

Parent Information

Welcome to Dickey Lake Bible Camp and Conference Center!

Thank you for choosing to give your child the experience of a week at Dickey Lake Bible Camp. Be assured that we do everything we can to provide a welcome and loving environment for your child. We hope that this will be a week where he/she grows in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Registration

Registration starts at 12:00 PM on the opening day of camp and is typically held in the dining hall. The Camp Nurse will be available during registration for you to visit with if needed and to collect all medications. Also at registration, your child will be assigned a counselor and cabin.

Camp Store

The Camp Store will be open during specific times during the week of camp. We require that all campers deposit their spending money during registration so it will be kept safe during the week. Any money not spent will be given back on Friday before heading home. The camp store has DLBC apparel, novelties, drinks, candy, and snacks. The spending limit on snacks varies for each camp.

Sending Mail

The mail is picked up and distributed during meal time daily. Letters and packages can be sent to:

(Your Child's Name) c/o
Dickey Lake Bible Camp
PO Box 11
Trego, MT 59934

If you need to reach your child in case of an emergency, you can contact the Camp Office at (406) 8824572 or Camp Kitchen (406) 882-4527 and the staff will relay a message to your child.

Special Offering

Each summer we provide an opportunity for campers to give to our Missionaries in Residence or our current camp projects. Please discuss this opportunity with your child prior to arrival.

What to Bring

A suggested list of what to bring is available below. Please be sure to label clothing and other items brought to camp. On Friday, when you pick up your child, please check the Lost and Found for items before leaving camp. Items left at the end of the season are donated to local charities.

- Flashlight (extra batteries)
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Water bottle
- Bible, notebook, & pen
- Sweatshirt/jacket
- Modest clothes (Be prepared for ANY type of weather)
- Sturdy, close-toed shoes
- Sandals
- Modest, one-piece swimsuit
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Towel
- Toiletries: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.

What Not to Bring

- illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, firearms, fireworks
- expensive items or large amounts of cash
- electronics (MP3 player, Ipad, laptop, game systems etc.)
- pets

Optional

- money for camp store
- camera
- hiking boots
- water shoes
- hat

Forms

The medical release form must be completed, signed, and sent to camp. This can be done by registering online or with the mail-in registration form.

The Director reads through these prior to the week so that appropriate decisions can be made regarding cabin assignments. Your child's safety is our number one priority and knowing any medical information before their arrival helps to prepare the nurse, counselor, and kitchen staff.

Bringing Snacks to Camp

We want to keep camper cabins free of rodents and other animals; any snacks brought to camp need to be eaten before arrival or disposed of upon arrival. Campers will have the opportunity to buy snacks when the camp store is open.

Cabin Assignments: Cabin assignments are made by the Program Director the week prior to each camper's week at camp. If your child has a desired cabin mate, please fill out that portion of the on-line registration form. We do our best to create a positive and friendly environment in each cabin.

Tips for Parents to help Campers avoid homesickness and have a great week at Camp!

1. Talk with your child about his or her concerns and what he or she is looking forward to.
2. Acknowledge your child's concerns positively. Let them know that you understand that he or she is nervous and it is okay to feel that way. Resist the temptation to rescue your child due to homesickness. Let your child know that you are confident that he or she can complete the entire week.
3. Avoid statements such as, "If you don't like it, mommy will come get you right away." The Camp staff has many years of experience with homesick campers and great tools to help them succeed and have a great week and a sense of accomplishment for staying.
4. Let your child know that the camp staff is there to help them!
5. Prepare your child for spending time away from home. Encourage your child to ask questions about camp. Practice an overnight away from home with friends or relatives.
6. Explain why the camp asks campers to leave cell phones at home. These are a distraction and lessen a camper's experience of being in this 'place apart.'

Pre-Camp Conversation Ideas (For first time campers) Discuss with your child:

1. The importance of making new friends and talking with their counselor or to the Executive Director, if they have any concerns or problems.
2. The importance of appropriate behavior while at Camp.
3. The activities they are excited about doing at Camp, for older campers: some goals they have for the week.

4. Your confidence in them to stay the whole week even if they are missing home and steps they can take if they are feeling homesick.
5. The importance of trying new things and sharing with their cabin group and counselor.

Sample Daily Schedule (There is some variation for each camp)

- 7:30 Wake up bell
- 8:15 Breakfast
- 9:00 Morning Worship
- 10:00 Activity Time or Group Building Activities
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 Recreation
- 2:00 Free time/ Big Toys
(if available) waterfront and camp store open
- 5:30 Clean-up
- 6:00 Supper
- 7:00 Evening Worship
- 7:45 Snack
- 8:00 Campfire Worship
- 9:00 Cabin Devotions & Night Activities for older campers
- 10:00 Bedtime (This time is later for older campers)

When Camp Ends

Most of our camps end at 12:00 AM on Fridays. All luggage will be outside of your child's cabin unless it is raining, in which case, it will be in your child's cabin. Please be sure to pick up remaining money from the camp store before final departure. And if appropriate be sure that your child receives any medication brought to camp from the nurse.

Directions to Camp

On Highway 93, travel 35 miles northwest of Whitefish. Turn East (left) at the Trego turnoff. Travel ¾ mile and turn left at the Dickey Lake Bible Camp sign. The camp is 1 mile on the gravel road.

Contact Information

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