

## *Round Lake Christian Camp 2022 >>> Trekker 3 Wilderness Camp*

**Hello Campers and Parents,**

**It's almost here an amazing week at Round Lake Wilderness Camp! I want to tell you how much I am looking forward to this week. I have been praying for this week often and have also been praying for you personally since you registered. I look forward to meeting you and growing together as we spend a fun filled and intentional week together.**

**This is my first year as Dean for this week. I have been involved with wilderness camp a few years now and I am so excited to be dean this week. A lot of planning and preparation has gone into this week. It is my goal that it is a week that keeps you busy, so get lots of rest beforehand. However, this isn't my number one goal. My number one goal is that you move closer to Jesus this week and find your place in his plan and purpose. We will achieve that through our discussions, activities, and interactions with our incredible staff. So, with that, here are a few things you need to know/bring to get the most out of your week.**

### **WHAT TO BRING**

**Bible, water bottle, insect repellent, sunscreen, your meds (which nurse will hold for you during the week), missions money, bathing suit (don't forget your towel), modest and sensible clothing (it's hot and dirty out here so nothing nice), toiletries, comfortable shoes (lace up is best) water shoes (there will be some crossing of rivers and bathing in rivers, **FLIP FLOPS DON'T WORK THEY WILL GET WASHED AWAY**), Sleeping bag and pillow, flashlight, and a willing and respectful attitude.**

### **CELL PHONES**

**PLEASE ALLOW STUDENTS TO BRING CELL PHONE..... WHAT!!!??**

**Cell phones are a huge part of a student's life and can be a great resource for God's kingdom. However, this is wilderness camp and we want to remove ourselves from the distraction/temptation these phones can be....SO HERE IS MY RESPONSE/COMPROMISE.:**

- **Once student arrives at camp I will have them turn their phones into me. I will keep them safe and charged for the day.**
- **There will be 2 instances in which they will receive their phone:**
  - **Once right before turning in for the night so that they can send you parents, a well thought out update and thank you for sending them here (then will be collected before heading to cabins).**
  - **Other instance, I will carry them on our morning devotional Hike and pass them out at a designated time. During this time, they can get their duck lip selfies or scenic shots so that they can post on their social media platform(s) of choice with a thought provoking or inspirational caption, based on what they learned or heard during their morning hike/devotion time (then once again collected for safe keeping).**

**This I hope will show them that this phone isn't necessary to be entertained, but it is an effective ministry tool if they let it be.**

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## **MISSIONS**

Every year, each camp raises money during their week for a mission that impacts God's kingdom (often chosen by the dean). This year I want each student to come to camp with a mission in mind that they would like to support. So as a parents help them research and decide what mission they would like to support before camp. During our week each student will get the opportunity to make a case for their mission. Then by the end of the week through discussion, presentations, and team challenges, one of these missions will be chosen as the mission we will give to. I hope this small change creates a fun atmosphere where campers take ownership of the mission we give to, while also strengthening their ability to debate, present and humbly compromise through this process. **SO DON'T FORGET THAT MISSION MONEY.**

## **TEACHING:**

We will be diving into what the Bible, finding out how it has 1 central story to tell and how our lives and mundane day to day fits into that story. We will find out that God is calling us to so much more than we realize. We also hope to walk away with a better understand and practice of talking to God and developing a true relationship.

## **DROP OFF and PICK UP:**

**Parents if you are dropping your kiddos of directly to wilderness camp:**

**Check in time (Sunday):**

**5pm.** Please come as close to that time as possible.  
Early stresses us out, late robs kids of seconds of fun.

**Check out time (Friday):**

**2:30-3:00pm** Please get them, we love them but a week is enough.

As I said before I am super excited about this week. I love camp and absolutely love getting to know our young kingdom workers and helping them challenge themselves spiritually and physically.

Parents, thank you so so much for sharing your kiddos with us. We understand there are thousands of other places and activities these kids can be doing, thank you for choosing us. We will keep them safe and love them in your absence this week.

Please call me personally with any other questions (or for emergencies during the week). Cell: 740-361-3998 You can also contact the camp offices for any needs as well.

See you at camp,

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