

Camp Veritas Update

July 6, 2021

Dear Parents and Campers,

Our staff is preparing Camp Veritas for your children with the goal of making camp this summer a life-changing experience. We are already feeling the excitement! This year still has a few specifications due to COVID-19, so we ask you to **take the time and read this email carefully!**

Dates: August 1 - August 6, 2021

Location: Lake Placid Camp & Conference Center located at 2665 Placid View Drive, Lake Placid, Florida 33852. Please visit the [Registration tab](#) of our website <https://www.campveritas.org> for a link to directions to the facility. Pictures and information about Lake Placid Camp & Conference Center can be found on the [Facilities page](#) of the website as well.

Arrival: 3:30 PM following registration and check-in there will be orientation that we ask all parents to stay for.

Departure: The camp will end on August 6th after a **10:00am Mass** for campers AND parents which you are welcome and encouraged to attend. Dismissal will follow Mass.

Registration: Signs will be posted and personnel will be there to guide you.

- We will be doing temp checks upon arrival and staff will direct you to the appropriate table if you have not completed the online Covid pre-screening or settled your financials.
Registration will run much smoother if you log in to your Camp-in-Touch account the week before camp to finalize payments and complete the required covid pre-screening.
- **Covid Pre-Screening:** As was indicated in our info email and on our webpage, every camper is required to submit **EITHER:** A negative Covid test (any kind) dated within a week of camp. **OR:** proof of having a vaccine or proof of having had covid within the past 3 months and not within the last 14 days before camp (dated positive test or Doctor's note).
- They will also need to fill out a pre-screening for symptoms and exposure. There are clear prompts in your account and the ability to upload a picture in any of these formats: jpg, jpeg, png, gif, heic (Apple) or heif (Apple).
- Parents are welcome to help your child settle into their cabins and are free to tour the campus with your child afterwards.
- **We will NOT have Mass on Sunday evening** camp opens so please arrange to go to Sunday Mass prior to your arrival.

FORMS: You should download from the forms and documents section of your [Camp-In-Touch Account](#) the following information: camper [packing list](#), additional camp [policies](#), and camp [rules](#).

- Please take special note of our dress code noted on the camp rules (**we specifically ask that no one bring crop tops which are so popular this Summer**).
- **For those who did the "roll-over" from 2020:** Please log in to your camp-in-touch account to sign the waivers and forms specific to 2021. You can do this when you log in to update the covid forms.

- **“Health History” form** under your forms tab. This needs to be filled out as soon as possible so our medical team can prepare for your arrival. This can be filled out when you upload your covid requirement as explained above.

Packing tips: Please remember that the camp will not be supplying bedding or bathroom supplies (except toilet paper). The bunk areas are air-conditioned. Please pack a sheet and/or mattress cover (twin) and/or a sturdy sleeping bag and pillow along with personal toiletries. The kids will need two towels, one for the pool and another for showers. Do not forget to pack a rosary for them as well if you have one. Please send your child with at least two, personal face mask/covering (we probably won't need them).

Cell phones and all other electronics including iPods, iPhones, iPads, DS's, etc. for campers are PROHIBITED and will be confiscated. The volunteers will all have cell phones and the campers will be able to use them for emergencies – that is if we can get a cell signal. Most phones do not have service at Lake Placid Camp but a hard line is available for emergencies. We will discuss this at length during orientation.

Medications should be clearly labeled with your child's name and instructions for use in a marked Ziploc bag. There will be a nursing table at registration for delivery of these medications (including ANY over-the-counter medications such as Advil) and for clarification of any necessary medical instructions with our registered nursing staff. **The children are not allowed to self-administer medications at any time for any reason except epipens, inhalers or insulin.**

For information on our protocol specific to COVID-19, please refer to this [link](#).

Contact Information: The regular and emergency phone numbers for the Camp itself are found on our website within the “Contact Us” tab, and are also included here. Emergency communication will always be possible through the Camp administration although cell service is very unreliable on campus. To reach the central number (landline) of Lake Placid Camp, call 1-863-465-2197. Prior to camp, to reach a member of the Camp Veritas staff, please call 484-320-7069, the cell-phone of the Director of Operations for the Florida Camp, Maggie Bradley. **During camp, for non-emergencies, please contact our Parent Liaison, Katie De Los Reyes, at 239-273-6642** or email us at admin2@campveritas.com. Note that cell service may be limited at camp.

Financial Information about your stay with us can be found in your Camp-In-Touch account in the financial Management section. You should have received an invoice with details about your account several weeks ago. Please contact us if you need to make special payment arrangements. If your camper is attending as part of a Parish Group, we will collaborate with the church. Also, please let us know as soon as possible if you do NOT plan to attend.

Laser Tag! We are excited to announce that again this year, we will offer Laser tag for the teens at camp! Laser tag helps our teens grow in teamwork in a "capture the flag" opportunity. I can understand the hesitancy of some parents in regards to this activity so we assure you that no camper will be expected to play. Regarding the rest: Game on!

If you have additional questions or comments, you can reply to this e-mail or send a message directly to admin2@campveritas.com.

Our volunteer and religious staff at Camp Veritas are excited about providing each camper with an opportunity for a fun-filled, life-changing experience. We look forward to seeing you at the foot of the Cross!!

If you have not seen it yet and are in the mood to get excited and inspired by the Spirit, watch the Camp Veritas video found at the home page of the website www.campveritas.com. God Bless you all and we will see you in just a few short weeks!

The Camp Veritas Team