



WELCOME TO THE
Lantern Creek Family



PARENT & CAMPER HANDBOOK



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Hello there!
I'm Jane Brilliant, one of the founders of CLC.
Piper and I are glad you're here and we're excited
to answer all your questions about camp!
We're going to start off with some of the
logistics of camp and then get into the planning
for play!



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Our Mission

At Camp Lantern Creek, our mission is to focus on each girl, helping her to find her voice, discover her path, learn new life skills, and build emotional strength all while building life- long friendships through the sisterhood with their fellow campers. In this summer home away from home, we create a magical environment where girls learn to try new things, take reasonable risks, along with celebrating both new achievements and great tries. This unique experience builds friendships and new-found confidence that campers take back home to bolster them for the rest of the year.

To accomplish our mission we must have your help as parents in getting your daughter ready for camp and to help her be successful in what can be a life-changing experience. Our hope is that by sharing this information with you in this guide, we can help explain the intentions behind some of our programs and equip you with the tools to help your daughters get the most out of camp!

After reviewing this guide, please take the time to sign off on the 'Confirmation of Handbook' form within your 'forms and documents' dashboard. This serves to show us that you've looked over the guide and that your daughter has also reviewed the Code of Values as well. Should you have any questions about the contents of this packet or if you have additional questions, please reach out to us using the contact information on the next page.

Together we can create a dynamic atmosphere at Camp Lantern Creek full of creativity, growth and independence for each and every camper.

Sincerely,

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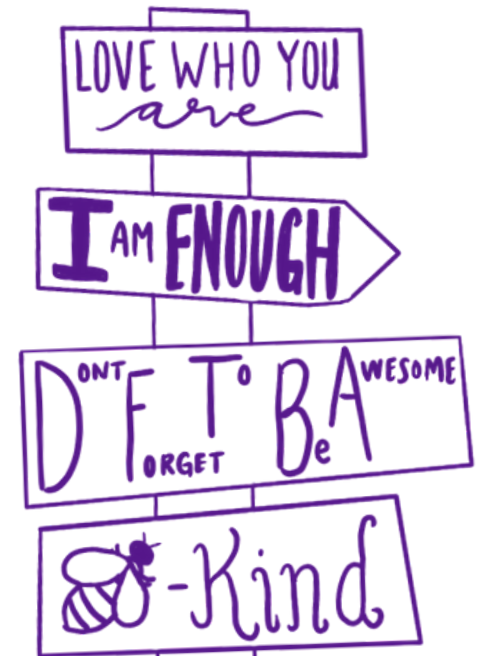
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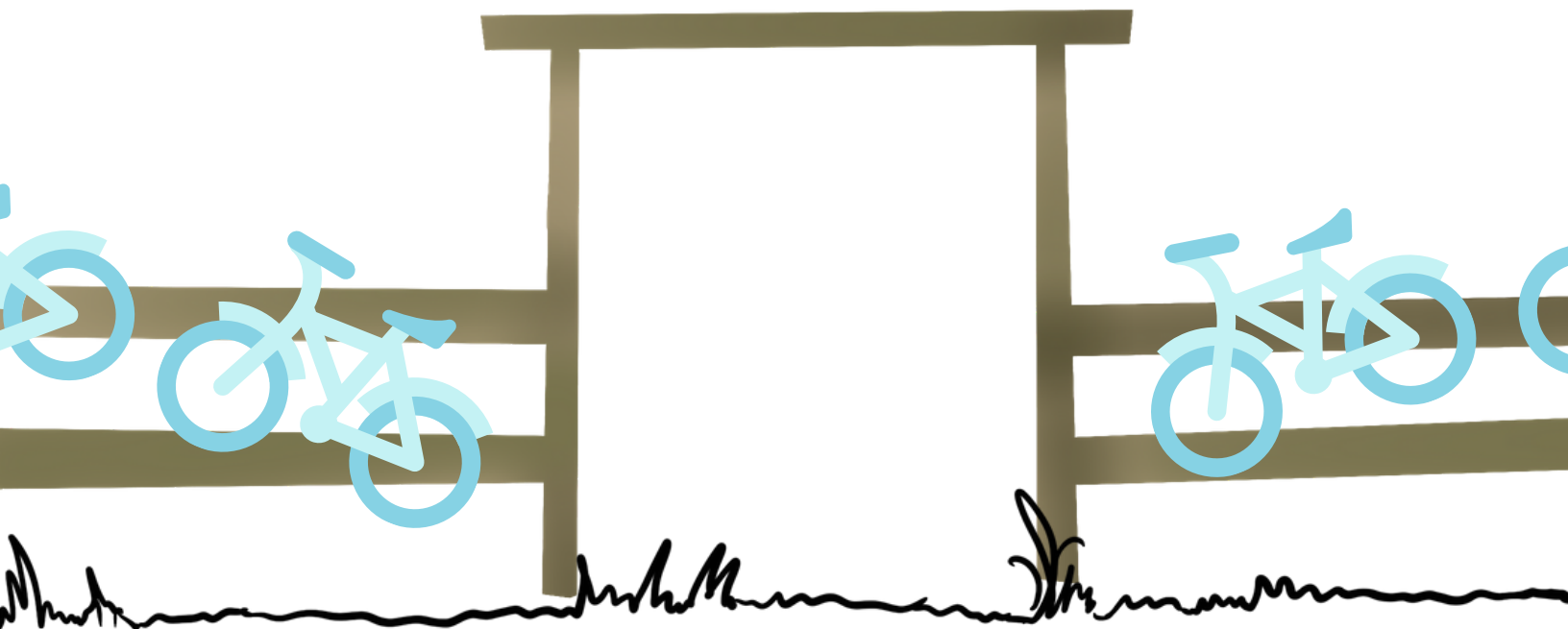
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The Logistics



Registrations

REGISTRATION:

All of our registrations are done through the online application via our website. Early registration each year opens on at the end of summer for returning campers only and we begin open registration on October 1st. Registration remains open until sessions fill to capacity, which tends to begin to happen in early Spring. You'll need to hang onto your log in info to access forms, photos and newsletters in the camp season.

