

2021

Camp Bird for Lutherans, Inc.

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July 4-9 July 11-16 July 18-23

Sunday registration: 2:30-3:00 p.m. for girls in grades 5-6
3:00-3:30 p.m. for girls in grades 7-8
3:30-4:00 p.m. for all boys

Friday: 11:00 -11:30 a.m. parents pick up campers

Please continue to watch the website for updates: www.campbird.org

Our mission is to provide WELS young people (grades 5-8) an opportunity for Christian fellowship and spiritual growth through a camping experience.

WHERE? Camp Bird is in Northern Wisconsin, Marinette County, half-way between Crivitz and Mountain, just off Highway W. Directions to Camp Bird and other **important information for campers and parents will be sent in an acceptance packet via e-mail from the following e-mail address: campbird4lutheransapplication@gmail.com. Set your e-mail filter to accept messages from this address and then watch your incoming e-mail. Questions should also be sent to this e-mail address.**

Camp Bird is leased from the Marinette County Forestry Department. It has full facilities including shower rooms and flush toilets plus all the other necessary buildings for a full camping experience. Seven campers and a counselor are housed in each cabin. Spring-fed Sand Lake allows campers a fun boating, canoeing, and swimming experience.

WHAT CAN I DO? Day and evening programs are directed by competent and experienced staff—Bible discussions and music sessions; swimming, hiking, nature study, games, handicraft, volleyball, archery, boating, and swimming. There is plenty of time for just plain relaxing and enjoying Christian fellowship with fellow WELS members and dedicated staff people.

CAN I COME? If you are in grades 5-8 during the 2020-21 school year, you are eligible. *In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

WHAT MUST I DO TO APPLY?

- Parents/Guardians, fill out the attached waiver and application form completely.
- Camper and Parent/Guardian sign and date the waiver.

- Send page 4 of this document (waiver and application) with your registration fee (**check payable to Camp Bird for Lutherans, Inc.**) to the name and address listed below.
- Watch for your acceptance packet via e-mail from campbird4lutheransapplication@gmail.com.
- Acceptance materials will be sent to the e-mail address you provide on the application form. Please write legibly.

WHAT IS THE COST?

- **First child in the family = \$175**
 - Send \$175 with the completed application and waiver form.
- **Additional children = \$135**
 - Send \$135 with the completed application and waiver form.
- Please note that registration checks will not be cashed immediately.

After June 15, the registration fee will not be refunded for cancellations unless we have another camper on reserve.

WHEN SHOULD I MAIL IN MY APPLICATION?

Applications may be mailed anytime—but sooner is better. Your camper will be registered first-come, first-served based on the USPS postmark on the envelope. Fee includes a t-shirt, access to handicraft items, postcards/stamps and other minor supplies. Please indicate your camper's t-shirt size on the application form. Size is guaranteed if application is accepted by May 15.

WHERE DO I SEND MY APPLICATION?

Mail your completed application with the proper registration fee (see above) to

Andrea Stelter

Camp Bird for Lutherans

2502 Pointe Road

Weston, WI 54476

call or text

414-731-9393

Parents, please read this letter from the Camp Bird for Lutherans Board of Directors before completing the application for your camper(s) and the waiver form on page 4 of this file.

April 24, 2021

Dear Camp Bird Parent or Guardian,

This letter contains information to help guide you in decision-making prior to sending your child to Camp Bird in July 2021. Marinette County will assist in providing a safe camp experience, but it is the responsibility of the group's organizers to educate and train volunteers to ensure that proper safety procedures are being followed to reduce the spread of Covid-19.

We can't do this alone. We need to work together to facilitate camp for your children while keeping them safe from highly infectious diseases like Covid-19. We intend to follow the advice of infectious disease expert resources from the American Camp Association to make decisions to keep our dedicated volunteers, campers, and mascots safe, healthy and positioned to return to their homes safely after camp concludes.

Our number one focus is our common love for Christ our Savior. We ask for your cooperation to work in unity to ensure an enjoyable camp experience for all.

Camp Bird for Lutherans draws campers from different communities, towns, cities, counties and states. We are therefore considered a high-risk group for spreading viruses. We encourage campers to meet other Christian children and we believe we can have camp in 2021, but only with your help.

Volunteer staff agree to:

- Wearing masks while inside buildings as applicable
- Maintaining physical distancing as appropriate
- Washing or sanitizing our hands frequently
- Assigning campers to small groups
- Designating staff for daily health checks
- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces your child may touch, such as the dining hall tables and bathrooms twice daily or more as needed
- Designating staff responsible for responding to any camper's complaint of symptoms of illness, including isolating them as needed for suspected highly infectious diseases

Campers agree to:

- Wearing masks while inside buildings as applicable
- Maintaining physical distancing as appropriate
- Washing or sanitizing her/his hands frequently
- Remaining with their small group
- Participating in daily health checks
- Using their own reusable water bottle
- Reporting any sign or symptoms of infectious disease to their counselor or a volunteer as soon as possible
- **Staying home** if he/she or anyone in your family has been diagnosed with Covid-19, are waiting for test results, or have been exposed to someone with symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case

Parents/Guardians agree to:

- Educating and reinforcing the rules above, with your child, prior to camp
- **Staying home** if you or anyone in your family has been diagnosed with Covid-19, are waiting for test results, or have been exposed to someone with symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case
- Providing your child with masks to wear daily as needed
- Picking up your child from Camp Bird within 4-6 hours as requested by the Camp Nurse or Director in the event that your child has signs or symptoms of Covid-19

Many things we do will be different this year. We can succeed together with patience, understanding and Christian love for one another.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Camp Bird for Lutherans Board of Directors

Please read the letter from the Camp Bird for Lutherans Board of Directors on pages 2-3; then complete all required information and signatures and return this entire page to the address listed on page 1 of this document.

COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE

The undersigned has carefully reviewed the letter to Parent or Guardian and understands all the risks associated with sending my child to Camp Bird. I further understand that the efforts described therein cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. Experts have said that people with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before manifesting any symptoms. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass a required health screening and still be allowed into camp. Moreover, the very nature of camp makes social distancing difficult in many situations and impossible in others. On behalf of myself and my child, we commit to following all COVID-19 related rules and guidelines to the best of our ability.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have carefully reviewed all available information and have educated yourself about the risks associated with COVID-19 at a summer camp that draws campers from a wide area. ***I HEREBY RELEASE MARINETTE COUNTY, CAMP BIRD FOR LUTHERANS INC., AND ALL OF THEIR AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, VENDORS, AND ANY RELATED PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY RELATED IN ANY WAY TO COVID-19.***

Camper's Name (printed)

Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

APPLICATION FORM *(please print with black ink)*
Make check payable to Camp Bird for Lutherans, Inc.

Camper's Name _____ Grade ____ *(2020-2021 school year)* Applicant is a Boy

Address (Number & Street) _____ Girl

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone number (____) _____ - _____ Secondary Phone number (____) _____ - _____

e-mail *needed for acceptance letter* (please write legibly) _____

T-shirt size (**circle one**) Child Large Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult XL

Name of Parent _____ I would like to camp the week of
July 4-9

Home congregation, City _____ July 11-16

I would like to be in the same cabin with *(limited to 2 other campers)* July 18-23

1. _____ 2. _____
(your name should be on your partners' application)