



## Frequently Asked Questions Campers and Parents

### **What programs are for me?**

Between the three sites and variety of ages Green Lake Lutheran Ministries serves, navigating our summer programs can appear daunting. To make it easy, we've provided detailed descriptions of all our programs both online at [gllm.org](http://gllm.org) and in our 2017 brochure. To navigate the website, select the grade completed by your camper as of June 2017 to see which programs we offer for that age. Then, select the program that best fits the desires of your camper.

### **How do I register for camp?**

Registration for camp opens December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. You may register online or complete a registration form for mailing. Online registration can be found by clicking the "Register for Camp" button on our website [gllm.org](http://gllm.org). If you are mailing in a form, you can find print in under "Dates and Details" on our website. Please send completed forms to our main office at:

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries  
Attn: Camp Registrar  
9916 Lake Ave. S.  
Spicer, MN 56288

### **I lost or never received my Welcome Packet**

No sweat. The Welcome Packet is available online at [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org) under Summer Camp, Dates and Details. Choose the program your child or family is registered for. You will also need to print and complete a health form which can also be found on this page.

### **When do I turn in the Health Form?**

The health form may be sent to the camp prior to your child's arrival or your child may turn it in at check-in their first day of camp. If your child has allergies or medical issues we should know about please send it to us two weeks before they arrive at camp. You may fax it to: 320-796-6633 or mail it to:

GLLM—Registrar, 9916 Lake Ave. S., Spicer, MN 56288

A couple of tips when completing the health form:

- If your child's immunizations are up-to-date, you may simply write "all current" across the box.
- You may use a return address label to fill in the address. This is especially handy when completing health forms for your entire family.

### **How much does camp cost?**

GLLM uses a tiered pricing model, which is explained in detail on our website and in our 2017 brochure. Most programs follow a \$440/\$600/\$800 pricing structure, but there are variations based on what program is being offered. If cost is an issue, check with your church about scholarship information.

GLLM also has camperships available. To apply, please contact your church office or print a GLLM Campership Application to include with your camp registration.

**When is my balance due?**

Your balance is due May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. For all registrations after this date, we ask that camp be paid in full prior to arrival.

**If I have to make a cancelation, is my deposit refundable?**

Cancellations received 30 days before the camper arrival date will receive a full refund minus a \$50 administration fee. All other cancellations are non-refundable. Exceptions may be made in the event of family emergencies.

**What should my child pack?**

They will definitely want a sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, etc. A complete list can be found in the welcome letter for each program, which can be found under “Dates and Details” in the Summer Camp portion of our website.

**Can my child bring a cell phone or other electronics?**

We ask all campers to leave their cell phones and electronics at home. Camp is a time to unplug and be separated from the hustle and bustle of life; electronics only detract from this experience. If electronics are brought, camp reserves the right to remove them from the owner to be returned at the end of the week. Camp is not liable for any electronic devices broken or stolen while at camp.

**When should we arrive at camp?**

Youth Campers—Between 2 and 4 pm

Family Campers—4 pm

**When can I pick my child up from camp?**

Shores -- Friday at 11:00 am; you are welcome to attend closing worship starting around 10:30 am. Half Blast campers starting camp on Sunday can be picked up on Tuesday at 7:00 pm and you are welcome to attend closing worship at 6:30 p.m.

GLBC—Friday at 12:00 pm; you are welcome to attend closing worship starting around 11:30 am.

**What if my child needs to arrive late or leave early?**

Camp runs from Sunday at 2 pm until Friday at 11 am (Shores) or 12pm (Green Lake). However, we are able to accommodate those who have minor scheduling conflicts. Please contact our registrar Karen in the office at (320) 796-2181 to discuss any late arrivals, early pick-ups, or other scheduling conflicts.

**What if I cannot pick up my child?**

To ensure the safety of all our campers, we document the name and contact information of the individual who will be picking up each camper. If a direct relative is unable to do pick up, please notify us when the camper arrives so we can document your information and that of the individual picking up your child.

**Can my child request a roommate?**

Absolutely! In order for this to work effectively, we ask that roommate requests be made prior to arrival at camp. If you did not make the request when you registered, you can contact the Registrar at [kpeterson@gllm.org](mailto:kpeterson@gllm.org) or 320.796.2181. In the case of church groups attending camp together, we do everything we can to get these kids grouped together in a cabin.

