WELCOME TO 2014 SUMMER CAMP

Information for planning your trip to Hidden Lake

HERE TO SERVE

Summer Camp is quickly approaching! We are so excited to welcome you and your teens to camp this summer at Hidden Lake. Our staff is here to serve you and to help in whatever way we can. We will be corresponding and working with you to make this summer the best one yet!

In this packet you will find some important information about camp, including important dates, final preparation info, and frequently asked questions. Please take the time to look through this information and forward it on to your teens and chaperones.

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IMPORTANT DATES

1. **March 1:** Let us know what’s changed. We know things change between Nov. 1 & March 1, so we’ll have you turn in a form to us on March 1 informing us of these changes. Deposits are non-refundable, but you won’t be held responsible for the final balance on any spots dropped by March 1.

2. **April 1st** - Final Payments sent to Life Teen Headquarters in Arizona. **Spots will be forfeited if final payment is not received on April 1st.**
   Life Teen: 2222 S. Dobson Rd., Suite 601, Mesa, AZ 85202

3. **May 15th** - Forms mailed to Hidden Lake:
   - Participant Agreement
   - Insurance Card
   - Diocesan Certificate for chaperones of Safe Environment
   - Tubing Form
   - Roster EMAILED to: hiddenlake@lifeteen.com
LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

FORMS AND ROSTER:
The following forms and information need to be sent to Hidden Lake by May 15th. Please send your forms separated by type and in alphabetical order. (i.e. All participant agreements together, all rafting releases together, all insurance cards together.)

✓ **Participant Agreement:** This is the main liability release form that each of your participants (campers and chaperones) will need to fill out.
✓ **Chaperone certification** letter or certificate indicating youth protection training
✓ **Tubing Release Form:** This is the liability release forms for your away day at camp.
✓ **Hidden Lake Roster:** This is an excel file that needs to be completed with information about each participant and group travel plans. This information helps us with logistical things such as housing, nametags, away day, etc. Please email this to hiddenlake@lifeteen.com.
✓ **Statement of the Ordinary/Provincial:** The Archdiocese of Atlanta requires that it be notified of all priests coming into the Archdiocese. If you plan to bring a priest with you, this form must be filled out by the appropriate person in your diocese. It can be mailed or faxed to Covecrest and we will send it on to the Archdiocese of Atlanta.
✓ **Copy of insurance card** (or letter indicating who will be responsible for medical expense.)

ARRIVAL TO CAMP
Please arrive to camp between 1:00pm - 3:00pm in order to register and get your group settled before the MANDATORY chaperone’s meeting at 4:00pm. Please call when you are about an hour away. We want to have the summer staff ready to greet your bus. If you are going to be late, it is imperative that you let us know!

**Office:** 706.896.0899

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP:
From Atlanta or the airport

- From the Atlanta airport take **I-85 North**
- Take exit **87** to merge onto **GA-400 N** toward Buckhead/Cumming
- Continue onto **GA-400 N/US-19 N**
- Continue straight to stay on **GA-400 N/US-19 N**
  - Turn left onto **Co Rd 19/Co Rd 249/GA-60 N/US-19 N/S Chestatee**
  - Continue to follow Co Rd 249/GA-60 N/US-19 N/S Chestatee
- Turn right onto **Morrison Moore Pkwy E**
- Turn left onto **E Main St**
  - Turn right onto **GA-60 BUS N/N Grove St**
  - Continue to follow GA-60 BUS N
  - Turn right onto **GA-60 BUS N/N Grove St**
  - Continue to follow GA-60 BUS N
- Turn left onto **Camp Wahsega Rd**
  - Turn right onto **Hidden Lake Rd**
- Destination will be on the right
WHAT ARE THE ROLES?

**Group Leader:** This is the person organizing the trip and the main group contact throughout the registration process. The Group Contact must be an adult, age 21 or older, who is actually attending the camp with the group. Written and verbal correspondence takes place between the Group Leader and the Life Teen staff.

**CORE Member:** See section below for specific guidelines for the role of a chaperone.

**Youth:** Participants in summer camp. These include incoming freshmen (entering 9th grade) through graduating seniors (Class of 2014) for Life Teen weeks. EDGE week youth are incoming 6th graders through graduated 8th graders. Incoming freshman are invited to go to either camp. Please prayerfully consider the appropriate camp week for your incoming freshman.

**Ratio:** For the effectiveness of summer camp and for the good of all involved in summer camp, we strongly recommend at least one adult per eight campers. If you have male and female campers, you must have at least one male chaperone and one female chaperone.

ROLE OF A CORE MEMBER (ADULT CHAPERONE)

To attend camp as a CORE member, you must be at least 21 years old. While at the camp, the adult CORE are to participate as any camper would. They will be the role models of openness to God throughout every adventure. Sometimes the adventure may not be comfortable for the adults but their willingness to try it out will give your teens hope for a trustworthy and steady relationship. Along with having fun, they will be responsible for the actions and participation of your youth. Throughout the day, they will need to keep the youth on task to the adventure at hand. And at night, enforce the curfew and lights out rules of the camp. Sleep becomes a key factor when allowing the spirit to move. They will need to be present and attentive during the sessions at night, because they may be the small group leaders immediately following. The discussion and questions for the group will be explained at the beginning of the day. So, when deciding on which adults to bring, please inform them of their responsibilities at camp and make sure they are prepared.
WHAT HAPPENS AT CAMP?

The Life Teen International staff plans, prepares, and executes the programming — so the hard work is already done. Your duty as a youth minister is to arrive at camp, and play and pray with new friends from every corner of the world. Each weeklong camp includes the perfect balance of time to encounter Christ and time to play. Every week, a line-up of dynamic presenters, talented musicians, and dedicated priests serve along with camp staff to encourage a deeper relationship with Christ for each camper.

