

Welcome to LYFE Camp 2022!



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We're excited to see you at camp this year!

Camp #176 June 19-25, 2022

The LYFE Camp mission is to empower & equip teens to **Live Your Faith Everywhere!** At camp, you'll (re)energize your faith and feel the love of Jesus so you can share it with the world around you.

The Northern Pines staff and the LYFE Camp team are working hard to prepare for camp: setting up Northern Pines, crafting content, and praying for you! May camp be one of many wonderful ways that you connect with Jesus in your life.

Get excited for camp, friends!

Parents/guardians: complete camper registration online for LYFE Camp (Camp #176) at campminnesota.org.

Be prepared! Please read this Welcome letter, go online to LYFECamp.org, see details about Northern Pines Camp at campminnesota.org, and like the [Friends of LYFE Camp Facebook Page](#) for campers, parents, clergy, and alumni.

After a 2-year pandemic hiatus we're back! We're also still figuring out protocols and procedures and will do our best to keep you informed of any changes as we get closer to camp, thank you for your grace and support!



Traveling:

We encourage carpooling to Northern Pines whenever possible. **(As of March 10: We are working to secure bus transportation, stay tuned.)**

Parents/guardians can feel "out of the loop" when campers return home filled with new experiences and stories. Traveling to meet the staff and see the grounds can give you a frame of reference when talking with your teens about camp.

Check In: 3:30-4:30, June 19
Check Out: Noon, June 25

Please be on time, thanks!

Both early and late arrivals and departures create extra burden on staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

Checking-In:

Please follow posted signs for parking and check-in.

At **Check-In**, Northern Pines staff will take your Medical Information Form, Release of Liability forms, medications (all prescription meds must be in the original container), and money for a Canteen account for treats, souvenirs (optional).

Pay online by 10 days before camp starts or mail a check.

Next, you'll get your LYFE Camp t-shirt, make a name tag, and LYFE Camp staff will help you get your gear to your cabin. You'll have a chance to settle in, explore the grounds, and meet people before we gather for **dinner at 5:30pm.**



Connecting:

Families and friends are encouraged to **send letters**, postcards, and packages! If someone gets a package or 3 letters in one day, they get a special surprise!

Cell phones are not allowed at Northern Pines. Please respect this rule and do not send a phone with your teen, thank you. Campers may use camp phones only for emergencies. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Northern Pines staff at 218-732-4713.

We'll post updates all week for loved ones back home on the [Friends of LYFE Camp Facebook Page](#), so "Like" and follow the page today!



Live Your Faith Everywhere!

Like "Friends of LYFE Camp" on Facebook to get photos and updates all week long!



What to Bring:

- Sturdy Walking Shoes
Maybe 2 pairs (*You need more than flip flops!*)
 - Clothing for both warm and cool outdoor weather
 - Quality Face Masks (3+)
 - Jacket / Sweatshirt
 - Swimsuit
 - "Dress Up" Outfit
 - Wacky Hat
 - Sleeping Bag
 - Sheet
 - Pillow
 - Towel
 - Toiletries (toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, etc.)
 - Prescription Meds
 - Flashlight
 - Sunscreen
 - Insect Repellent
 - Poncho / Rain Gear
 - Bible
 - Medical Information & Release of Liability Forms
 - An Amazing Attitude!
- Optional:**
- Secret Friend Gifts
 - Extra Eyeglasses/Contacts
 - Journal/Diary
 - Items to Write Back Home
 - Items for the Variety Show
 - Money for the Canteen
 - Camera (**no camera phones**)

Do NOT Bring:

- * Personal Electronic Devices (i.e. **no cell phones**, tablets, laptops, video games, smart watches w/social media, etc.)
 - * Tobacco, alcohol, drugs, weapons, or fireworks
 - * Pets of any type or size
 - * Snack food (It attracts insects and rodents)
 - * Expensive *anything* (i.e. clothing, jewelry, watches, shoes, etc.) – if you don't want to risk it getting damaged, dirty, or lost, don't bring it!
- Your cooperation is appreciated, thank you!**

Special Events at LYFE Camp:

Secret Friends: Everyone is assigned another camper or leader and you will be a special, secret friend to that person by writing notes of affirmation, sharing favorite Scripture passages, and/or giving small gifts (candy, trinkets, etc.). Your mystery identity is revealed at the final campfire! *This is just for fun; please don't spend over \$10 total (if anything!).*

Wacky Hat Lunch: During lunch on Wednesday, wear a wacky hat for extra fun!

Dress-Up Dinner: We'll get all fancy for Wednesday's dinner! "Dress-up" usually means clothes like dresses or a nice shirt and tie, and occasionally means the fun (and appropriate) outfit in the back of your closet.

Variety Show: This annual tradition sees a great variety of performances including vocal, instrumental, dance, comedy sketch, dramatic monologues, poetry, magic, and more! Pack what you need (i.e. music instrument, costumes, wigs, hats, the *karaoke version* of songs you want to sing on a jump drive, etc.) to join in on the fun.

You're invited to "Come and see..." – John 1:46

Scholarship Available: We don't want funds to be the reason people don't come to camp. Contact your church's pastor or go online to campminnesota.org for info on scholarships today!



LYFE Camp is a Spirit-filled "time out" to focus on our faith journey and take a few more steps, surrounded by a community who loves you and cares about you. Jesus meets you here just the way you are and journeys with you on your next steps. Let's see what God is creating in you at LYFE Camp this summer, and we hope you have a good experience.



In Christ,
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