



Dear 6-8th Grade Families,

We are so excited that your student is going to be joining us for summer camp on July 12-16th. We are in eager anticipation of all that God is going to do in the lives of these students. There has been a lot of prayer and wisdom put into this week in hopes that it would be a time where students would truly encounter the living God, and from camp, move forward in his power and love as they walk daily with him throughout the next year.

Our camp is located at Lake Retreat in Ravensdale, WA. It is about 30 miles east of Tacoma and a 3.5 hour drive. The campgrounds rest along the shore of a beautiful spring filled lake surrounded by towering trees reaching towards the rich blue sky. The facilities include a variety of water activities- swimming, canoeing, kayaking, and the blob, as well as land activities including: paintball, a zip-line, putt-putt golf, hammocks, crafts and snacks!

This year our theme for camp is **Resilient**. The reality is, life is hard. Middle schoolers are getting their experience with the hardships of life. Yes, their hardships may look different than adult hardships (doing chores is nothing compared to doing taxes). But now is the time to learn the importance of resilience. Following Jesus does not mean life

is going to be smooth sailing. Jesus is honest that in this world, we will have troubles. But He calls us to walk with him through the trails with a resilient faith.

Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.

***You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.***

***Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.***

***My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.***

***For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone
who is unfaithful to you.***

***But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord God my refuge,***

that I may tell of all your works.

Psalm 73:23-28

Faith is the shared story and journey of promise and destiny rooted and established in the faithfulness of the living God. This shared story and journey calls us to join all who have gone before us- to follow in their footsteps with faithful devotion- even in seasons of great challenge and uncertainty, struggle and sorrow, loss and grief, evil and pain- learning to ***walk through the trails in the faithful presence and everlasting love of God- to be Resilient.***

To be **Resilient** is not an easy thing to do, yet, it is something that we can acquire, develop and practice daily in our lives. The heartbeat of **being Resilient** is knowing that God is actively present with us and is moving and unfolding His good and perfect plan in the world today, even in the darkest and most broken places.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day,

for darkness is as light with you.

Psalm 139:11-12

This year at camp we will be entering the story and journey of God's faithfulness as told through the prophet Habakkuk. This short narrative invites us to wonder... to question... and to be curious about the living God- how He works- why He does what He does- and what our part is in His unfolding story of redemption and reconciliation. Finally, we have the privilege of having Cheyne Jackson (one of our executive pastors) speaking for the first three nights, and I will be preaching the final night.

As we head into the summer, the greatest thing we can do for the camp is pray over what God is going to do and pray over everyone who is going. As great as the campsite and leaders going are, the only thing we really want to make sure is that Jesus is going to show up and meet students where they are at! We would also encourage you to pray for students to prepare their heart to be met by God, as we want the soil to be ready for the seeds God wants to sow! Luke 8:4-15 is an excellent Scripture to read and reflect on while praying for our students. Once again, we are very excited that your student is joining us for the week ahead, and I am excited to see what God is going to do.

Take care & God bless,
David Beavis, Camp Director

Middle School Camp Preparation:

Below you will find useful information to help prepare you and your student for camp. If we do not answer all of your questions here, please feel free to contact us at any time. Also, please refer to the FAQ's from the camp website here:

<https://lakeretreat.org/parent-faqs/>

Camp Location:

Lake Retreat

27850 Retreat-Kanaskat Rd, Ravensdale, WA 98051

We do ask that you accompany your student through the on-site registration process the day of departure due to the amount of information required.

PACKING LIST:

DO Bring:

- Sleeping Bag & Pillow
- Bible & Pen (Journal's Provided)
- Toiletries & Towel
- Sunscreen
- Swimsuit/ Water Clothes (bring dark shirts/tanks to be worn over 2-piece bathing suits at all times)

- Flashlight
- Active shoes
- Water Bottle w/name clearly labeled
- Bug repellent

Do NOT Bring:

- GUM
- Cigarettes, chewing tobacco, etc.
- Lighters or matches
- Illegal drugs or alcohol
- Fireworks
- Firearms or knives
- Pets
- Inappropriate reading materials
- Electronics or Media Players of any kind
- (Portable Game systems, Laptops, Apple Watches etc.)
- Cell phones or cameras (we will have photographer and post photos)
- Skimpy or immodest clothing

SPENDING MONEY:

We recommend that you bring a modest amount of spending money (\$10-\$30), should you choose to purchase snacks, arts & crafts options or other items from the camp store.

