



DIocese OF SIOUX CITY

Office of the New Evangelization

Dear Camper and Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for registering for **Camp CAYOCA 2018**. We are looking forward to yet another blessed summer of faith and fun! This letter contains important information that you need to know before your camper arrives at Camp CAYOCA. Please read through the entire letter; ***important information about a closing mass included.***

- Session 1 for those entering 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th grades will be held June 10 – June 12 with check-in being held from 2:00pm – 4:30pm on June 10th.
- Session 2 for those entering 7th – 12th grade will be held June 13 – June 15 with check-in being held from 2:00pm – 4:30pm on June 13th.

REGISTRATION & PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM & LIABILITY WAIVER

It is very important that prior to arriving at camp your camper's 2018 Registration & Parental/Guardian Consent Form & Liability Waiver is completed and submitted to the Office of New Evangelization. This form can be downloaded from our website. Just visit the following link: <https://scdiocese.org/camp/>, and download the consent and liability form. Please complete and mail the form in to our address below. We must have the original copy, not an email or FAX copy. Any camper missing this form will either need to have one filled out by a guardian upon arrival, or will not be allowed to attend.

Diocese of Sioux City
Catholic Youth Camp
1821 Jackson St.
Sioux City, Iowa 51105

REFUND POLICY

Before May 25th: After a written request, complete refund minus a \$75.00 deposit.

After May 25th: No refunds will be given.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

In the case of an emergency while your child is at camp, the Camp Director can be reached by calling Twin Lakes Christian Center at 712-297-7714.

ARRIVAL AT TLBC

All youth camps have a check-in time of 2:00PM—4:30PM. Registration will take place in Harvest Hall, located at the main entrance of Twin Lakes Bible Camp. An adult must accompany every child to check-in. We will not check campers in before 2:00PM as the staff is busy preparing for the arrival of the campers. ***There will be a dinner served the first night (this is a change from past years).*** If you know that you are going to arrive later than 4:30PM, please call the Office of New Evangelization at 712.233.7530 prior to your camp date to let us know the time of your arrival. Campers will receive their camp button, t-shirt (if ordered), group and cabin assignments at check-in. There will also be the opportunity for students to complete their swim tests.

You will need to bring the following with you when you check-in:

- Spending money for campers in 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th grade. We will check in the camper's money and at free time each day the money will be given to the campers.
- 7-12th grade students will be responsible for their own money. Note: If 7-12 campers want to play paint ball during free time, they must bring \$5.
- Camper prescription medicine will be checked in with our camp Medic at registration.
- Liability Form and Medical Waiver, if not already completed and mailed in.

Closing Mass (Session 1 only)

There will be a closing mass on June 12th at 2:00pm in the Harvest Hall gym for campers who attended Session 1. All families of campers are invited to attend mass! This is a great opportunity to see how the youth participated in the sacraments throughout the camp and to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass together. Session 1 will end at approximately 3:00pm (or immediately following the closing mass).

DEPARTURE FOR HOME

Camp ends at 3PM on June 12 (SESSION 1) and June 15 (SESSION 2). The children will bring their things into Harvest Hall prior to the closing mass. You may collect your children and their belongings there and then check-out with camp staff as you exit the building. *Check outs will not take place prior to 3:00pm, as there will be mass beforehand.*

You will also be able to collect any money they have left as well as any medication they may have brought at this time. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CAMP GROUNDS WITHOUT CHECKING OUT YOUR CHILD WITH CAMP STAFF. *Verbally notifying your child's cabin leader that you are leaving is not sufficient; you must go through the check-out line in Harvest Hall.*

Note: Please remember that Check-in and Check-out can be a bit chaotic and stressful for everyone, especially in the summer heat. We promise that we will do our best to ensure that both run as smoothly as possible, but we also appreciate your patience with the process.

Youth Leaving with someone other than parents

We are aware that carpooling is convenient for many families. If a child is leaving with someone other than their own parents, they will need to provide a signed permission slip/note from their parents at check-in or upon check-out stating who they will be leaving with. This is for the protection of the child. Thank you.

Commitment to Camp

To gain the full experience of Catholic Youth Camp, we desire a full commitment from all campers and volunteers to arrive by opening ceremonies and remain at camp the entire duration of camp.

MEDICAL ISSUES

There will be a Medic available during each camp session. Prescription and non-prescription medications should be left in their original containers and brought to registration. Medications will be dispensed according to their instructions.

