



2019 Summer Camp Packet Wayzata Community Church



A Word to Parents & Families

There is truly nothing like the immersive experience of camp. From outrageous fun, personal faith formation, and relationship building that lasts a lifetime, Wayzata Community Church Camp is designed to transform your kids summer, and their journey of faith and life.

Thank you for believing in this experience and helping your child encounter camp with us this summer. We take the responsibility of caring for your child, very seriously and consider it an honor. As we begin this summer at a new location, we are super excited about partnering with Chi Rho Center in Annandale. The lake and the lodges are pristine and the beauty of this location is only going to add to your students experience.

This summer Chris Paulson will be joining us as our camp director. Chris has a long and wonderful history with Wayzata Community Church and Camp. To support Chris and our students we have an outstanding staff of college-age and post-college counselors and leaders who will work with us this summer. These are young people you will be thrilled to have as mentors and role models in your child's life. You can find a brief introduction to our staff on the church website. The additional support of our full time church staff and clergy, as well as a nurse or doctor who is onsite, will maintain our highest priority of safety.

As we enter our 9th summer camp season, we are confident that your child will have the best week of their summer with us. Our unique style and philosophy of outdoor ministry is built on 5 central goals to help ensure their unforgettable experience:

SAFETY— first and foremost, everyone at camp is kept physically, emotionally, and spiritually SAFE. From this foundation grows all our other goals.

FUN— the best way to show a student that you care about them is to help them have good, clean fun—and lots of it. Fun builds trust, breaks down barriers, and removes masks. Fun also keeps them coming back for more allowing us to build relationships.

MESSAGE— this is the "WHY" of Summer Camp. We will share an honest and compelling picture of God's love as we experience it through Jesus Christ. The Gospel should be the best news we ever hear in life, and be full of joy.

AFFIRMATION— we love every student, just as they are. Period. This is not a means to another end, this is an end in and of itself. Campers will know that they were genuinely and whole-heartedly loved with no strings attached.

COMMUNITY— one outcome of accomplishing the first four goals is a profound experience of Community. These are friends and camp counselors on whom they can count, long after everyone returns home. Using and living these five goals this summer, your child will have a week they will never forget, full of pique moments.

You have done the biggest part: your child is registered for a session at camp! This packet contains everything else you need to do to prepare for their participation at WCC's Camp. Please review it carefully, and respond promptly with any uncompleted items. Call us for any additional information and with your questions.

Thank you for joining us in prayer for a safe and successful camp this summer.

Blessings,

Rev. Rustin Comer, Minister of Faith Formation



CONTACT INFORMATION

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After hours questions/concerns: (612) 718-1935
www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org

Camp Address

Chi Rho Center, 5750 Porter Ave NW, Annandale, MN 55302

Camp Director's Cell: (763) 213-9014

To reach someone at Camp, messages should be left at (763) 213-9014
Parents, please call in case of emergency ONLY. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Directions to Wayzata Community Church

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Payment Policy

All payments are due by June 1, 2019. An additional fee of \$50 will be applied for balances due after June 1. Please contact us at camp@wayzatacommunitychurch.org with questions about payments and/or deadlines.

Check-in & Return Procedures

All camp sessions check-in at 1:00 p.m. on the first day of your camp session.
Check-in takes place in the East entrance at Wayzata Community Church, 125 Wayzata Blvd. East.

A map to the church is provided. All campers will be returned to the church at 12:30 p.m. on the final day of the session. The bus may be 10-15 minutes delayed, based on traffic. Cabin assignments will be communicated at check-in.

Transportation

Campers are transported to and from Chi Rho Center by chartered buses, operated by professional drivers. Please make sure that your camper's luggage makes it into the luggage compartment. Chaperones will be on each bus to ensure a positive experience on the way to and from camp.

Late arrivals/early departures

We strongly discourage partial camp experiences due to late arrivals and/or early departures. The experience of camp is designed with the expectation that all campers will be there for the entire camp session; any changes in the makeup of the camper population affects not only the absent person but all of those in camp.

Any late arrivals or early departures must be approved by the Camp Director, at least 7 days prior to the camper's session.

Camp Store

Campers have opportunities each day to buy specialty items at the camp store. Clothing items and gifts, such as hats, t-shirts and sweatshirts range in price from \$5 to \$50. You will have the opportunity at check-in to put cash on to a "debit card", which will be kept at the Camp Store (preferred). Campers may also purchase items or snacks with cash. Parents should use their own discretion in the amount of extra money sent with their camper. No refunds will be given on camp store deposits.

Our "No Cell Phone Policy"

To keep camp as "sacred space," it is important that cell phones are eliminated as a distraction. This policy insures the experience of each individual camper, as well as the group community that is formed. Thank you for supporting us in this effort!

Please remember that phones are available and used by the Camp Director, in cases of emergency or necessary contact from parents at home. If campers mistakenly bring phones they will be kept by the Camp Director until the session is ended.

Food & snacks from home

Three meals and an evening snack are provided daily by the Chi Rho Center staff. In addition, campers are able to purchase snacks at the camp store each afternoon.

***** Due to food allergies in camp, please do not send any additional snacks or food with your camper. *****

HOMESICKNESS

It is appropriate to acknowledge that homesickness can be a normal part of going to camp, particularly for the first-time camper. You may wish to tell your child that he/she/they may miss home, but he/she/they will also have some enjoyable experiences and may even end up wishing camp was longer.