VISITOR POLICY:

All of our camps have a No Visitor policy to ensure the safety of our campers, and to provide them with a week undistracted by “life away from camp.” All requests to visit must be made *in advance* to the Camp Director, David Beavis.

WELLNESS POLICY:

All campers should be free of the following symptoms 24 hours prior to camp for participation. Those who arrive with any of these symptoms will be sent home:

- Fever of 100 degrees or more
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Contagious Skin Infection
- Lice **

**Should your camper become ill at camp or be injured in such a way as to require home care, parents will be notified and are expected to come and pick up their child. **Please check your son/daughter for lice prior to camp and treat as needed. Should our nurse*

discover lice on your student's head after arrival at camp, the camper must go home for treatment.

MEDICATIONS:

***All campers must turn in both non-prescription and prescription medications to the Camp Nurse upon arrival. Please help us safely care for your camper by using the following guidelines for medications:

- Place medication in a zip-lock bag with the campers name clearly printed on the outside and shut.
- Must be in **original containers** whether prescription or over-the-counter.
- Dosage given on prescription label will be given unless changed in writing by the physician.
- Over-the-counter medications are available at camp, but in limited “brands.”
- If you want your camper to have a specific brand (i.e. Tylenol, Advil, Triaminic etc.), you must send it with him/her in its **original** container.
- Parents will need to pick up medication at the table near luggage Friday during pickup.

CAMP MAIL:

“Camper’s Name”

C/O Beaverton Foursquare Summer Camps Lake Retreat
27850 Retreat-Kanaskat Rd SE, Ravensdale, WA 98051

****Packages Sent via UPS or FedEx should be addressed to the above***

Care Packages: please ensure these packages do not contain an abundance of sugary treats, as their cabin leaders will appreciate this act of self-control on your part ;-)

****Be sure to send any mail or packages by Saturday morning the week of camp as it will most likely not get there in time.***

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER.....

If before 8pm (503) 403-8562 (Carissa Cero) After 8pm (714) 653-3335 (David Beavis)

CAMP CODE (rules) **please go over these with your student(s)*

1. Be respectful

- a. No fighting, hazing, or foul language
- b. No pranks or pillow fights
- c. No “raiding” of any kind (i.e. messing with other people, their cabin and their belongings)
- d. No stealing
- e. If you break something you bought something

All damages to camp property must be paid for prior to leaving camp. Our camp imposes a \$500 fine for graffiti

f. Clean up after yourself (cabins, bathrooms, and in general at camp)

2. Be where you are supposed to be when you are supposed to be there.

- a. All meals, meetings, and activities are mandatory
- b. Campers must stay in the camp boundaries at all times
- c. No guys in or around the girls' cabins – no girls in or around the guys' cabins

3. Be Legal

- a. All articles informed on this flier NOT to bring to camp (see below)
 - b. If discovered must be turned in to our Camp Staff
 - c. What is not legal at our camp (Camp Law)
 - d. No body piercing
 - e. No hair cutting or dying (unless as part of an optional adult-supervised workshop)
4. No Immodest clothing (no extreme short shorts, short skirts, or short shirts, tight or revealing clothing, clothing imprinted with vulgar slogans, or exposed undergarments)

5. Modest bathing suits required

- a. Two pieces are okay, as long as they aren't too stringy/expose sides of areas that need to be covered)
- b. For questions on this, please contact myself or one of the deans during check-in.

6. Be PDA (Public Display of Affection) Free

- a. You should know what this means
- b. **Don't fall in love at camp**

TRAVEL SCHEDULE:

***Please make sure your camper has eaten breakfast upon arrival at the church.**

Friday, July 12th

11:00 am Registration Begins at Beaverton Foursquare Church (***be prepared to accompany your camper to the Registration Station before you leave the church campus***)

12:00 pm Buses Leave for Camp

Tuesday, July 16th

2:30 pm Buses arrive at B4 Church

WATER BAPTISM:

We will be encouraging students to be baptized and have a signup available at camp. Baptisms will be happening on a Sunday morning in Main Service following Camp!

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us!

****Please completely fill-out and sign the Dean Form and bring with you to the Dean's table the day of departure.***