REFUND POLICY:

Camp Lantern Creek requires a deposit at time of application to enroll your camper, and it will be applied toward the camp tuition. This deposit is non-refundable. The remaining balance is due by May 1 or minimum of two weeks prior to the start of the camper's session if registering after May 1 (please see Camp Lantern Creek application for details). In the event that your camper is unable to attend camp, fees may be refunded following the schedule:

Before March 1st: a 75% refund can be granted less deposit

Before April 1st: a 50% refund can be granted less deposit

Before May 1st: a 25% refund can be granted less deposit

All cancellations and requests for refund must be made in writing.

Please keep in mind that we invest a great deal of time, energy and money into an amazing experience for your camper and that begins shortly after a summer season ends for the upcoming summer.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Some partial scholarships AKA camperships are awarded each year. To apply please reach out to Sunni/Piper at sunni@camplanterncreek.com and we can supply you with a brief form. Scholarships are reviewed on a rolling and need based basis.

Leadership Program at Camp

Our leadership program offers four years of training to help campers become more independent. Each level comes with additional training and responsibilities. The goal is for campers to deepen their understanding of their own unique leadership style through the lens of camp with mentorship at each level.

Sparks: Rising 9th Graders

GOAL: The goal of the first year of leadership is to build up the individual understanding of one's leadership style while learning of the possible impacts one can have as a role model.

ACTIVITIES: Leadership Styles Activity, Little sister pairing, Song leading, & Wish Granting. Campers fully participate in both of their activities 1 & 2 as any other younger camper.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS RECEIVED: 10

Torches: Rising 11th Graders

GOAL: Torches begin the transition of camper to counselor as they learn to balance the care of others with care for themselves. They receive mentorship from counselors as they learn about living with younger campers and assist in teaching an activity.

ACTIVITIES: Pre-camp online training sessions, living in cabins with younger campers, assisting in one activity each week, & leadership lounge check-ins with directors and fellow torches.

TUITION: Torches pay only half of the standard rate as they are splitting their time between counseling and attending camp.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS RECEIVED: 90

Flames: Rising 10th Graders

GOAL: The goal of the flame year is to offer opportunities to practice the planning and facilitation of camp events while learning about what it takes to lead large groups.

ACTIVITIES: LITe Activity Block for full session, plus one activity of their choosing, on-site camping trip, planning of Chaos Gathering, planning of Panic! gathering, & planning of all camp theme days.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS RECEIVED: 30

Blazes: Rising 12th Graders

GOAL: The fourth and final year of our leadership program, these junior staff experience a full staff training and put into practice the three prior years of knowledge and learning. They receive check ins from director staff, regular in-services, as well as a paycheck!

ACTIVITIES: Practice interview with directors, staff training, optional lifeguard training (school schedule permitting), leading/co-leading of activities as well as in cabin responsibility to care for campers.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS RECEIVED: Blazes can choose to forgo a week of salary to receive instead service hours.



F.A.Q.s:



How does the promotion process work and when should we hear from CLC about next year?

After the summer ends, our directors review surveys and feedback filled out for each leadership camper by staff members. We weigh growth opportunity heavily in this process as well as our understanding of how added responsibilities will benefit the leadership camper as well as the campers they will be working with. We try to provide feedback on each promotion letter for where we think the leadership camper can stretch and grow and where we have seen great growth and success. Each level adds a bit more strenuous consideration. Promotion and decline letters are sent via email and starting in fall of 2020, shirts will not be sent out via mail.

Can my leadership camper attend any session?

Our leadership programs only run during two week camp sessions.

Medical Care at Camp:



Medical Treatment: If a camper requires medical attention from health care providers outside of camp, the camper's parents will be responsible for all charges which will be billed directly to them or their insurance company provided on the Health History form and the Parent Authorization form. All campers and staff are required to have health insurance coverage (or signed payment authorization) during the time that they are at camp, and proof of coverage must be given to Camp Lantern Creek prior to Check-In Day. If a physician determines that a camper must leave camp for medical reasons prior to session's end, it is the parent's responsibility to pick up the camper from camp. Our camp nurse or directors will notify parents if (1) a camper exhibits symptoms that are deemed worthy of off-camp medical treatment or (2) a camper has any illness that prohibits participation in the majority of camp activities for over 24 hours. Please do not send your child to camp if she is running a fever or is in poor health. The chances of making a speedy recovery while in the physically demanding environment of camp are very slim. We try to provide the safest and healthiest environment for all campers. In an effort to keep everyone in good health, we ask that you consult a doctor before bringing your child to camp if she has recently suffered or been exposed to an illness. We reserve the right to turn away a camper who appears ill on Check-In Day for the health of the entire camp.

Food Policies: Camp Lantern Creek is committed to providing and encouraging healthy eating. Most meals are served in a group setting. A select alternative is available for meals when the camper has an aversion to the menu item served. Vegetarian options are available at every meal for those that have indicated they are vegetarian on the health history form. For campers that have allergies, parents are required to state the allergy on the Health History form, and all the questions on the form must be answered to the parent's full knowledge. We are not able to accommodate all food aversions and encourage campers to try new things at every meal.

Health Information: A completed Health History form is required for every camper. Our form must be completed through your CampInTouch account two weeks prior to your daughter's camp session. The CLC Physician's Exam form, which is completed and signed by a physician, is also due in our office two weeks prior to your camper's session. Please make sure all appointments are made in a timely manner so that all forms are turned in on time! All medication (including vitamins) must be in the original bottle or container from the pharmacy. By state law, the nurse will not distribute medications that are not in the original containers. Prescriptions must have the camper's name and dosing instructions on the label. All medications as described above must match what has been listed in your camper's Health History form. If the dosage stated in the form is different than what is on the medication label, a doctor's order is required. All medications must be turned in to a camp director or nurse upon your camper's arrival. The information will be entered in the nurse's ledger to ensure that the meds are given to your camper as required.

Bed Wetting: If your child has a tendency towards bed-wetting, please send a waterproof mattress pad and an extra set of sheets. A staff member will be able to address all needs privately and discreetly. There are several good products now available for kids to wear to bed without calling attention to themselves. Please make sure to mention bed-wetting to the nurse, director or counselor upon arrival.

Periods at Camp At CLC we celebrate the power of being a girl! It is not uncommon for your daughter to experience a visit from “Aunt Flo” while at camp, and while we hope that you prepare her for this possibility, we do have a system in place to help support campers in this stage of their growth.

