

2011 CAMP SALEM PARENT INFORMATION for Camp Salem Youth Leadership Track and Camp Salem Staff

Parents, thank you for sharing your youth with us during Camp Salem!

A few things for you to know:

- **YOUR CHILD IS A MODEL OF CHRIST'S LOVE AS SHE/HE INTERACTS WITH THE CAMPERS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.** We expect our youth volunteers to have a cheerful and cooperative attitude, to show respect for one another, the Camp Salem adult staff and the campers, and to participate fully. Please read the expectations sheet on the back side of this sheet. Your child is also asked to sign a covenant indicating that she/he is aware of and understands the purpose of Camp Salem and the expectations of staff and volunteers.
- **YOUR CHILD WILL BE WORKING HARD DURING THE WEEK!** Camp Salem is a first-class operation and it takes young people who are willing to do whatever needs to be done to make the week a success. This could include anything from playing with kids, moving tables, helping in the kitchen, vacuuming, cleaning the restrooms, picking up trash, and any number of things that come up during the week! Youth Leadership Track participants will also have time for Bible Study and begin learning about various aspects of camp leadership from our Lutherhill staff.
- **ACCOUNTABILITY:** Youth Leadership Track participants are accountable to their college-age leader, who is devoted to their group for the week. Camp Salem staff are accountable to the college-age leader for their camper group and to Jennifer Martin (Camp Salem Director).
- **ATTENDANCE AT OUR STAFF TRAINING AND SET-UP SESSION ON SUNDAY, JULY 17, at 12:30 pm IS MANDATORY** for all Camp Salem Staff and Youth Leadership Track participants. It is essential for everyone to be on the same page and to know what's going to happen before 100-plus campers show up on Monday morning. We simply cannot train people on Monday with everything else going on once campers arrive.
- **YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRACK PARTICIPANTS NEED TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 8:15 A.M. EACH DAY. IF YOU HAVE YOUNGER CHILDREN THAT WILL ALSO BE ATTENDING CAMP SALEM,** please plan to stay with them until 8:30 (they are welcome to play in our gym under your supervision), unless you choose to enroll them in Extended Care.
- **IF YOUR CHILD IS ON CAMP SALEM STAFF (NOT YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRACK),** he/she will also be asked to attend a wrap-up meeting at the end of the camp day, which should finish between 4-4:15 p.m. If you have younger children, you are welcome to enroll them in Extended Care for the afternoon only at a reduced rate of \$15.
- **ALL CAMP SALEM VOLUNTEERS ARE TO BRING A SACK LUNCH EACH DAY.** Volunteers are NOT permitted to leave Salem's campus to purchase fast food. Any youth who forgets to bring a lunch will be able to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich at Salem.
- **ON FRIDAY, WE NEED OUR VOLUNTEERS TO STAY AFTER OUR CLOSING CELEBRATION TO HELP CLEAN UP.** We will do as much as we can ahead of time, but please plan to stay for a little while following the closing worship.
- **T-SHIRTS:** All Youth Leadership Track participants and Camp Salem Staff who register before June 30 will receive a Staff t-shirt.

We are looking forward to a fantastic week of Camp Salem!

Please see the Parent's Covenant on the next page. Please sign and return with your child's Volunteer registration form.

Camp Salem Parent Covenant

I understand that my child is volunteering her/his time to help with Camp Salem, which has as its purpose Christian growth, fellowship and worship. My child will not bring anything that is illegal or that could be considered dangerous (knives, lighters, etc.). My child meets the Volunteer Qualifications and agrees to abide by the Expectations and Responsibilities listed below. I also understand that if my child repeatedly behaves inappropriately, does not follow instructions, or shows a lack of respect for the Camp Salem leadership or campers, she/he will be asked not to return to camp.

Parent /Guardian Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS SIGNED FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH YOUR CHILD'S REGISTRATION FORM AND APPLICATION.

Camp Salem Volunteer Expectations and Responsibilities

Expectations:

- **BE A MODEL FOR THE CAMPERS...**that means following all camp rules, exhibiting a cheerful and cooperative attitude, acting in a respectful and caring manner, and reflecting the love of Christ!
- **PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE CAMP WEEK.** While you're at camp, your responsibility is to the campers and making sure they have a great time - which means singing, playing, crafting, and participating alongside of the campers!
- **BE A TEAM PLAYER.** Be ready to work with and take direction from the Lutherhill staff and Camp Salem adults as well as working cooperatively with your peers. We'll all be working as a team to make sure Camp Salem is a great experience for the campers, so that will require respect for everyone's role in the week.

Responsibilities:

- **ATTEND STAFF TRAINING AND SET-UP AT SALEM ON SUNDAY, JULY 17 AT 12:30 P.M.** This training session is required for all Camp Salem volunteers before you serve. Training will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. We will then need to set up the spaces and get the facility ready for Camp Salem. Plan to stay until about 3:00 p.m.
- **ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 8:00 A.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY FOR DAILY STAFF MEETING (CAMP SALEM STAFF ONLY - NOT YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRACK). EVERYONE ELSE ARRIVES BY 8:15.**
- **BE READY TO STAFF YOUR ASSIGNED STATIONS DURING CHECK-IN TIME, BEGINNING AT 8:30.** These will vary each day.
- **HELP GREET CAMPERS AS THEY ARRIVE.** Be friendly and welcoming! Especially watch out for kids who seem to be standing alone; help them get connected with a group or involved in an activity.
- **GET YOUR CAMPERS SETTLED WITH THEIR SNACK OR LUNCH BEFORE YOU EAT YOURS.** Help them open chip bags, drinks, box lunches, etc. Supervise your campers during lunch. Camp Salem volunteers bring their own lunches and do not leave the campus to buy fast food.
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- **ON FRIDAY, JULY 22, PLAN TO STAY AFTER CLOSING WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP UNTIL ABOUT 4:30 PM.** All Camp Salem Staff (Youth Leadership Track and high school Staff) will be needed to get tables, chairs, etc., back where they belong, get everything picked up after camp, and ensure that camp areas are clean and ready for use by other groups.
- **CAMP SALEM STAFF ONLY (NOT YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRACK): STAY AFTER CAMP DAILY FOR AFTERNOON STAFF MEETING AND CLEAN UP.** You will be finished between 4:00-4:15 p.m.