



A Word of Life Camp

WELCOME

Welcome to Word of Life Florida! We know you are making plans concerning your trip, just as we are busy preparing to make sure your week with us is outstanding. We put together this packet to help you along. In order to serve you in the most efficient manner, we have covered all the basics as thoroughly as possible.

This packet has been designed to answer any and all questions you or your campers may have regarding your week at camp. If after reading through this information you have additional questions, please call us at 727.379.5000. Registrars are available by phone Monday through Friday 9am–4pm.

We look forward to your stay with us at the Word of Life Florida Youth Camp!

The Youth Camp Leadership Team,

– Kyle Gray and Ethan Warren

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Camp Check-In Time – 2-5pm
Camp Check-Out Time – 8-9am

CHECKLIST

WHERE TO START

- » Register your campers online at florida.wol.org. You will need a \$75 deposit per camper when you register. You will not need all the detailed camper information at this point – just an estimated number of campers.
- » Check your email for confirmation and important details.
- » Please call our Registrar at 727.379.5005 to make room reservations in the conference center for your adults. **You will not be able to reserve adult rooms online.** A leader discount is available if you bring at least 10 campers.
- » Download the Camp Information Packet from florida.wol.org. Scroll to bottom of page.
- » Download and print the Camper Health Forms and instructions from www.wolflorida.org. Bottom of page.
- » Have parents complete all three pages of the health form. Bring it with you to camp – **do not mail**. Campers will not be admitted to camp without a signed health form.

TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

- » Youth leaders and parents of individual campers - Log onto your online account and enter the detailed information for each camper.
- » Enter special housing requests into the camper information on your online account. If you are a large church and have specific requests for housing your students (12 per cabin), please email or fax them to us at this time. **Only group leaders are allowed to make any changes to the group reservation.**
- » Email or fax to our Registrar your adult information – names of adults and children in each conference center room. Include ages of children. FAX – 727.379.5063
- » Call 727.379.5000 to set up a camper bank account for each camper (may also be done upon arrival at camp).

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- » Cancellation policy: Reservations cancelled by April 6 are subject to a \$10 processing fee. Reservations cancelled after April 6 are subject to a \$75 cancellation fee.
- » You may replace one camper with another without penalty. You may add campers at any time if there is availability. To change to a different camp week, please contact the Camp Registrar for availability.
- » If you are a group, setting up camper bank accounts upon arrival, please bring an alphabetized camper list with amounts for each camper and cash or a check for the amount of the total deposit.
- » Late Camper Pick-Up Fee: Camper pick-up is between the hours of 8:00-9:00am. There is a \$30 fee for a late camper pick-up. With any questions, please call our camp office: 727.379.5601

HEALTH INFORMATION

- » Collect all medications from campers (prior to check-in). **You will be expected to turn in all camper medications to the nurse at check-in. Youth leaders and chaperones are not permitted to administer medications to campers.** Medications must be in the original container with the correct doses and instructions. Please have each camper's medications in Ziploc bags labeled with the camper's name.
- » Campers must be able to administer their own injections.
***NOTE: Florida State Law requires that all medications taken orally must be turned in. This includes: Tylenol, Midol, vitamins, cough syrup, etc. Campers are allowed to keep their inhalers, Epi-pens, and medicated creams.**
- » Head Lice Check - Word of Life Camp has a "No Nits" policy for head lice, and we use all means possible to hinder the spreading of lice, including mandatory inspection by our trained personnel on every camper on camp check-in day. We recommend you check the head of every camper prior to arrival at camp and treat if necessary. (For a detailed description of our head lice protocol, please download the info sheet from our website at www.wolflorida.org – bottom of page).

OTHER DETAILS

- » Be constantly in prayer for decisions and commitments by your campers!
- » Campers may not have cell phones at camp.

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

The Word of Life Florida Youth Camp is dedicated to seeing each of the young people who set foot on the Youth Camp property make life-changing decisions for Christ. Our goal is to see the campers accept Jesus Christ as Savior, grow closer in their relationships with Him, and demonstrate a desire to share their faith with others. Every element at camp is designed to point in one of these directions.

