



Lakeview Methodist Conference Center



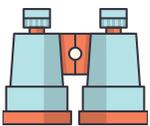
Leader's Guide to Camp

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.

Bradley Doherty
 Director of Program and Ministry
 210.313.6200



LAKEVIEW CONTACT INFORMATION



Camp Office Phone: 903.538.2711

Camp Fax Number: 903.538.2797

Registrar Email: registrar@lakeviewmcc.org

Camp Address: 400 Private Road 6036

Palestine, TX 75801

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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 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. Please address checks to Peggy Jordan. 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 (8:00 am-4:30 pm) please contact the Lakeview office at 903.538.2711.

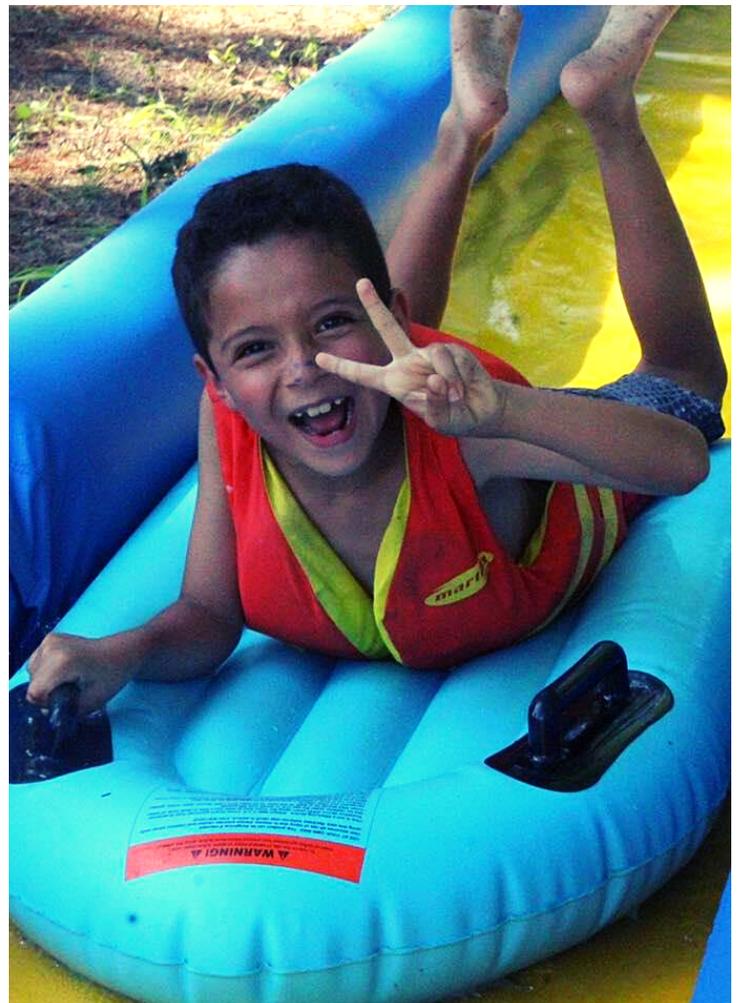
After hours please contact in order:

Bradley Doherty at 210.313.6200

Drew Walker at 405.830.4904

Josh Pulver at 405.747.5477

Monroe Walker at 903.724.5553



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 mate requests are made Lakeview will automatically place campers with some campers from the same church.

Snack Shack and Camp Store - How do campers set 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 Wahula Hut. Funds purchased prior to the Thursday before the session will be delivered on opening day. Cards purchased after this time are not guaranteed to be delivered on opening day. They will be delivered in the order they are received. Cards can not be purchased by cash. 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.



Registering for Camp

Online registration for Summer Camp 2022 will open February 2022.

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 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 registration software will allow you to see who is registered for camp at any time 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 any time, and we will send you your username and password.

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 may offer. Families will need to apply directly with Lakeview to be eligible. Families can contact Peggy (Registrar) at registrar@lakeviewmcc.org for an application.

Counselor Requirement

Churches are required to provide a minimum of one counselor for every five campers of each gender that register. For example, if a church comes with 3 male and 7 female campers they will need 1 male counselor and 2 female counselors. 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 training before camp starts (provided by Lakeview).
- Complete all required training prior to the start of camp. Once registered, volunteers will get information on how to complete training.



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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
Grade Level
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.

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.

Registration - When is the registration deadline?

Registration closes 2 weeks before the start of each session.

Session 1 closes May 28th
Session 2 closes June 4th
Session 3 closes June 11th
Session 4 closes June 18th

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. The statistics on how excessive screen time negatively impacts a kid is staggering. We do not allow campers to have cell phones while at camp. If a camper brings a phone it will be collected and kept safe until the camper returns home. Campers will be able to use other electronics at the discretion of the counselors during specific times. We have had problems with adults in the past telling campers to hide phones and lie to staff/volunteers about having a phone. Please do not do this, it can have a significant negative impact on cabin dynamics and diminishes our ability to make life changing impacts.

Why is camp starting on Monday?

Every year we take a look at our programs and what we can do to make them better. Our desire is to continually evolve so that we can serve our campers in the most effective way possible. This summer adults will arrive the day before campers. Adults will not have to rush to camp to get here in time. It will give us time to answer questions, prepare cabins for campers and complete training's. We are excited about this change and what it will mean for the overall quality and safety of Lakeview.