We suggest reassuring your child that you will send letters and you will be there to pick him/her/they up when the bus arrives on their return date from camp. Please do not make promises that your child can call or come home, or that you will call them. It has been our strong experience that this is not helpful for campers. We will be in contact if the situation requires that. Rest assured your camper will be cared for in a supportive, nurturing manner. Counselors and staff are especially trained in helping children adjust to camp while minimizing homesickness.

Social or behavioral situations

Within any group of peers there is the possibility for social challenges. Our counseling staff are trained in helping to discourage hurtful or exclusionary behavior, and to help in mediating any conflicts that exist or arise. Our daily activities are based on inclusivity and safe and kind fun – never at the expense of anyone's feelings, sense of value or well-being. Any bullying or mistreatment of a camper is unacceptable and will be confronted by the counseling staff and the Camp Director.



Banned substance policy

Camp is a tobacco-free, vape free, drug-free, alcohol-free and weapon-free environment. Tobacco, vapes, illegal drugs, alcohol, and weapons are strictly prohibited. Any deviation from this policy will be cause for immediate removal from camp.

Camp video

To help your camper preserve their memories of Camp 2019 an official video will be produced for each camp session by our media director. The camp video is also a powerful way for each camper to relive the memories from her/his camp session and to share it with family and friends. The video will be available by link after all camp sessions are finished.

Camp t-shirt

The official 2019 camp t-shirt will be distributed at camp.

Lost & found

Lost & Found items will be kept at camp for one week and then will be transported to Wayzata Community Church with the next returning session. After 7 days any unclaimed Lost & Found items will be donated to a local charity.

Personal items

Counselors cannot be responsible for the care of a camper's personal items. Please label all clothing and personal items. Valued and treasured items should only be brought to camp with the realization that they may get lost or damaged. Please help your camper limit the personal items they bring to camp.

PACKING LIST

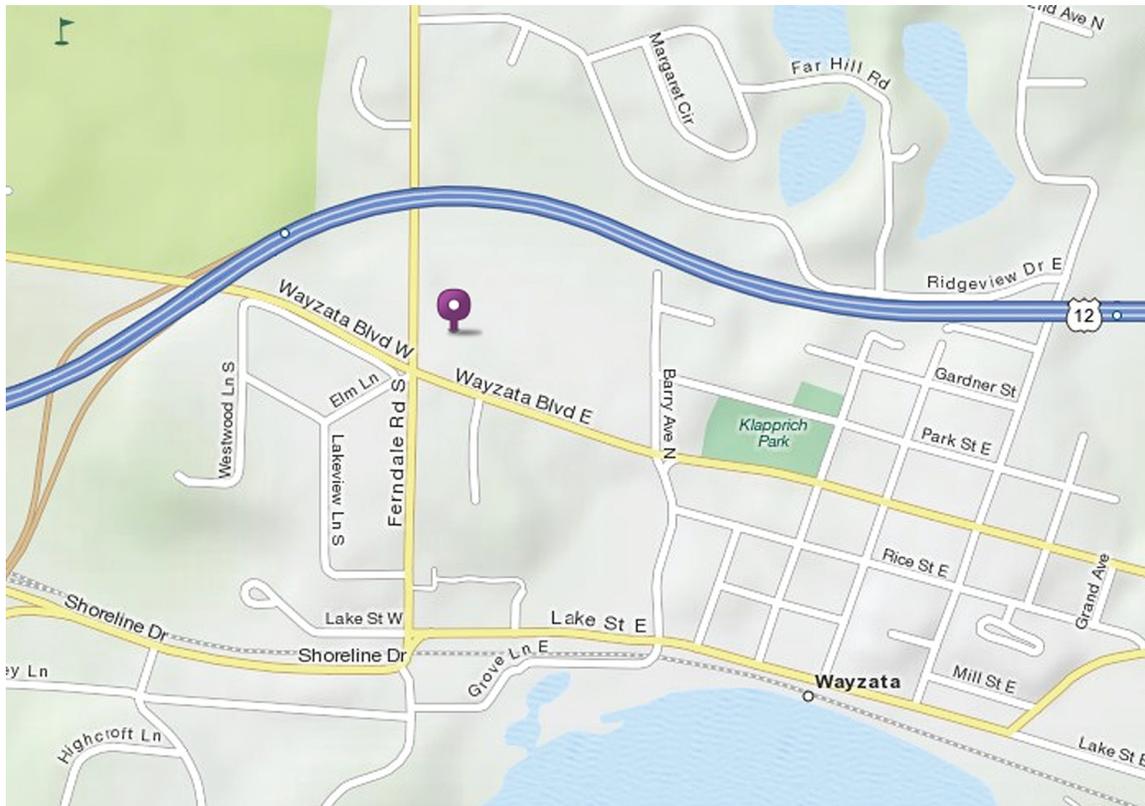
What to Bring (please label all items)

- Clothing suitable for each day at camp, with extras and clothes that can get messy
- Socks and underwear
- A pair of closed toe shoes
- A pair of flip flops for the shower and water activities
- Sweater or long-sleeved sweatshirt
- Sleepwear
- Bathing Suit (two recommended)
- Rainproof lightweight jacket (preferably with a hood)
- Sleeping bag (optional sheet for a twin bed)
- Pillow and pillowcase
- Towels and washcloths
- Bath towel
- Beach towel
- Toiletries
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight
- Pen/pencil
- Personal items of your camper's choice (Bible, books, cards, journal, etc)
- 1-2 Water bottles
- Sunscreen and hat

THANK YOU FOR NOT BRINGING:

Tobacco, vapes, illegal drugs, alcohol, weapons, cell phones, or food items.





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