

Parent Newsletter

CAMP LOUGHRIDGE

Car Tags:

Anyone picking up your camper will need to have a car tag and be listed as approved on your campers enrollment forms. Car tags are given out on the first day of camp.

Theme Dress Day:

Tuesday campers should wear something that represents the weekly theme

Friday Camp T-Shirt day

CAMP STORE:

If you are interested in purchasing Camp Loughridge t-shirts, hats, and or DVDs, our camp store table will be open after the closing ceremonies on Friday. Be sure to check out the new shirts, too! The following items are available:

DVD	\$25
Hats:	\$15
T-shirts:	\$15



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“Diving into Love”

The theme for this summer is “Diving into Love” taken from Ephesians 3:17-18 “...Then Christ will live in you through faith. I also pray that love may be the ground into which you sink your roots and on which you have your foundation. This way, with all of God’s people you will be able to understand how wide, long, high, and deep his love is.” In order to truly experience Christ in our hearts we must live lives grounded in love. Only by looking through eyes of love can we even begin to comprehend the love Christ has for us and the sacrifice He made for us on the cross. Christ is kept alive in our hearts through faith, and this faith can empower us through any obstacles in life if we truly understand the love of Christ.

This summer we want our campers to learn about the love of Christ and the power of faith. The campers, as well as the staff, will be encouraged to take charge of their faith journey and actively follow God, seizing the challenges set before them by God. We must take charge of our lives as we are responsible for the world around us and we are the hope for improvement .

In addition to providing summer programs for children, Camp Loughridge is a popular year-round meeting and retreat center for Tulsa area churches, groups, families, and professional organizations.

For more information see our website:

www.camplooughridge.org

Or call our office:

(918) 446-4194

Camp Loughridge is accredited by the American Camping Association. This demonstrates to parents and campers our solid commitment to industry-accepted and government-recognized standards in administration of key aspects of camp operation, particularly those related to program quality and the health and safety



Camper Drop-Off & Pick-Up Policies

Camper Drop-Off

Please plan to arrive a little before 9:00 a.m. so that we can begin camp on time each day. Please have your camper(s) ready to be dropped off so we can get all the cars through camp in a safe and orderly fashion.

Camper Pick-Up

Every person who plans to pick up a camper must have a bright orange car tag that will be issued on the first day of camp. If you are carpooling and need more car tags, please notify camp staff dur-

ing drop-off or pick-up.

Campers will not be allowed into a car that does not have a tag on the dash, nor will any cars without tags be allowed through the camp. This ensures the safety of all campers.

Your camper will be ready for your arrival at 5:00 p.m. at the drop-off/pick-up circle. Make sure that you have your orange tag in your car. CAMP SPEED LIMIT is posted 20 mph, but please go slower and be watchful for children.

Late Arrival/Early Release

Parents who bring a camper after 9:30 a.m. or wish to pick up a camper before 4:15 p.m. must enter the 4900 W. 71st Street gate and check in or out with the office manager in the camp office. Campers needing to leave camp early (before 4:15 p.m.) must arrange with the camp office for early release. Parents are strongly encouraged to give notification to the office in writing, by telephone call, or in person prior to the early release.

REMINDER!

Do not forget to send in your Medical and Consent/ Release forms. These forms can be found online at www.camplooughridge.org.

**CLOSING CEREMONY
ON FRIDAY!**

Come and celebrate the completion of your camper's full week of exciting events on Friday, from 3:35 – 4:30p.m. We will have a watermelon feast and awards presentation. Plan to attend – you won't want to miss seeing your camper honored by the counselors. This is a family event, so...bring the siblings, grandparents, and video cameras. The closing ceremony will be held at the Temple Conference Center.

We at Camp Loughridge are interested in YOUR input. You will be invited to complete a parent evaluation at our closing ceremonies. Those who complete an evaluation and include written comments or suggestions are eligible for camp merchandise prizes and a grand prize for one free week of camp tuition for summer 2009!

Health, Wellness, and Medications

We take seriously the health and well being of our campers. Our camp staff is certified in First Aid and CPR and receives specific and thorough safety and health training. In the event that your child experiences illness or injury while at camp, we will notify you if we think that any offsite care is required.

Parents are recom-

mended to apply on their camper's long-acting (SPF 30 or greater) sunscreen before each day of camp.

Send the sunscreen with your camper, so that they or their counselor can reapply the sunscreen later in the day or after swimming time.

If camp leadership is to administer any medication, drop it off at the First Aid

Station (at the drop-off/pick-up circle) on the first day of camp. Please do **not** deliver medications to your child's counselor. Keep the medication or prescription in its original container.

If your child cannot attend camp on a particular day, please call the camp at 446-4194 and report the absence.

Camper Discipline & Conduct

It is important to us that camp is a fun and safe place for your child. Our fun program and great counselors usually keep the campers too busy and engaged to encounter many discipline problems. In the event of behavior difficulties, our counselors and leadership staff will use activity time-outs and talk with the camper(s). If we have a recurring problem, we will contact you to ask for your assistance.

If during the camp week you have any concerns about interactions between your camper and other campers or staff, please feel free to write a note and ask to have it passed on to a director during morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up. This tends to be more clear and helpful than a phone call...but still feel free to call the camp with any major concerns.

Preparing Your Camper

What to wear

T-shirt, shorts, closed-toe athletic shoes, socks, sunscreen, insect repellent, and hat (optional).

What to bring

Bring a camp bag or backpack – everything you bring must fit in this bag. All items should be marked with camper's name (including bag, undies, towels, etc.). Swimsuit (modest swimwear please; tankinis for girls are okay), towel, and waders or sandals with a backstrap (shoes that can get wet), extra shirt and shorts, just in case.

What not to bring

No iPods, cameras, jewelry, money (pop machines are off limits), food, candy, gum, or pocketknives. Camp will not be responsible for lost items.

Rainy Day information

A rainy day is still a GREAT day! Bring a raincoat or poncho. In the event of a tornado alert during the camp day, our facilities have adequate FEMA-standard tornado safe space to shelter every camper and staff member.

If in the early morning it is a tornado situation, do not bring your child to camp.