In the Be Well, our nurse keeps a stock of supplies for those that may run out or forget to bring pads or tampons along from home. If your camper has her first period while at camp, rest assured that we will take care of her and celebrate in whatever way makes her most comfortable. Our steps are as follows:

1. Our nurse or a cabin counselor will make your daughter comfortable and answer questions that she has about what is happening to her body while we contact a parent or guardian. We have small care packages for campers experiencing their first period, with a small FAQ book, pads, and a discreet case.
2. Dependent on the camper and the parent, we may arrange a time for the camper to talk with her guardian and receive words of comfort from home.
3. We will talk to the camper and decide how she would like to handle the situation. Would she like to share with a couple of friends? Would she like to have a celebration? Or perhaps she would prefer just quiet check-ins from the nurse? It is all done to help her positively view this stage of life and to empower her to have a choice in what she can share about herself.





Electronics at Camp

Lantern Creek is a full adventure experience - the “whole enchilada” so to speak; therefore, campers do not need any electronic entertainment. We will provide all the fun they can imagine in an unplugged atmosphere. No phones, iPods, game players, DVD players, laptops or ANY other electronics are allowed at CLC. If these devices are found, they will be confiscated and held for the parent to check out on the last day of camp. If a camper in the Leadership Program is in possession of one of these items, it may affect her promotion in the program. We understand that in this day and age it is difficult to not have instant communication with your child. You may find you have the urge to put a cell phone in her trunk “for emergency use only”. Please resist this urge. In our experience, the phones are always found - and almost always used inappropriately. In addition, it puts the camper in a terribly uncomfortable position because she knows she is breaking camp rules by secretly having it. Instead, rest assured that you will have 24/7 access to the camp directors; and we will be able to give you updates on your child at a moment’s notice.

Lantern Creek Social Media Policy

We encourage happy relationships between campers and staff members during and after camp. When camp ends, campers are welcome to send letters and emails to staff members to the main CLC address. We will make sure that the letters will find their way to that person. We do not allow staff members and campers to become “friends” in social media applications. Our staff members sign a contract acknowledging that “friending” or “following” campers or parents under their real name in this way is against CLC policy. This is both for the protection of campers and staff members. Some staff will opt to create a CLC account using their camp name that can be followed, but is monitored by director staff. Please discuss this with your camper and explain that communication with staff members online complicates things for the staff members and can result in the staff member’s termination.



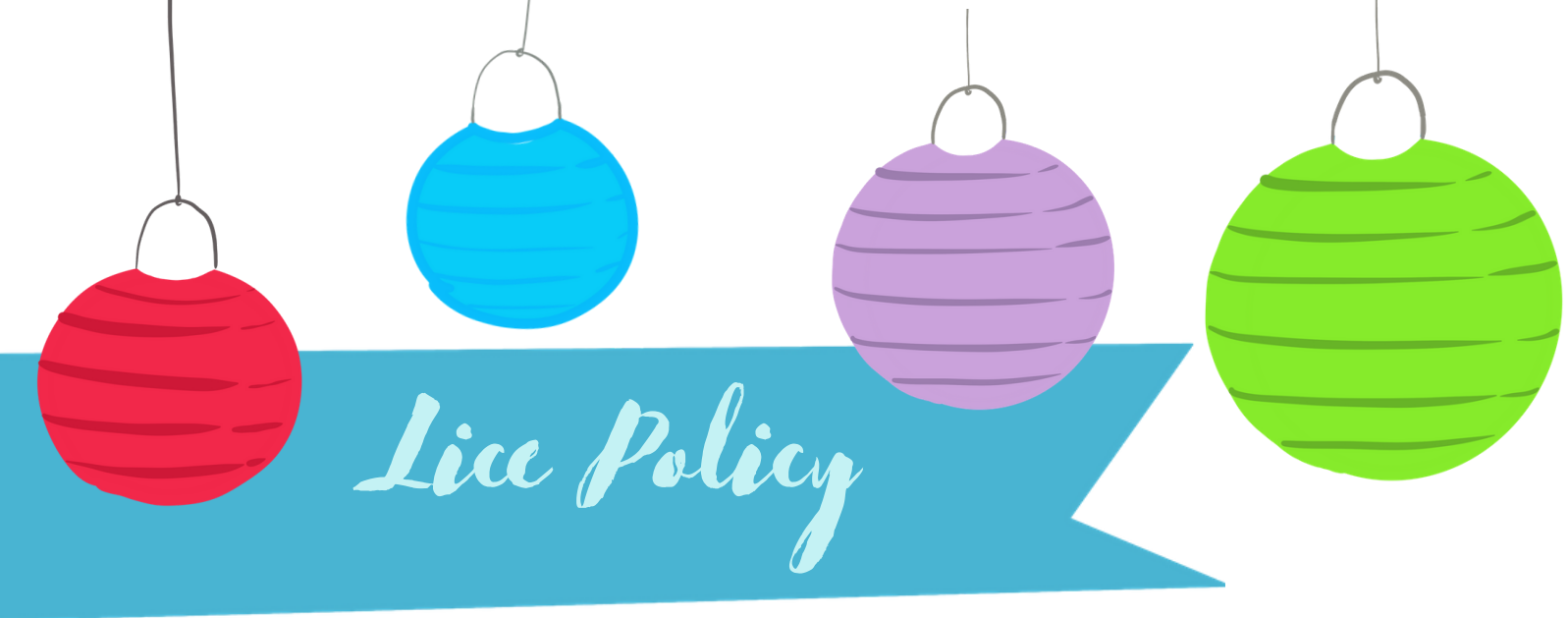
Bunk Requests

In your camper's forms and documents, you'll have the option to indicate bunk requests for your camper. While we try our very best to honor these requests, we cannot guarantee them. Cabin and bunk assignments are created based on the proportion of grade levels attending each session. We choose to do this, with the knowledge that campers in elementary school will have very different conversations than those in Middle School during their downtime.

While we know that your camper may come to camp with friends, please consider the opportunity they have to build new friendships as well. We ask that you prepare for this growth by having conversations before camp to set up your camper for success on the first day.