WHAT IS THE AWAY DAY?

At each one of our camp locations we visit an off site location for the day. We integrate our Catholic faith and the teachings of the Church into this local adventure.

This summer at Hidden Lake the groups will be tubing down the Chattahoochee River and then going to Helen's Waterpark.
PACKING

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP
• 2 pairs of clothes to get dirty and throw away
• clothing that is comfortable, modest, & appropriate for climbing and outdoor games and activities
• sweatshirt or jacket for evening
• one piece bathing suit or shirt to cover
• toiletries
• towels
• linens or sleeping bag/ pillow
• shoes
• one pair that is closed toe tennis shoes
• water shoes that can be secured to feet (not flip flops - for away day)
• money for snacks and t-shirts at the store
• bug repellant
• flashlight
• sunscreen
• sunglasses or hat
• rain jacket, poncho, or umbrella
• Bible, journal, rosary

WHAT NOT TO BRING
• cell phones
• iPads
• iPods
• other electronics
• tobacco products
• drugs
• alcohol
• weapons
• lighters
• magazines
• computers
• portable gaming devices
• anything that may distract you or others from the camp experience

RULES ON CLOTHING

At Life Teen summer camp we require all campers to respect others as well as their own bodies. We require all campers and adults to adhere to our modesty guidelines. Below are the rules for the sake of comfort, safety and modesty.
• No strappy tank tops or short shorts - Please be respectful of your body and of others by dressing modestly. Wear shirts that cover your shoulders and chest, and shorts that cover your thighs. A majority of activities during the day will be outside where the weather is hot and the sun shines brightly. By covering these areas, you will avoid getting sunburned.
• No low riding shorts or pants (running shorts, soffees) - Many activities involve bending, sitting, and moving around. If you place your hands at your side, the shorts should at least meet your fingertips.
• Please make sure that your shirt covers all of your stomach and back when you sit down or raise your arms above your head.
• One piece bathing suits: if worn when swimming/rafting, shorts must be worn.
• Two piece bathing suits: if worn when swimming/rafting, a shirt must go over the bathing suit and shorts must be worn.
COMMON QUESTIONS:

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ARRIVAL TO CAMP

When does camp begin and end?
Camp begins with registration at 1:00pm on Monday. There will be a MANDATORY chaperone’s meeting beginning promptly at 4:00pm. Camp ends with lunch on Saturday around 1pm.

Can we come early or stay late?
If your travel plans require that you arrive early or stay late, we can accommodate your group. The cost is $40 per person and that includes lodging and up to three meals. Please let us know as soon as possible if you need additional lodging.

HOUSING

Where will our group stay?
Due to the different ratios of males to females from week to week, we cannot plan exact housing until we receive all of the rosters from the groups coming for your week.

Can chaperones bring their children to camp?
We are unable to accommodate non-camper children in camper housing. We value families and provided that you have enough chaperones staying with your teens, we would be happy to help you find additional suitable housing in the surrounding area.

Will our group be housed together?
We promise to do our best to house your group together; however, sometimes it is not possible to keep an entire group together. We never put one teen by themselves. We will always keep part of the group together.

Do you assign rooms or do we?
We leave room assignments up to the discretion of the group leader. When you arrive at camp, your housing assignment will be given to you. It will be up to you to decide how to split your teens and chaperones between the designated rooms.
AWAY DAY

What if one of my teens or chaperones is unable or unwilling to participate in the away day?
If a chaperone is unable to participate due to health reasons, they are welcome to spend the day with the groups remaining at camp. If a teen needs to stay back, one adult chaperone must stay back with the teen.

When do we need to let you know by?
If you know prior to camp that one of your teens or chaperones will be unable to participate in the away day, please let us know as soon as possible.

MEALS

One of my teens or chaperones has dietary restrictions. Can you accommodate these?
We try our best to accommodate dietary restrictions. It is imperative that you inform the camp as far in advance as possible, in order to give the chef enough time to make any necessary adjustments. You can note this on your roster. It is recommend that the person bring supplemental snacks.

TRANSPORTATION TO CAMP

My group is flying into the Atlanta airport. Do you offer transportation to the camp?
We are unable to offer transportation from the airport to camp. However, we do have a list of available shuttles from the Atlanta airport.

Shuttle Contacts: (Mention summer camp and that Covecrest referred you)
• Around Town Tours
  Phone: 770-909-9091

• Prince Motor Coach
  Phone: 404-543-5529 (Ask for Jerry)

• Airport Metro Shuttle
  Phone: 404-766-6666 (Ask for Kayhan or Tammy)

• Airport Perimeter Connection
  Phone: 404-761-0260

• Atlanta Hotel Connections
  Phone: 404-641-0962

• Daytime Transportation Inc.
  Phone: 770-939-2337

We would like to travel with another group. Are there any groups in our area coming?
We would be happy to put you in contact with any parishes in your area that may be coming to camp.
PRIESTS/RELIGIOUS

*Can we bring our priests or seminarians to camp?*
Absolutely! We welcome and highly encourage it! Please contact our office to arrange housing. We can only guarantee special housing for priests but will do our best to provide special housing for all of our religious attending camp. A Statement of the Ordinary/Provincial must be filled out for all priests coming to the Archdiocese of Atlanta. If a seminarian is coming as a chaperone, he must pay the full camp fee.

CONTACTING HOME

*Do you have cell phone service at the camp?*
Currently only a few cell phone providers have service here. Verizon works in some areas of the camp. AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Alltel work in very limited areas.

If you have any other questions or need any more information, please contact Hidden Lake at 706.896.0899 or hiddenlake@lifeteen.com.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Know that you are in our prayers.