- » During the Opening Night Rally the gospel is presented and an invitation is given. Most decisions made to accept Jesus Christ during the week occur on this night.
- » The Morning Rallies are when the speaker of the week brings a powerful, engaging message built on a Scriptural book study or a study on the life of a Biblical character. These are times of growth for both new believers and established Christians. Exciting dramas emphasizing the camp theme are presented during the junior camp weeks.
- » The Evening Rallies are specifically geared toward preparation and follow up from the Campfire Dedication Service. We believe that once one gives himself over to Christ, the next natural step is dedication. These rallies give practical steps toward living out this decision.
- » One night is set aside for the Campfire Service. During this time we give the campers an opportunity to dedicate their lives to Christ and to be used by Him – placing all they are, all they have, and all they ever hope to be under His control. This is a very special time for the entire camp.
- » One of our evening meetings (during Teen Camp only) has a theme or focus on the harder questions they've been asking during the week. During this meeting we have our speaker and leadership team sit on a panel and use Scripture to answer the questions we've collected from the campers. We remind them of the importance of knowing God's Word and how to face some of these cultural issues with Biblical Truth.
- » During the Closing Night Rally we have Video Testimonies. It is our final meeting with the campers, and we give them an opportunity to see with the entire camp what Christ has done in the lives of campers throughout that week. We also send them off with a message about staying true and strong to the things they were taught at camp and using those things to make a difference in the world around them.
- » Campers are given a Quiet Time Diary to use during their time at camp – stressing the importance of a daily time with the Lord.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

We are hard at work preparing a program for this summer that will be exciting for each camper who joins us. While the final details of this program will not be laid down until just before camp, we can give you a general picture of what a typical day will look like. The following elements will be part of each day at the Florida Youth Camp:

- » **BREAKFAST:** Every meal at camp is served family style and contains a variety of hot food, fruit, and cereal. For campers with food allergies, please check our website for a list of food ingredients and a weekly menu, or send an email to fregistrar@wol.org for an allergen guide.
- » **QUIET TIME:** For one half-hour each morning, the entire camp will stop as everyone spends time alone in God's Word and in prayer. Campers will be taught how to do an effective Quiet Time, the importance of Quiet Time, and will be helped in the formation of this important discipline.
- » **MORNING RALLY:** Each day one of our dynamic Bible teachers will open the Word in a practical way. Youth leaders, parents, and chaperones are welcome to attend any of the morning or evening rallies.
- » **MORNING ACTIVITY:** Team competition will fill the remainder of the morning as the program team delivers games that are fun, engaging, and challenging.
- » **LUNCH**

- » **AFTERNOON:** Every afternoon is filled with numerous activities for the campers to enjoy. They may choose to play in sports tournaments, enjoy the swimming pool, waterslide, snack shack, and gift shop, or participate in things such as paintball, water tubing, climbing tower, archery tag and target shooting, etc.
- » **DINNER**
- » **EVENING RALLY:** Each evening a pumped-up rally gets everyone excited about what it means to live for Christ as various speakers cover important topics such as salvation, dedication, and service. Great music, thought-provoking drama, and even some competition will complement the message.
- » **NIGHT ACTIVITIES:** A flurry of activities is planned for the remainder of each evening. There will be team games or special events for camper participation. Then before lights out, each cabin will be led in devotions by one of their counselors, ending the day with God's Word and prayer.

DAY CAMPERS

Please follow the Registration procedures on the Checklist on Page 1. Check-in is between 2:00 and 5:00 pm. You will meet your counselor upon check-in and receive a pick-up slip that states who has permission to pick up the camper. Starting the evening of check-in day, there will be a Unit Leader to check in and check out your day camper outside the Nurse's Station at these hours:

Drop off : 8:00 – 9:00 am.

Pick up : Junior Camp 6-8 year-olds 9:00-9:30 pm
 9-12 year-olds 9:30-10:00 pm
Teen Camp 10:30-11:00 pm

If you attempt to drop off or pick up your camper outside the designated times, you must go into the Nurse's Station to do this process. If your camper is not present at pick-up time, please inform the Unit Leader present, and they will follow the system to have your child meet you at the tent outside the Nurse's Station ASAP.

You must have the ID and the pick-up slip you received at Registration to pick up your camper. If you do not have the slip/ID, you must go into the Nurse's Station to be verified before the camper may leave. This is for the safety and protection of every child in our care.

Day campers may bring a backpack containing items they will need for the day – Bible, notebook, swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, spending money, medication, change of clothes (just in case), etc. Day campers will be placed in a group from a cabin and may change to an overnight camper mid-week (additional fee) **only if a bed is available.**

UPON YOUR ARRIVAL

CHECK-IN TIME – 2:00-5:00 PM & CHECK-OUT TIME – 8:00-9:00 AM

NOTE: If you will be arriving later than 5:00 pm, or if it is necessary to suddenly change your arrival plans (vehicle troubles, etc.), please notify the Conference Center Front Desk immediately at 727.379.5000. What exactly are you supposed to do when you get here? It's simple and easy. Go to the George Theis Assembly Center between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm. – located on the left after you pass the RV Park entrance and the maintenance building.