Cabin Contract & Rules to Live By

The greatest advantage to summer camp is the friendships it creates. This is done through campers living, working, and playing together. In order to do this well, on the first night of camp each cabin will write their own "rules to live by" (with guidance from counselors) on a poster that hangs in the cabin for the duration of the session. Once these cabin rules are created and agreed upon by the cabin mates, the campers will sign the cabin flag to show their commitment to the rules. The cabin rules are a product of campers and counselors discussing expectations for that cabin and its campers. The signature is the camper's acknowledgement to abide by these rules. This kind of self-governing system works wonderfully. In the event that someone cannot follow the rules, the staff will involve the directors immediately. If severe behavior problems persist causing an upset in the cabin atmosphere and/or putting other campers or staff at risk in any way, we reserve the right to dismiss a camper without refund.



One of the goals we set every summer is keeping CLC campers free of head lice. Although not a serious medical issue, as parents and Camp Directors we realize the frustration these critters cause! We have never had a case of head lice at camp, but recent changes in school policy that allow students with lice to remain in school have resulted in a dramatic increase in lice cases. We have heard the same story from dozens of camps across the country.

- We will require ALL campers to bring a proof of lice check (and treatment if needed) from a professional lice check facility at Check-In Day. No exceptions.
- The proof of lice check **MUST** be within 0-7 days from your camper's Check-In Day.
- An additional cost of \$40 will be charged to your account if your camper requires a lice check from our staff on Check-In Day.

This policy has been put into place for several reasons:

- Being checked for lice **BEFORE** camp sets up your daughter for success and an easy transition into her cabin. It eliminates the possibility of her having to leave for treatment and come back to a cabin that has started introductions and bonding.
- Being checked for lice **BEFORE** camp will also eliminate any inconvenience for you as a parent. It will be time consuming to locate a treatment facility, receive the treatment, and then drive back to camp to drop off your camper. No refunds are given if a camper must leave camp to receive lice treatment.
- Check-In Day will flow more smoothly and quickly for families and staff if valuable time is not taken to do lice checks.

We have contacted professional lice clinic locations throughout Texas to verify cost and ability to check all types of hair regardless of ethnicity. The average cost is \$25-\$35 for the check. (This does not include treatment if needed.) Here are a few (and certainly not all) that we recommend:

- The Lice Place (Dallas, Houston)
- Lice Care Solutions (Austin, Dallas, Houston)
- Lice Clinics of America (Austin, Dallas, Houston)
- Hair Fairies (Dallas)



Our gate will open at 1:30, but please look for an email with your cabin's check-in time.

Check-in is from 1:30-3:00 pm. You will receive an email with your specific time to show up based on your child's cabin. If you are running late, please call the office at (936) 597-8225 to let us know. Upon arrival, our staff will direct you to parking. Once parked, please head to Rally Hall to check your camper in before unloading any belongings. Your first stop in Rally will be the nurse's table where she will do a quick health screening and you will turn in any medications for your camper. You can then proceed to the check-in table to receive your cabin assignments. Following this, you will take your camper and her gear to her assigned cabin. There are wagons at the Wings Pavilion for you to use to transport camp gear into her cabin once she is all checked in. Our Leadership campers will be available to help you at the Wings, and our staff is located around cabins to help you find your way. Feel free to stay and help her make her bunk and put her things in place. Once she is settled, it is time to say goodbye to your camper. She will need to change into her bathing suit and join her cabin mates for games, a camp tour, swim checks and free swim. The fun begins!!!



Check-out Procedures

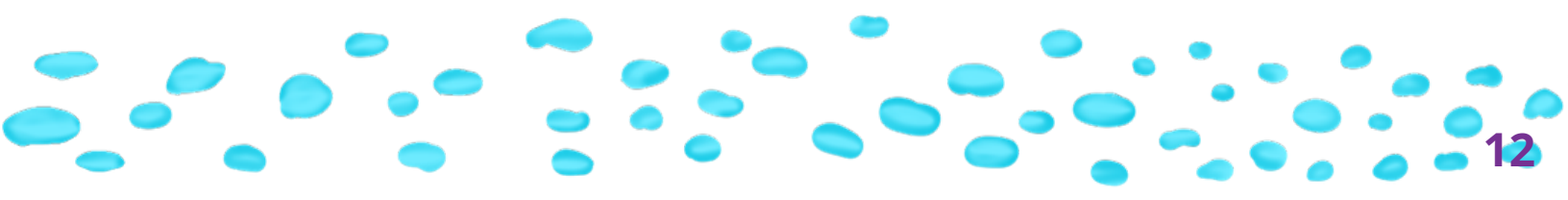
Our front gate will open at 1 pm. Check out will begin at 1:30. Please park in the parking lot and come to the office to check out your camper. You will need a valid driver's license. If an alternative adult is picking up your camper, the CLC office must be notified in writing ahead of time. All campers and families will meet in Rally Hall for a quick presentation. If you are running late, please call the office at (936) 597-8225 to let us know.

The gate will close at 2:00pm for the closing ceremony. Please wait until a staff member comes to reopen the gate if you are running late.

Once the presentation is over, your camper is welcome to give you a tour of camp so that she can tell you about her experience. Do not forget to stop by the Luminary to purchase any last minute CLC gear. Once you are ready to load up, your camper's belongings will be under the Wings Pavilion marked by cabin signs. (Don't forget laundry bags!).

