

Dear Camper & Family,

Something is happening this summer at Round Lake — and you're part of it.

Connect 26 is six days that will look nothing like your everyday life. June 21–26 at Round Lake Christian Camp, nearly 300 students from across the region are gathering around a single question: what does it look like to live under the power of something you can't see?

The theme is UNSEEN. The anchor is 2 Corinthians 4:18 — "We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

We're not going to spoil everything. But here's what we'll say: this week has been months in the making, and what we have planned for you is unlike anything Connect has done before.

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## **FIRST: TWO THINGS YOU NEED TO DO RIGHT NOW**

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### **① DOWNLOAD THE APP — BEFORE YOU ARRIVE**

This year we built a custom app for Connect 26. It has your full week schedule, the camp map, speaker info, elective assignments, and more — and here's the key: it works completely offline.

 [connect26-unseen.netlify.app](https://connect26-unseen.netlify.app)

Open that link in your phone's browser, then tap "Add to Home Screen" to save it like an app. No App Store. No account. No data needed once it's on your phone.

Here's why this matters with our phone policy: we ask students to keep their phones on airplane mode throughout the week, and the app is built for exactly that. Download it and set it up before you arrive Sunday. Once it's installed, airplane mode is all you need — everything runs offline. You'll have the full week in your pocket without ever connecting to the internet.

We'll be updating the app with content right up until camp, so download it now.

### **② SIGN UP FOR YOUR ELECTIVE — DEADLINE APPROACHING**

This year Connect is introducing something brand new: Connect Electives.

Every morning Mon–Thu, while one half of camp is in their morning class, the other half will be at an elective — a 70-minute activity you choose before you arrive. You'll do the same elective all four days, and your group becomes your crew for that block of the week.

Here's what's available:

- Basketball
- Team Sports
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Cardio Boot Camp
- Art
- Crafting & Pinterest
- Creative Writing & Journaling
- Board Games
- Camp Experience
- Waterfront Fun
- Maker Space

Electives fill up fast — several will have waitlists. Sign up now: [\[ELECTIVE SIGN-UP LINK\]](#)

First-come, first-served. Once a spot is gone, it's gone. Don't wait.

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## WHO YOU'LL HEAR FROM

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This year's speaker lineup is built around one thing — the Holy Spirit. Not as a concept. As a person.



Matt Nickoson



Jamie Blickensderfer



Joe Rubino



Josh Robinson

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## ENTERTAINMENT

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This year we're going beyond the stage.



John Bunn & Rick Smith Jr. — Live Comedy + Magic Show

Two nationally touring performers. One night. John Bunn is one of the funniest clean comedians working today. Rick Smith Jr. is a world-record-holding mentalist and card artist who has performed for millions of people around the world. This is a Connect first.



Off-Campus Night — Wayne Lanes Bowling

We're loading up the vans and heading out for a night of bowling at Wayne Lanes. Both middle school and high school get a night out — just on different evenings.

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## ARRIVAL

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Check-in opens Sunday, June 21 at 5:15 PM at the Retreat Center on Camp Side. Leave luggage in the car until you receive your room assignment. Camp ends Friday, June 26 — departure begins at 2:00 PM.



Round Lake Christian Camp — 114 State Route 3, Lakeville, OH 44638

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## WHAT TO BRING

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The basics (full list at [roundlake.org](http://roundlake.org)):

- Bedding for a twin bed (sheets or sleeping bag)
- Clothes for activity + regular wear
- Swimsuit + towel
- Toiletries, sunscreen, bug spray
- Water bottle + flashlight
- Bible, notebook, pen
- Canteen money


Bring for Connect 26 specifically:

- A string bag or small backpack — you'll be moving between sides of camp for hours at a time
- Clothes you don't mind getting messy
- Cash to support our Missions Offering — this week we're packing meals for Lifeline Christian Mission. Around \$20/student goes a long way.


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## A FEW THINGS TO KNOW

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 Phone Policy — We run a trust-based phone policy at Connect. Students keep phones on airplane mode throughout the week — no texting, calling, or social media. The whole point of camp is to step away from the noise and be fully present. The Connect 26 app works completely offline, so once it's downloaded you'll have everything you need without ever going online.

Parents: the best thing you can do is not message or call during the week. We will contact you directly if there is ever a need.

 Food in Dorms — Snacks are welcome, but please enjoy them in common areas outside your room. Round Lake asks this of all groups to keep the facility in good shape.

 The #1 Rule — Don't do stupid. If you're wondering whether something is a bad idea, it probably is. Ask a leader when in doubt.

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## COME READY

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More important than anything in your suitcase is what you bring in your heart. Come open. Come expectant. Come ready to be moved by something you can't fully explain.

We've been praying for you since you signed up.

See you June 21.

Tyler Chappell — Dean, Connect Conference 26  
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