It is not necessary to send non-prescription pain-relief, bug-bite, eye, allergy, ear, cut, and scrape, or sunburn medications to camp with your child. TLBC has a large inventory of these items (as well as bee kits, ace bandages, Band-Aids, etc.) that can be used and will only be dispensed by the Medic.

Homesickness is one of the more familiar "ailments" the Medics see and treat at camp. It typically shows itself in the form of a headache, stomachache, moodiness, or a desire to call or go home. In order

to overcome this often-times contagious “ailment,” non-medical treatments are employed. Generally these consist of keeping campers focused on present and next activities (keeping busy is good) as well as trying to assure that they have friends (old and/or new) to participate with in activities. If a phone call home is requested, the Camp Director will see that your child is able to do that.

- If your child has not spent time away from home alone (especially overnight), you may want to plan for him/her to stay overnight at a friend’s or relative’s house prior to camp and see how it goes.
- It also helps to discuss with your child all the fun they are going to have and you can’t wait to hear about what they did. And make sure that they understand who is picking them up and when they will see you again. You may consider discussing this regardless; homesickness tends to creep up on kids even when you don’t think your child will have a problem.

If your child is currently on Ritalin or a comparable prescription (for attention purposes during structured group activities), we would encourage you to send his/her medication to camp as the small group dynamics are very similar to those found in a classroom.

SPENDING MONEY

Campers may bring money to purchase snacks or items in the TLBC Gift Shop, which is open daily. We ask that campers not bring a large amount of money to camp and what they do bring be in small denominations.

SWIM TESTS

Swim tests will be conducted as campers arrive at TLBC. Also, there will be a swim test at the beginning of the first free time. Campers and adults must pass the swim test in order to swim the deeper section of the waterfront. All others may swim in the less deep section.

PHONE CALLS

Outgoing phone calls are discouraged, but will be allowed with the Camp Director’s consent. Emergency calls will be made by camp personnel.

MASS

Mass will be celebrated on the full day of camp. A priest from the Diocese of Sioux City will serve as the Spiritual Director for each camp session. What to say to your child’s friend(s) who might be attending camp but not Catholic:

We welcome to this celebration of the Eucharist those Christians who are not fully united with us. It is a consequence of the sad divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Communion. Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus and reception of the Eucharist is an action signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of the community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, and for which we must all pray.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO CAMP?

(Please make sure camper’s name is on all items)

- Bible, journal/notebook and pencil
- Casual, modest clothes (no underwear should show) for warm & cool weather
- 2 pairs of shoes (suitable for outdoor wear – preferably tennis shoes)
- Warm jacket and rain gear
- Bedding: sheets (twin beds)/sleeping bag, pillow
- Toiletries (deodorant, shampoo, tooth brush and past, etc.)
- Bug spray and sunscreen

- MODEST one-piece swimsuit or a tankini that covers the midriff (NO bikinis)
- 2 Towels (one for showering and one for the lake)
- Money for gift shop, crafts & canteen (\$5.00 - \$30.00)

Optional:

- Athletic and fishing gear
- Camera
- Flashlight
- Stamped envelopes/postcards
- Sunglasses

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD LEAVE AT HOME?

- Cell phones
- Portable music systems
- Electric games (any brought to camp will be kept in the office until the end of the camp)
- Expensive jewelry, other items of high value
- Large amounts of cash
- Food/Snacks (any brought to camp will be kept in the Inn to avoid bugs in the cabins)

NOTE: In recent years (even at the younger students' camp) we have had campers complain about our cell phone policy, saying that they use their cell phone to take pictures. If your child wants to take pictures, please provide them with a disposable camera. For many reasons, we will not permit students to use their phones during camp. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our office. Thank you for understanding.

ABSOLUTELY NO pornography, tobacco, alcohol, non-prescription drugs, weapons or fireworks will be tolerated.

The Diocese is not responsible for lost, stolen, or forgotten articles! Inquiries should be directed to Twin Lakes Bible Camp at 712-297-7714.

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM AND LIABILITY WAIVER

Please remember to fill out the 2017 Catholic Youth Camp Paper Registration & Parental/Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waiver and return it to the Office of New Evangelization and Family Life. In order for your child to attend camp, we must have this completed form to comply with the Diocese of Sioux City Risk Management Policy. If we do not have this form when you drop off your child for camp, **we cannot allow them to stay.**

If you have any questions regarding camp, please contact the Office New Evangelization at 712.233.7516 or karak@scdiocese.org.