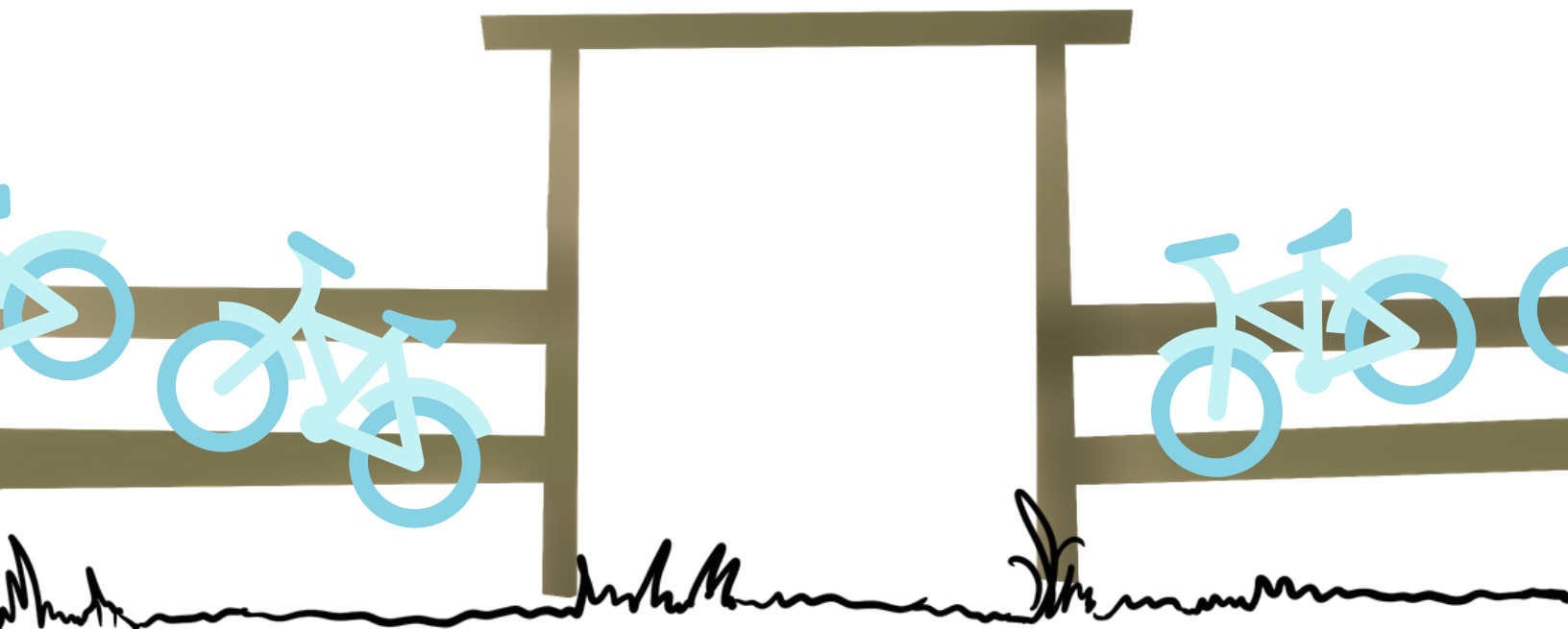
Two Week Session Pick up is on a Friday

One Week Session Pick up is on a Sunday





Planning for play



The Creek-tionary

Cabin Creeker – a camper who is nominated by their peers for being a fantastic CLC girl during the session. Each cabin has their cabin creeker announced at campfire.

Dames – camp team representing the heart of a woman and inner strength; they don purple capes.

Gypsies – camp team representing freedom of a woman in heart and spirit; they don flower crowns.

Terras – camp team representing women of the Earth and servant leadership; they don 'Rafiki' sticks.

Free Swim – a time in the afternoon for campers to swim and slide during the heat of the day.

Fire Lighter – One camper from each team chosen by staff to light the fire at closing campfire. This is a huge honor, and campers are selected based on how they have demonstrated CLC girl qualities.

Ga-Ga – an awesome dodgeball-like game; our Ga-Ga pit is located behind the pool.

Gathering – our evening program that changes each night; be sure to check the calendar in Rally!

Jane Brilliant – Jane Brilliant, Captain of the Forthright, founded this land. She's awesome! We will tell you more when you arrive!

Round Robin – morning activity block in which campers choose their activities each day.

Sesh – referring to a 'session' of camp.

Tree Cookie – CLC name tags; not for eating!



Camp Areas

Be Well – camp infirmary where our nurse lives and campers go to Be Well! Located in Grand Central.

Barrett's Lake – our canoe lake named for the Barrett family, who used to own our land.

Challenge Course – located behind Barrett's Lake.

Earhart Field – CLC archery range, located behind the pool, named for Amelia Earhart – she soared high like our arrows.

Grand Central – houses admin offices, the Be Well, The Luminary, and the Pop-Up apartment.

Ledecky Lagoon – the big pool, named after Olympic swimmer Katie Ledecky!

Lucy – the smaller pool, named after Lucille Ball

Luminary – CLC store, located in Grand Central.

Muse – our theater/art building – come find your Muse!

Narnia – located upstairs in the Muse; this is where we keep our costumes and props.

Outhouse – attached to the back of the Muse; our maintenance area.

Pop Up – The apartment that is Turtle's abode!

Rally – dining hall, named to be the place we all meet and rally together during meals and other programs.

Rosie's – Our workshop, located directly behind the Muse.

Sally Ride the Waterslide – located in our pond; this is our 35 foot water slide named for the first female astronaut, Dr. Sally Ride.

Studio 1 – the art room!

Sugar Shack – named after Piper's mom; we eat sweet treats here; also our pool house area.

Summer House – Piper, Rook, Crow, and Pebbles live here during the summer. At the back of the summer house is also the leadership lounge, where our Torches take some much deserved time off.

Square – the entire area around the Muse and Sugar Shack, referring to the program spaces of camp.

Town – area of camp around the cabins and Rally Hall.



Daily Camp Schedule

7:45am Flag Ceremony
8:00am Breakfast
9:15am Round Robin
10:30am Activity 1
12:15pm Lunch
1:15pm Rest Time
2:30pm Sugar Shack
3:00pm Free Swim
4:30pm Activity 2
6:15pm Dinner
7:30pm Evening Gathering

Round Robin's: Daily opportunities for campers to try new things. Campers choose their round robin of the day during breakfast and attend for one hour. The intention behind this part of our day is to prompt your camper to make brave choices and try new things.

Meals at CLC: Our meals at Lantern Creek are served either family style or buffet, depending on the food served. A fruit or salad bar is offered at every meal for campers to find something they'd like to eat and there is always a vegetarian option available to those who indicate as such on their health form.

Sugar Shack: Our pool house and many camper's favorite part of the day. Named after Piper's mom, we enjoy a sweet treat here before free swim starts.

Free Swim – a time in the afternoon for campers to swim and slide during the heat of the day. Campers spend about half of their free swim days at both Sally Ride and at the Pools.

Gathering – our evening program that changes each night; from campfires and Piccadilly night to our camp carnival, our gatherings are intended to get our campers and staff out of their comfort zones and interacting with peers in other cabins.



Activities One & Two

Our activities at CLC are designed to give your camper a chance to learn a new skill. Your camper will attend these activities Monday through Friday, for either one week or two weeks. (Classes like Spotlight, Stage Crew, or the LiTe Class last for the full two weeks of Sessions 1 and 2.)

