



Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

This email provides you with the essential details of this year's camp experience, which takes place from Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26.

Please read through all of the details included in this letter—even if your child has been to camp before. We have made some notable changes to ensure a safe and fun-filled week for every camper.

We are excited for the opportunity to minister to your child and believe that God is going to do great things at Echo Camp. We are praying for our counselors and for each camper. Please join your faith with ours, believing God that your child has peace while away from home and that your child experiences God and grows in his or her relationship with Him throughout the week.

We count it an honor and privilege to be able to serve you and your family. If you have any questions before we leave, please feel free to contact us at [echocamp@lifeatvictory.com](mailto:echocamp@lifeatvictory.com)

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Archer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "A".

Ben Archer  
Middle School Ministry Director

**ENCLOSED** with this letter are important items.

Please check to confirm that you have the following:

- Packing List
- Times and directions for drop off and pick up
- Directions for medications and medication labels

### **CAMP LOCATION**

Camp takes place at Geneva College (<http://www.geneva.edu/>). Travel time to the camp is approximately 30 minutes from Victory Family Church.

### **REGISTRATION & DROP OFF**

On Monday, July 22, 2017 camp registration is at 4:00 PM and will be held at Geneva's Alexander Hall. Please be prompt for registration as this can take some time.

**NOTE:** If your student has any medicine that needs to be handed off to the nurse please arrive at 3:15 PM for an early registration. This will give your student time to check in with the nurse and for you to discuss medical needs for the week with the nurse.

Parents will drop off their students and their student's luggage at Alexander Hall, complete the registration process, and then head inside Alexander Hall for the parent meeting. During this meeting, I will be going over the rules of camp so that parents understand what is expected of their child while they are at camp. After this meeting, parents are free to return home. We ask that you don't enter the dorms or walk around campus after the meeting concludes.

Be prepared to turn in **all prescription medications** during the registration process.

### **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

You may call Victory Family Church at (724) 453-6200. A member of the office staff will contact me at camp, and I will call you directly. If you need to contact your child after hours call Geneva directly at (724-847-5500) and they will contact a staff member. For daily updates, "like" our [Echo Parent Connect Page on Facebook](#).

### **MEALS AND ACTIVITIES**

Students will be provided three meals at camp. All activities are on a rotation this year, but students will be able to pick from a variety of activities each day. Some group activities will be messy, so please include several changes of clothes.

### **WHAT TO PACK**

- Everyday clothes (enough for each day and a few extra for messy activities)
- Hoodies, jeans, and long shirts for the evenings
- Swim Towel
- Bath Towel and wash cloths
- Soap, shampoo, and conditioner
- Pajamas

- Medication
- Underwear
- Sneakers and socks
- Flip flops
- Sleeping bag or twin sized linens
- Pillow
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Paper Bible (Electronic Bibles will not be permitted)
- Journal
- Backpack
- Snacks
- Bag for wet or dirty clothes
- Swim suit (one piece for girls)
- A white t-shirt for activities (outside/inside)
- Refillable water bottle
- Hand soap

We strongly suggest initialing all clothing tags. We do ask that you put labels on all luggage. Luggage tags will be available for pickup at children's check in up until the weekend before camp.

### **Dress Code for Female Campers**

All female campers must adhere to the following dress code. Campers who wear clothing that violates this code will be required to change clothes in order to participate in camp activities.

The following items are not allowed.

- Shirts/tops that expose midriffs
- Shorts and skirts that are not fingertip length
- Two-piece bathing suits

### **Nut-free Cabin Snacks ONLY**

Only nut-free snacks are permitted since we have campers with severe nut allergies. Any snacks that contain nuts will be removed by the counselors.

### **Cell Phones and Electronic Toys/Games**

These items are bought at your own risk. Once at camp, all electronics will be collected and turned off until dismissal on Thursday.

Cell phones are only permitted during designated breakout activity times.

They will be handed out during this time and collected again by counselors after.

### **Spending Money**

Cash in small bills is permitted for use for the vending machine. If your child will only be buying snacks, \$10.00 is enough spending money.

### **Prescription Medications**

Camp nurses will be available during registration to register ALL prescription medications. Medications must be submitted according to the following specifications.

1. Place all medications in one gallon-sized Ziplock bag.
2. Label medications with your child's name and include all instructions.
3. Clearly label the bag with your child's name.
4. Enclose a photograph of your child inside the bag.

\*\* Medication labels can be picked up at the Children's Check-In Desk

### **PICKUP | Friday, JULY 26 @ 6:00 P.M at Geneva's Alexander Hall**

Please make arrangements to have someone pick up your child promptly at Geneva College at 6:00 p.m.

**DO NOT bring dog(s) or other pets with you as some adults and children are not comfortable around animals.**