



ALL SAINTS CAMP

Camper Information



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All Saints Camp

Our Program...

All Saints Camp is a unique opportunity to experience a wonderful summer camp adventure with other Orthodox Christian friends, staff and clergy. It is a time to grow in our Orthodox Christian faith, make new friends, share in fabulous fun and make memories together.

Our Director..

Lefteris Sitaras is originally from Baltimore, Maryland. He moved to Seattle in late 2000 to work as the Youth Ministry Director for St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. He has served in Orthodox Camp programs in Greece and the USA and has over a decade of experience in youth ministry.

Our Commitment....

We are committed to creating the finest in camping experiences for your child in a safe and loving Orthodox environment. We look forward to a great summer!

The All Saints Camp Philosophy

The Orthodox summer camp program has come into existence for the sole purpose of bringing together Orthodox Christian youth from around the Northwest region in order to learn and grow in our faith. As a Christian family lives and abides by God's love and commandments, so too this larger Orthodox family endeavors to

create an atmosphere of love and fellowship.

We attempt to do this by:

- Teaching and reinforcing the uniqueness and richness of our Orthodox Christian faith.
- Sharing and experiencing our faith daily in a loving and Christian atmosphere.

Our goal is to strengthen and enrich the lives of all campers as they grow closer to Christ within the total camping experience. Indeed, All Saints Camp provides an opportunity to grow and develop as Orthodox Christians while we share memories together during each camp session.

Volunteer at All Saints Camp this Summer!

Volunteers are what make All Saints Camp special. We would love to hear from you if you are interested in serving our camp program this summer. In order to help with the continuity of our program, we ask that all volunteers serve **a minimum of three (3) days and two (2) nights per session.**

Please keep this in mind when you are making your plans.

A Volunteer Application is required. Applications are available at www.allsaintssummercamp.info

IMPORTANT STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE CAMP BEGINS!

- REGISTRATION:

For a camper to be fully registered, we must receive deposit, payment and completed online registration. If scholarships are to be received by the camper, online scholarship codes will be distributed by the Camp Registrar. Campers will be registered on a first come, first serve basis.

Contact Registration Coordinator, Stacy Taylor, with ANY questions
at 206-824-7184 or email stace1126@msn.com

- CANCELLATION POLICY:

We appreciate prompt notification if a camper must cancel. Cancellations will receive a full refund less a \$75 processing fee per registration. No refunds will be given with less than ten days notice prior to the first day of camp.

INSURANCE:

- All campers should be covered by their family policy. Any costs incurred by the Camp in providing required treatment are the responsibility of the camper's parents/guardian.

- CABIN ASSIGNMENTS:

Campers are grouped according to grade and gender. If your camper has special circumstances why they need to be in a cabin with someone else, you may make a cabin request while registering online.. Requests are not guaranteed and will be granted at the discretion of the Director. **CAMPERS WILL NOT BE MOVED TO ANOTHER CABIN ON THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP.**

- DRESS CODE:

Please review the suggested packing list for direction in packing for your camper. It is suggested that Christian modesty be the guideline in appropriate camp dress. Footwear must be worn at all times when at camp. Expensive jewelry, excessive make up and stylish clothes are unnecessary in the outdoor environment. Clothing should be practical; tube tops, exposed mid-drifts and shirts with objectionable slogans or language are not acceptable. Swimwear should also follow standards for Christian modesty; one piece swimsuits only for girls (no tankini's or bikini's allowed). Camper's names should be placed in indelible ink on all personal belongings. All Saints Camp is not responsible for lost articles. It is the responsibility of parents to contact the Camp directly to inquire about lost items. Make sure to pack with your child so they know exactly what they're bringing to camp. Names are especially important on towels.

- MONEY AND VALUABLES:

There is no need for your child to bring any money or valuables to camp. This is important in loss prevention. Keep money and valuables safely at home.

- FOOD AND CANDY:

We ask that you do not send any food or candy with your child to camp or send "care packages" with these items via mail. We will provide kids with their favorite snacks and candy from our Camp Store once per day. Please review this policy with your child and support our effort to limit sugar and junk food intake. We also want to keep insects and animals out of our cabins!

MORE IMPORTANT STUFF-PLEASE READ!

- TRANSPORTATION:

We will be providing transportation to and from All Saints Camp. Please arrive at St. Demetrios Church (2100 Boyer Ave East, Seattle WA) between 2:15 and 3:00 p.m. to load the bus.

- **Buses for each camp session will depart from St. Demetrios Church in Seattle PROMPTLY at 3:15pm.** We will NOT wait for latecomers, please arrive on time!
- **Pickup at St. Demetrios will be 1:30pm on the last day of camp for all sessions.** We will do our best to adhere to this schedule; traffic may increase wait time. Please be patient with us-we are coming!

- IF DRIVING, WHAT TIME DO WE ARRIVE & PICK UP AT CAMP?:

We will be ready to welcome Advanced and Elementary campers between 4:30-5:30pm on the first day of camp. Please DO NOT drop your child off early. **Pick up for all sessions will be at 12 NOON on the day camp ends. Please be prompt.** For our High School Campers, if you drive yourself to camp, keys to your vehicle will be kept with the directors for safety and liability purposes.

- VISITATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Spontaneous visits by parents, friends, or other staff from other weeks of camp is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Visitations to Camp must be approved in advance by the session Director. **Please try and write to your child at least once during the week. Kids love to receive mail and feel left out if they don't get a note or a postcard during the week. This is especially important for our Elementary age campers.** Letters to campers are always encouraged, however please do not send "care packages" with goodies or candy in accordance with our policy on food/snacks. The camp address is:

**ALL SAINTS CAMP
205 RAFT ISLAND DRIVE E.
GIG HARBOR, WA 98335**

- PHONE CALLS TO CAMP:

We ask your cooperation in limiting calls to your child to those that are emergency or absolutely necessary. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

For emergency use only, Camp Phone: 253-265-6161 Camp Director: 206-660-2779

- PRAYER AND SUPPORT:

The All Saints Camp Orthodox Summer camp program is a time for children to grow and learn about their Orthodox faith as they share lasting memories with each other. Please pray for our campers, staff, Directors and Clergy to have a successful, safe and memorable camp experience. This is essential to the overall program success!

HERE'S WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP!

ALL SAINTS CAMP PACKING LIST

Suggested clothing/equipment list

Be sure to mark clothing and all equipment you bring to camp with your Camper's Name.

HERE'S WHAT TO BRING:

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| ___ 1 pair of tennis shoes | ___ 7 pair socks | ___ 1 set of bath towels |
| ___ 1 beach towel for swimming | ___ 3 pair jeans | ___ 4 to 5 t-shirts |
| ___ 2 light sweaters/sweatshirts | ___ 1 raincoat/windbreaker | ___ 3 pair shorts |
| ___ 7 changes of underwear | ___ 1 sun dress/shoes (girls) | ___ 1 pair slacks/shirt (boys) |
| ___ 1 sleeping bag/pillow | ___ 1 pair pajamas | ___ 1 pair thongs/aqua socks |
| ___ soap/shampoo | ___ sunscreen | ___ comb/brush |
| ___ toothbrush/toothpaste | ___ personal toiletries | ___ flashlight/batteries |
| ___ plastic bag for dirty laundry | ___ bible | ___ envelopes/stamps |
| ___ 1 swimsuit (ABSOLUTELY NO BIKINI'S TANKINI'S ALLOWED. ONE PIECE ONLY) | | |

OPTIONAL ITEMS-BRING THESE IF YOU WANT!

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| ___ sunglasses | ___ fishing gear | ___ camera/film |
| ___ musical instrument (non electric) | ___ water bottle | ___ Frisbee/baseball glove |
| ___ swimming cap/goggles | ___ hiking shoes | ___ twin fitted sheet for bed |

DO NOT BRING

- Cell phones
- iPods/music players
- iPads/tablets
- Computers
- Radios
- Two Way Radios
- PSP, Gameboy or other Electronic games
- Laser pointers
- Knives
- Firecrackers
- Explosives
- Weapons of any kind
- Food or candy

Mailing packages to your children is great, but please do not send candy or other items not allowed at camp.

PLEASE NOTE: BRINGING THESE ITEMS TO CAMP IS CONSIDERED A VIOLATION OF THE CAMPER AGREEMENT AND IF FOUND AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP, WILL RESULT IN THE CAMPER BEING SENT HOME.

Advice for 1st Time Campers

Homesickness — Expert Advice for Parents

This summer, millions of children will get their first taste of independence at a summer resident camp. For many, it will also be their first experience with homesickness. But parents don't have to feel helpless when homesickness strikes. The prescription for camper homesickness is a simple solution of preparation and patience.

Phillips Exeter Academy psychologist Dr. Christopher Thurber studied homesickness in 329 boys between the ages of 8 and 16 at resident camp. According to his results, homesickness is the norm rather than the exception. A whopping 83 percent of the campers studied reported homesickness on at least one day of camp.

Thurber and the American Camp Association (ACA) suggest the following tips for parents to help their child deal with homesickness at camp:

- Encourage your child's independence throughout the year. Practice separations, such as sleepovers at a friend's house, can simulate the camp environment.
- Involve your child in the process of choosing a camp. The more that the child owns the decision, the more comfortable the child will feel being at camp.
- Discuss what camp will be like before your child leaves. Consider role-playing anticipated situations, such as using a flashlight to find the bathroom.
- Send a note or care package ahead of time to arrive the first day of camp. Acknowledge, in a positive way, that you will miss your child. For example, you can say "I am going to miss you, but I know that you will have a good time at camp."
- Don't bribe. Linking a successful stay at camp to a material object sends the wrong message. The reward should be your child's new found confidence and independence.
- Pack a personal item from home, such as a stuffed animal.
- If you receive a call from the camp director to talk with your homesick child, offer calm reassurance and put the time frame into perspective. Avoid the temptation to take the child home early.
- Talk candidly with the camp director to obtain his/her perspective on your child's adjustment.
- Don't feel guilty about encouraging your child to stay at camp. For many children, camp is a first step toward independence and plays an important role in their growth and development.
- Trust your instincts. While most incidents of homesickness will pass in a day or two, Thurber's research shows that approximately seven percent of the cases are severe. If your child is not eating or sleeping because of anxiety or depression, it is time to go home. However, don't make your child feel like a failure if their stay at camp is cut short. Focus on the positive and encourage your child to try camp again next year.