By the beginning of **MAY**, we will send out an email with directions to access the Activities Preferences form. You will have a chance to read a little about each class with your camper before making the decision to place her top 5 in her preference order.

To access this form, you will log into your camper's CampInTouch account and head to the **'FORMS AND DOCUMENTS'** dashboard. When the Activities form goes live (typically in the evening when most families are home from school and work), your camper will make her selections and submit them.

Some classes have specific age requirements and some may also require a fee if they are a certification class (i.e., Junior Lifeguarding, CPR & First Aid, or Babysitting). While most of our classes will run for one week (Monday-Friday) at camp, we do host a couple that stretch for the entirety of our two week sessions (i.e., Spotlight and Stage Crew).

Not every class will repeat each year! We hire our staff from a variety of backgrounds, and each counselor comes in with unique skills that allow us to offer new things and to temporarily retire other classes.

After the preferences are turned in, we work to create camper schedules. With changes happening right up until the first full day of camp, we do not hand out these schedules until the first Monday morning of the session.



We honor activities preferences on a first come, first serve basis!





Code of Values & Behavior at Camp

Camp Lantern Creek is accepting of all makes and models of campers. We choose to create an environment that supports personal and interpersonal growth, which can only be achieved by tolerance for differences, intentional choices toward diversity, and no tolerance for bullying of others.

We operate on a three strikes rule in regards to bullying. Should your camper be involved in a case of bullying, we will reach out to you with the details of the incident. We understand that sometimes being in a new environment, surrounded by new people, and having less personal space can exacerbate bad behavior; therefore, it is typical that we will work to set goals with your camper to assure that there is not a repeat of any incident to the best of our ability. If an incident should occur a second time, we will call home and work with parents to determine the appropriate consequence. If an incident occurs for a third time, we will contact the camper family to arrange a pickup. While this is always a last resort, please know that we must balance the experience and attention given to one camper with others who are also at CLC to have a great experience.

If your camper should have a background that may affect their behavioral expectations at CLC, we ask for you to fill out the Mental, Emotional, and Social Health form thoughtfully and carefully, so that we can make sure your camper's experience is a positive and successful one. The form can be found on your on your forms dashboard and please feel free to reach out to Sunni (sunni@camplanterncreek.com) to set up a call to talk further.

Starting in Summer 2020, we are also asking our campers and parents to review our behavior policy together and sign off on the code of values included in this packet. Please take the time to look at this together and return with other forms once completed.

What to Bring

- ☐ 1 Pillow
- ☐ 1 Twin Sheet Set
- ☐ 1 Blanket or Quilt
- ☐ 3 Bath Towels
- ☐ 3 Pool Towels
- ☐ 1 Landry Bag (with **obvious** name tag)
- ☐ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Hairbrush
- ☐ Ponytail Holders
- ☐ Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- ☐ 1 Pair of Tennis Shoes
- ☐ 1 Pair of Water Shoes
- ☐ 1 Pair of flip flops
- ☐ 6-8 Pairs Socks (per week)
- ☐ 6-8 Pairs Shorts (per week)
- ☐ 8 Shirts (per week)
- ☐ 1 Plain white shirt in a ziplock
- ☐ 1 Pair of Jeans
- ☐ Feminine Hygiene Products as needed
- ☐ 6-8 undergarments (per week)
- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ 2 (or more) Swimsuits
- ☐ 1 Light Jacket
- ☐ Flashlight/batteries
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Bug Spray
- ☐ Water Bottle

Remember to label everything!



Campers may pack in trunks or duffle bags. Trunks need to be 17" tall or less to fit under the bunks. There is a link to Everything Summer Camp's website on our homepage. If you click that link and order with them, you will receive CLC's camp discount. They have just about everything that you could need!

- ☐ 1 Dozen Clothespins
- ☐ Stationary & Book of Stamps
- ☐ Camera-Without internet or phone abilities ONLY! (Optional)
- ☐ Rain Jacket & Boots
- ☐ Camp Chair (Folding canvas chair)
- ☐ Team Gear (Returning Campers)
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Costumes (Optional)

What *NOT* to Bring

Please review with your child and be aware of the items she brings to camp. We have a no tolerance policy when it comes to cell phones, tobacco, alcohol, weapons or illegal drugs on our campsite. Any evidence of these could result in immediate dismissal from camp without refund. Do not bring ANY electronics. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, mp3 players and iPods, e-readers, iTouch, NintendoDS, DVD players, and computers. Cameras are allowed, but only if they do not have phone or internet capabilities. Electronic items that are brought by mistake will be kept in a safe in the office until checkout day. Do not bring medicine without its original container.

- All medications must be in their original containers with prescription labels intact.
- All over-the-counter medication must also be in its original containers.
- All medication will be checked in with our camp nurse upon arrival. (We do keep over the counter medicines in the Be Well, if a camper should need some.)
- Do not bring any clothing with inappropriate language or material. We prefer that you NOT bring new clothing to camp. Old clothes are just fine here at CLC where we enjoy making wonderful messes!

If you have any questions about this, please call the office at (936) 597-8225.