- 1 Collect all health forms and medications from campers.
- 2 Send all campers to the head check station. Word of Life Camp has a "No Nits" policy for head lice.
- 3 Send a youth leader or parent through the Registration process.
- 4 **Do not** unload any luggage until after Registration is complete, and you have met your counselor.

STATION 1 | WELCOME (1 person from each group)

Confirm the number of campers and make any camper or leader name changes. Group reservations are in alphabetical order according to group name. Individual reservations are in alphabetical order according to the last name of the adult account holder.

Receive the following items: (1) Barcoded wristbands for each camper – used to make purchases from their camper bank account (2) PAID t-shirt and activity cards (3) Cabin assignments

STATION 2 | CAMPER CHECK-IN/FINANCE

Check in campers and pay balance for campers and youth leader rooms if needed. You may also pay for camper bank and camp activities at this station.

STATION 3 | HOUSING

Here you check in your campers and make any changes to your cabin requests.

Day Campers - visit with the day camper representative at this station. Make sure you have the day camper info sheet and a day camper pass from Station 1 to display on your car windshield so you can pass through the security checkpoint at our property entrance.

STATION 4 | HEALTH CENTER

Review of health forms and medications. Turn in health forms and ALL camper medication. Forms must be completed correctly and signed by parents or legal guardians. If this is not done, you will be responsible for calling the parent. Group leaders – please put health forms in alphabetical order by last name.

STATION 5 | CAMP T-SHIRTS

(\$10) Purchase camp shirt or turn in PAID t-shirt card. This station is cash or check only. You will be able to purchase camp t-shirts today with a credit card or camper bank account at the camp store.

STATION 6 | CAMPER BANK

Put money in camper bank account – cash only. If paying with credit card or check – visit Station 2.

STATION 7 | MEET YOUR COUNSELORS

Here you meet your counselors and are escorted to your cabin.

*Adults who are staying with us for the week may now proceed to the Front Desk of the Conference Center to check into their rooms.

F.A.Q.

Are there any additional charges for campers?

We try to keep our additional charges to a minimum. A list of additional charges can be found in the Camp Activities section of this packet.

What if a camper is coming in by plane?

Round trip van shuttle from Tampa International or St Pete airport is available. Please call the Conference Center Front Desk at least 48 hours in advance to reserve your transportation: 727.379.5000. The charge is \$25 per person per way.

What are the cabin facilities like?

Campers sleep on bunk beds in air-conditioned cabins with bathroom facilities inside each cabin. Each room houses 12 campers and 2 counselors. Groups are automatically housed together as much as possible unless requested otherwise. When a large group exceeds the cabin size, they will be housed by age unless requests are made.

What is the food like?

The food served is the finest quality and is prepared under strict supervision. A well-balanced diet is planned for each day. Campers are served family style and are free to eat as much as they desire. Optional sandwiches and cereal is available at each meal. Candy and snacks are available at the Snack Shack. Campers are also welcome to bring their own snacks and drinks.

CAMPERS WITH FOOD ALLERGIES (gluten, dairy, peanut, etc.)

Please send an email to fregistrar@wol.org to receive an Allergen Guide that contains our summer menu and food ingredients. For campers with severe allergies, we suggest they bring their own food because we cannot guarantee there will be no cross-contamination. We will have a dedicated refrigerator for campers in which they may store any food they would like to bring that would help insure they have enough of the right kind of food. Many gluten-free items are available, and a fresh salad is available at any dinner meal. Campers are encouraged to have their counselors check with the chefs concerning optional menu items at each meal.

What is the Camper Bank?

We recommend campers put their spending money (for activities, pizza, snack shack, camp store, etc.) in the Camper Bank. The amount of spending money your camper brings is up to the parent. Word of Life is not responsible for any money or items not deposited in the bank. You may call 727.379.5000 to set up a camper bank account prior to arrival.

What if I forget things at camp?

Please put your name on every item you bring to camp – including clothing. Lost and found articles are returned COD upon claim by parents, up to 30 days after the end of their camping week. Call 727.379.5020 for lost items.

Can I call my camper?

Please limit calls to campers for emergencies only. The Camp Office can be reached by calling 727.856.7575 or 727.379.5600. A message will be taken, your camper will be informed, and they may return your call. No calls after 10:00pm unless it is an extreme emergency. **Campers may not have cell phones at camp.**

Who are the counselors?

The counseling staff at the Word of Life Youth Camp is of the highest caliber. They have been carefully selected and specially trained. Each counselor has just completed a school year at the Word of Life Bible Institute filled with extensive training in the Bible and the camp ministry. They have also completed first aid classes and were subject to state and federal background checks.