If you have concerns about your child, please contact our Camp Director, Lefteris Sitaras at lsitaras@saintdemetrios.com or 206-660-2779.

Frequently Asked Questions

How old do you have to be to attend All Saints Camp?

We accept campers between the ages of 8-18. Your child MUST be 8 years old BEFORE Camp.

How much is a week of camp?

A week of Advanced or Elementary camp costs \$350 dollars. High School Camp costs \$380. We offer an early bird discount and a sibling discount for child of the same immediate family registered per week.

What does, "Wait List" mean?

If the week of camp you desire to attend is sold out, your child will be put on a waiting list. Waiting list is first come first serve. Once a participant cancels, you will be contacted.

Are scholarships available?

Yes, scholarships are available. Contact Stacy Taylor for more information

Does my child have to be Orthodox to come to camp?

No, we welcome any child to come to All Saints Camp. All services and teachings are done in accordance to the canons of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Does my child have to speak Greek to come to camp?

No, your child does not have to speak Greek to come to All Saints Camp. All of our programs and activities are done in English. We do have church services in Greek and English.

Is there laundry service?

Unfortunately, All Saints Camp does not provide a laundry service. Campers should pack enough clothes to last them one week.

What's a typical day like at All Saints Camp?

7:30 AM	Wake Up
8:00 AM	Chapel
8:30 AM	Quiet Time in Chapel
8:45 AM	Breakfast
9:30 AM	Cabin Cleanup
10:15 AM	Orthodox Life
11:00 AM	Arts & Crafts:
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	All Saints Activity
1:45 PM	Cabin Time, Pool Prep
2:15 PM	Leave for Pool
3:00 PM	Pool Time
4:00 PM	Return from Pool
4:30 PM	Camp Store & Flex time
5:30 PM	Chapel
6:00 PM	Dinner
6:45PM	Cabin Time and Evening Activity prep
7:00 PM	Evening Activity
9:00 PM	Campfire: Songs & Cabin Devotionals
9:30 PM	Evening Cabin Time
10:00 PM	Lights Out

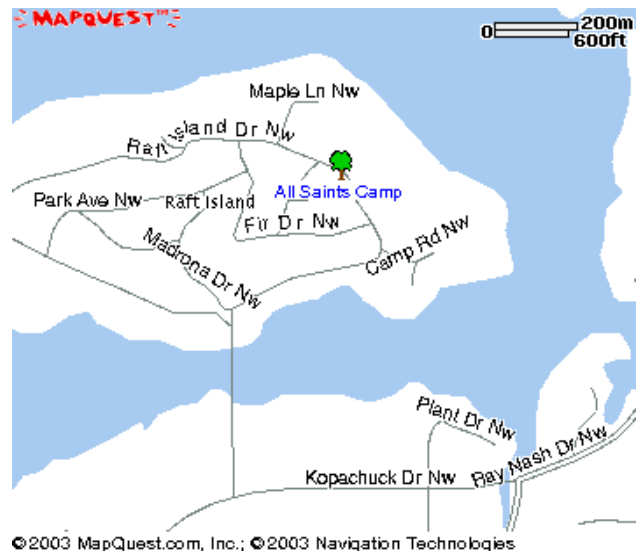
A typical day at All Saints Camp is unlike any other; our campers begin and end their day with chapel, worshipping our Lord. During the day our young people attend Orthodox Life, Arts & Crafts, All Saints Activity and time at the pool. Each evening, our campers participate in a unique and fun activity ranging from Junkyard Car Races to a campfire complete with s'mores. Our evenings always end in prayer and individual cabin devotionals where our campers explore some of the topics that were discussed in the day's sessions.

DIRECTIONS TO ALL SAINTS CAMP

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- Take 1-5 South (toward Tacoma) and get off on Exit 132 to Hwy 16
- Travel West on Highway 16 (toward Bremerton) through Tacoma, past Cheney Stadium and over the Narrows Bridge
- Take the second Gig Harbor exit, approximately 3.4 miles from the Narrows Bridge. This exit is marked “Wollochet Drive/City Center”
- At the traffic light, continue straight onto Stinson Avenue for approximately 1/2 mile to the stop sign and turn left onto Rosedale St. NW.
- Proceed for almost 3 miles to Ray Nash Drive, turn left and continue 0.7 miles to the small grocery store (Island View Market)
- At the store, continue straight ahead, across the small bridge 1/2 mile on Kopachuk Drive. Watch ahead for the “Raft Island” sign on the right hand side and turn right at the sign.
- Cross the bridge (slowly!) and keep to the right at each “Y” in the road. Continue to follow the signs until you reach All Saints Camp.

WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS CAMP!



HERE'S A HINT:

Follow all the signs to
KOPACHUCK STATE PARK
It will take you directly to the
“Raft Island” Sign on your right!