

Camp # 175
NP Games Galore & More
June 13-18, 2021

Hello Campers!

It's March and where I am it is now ice-free! I'm spending about ten hours a week play-testing board games for you, writing a live-action Dungeons and Dragons adventure and working with Wizards of the Coast on getting us some free Magic the Gathering (MTG) swag.

You may be wondering **“what am I signing up for?”**

During the week we'll be playing tons of games- board games, card games, run around games (but only the cool ones) and some Dungeons and Dragons.¹ We'll do some traditional camp stuff as well - swimming, make a nerdy craft, even work on wilderness lore. (Are you still disappointed that 5e got rid of this fabulous skill from 3.5? I am. I'm bringing it back.)² Each day we will also work together on coming up with ways to be a better gamer— and putting those ideas into action in what the Bible calls “your every-day, walking around life.”

You may also be thinking **“but I don't like Dungeons and Dragons and don't know how to play MTG.”**

Trust me on this. If you don't know how to play MTG, there's a camper who will be super excited to teach you how to play. In fact, I'm encouraging every camper to bring their favorite board game so we can all learn some new games.³ Part of being a good gamer is being able to teach others how to play a game - we will have lots of opportunities for this.

And now the question we are all asking, **“what about games on my phone/computer/Switch?”**

Right now we aren't set up for networked games. Maybe in a future year this will be possible, but this year is low-tech. Campers will be allowed to have phones, as long as they do not distract from group activities or from sleeping. Phones misused will be confiscated for one day. It would be a good idea to chat with your parents about appropriate phone use at camp. The “what to pack list” will include a few suggested apps we will be using throughout the week.

I'll have more updates as I prepare for camp. You probably want to know what to pack. . .

For now, game on!

Pastor Amanda Larsen

¹ Did you know that in the 80's some people thought everyone who played D&D worshipped Satan? People also have thought that reading Harry Potter leads a person to practice witchcraft. We will dig into the Bible to learn more about how what we play and read can influence us—for the good.

² If this doesn't make sense, that's ok. It is deep D&D geekery.

³ You are at church camp. Leave Cards Against Humanity at home, ok?