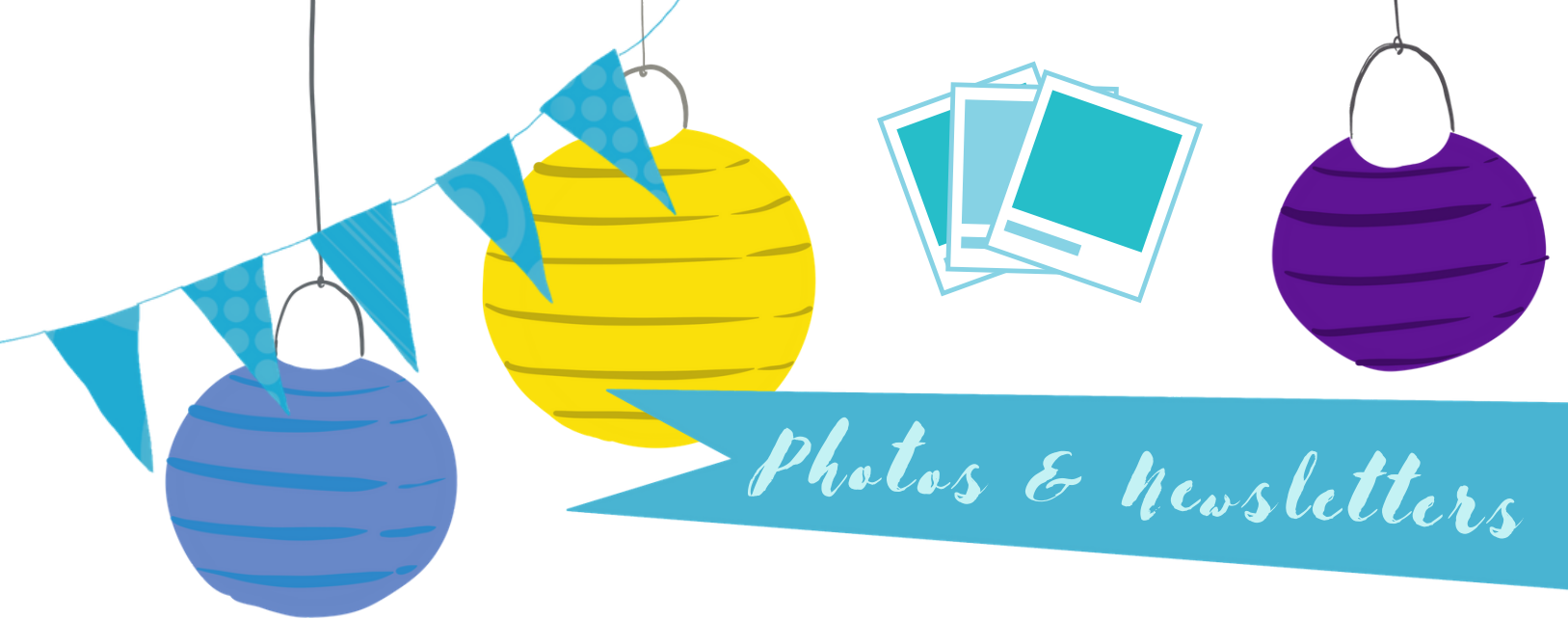
It is hereby written that we encourage participation in hilarious, messy, sometimes paint-filled activities. Clothing suffers from these activities occasionally...so please do not feel the need to buy new clothes for camp!

We do not provide camper laundry in a one week session (unless it is urgent). During a two week session, camper laundry will be done once, for a small additional fee. (We work with a local company that picks up camper laundry on Saturday morning and returns it on Sunday afternoon. The fee is to cover their charges.) For all the clothes that you send with your child:

1. Please do not send any clothing that cannot be machine-washed.
2. **Label EVERY item** with your camper's name.
3. CLC accepts no responsibility for damage done to clothing.

Lost & Found

As stated above, please make sure all your child's belongings are labeled with her name. Every attempt is made to reunite belongings to their owners. CLC tries to create independent campers, therefore, they are responsible for keeping track of their belongings. All items left at the end of summer are donated to a charitable organization by September 1st.

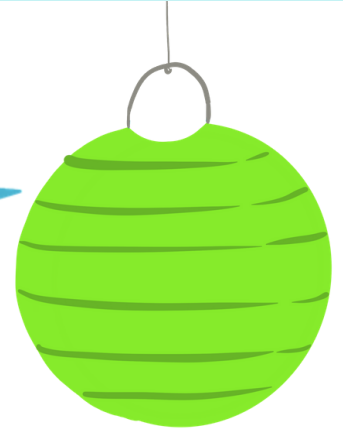


Photos & Newsletters

We love showing parents how much fun CLC girls are having at camp! Our camp photographer will take pictures everyday in activities and gatherings. We try our best to post them online as time (and country internet connection) allows. Photos are available for purchase and download through your CampInTouch account on our website.

We also create a memory book to commemorate each year. It will include photos from the summer and memories made in your daughter's cabin. You can opt to purchase this memory book during registration or after closing ceremonies.

Bridge Weekends



For those campers who are ready, we would love to have them stay for more than one session. Campers that stay for more than one session will be at camp for what we call a Bridge Weekend. That is a weekend that occurs BETWEEN two camp sessions. For example, we will have Session 1 connected to Session 2 by a Bridge Weekend. The weekend that falls in the middle of a two-week session is not considered a Bridge. If your camper is combining sessions, you have the option to pick them up at check-out and bring them back for the next check in; or you can sign them up to participate in the Bridge Weekend activities, and they will stay with us for the full two sessions. There is a fee to cover food, staffing and fun activities. Please see fee schedule for details. During the Bridge, campers will have activities and be supervised at all times. You must pre-register for the Bridge, as we hire staff according to accurate numbers.

Homesickness

Your camper will be so excited to see you on closing day to show you around camp and tell you about her time at CLC. Other than closing days, NO VISITORS are allowed on camp for the safety and security of all the Lantern Creek campers. There are no exceptions to this policy, so please set appropriate expectations with your camper in this regard. Please do not promise your camper that you will come pick her up if she gets homesick, but do feel free to share any strategies you have discussed with your daughter, should she get homesick. There is a place to do this on the 'Mental, Emotional, and Social Health Form' in your dashboard.

Campers who hold on to a false hope that their parent might come for a visit or come get them often have trouble transitioning into camp life.

The first night or two of camp is an adjustment. Because of this, we ease the campers into their environment with a night of cabin bonding on the first night with their counselors and cabin mates. In spite of this, there will be a few campers who get a touch of homesickness. Our staff are trained to handle these situations. Each counselor will have the tools she needs to assist your camper through any rough times. If you receive a letter of concern, please let the directors know by phone or email. Chances are by the time you receive the letter, your camper's feelings have passed. But we will make sure to check in with the camper and the counselor, and communicate that with you. If you do not receive a call from a director while your child is at camp, that is a good thing! We will only contact you if we feel there is a situation in which we need your expertise on your child.

We discourage homesick campers from speaking to their parents as we know from years of experience that this is the beginning of the end and we want to support your daughter through this so she can feel proud of her accomplishments.





Mail Call is a time of the day that every camper looks forward to. Emails to your camper are sent through your CampInTouch account and will be printed on a daily basis. Campers are not permitted to email back, but letter writing is encouraged and even “taught” in the cabin.

