that day at camp. Pictures will be on a password protected account for families to view. Log in information can be found in the parent guide.

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 “@b2k6dd” to 81010. Alerts are used sparingly.

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

Cell Phones and Electronics - Can campers bring a cell phone or other electronics

Camp is a place for kids to get “unplugged” from the outside world and enjoy a week of just being a kid. We do not allow campers to have cell phones while at camp.

If a camper bring a phone it will be collected and kept safe until they return home. Campers will be able to use other electronics at the discretion of the counselors during specific times. 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 the last day for campers to pay final balance and turn in forms?

Everything is due 2 weeks before the start of each session. Please make sure your church has made all payments by the deadline.

District Weeks - What week does my Church need to register for?

In 2018 churches, groups or individual can attend any camp session. Each week, we will have the same programming and offer all age levels. We do not want you to lose any existing positive relationships because of the changes. We will form volunteer leadership teams the same way as 2017.

June 10-15 = Tri-District
June 17-22 = South/Southeast
June 24-29 = East/West
July 8-13 = North/Northwest



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Volunteers - How will volunteers be used in 2018?

In 2018, 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 only serve as cabin counselors when not enough quality volunteers can be recruited. We are already diligently working on finding the right people to fill these positions.

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

Cost of Camp - What is the cost of Lakeview in 2018?

The cost of camp in 2018 will include everything from the time of arrival (Sunday night) to departure (Friday mid-day) with the exception of spending money for the gift shop or snack shack. In 2018 the cost will be:

- Camper - \$400
- Camper (without a church) - \$450
- Volunteer Counselor - \$200

Check-In/Out - When does check-in and check-out start in 2018?

This summer camp will start on Sunday. Check-in for campers will run from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served on Sunday. If you need to check in later than 6:00 pm please make sure that you make arrangements before your camp session.

This summer we will ask that all volunteer counselors arrive before campers. They can check in from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

Campers/volunteers can begin checking out after the closing program at 11:00 am. All campers must sign out with a Lakeview staff member. If your camper needs to leave earlier this must be prearranged with Peggy Jordan before hand

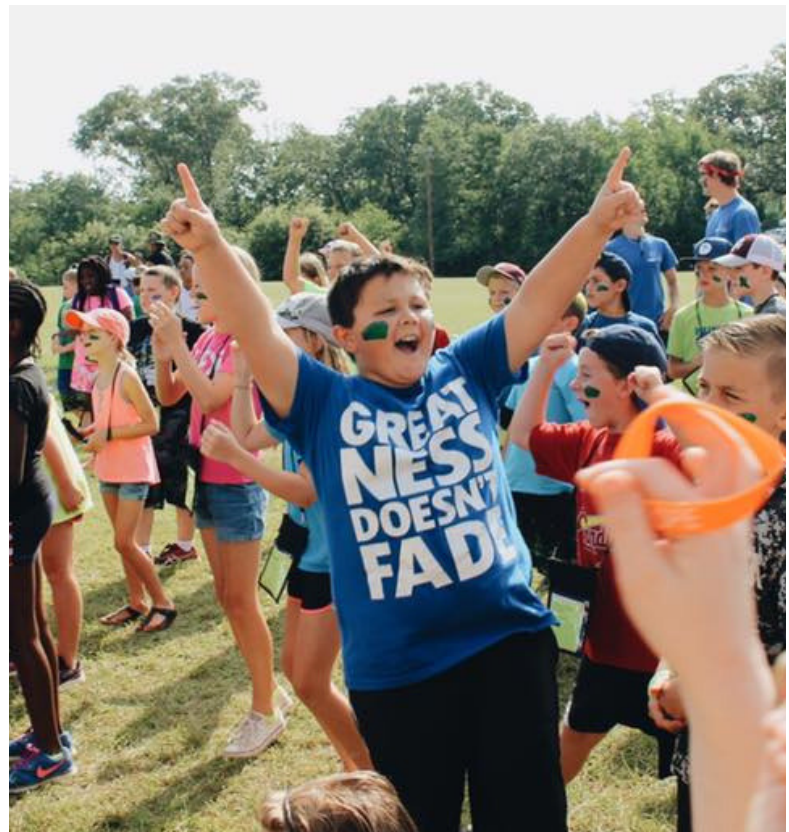
Lakeview Curriculum - What is the 2018 curriculum like?

We are so excited about how the curriculum that is being written will change lives. The curriculum will look at the Wesley Quadrilateral: scripture, tradition, reason and experience. God. Curricula are being developed for each age level. Small groups will be gender specific to allow honest conversation.

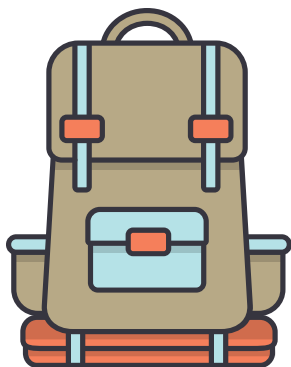
Along with the small group curriculum that campers will go through while at Lakeview, we are developing two partner curricula.

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.



Packing List



The following is a recommended list for a one week session. Campers may pack belongings in a large duffle bag or trunk. A trunk up 14" tall will fit underneath a bunk. Lakeview is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items. If a camper is missing any items after their session, 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 two messy to return home.)

Items to Leave at Home

- Electronics (iPods, game systems, etc...)
- 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 only)
 - Bug Spray
 - Water Bottle
 - Flashlight
- Optional: Costume clothes for dance/dress up nights (example: silly hats, fun socks, bright and colorful clothing...)