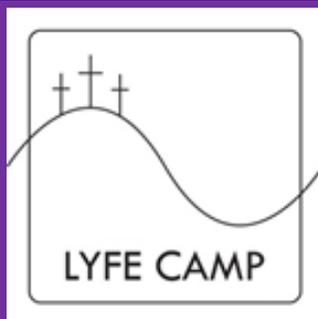


# Welcome to LYFE Camp 2018!



You are registered for:

LYFE Camp (Camp #176)

**Check In:** 3:00-4:00, June 24

**Check Out:** Noon, June 30



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## We're excited to see you at camp this summer!

The LYFE Camp mission is to empower and equip teens to **Live Your Faith Everyday!** 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 site and ministry staffs are hard at work to prepare for your arrival. We are setting up Northern Pines, crafting the content, and praying for you! May camp be one of many powerful ways that you connect with Jesus in your life.

**Before camp**, fully complete your camper's **Release of Liability and their Health Authorization Form**. Both are **LEGALLY REQUIRED** to be completed and signed by a parent/guardian. Complete this at [campminnesota.org](http://campminnesota.org).

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

Campers who have registered for camp can join the "LYFE Camp 2018" **Facebook Group** (curated by vetted adult staff) before camp to connect and share photos, memories, and prayer concerns after camp.



## Check-In:

Please follow posted signs for parking and check-in.

At **Check-In**, Northern Pines staff will take your Health Form, remaining payments, medications (all prescription meds must be in the original container), and money for a Canteen account for treats, souvenirs (optional).

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**.

## Traveling:

**We recommend campers carpool/travel as a church.**

We also strongly encourage parents or guardians to make the trip up to Northern Pines for Check-In/Check-Out, if possible. **Bus registration is available at [campminnesota.org](http://campminnesota.org).**

Some parents can feel "out of the loop" when campers return home filled with new experiences and stories. Traveling to the site to meet the staff and see the grounds can give parents a frame of reference when talking with their teens about camp.

**Please arrive and depart on time.** Check-In is June 24, 3:00pm-4:00pm, and Check Out is June 30, 12:00pm. Early and late arrivals and departures create extra burden on staff. Thanks for cooperating, friends!

## Communication:

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. In case of **emergencies only**, contact Northern Pines staff.

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 Every Day!

**Campers!** Join the “LYFE Camp 2018” Facebook Group today!  
**Parents!** Like the “Friends of LYFE Camp” Facebook Page!



## What to Bring:

- Sturdy Walking Shoes
- Flashlight
- Maybe even two pairs (*You need more than flip flops!*)
- Sunscreen
- Clothing for both warm and cool outdoor weather
- Insect Repellent
- Jacket / Sweatshirt
- Poncho / Rain Gear
- Secret Friend Gifts
- Swimsuit
- Bible
- “Dress Up” Outfit
- Health Form, prescription meds, any remaining payments
- Wacky Hat
- Optional:**
- Sleeping Bag
- Extra Eyeglasses/Contacts
- Sheet
- Journal/Diary
- Pillow
- Items to Write Back Home
- Towel
- Items for the Variety Show
- Toiletries (toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, etc.)
- Money for the Canteen
- Camera (**no camera phones**)

## Do NOT Bring:

- \* Personal Electronic Devices (i.e. **no cell phones**, tablets, computers, MP3 players, iPods, video games, etc.)
- \* Tobacco, alcohol, drugs, weapons, or fireworks
- \* Snack food containers that attract insects or 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 giant variety of performances including vocal, instrumental, dance, comedy sketch, dramatic monologues and poetry, martial arts exhibitions, and more! Pack whatever you need (i.e. music instrument, costumes, wigs, hats, the *karaoke* version of songs you want to sing, 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](http://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,  
 Rev. Nate Melcher  
 Dean of LYFE Camp 2018