CAMP ACTIVITIES

Waterslide and Swimming Pool
Climbing Tower
Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course
High/Low Ropes Course
Basketball/Volleyball/Gaga Ball
Archery Tag
Inflatables
Paintball Target Shooting – Junior Camp
Arts & Crafts – Junior Camp only
Archery/BB Gun Target Shooting
Lots of fun games and team competitions

Optional:

Paintball course | \$15 – Teen Camp only
Water Tubing | \$15 – age 9 and up
Camp T-Shirt | \$10
Pizza in Cabins | \$10 per pizza
Snack Shack/Chick-Fil-A Night | \$2 - \$5
Gift Shop | variety of items - \$3 - \$15
Horseback Trail Ride | \$20 - age 9 and up
Pony Rides | \$15 - 6-8 year old

Climbing Tower

Each camper may try his or her hand at our 40 foot, three-sided climbing tower, which is available all afternoon and in the evening under the lights. The tower can be tackled by a beginner, while still proving to be a challenge for the most experienced climber. Word of Life Florida provides all safety equipment, and all our facilitators are properly trained and certified.

PAINTBALL COURSE | \$15 - Teen Camp Only

Each paintball session lasts 1 hour and can include up to 40 campers at once. Two teams are formed and various types of games are played on our large wooded field. Campers are required to wear proper clothing. Masks and paintball markers are provided as well as 100 paintballs. Extra paintballs are available for purchase. Campers are not permitted to bring their own paintballs. Campers may bring their own guns which will be kept in the Youth Camp Office between paintball sessions. Target practicing is available for Junior campers – first round is free. Additional paintballs are \$3 for 50 and \$5 for 100.

WATER TUBING | \$15 - Age 9 and up

Campers may go water tubing at an area lake in the afternoon (transportation provided). Equipment and life vests are also provided.

PIZZA IN THE CABINS

Price for a whole pizza is \$10 and is delivered to the cabins after the evening activities. Campers may combine their money to purchase a whole pizza. Sign up and pay at the Youth Camp Office on Monday afternoon.

HORSEBACK TRAIL RIDE | \$20 – Teen Camp - Junior Camp – age 9 and up

A 40-minute trail ride. Junior Camp – Pony Ride \$15 – age 6-8. Must have closed toe shoes and long pants.

A swim test is required for Junior Campers who would like to use the pool. Certified lifeguards are on duty when the pool is open.

Payment and sign up for the above activities will be made upon arrival at camp after you have proceeded through the Camp Registration lines. **Please bring separate checks for Camp Registration and camper activities.**

CONFERENCE CENTER GUESTS

Adult guests/youth leaders are welcome to stay in one of the Conference Center rooms. The package price is for room and meals - per person. A continental breakfast will be served at the Conference Center, and lunch and dinner will be served at the Youth Camp dining room.

Conference Center Room – first or second floor – 1 queen bed, 1 set of twin bunk beds or 2 queen beds, Private bath.

Executive Suite – living room with queen sleeper sofa, king bed in bedroom, Private bath. Limit 4 people

Villa – house with 2 bedrooms (1 with king bed and 1 with 2 twin beds), 2 baths, living room (sleeper sofa), dining room, full kitchen, back porch. Limit 6 people

Childcare – available at no charge for children of Conference Center guests (except Sunday evening) Age 0-5 – during morning and evening meetings - all camp weeks Age 6-12 – hours vary – Teen weeks only (Bible lessons, songs, games, crafts, snacks, etc.)

Adult Activities - optional – sign-up sheet in Conference Center lobby. Vary each summer – bowling, beach trip, mall, golf, canoeing, mini golf, paintball, climbing tower, etc.

Please call 727.379.5005 to reserve your room.

DISCOUNTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS (one discount per camper)

Early Registration Discount – \$30 off for each camper registered by April 6. Multi-week discount – 25% off for additional weeks of camp

Military Discount – 15% off for children of active soldiers or veterans

Word of Life Bible Institute Alumni Discount – 15% off for children of Word of Life Bible Institute alumni

Sibling Discount – 1st camper in family regular price, 2nd camper (sibling) 15% off, 3rd camper (sibling) 20% off, any additional siblings 25% off.

Youth Leader Discount – discount on room reservations for leaders who bring at least 10 campers... variety of newspaper coupons and radio giveaways

Camper Scholarship Fund – full and half scholarships are available. Based on financial need. To apply, please fill out the application available on our website – www.wolflorida.org – bottom of page. Mail to the address on the form or fax to 727.379.5063. The scholarship committee will meet in the spring to consider the requests received. You will be notified by email of the decision. Apply early.