This summer campers will check-in from 9:30 pm -11:30 pm on Monday. Check out time on Friday is 12:00 pm

When is check in and check out?

This summer volunteer counselors, deans and directors will arrive Sunday 3:00-5:00 pm. Campers will arrive Monday 9:30-11:30 am. Campers and volunteers will check out from camp starting at 12:00 on Friday.

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Cost of Camp - What is the cost of Lakeview in 2022?

The cost of camp in 2022 will include everything from the time of arrival (Monday morning) to departure (Friday mid-day) with the exception of spending money for the Gift Shop or Snack Shack. In 2022 the cost will be:

- Camper - \$440
- Camper (without a church) - \$490
- Volunteer Counselor - \$220

Camp Organization - How will ages be divided in 2022?

In order to streamline our schedule, make better use of our resources and more accurately reflect how most of our churches organize youth groups this summer we will have three age levels for all weeks of the summer

Elementary - Campers entering 3rd - 5th grade
Mid-High - Campers entering 6th - 8th grade
Senior High - Campers entering 9th - graduating 12th

Refunds - What is Lakeview's cancellation policy?

We offer a full refund for any reason if we are notified of a cancellation more than 4 weeks prior to opening day of the session. If a camper cancels between 4 weeks and 2 weeks prior to the session starting, a 50% refund of the total cost of camp is available. If a camper cancels within 2 weeks of the session starting no refund will be issued.

Lakeview will offer a full refund prior to a camper checking into camp if the camper can not attend for a medical reason (doctor's note required) or a death in the family. If a camper is required to leave because of medical reason or death during the session a 50% refund is available.

Scholarships - Does Lakeview offer financial assistance?

Yes, you can contact Peggy Jordan at registrar@lakeviewmcc.org for more details and applications.



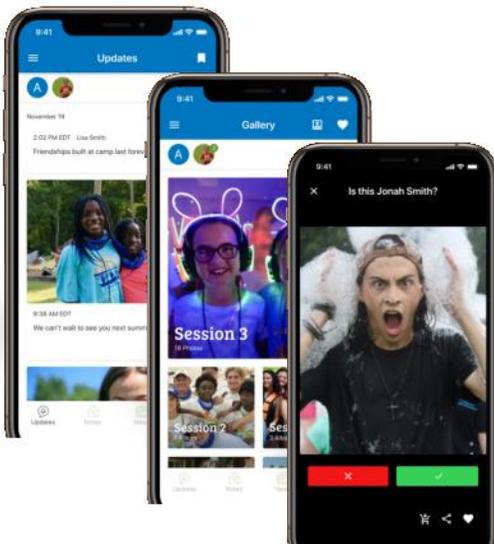


STAY CONNECTED TO THE NEW Lakeview EXPERIENCE!

Be the first to know what's happening with the brand new **Lakeview** mobile app. Check out our gallery, camp updates, and be notified when new content is available. During the summer, send messages to your camper using Bunk Notes. Your note will be delivered to the camp within 24 hours.

GET STARTED TODAY!

1. Search for **Lakeview** in the **iOS App Store** or **Google Play**.
2. Once you have the app, click the **SIGN UP** button and use the invitation code: **LAKEVIEW22**.
3. **NOTE:** Our mobile app is powered by **Bunk1**. During the summer, you will have the option to purchase a paid package that includes premium features such as facial recognition and Bunk Notes. If you choose to purchase, charges on your card will appear from "**Bunk1 Summer Camps**".



CAMP UPDATES & PHOTO GALLERY WITH FACIAL RECOGNITION

Save Favorite Photos for easy access to pictures of your camper all year-round.

Upload a profile photo of your camper. Our facial recognition will scan all the uploaded photos and notify you when we detect photos of your camper.

Share Photos to social media or email a photo to family.

Customize Unique Photo Gifts such as photo books, mugs, calendars, phone cases and more.

Order high resolution digital downloads or prints.

SEND BUNK NOTES & RECEIVE BUNK REPLIES

Send Bunk Notes day or night. Your camp receives a pdf at **10:00am CST** each day containing all Bunk Notes received in the last 24 hours.

Bunk Replies- Receive a handwritten note from your camper in your Bunk1 account on our unique stationary.

1. Unlimited Stationary can be purchased in a bundle OR under the Bunk Replies tab.
2. Print the stationary (Bunk Replies tab) and send your preferred amount with your camper to camp OR attach an individual piece to be delivered with your Bunk Note (0 credits if Unlimited).
3. Make sure your camper knows to write on the barcoded stationery and hand it in to a camp staff member.
4. Camp staff will collect Bunk Replies and send them to Bunk1. Bunk1 will then scan the barcode & send the reply to your account under the Bunk Replies tab.



Please note that this app is powered by Bunk1. For technical support, the Bunk1 team is available 7 days a week during peak season. They guarantee a response within 24 hours and it's usually much quicker than that. Please call Bunk1 at **212-974-9112** or email support@bunk1.com.

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 to 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 too 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
- Pre-addressed stamped cards
- Disposable camera
- Hiking boots
- Backpack
 - Sunscreen (spray only)
 - Bug Spray
 - Water Bottle
 - Flashlight
- Facemask (we recommend 3)
- Optional: costume clothes for dance/dress up nights (example: silly hats, fun socks, bright and colorful clothing...)