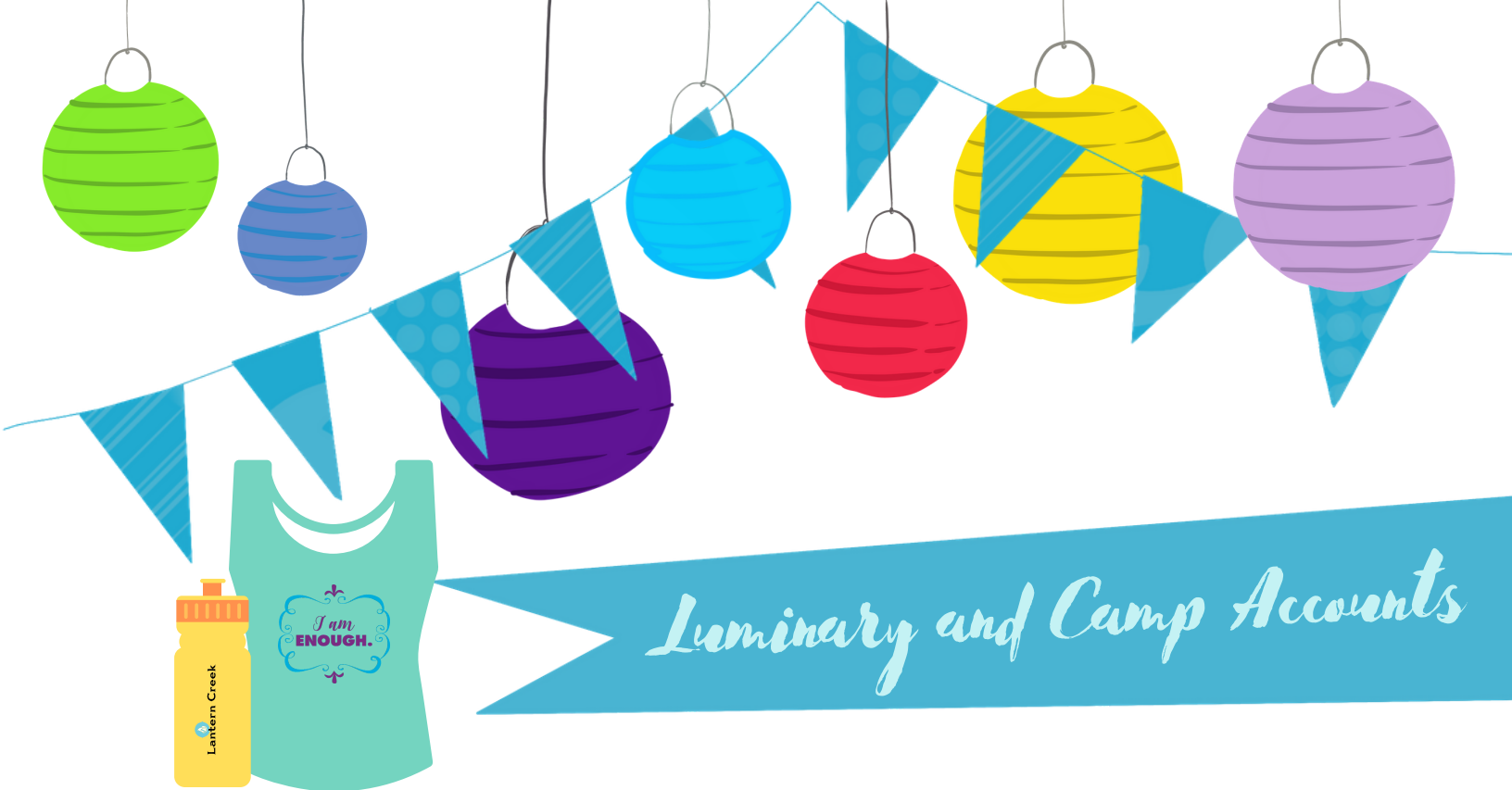
We do not accept care packages for campers, unless they are celebrating their birthday while at camp. We have found that most of what parents and family send to their campers gets left behind or goes back home left in their trunk unopened. This new policy will hopefully make things more simplistic for you as a parent, as well as reducing waste. We are committed to making your daughter's experience as meaningful as possible and feel that we provide enough fun here at camp that letters and emails are sufficient.

MAILING ADDRESS FOR LETTERS:

YOUR CAMPER'S NAME
HER CABIN
4045 North FM 1486
Montgomery, Texas 77356

CampStamps: If you (or another family member you grant access for) choose to email your camper, emails are printed at 11:00 a.m. each day (except for Saturday and Sunday) and are delivered to cabins before lunch, with most campers receiving them at rest. Should you send an email after 11:00 a.m., it will be printed the following day. Emails require CampStamps and can be purchased through your CampInTouch account. Just remember that “less is more” when communicating with your camper. The credit card used for CampStamps is NOT the one we have on file for tuition and the camp store account. You will need to enter your credit card information again for CampStamps. CampStamps is a service provided through Camp Minder and CLC has no ability to alter this service.

***CampStamps are run through CampInTouch directly and are not something that CLC can alter.**



Once a week each camper will have the opportunity to shop at the Luminary (our camp store). The money spent will be withdrawn from the camper account you set up (once your camper is registered) through your CampInTouch account. The camp store sells CLC gear such as t-shirts and hats, as well as fun souvenirs like stuffed animals and water bottles. Flashlights (with batteries), travel size toiletries, bug spray and sunscreen are also available to purchase.

Campers only shop during their cabin's allotted time each week and on Check-Out Day. Should a camper need a personal item that has run out or was left at home, their counselor will help them to get what they need. The money that is not spent in your camper's store account is donated to the "campership" fund to assist campers financially.

How to Fund Camp Accounts: Simply log in to your CampInTouch account, click on "View Accounts" and follow the steps to fund her account. The credit card we have on file for you will be charged for the amount funded. Campers will have a chance to shop once each week. Examples of items that can be purchased in the store are CLC t-shirts (approximately \$20), hats (\$20), water bottles (\$10-\$12), headbands (\$15), stuffed animals (\$10-\$15), beach towels (\$35), bandanas (\$7), pens (\$3), friendship bracelets (\$5) and much much more!!

SPECIAL NOTE: If you are funding multiple camp accounts, CampMinder has a safety mechanism that will not allow exact amounts to be charged to the same credit card within a 24 hour period. Two options to bypass this are: a) fund the accounts on separate days; or b) use different amounts for the accounts. For example, \$30 and \$31.