Electronic Media Policy – Please do not bring cell phones, music/media players, laptops, iPods, iPads, knives, gaming devices, magazines, books, e-readers, etc. If these items are brought to camp, the camper should give them to the parent or youth leader for safekeeping.

CAMPER CHECKLIST

- Bible
- Pen/Pencil
- Pillow
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Hairbrush/Comb
- Sunscreen
- Camper bank money
- Notebook
- Sleeping bag or sheets and blankets
- Bath/Pool Towels
- Soap and Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Bug Rapellent

DRESS CODE/PACKING LIST

- » Casual Clothes (t-shirts, jeans, shorts, jacket, etc.) Shorts must be fingertip length (mid-thigh). Skirts knee length. Sleeveless shirts and tank tops must cover at least half the shoulder. **NO** tight fitting shorts, pants, or tops. **NO** spaghetti strap tank tops.
- » Bathing Suit: modest beachwear. One-piece suit for girls – trunk style for guys. No brief style or spandex suit for boys. No tankini and bikini for girls.
- » Shoes (comfortable sneakers or sandals)

Make sure your name is on every item you bring to camp, including clothing. Any clothing that does not meet the above standards will not be permitted. Do not bring any items that are valuable/heirlooms, etc.

Please do not bring cell phones, music/media players, laptops, iPads, iPods, knives, gaming devices, books, magazines, e-readers, etc.

DIRECTIONS

FROM US 19 SOUTH

Head north on US 19 to Hudson Ave. Turn east (right) on Hudson Ave. Bayonet Point Hospital is on the right. Go 8 miles to the Word of Life entrance. Turn right into the drive.

FROM US 19 NORTH

Head south on US 19 to Hudson Ave. Turn east (left) on Hudson Ave. Go 8 miles to the Word of Life entrance. Turn right into the drive.

FROM US 41

Head toward State Road 52. Turn west onto SR 52. Head west about 4 miles to Hays Rd (at a stop light). Turn north (right) onto Hays Rd for 2 miles. Turn west (left) onto Hudson Ave. Word of Life entrance is 1/2 mile on the left.

FROM I-75

Exit to State Rd 52, exit number is 285. Head west 15 miles to Hays Rd (at a stop light). Turn north (right) onto Hays Rd for 2 miles. Turn west (left) onto Hudson Ave. Word of Life entrance is 1/2 mile on the left.

FROM TAMPA AIRPORT

Follow the signs to the Veteran's Expressway North (also called Suncoast Parkway when you get further north). This is a toll road. Approximately \$5 each way. Take the State Rd 52 exit (exit 27). Head west (left) for about 1 mile to Hays Rd (stop light). Turn north (right) onto Hays Rd for about 2 miles. Turn west (left) onto Hudson Ave. Word of Life entrance is 1/2 mile on left. It will take about 40 minutes from the airport.

About 1/2 mile down Word of Life Drive on the right side is the Jack Wyrzten Conference Center building where the adults will reside and eat their meals. The next building on the right is the Harry Bollback Performing Arts Center. Youth Camp Registration takes place in the George Theis Assembly Center located further down the drive on the left – past the RV Park and Maintenance building. The dining hall/health center is behind the Assembly Center. Cabins are also in this area.

PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES

Word of Life Florida, 13247 Word of Life Drive, Hudson, FL 34669

Conference Center: Front Desk - 727.379.5000.

To contact youth leaders who are staying here with their youth groups.

To set up camper bank accounts.

To arrange airport pickup.

Youth Camp Office: 727.379.5601 This number can be utilized by parents leaving messages for their campers.

Health Center: 727.379.5034 or 727.379.5680 To contact camp nurse on duty.

Lost and Found: 727.379.5020 or Barbara at bjziemer@wol.org

Camp Registration: Register online at www.wolflorida.org or call 727.379.5005. (Campers may be registered online. Please call us to register your youth leaders. You will not be able to register your adults online.) vickys@wol.org or landrews@wol.org

Camp Directors: 727.379.5000 or 727.379.5600 Kyle Gray at kylegray@wol.org and Ethan Warren at erwarren@wol.org

Email your camper: floridacampermail@wol.org or fregistrar@wol.org You may contact your campers via email. Upon receipt of any email correspondence, our Camp Office staff will print the email and deliver it to the camper. Please send it with the camper name and camp week in the subject portion of the email.

Camper Mail:

Regular mail is accepted and well received by the campers. Please use the address below for any camper mail:

Camper Name
Week/Date of Camp
Word of Life Florida
13247 Word of Life Drive
Hudson, FL 34669