**What if my child needs medication while at camp?**

We have well-trained First Aid staff at all our sites to oversee medication needs. We have all necessary non-prescription drugs available for your child. *Please do not send non-prescription drugs with your child to camp.* If your child takes prescription medications, we ask they are given to the Health Aide at registration time with a detailed description of the drugs and dispensing instructions. Our Health Aide will be certain your child receives the attention they need. A few other notes to consider: all medications must be in the original container with Doctor's Instructions on the label. We are unable to accept prescription medication in any other containers. Also, we count every pill on arrival and departure and, as such, encourage parents to only send the number of pills necessary for the week.

**How much canteen money should I send with my child?**

A suggested amount for the canteen is around \$30. Campers have access to the canteen twice each day to purchase snacks, trinkets, and/or apparel. Most snacks run \$1-\$1.50, trinkets between \$5 and \$10, and apparel ranges from \$6-\$12 for shirts to \$25-\$40 for sweatshirts. Many parents will choose to leave some money for trinkets or snacks and do larger purchases at the beginning or end of the week. We suggest discussing purchasing preferences before your camper arrives.

**What is "Dime-a-Time?"**

"Dime-a-Time" is a GLLM canteen tradition! Each year we choose a non-profit or other good cause and allow our campers to donate and raise money for it. Campers can choose to donate up to \$1 each time they visit the canteen. As incentive, counselors do crazy and fun things as the campers reach certain benchmarks. For example, we've had counselors dance the hula, receive a pie in the face, be squirted with mustard, or shave their head. In previous years, our campers have raised money for the ELCA Malaria Campaign, New London's The Link, and the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission Program. Stay tuned for this year's cause, and if you want to send some extra change to camp for this program, go for it!

**What if my child has food allergies?**

Information such as this should be included in the registration form under Special Needs. In the case of serious food allergies, please contact our camp registrar at (320) 796-2181 at least 2 weeks prior to your child attending camp. This will help us to be prepared in every way possible so your camper has a good experience!

**What if there is a storm?**

GLLM has thorough procedures in place when one of our camp sites experiences stormy weather. When a storm watch has been issued, all staff are alerted and the program is changed accordingly. If a storm warning is issued, campers and staff are quickly moved into their designated storm shelter where staff

perform skits and lead campers in singing camp songs. The louder the storm, the louder they sing. Designated staff are assigned to keep an eye on the storm and listen to the weather radio reports. Once an all clear has been given by the county or National Weather Service and the area is determined safe, campers and staff will return to normal programming. Updates will be posted on the *Green Lake Lutheran Ministries-GLLM* Facebook page after the storm.

**Can my child call home?**

Through the years, we've discovered that calling home can detract from the overall camp experience by drawing a camper's attention away from camp, inhibiting his/her ability to form relationships and learn effectively. However, while most parents won't hear from their campers, there are a few circumstances that require a call home. If your child becomes sick or injured, *you will be notified* by our Health Aide. Also, if your child experiences an extreme case of homesickness, their counselor or Assistant Program Director (APD) will contact you and stay with your child while they visit with you. So, can your child call home? Yes, but only expect a call if it's necessary.

**Can I visit my child while they are at camp?**

For many of the same reasons as phone calls, we advise you don't visit your camper during the week. You are welcome to get your camper settled in upon their arrival, and join us for closing worship on Friday at 10:30 am (Shores) or 11:30 am (Green Lake). If you would like stay current on camp happenings, check out our Facebook page *Green Lake Lutheran Ministries-GLLM*.

**Can I email my child?**

Unfortunately, this is not an option. We have explored various ways of allowing this and have not come up with a viable solution. As we continue to look for a solution, we suggest sending letters and postcards to your camper. They love mail! Camp addresses are:

<i>Camper Name, Program</i>	<i>Camper Name, Program</i>	<i>Camper Name, Program</i>
Green Lake Bible Camp	Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp	Camp House
9916 Lake Ave. S.	19080 16 <sup>th</sup> St. NE	1411 Camp House Rd.
Spicer, MN 56288	New London, MN 56273	Brimson, MN 56602

**Are there other ways to be in touch with my child?**

Yes! If you would like to see your child this week, check out our Facebook page *Green Lake Lutheran Ministries-GLLM* or our pages on Twitter, Pinterest, LinkedIn, Flickr, and Instagram! We update these accounts daily with camper photos and camp related news and happenings. However, if you'd like to see photos of your child appear on these sites, you must check the photo release box on the registration form.

If you have any other questions, please give us a call! We would love to help you as you get ready to send your child to camp.