

# Camp Lewtana – Frequently Asked Questions

## **Who owns Lewtana Bible Camp?**

Lewtana is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1941 for the ministry of the American Missionary Fellowship. It is not sponsored by any specific church or denomination. The current directors are Rob and Joni Odermann and Assistant Directors are Justin and Rose Antonich.

## **How does the “Camp Bank” work?**

At registration time, all camper spending money is to be deposited into the “Camp Bank.” As your child spends the money for offerings or at the camp store, a running balance is kept. Any unused balance will be returned to them on the last day.

## **How much money does a camper need?**

Pop and candy are included in the fee for Children's Camp. The other campers can purchase pop and candy during our daily store time. Please do not send candy and other food items with your child. If they bring food, it will be turned into the camp store to be dispersed to them during regular store time. A missions offering will be taken daily for our summer missions project

## **What do you sell in the Camp Store?**

In addition to pop and candy, the Camp Store sells many Christian gift items, toys, books, jewelry, t-shirts, and hats.

## **How are cabin mates assigned?**

We do our best to match friends together as requested on the camper registration form. However, space does not allow us to guarantee requests. We strive to honor group requests for up to 3 campers from one area. However, groups of 4 or more, are often divided. For the sake of planning, all cabins are assigned before registration day. Please do not ask for changes that day.

## **How many sleep in each cabin?**

There are beds and mattresses provided for 7 campers and one cabin leader in each cabin. Four sets of bunk beds are equipped with top guard rails for safety.

## **Are bunks assigned?**

No. Bunks are available on a first come basis. A cabin leader will be available to assist you.

## **Are your cabin leaders paid?**

All of our cabin leaders are volunteers and are serving without pay. However, by their decision, they may choose to raise support as a summer missionary of the American Missionary Fellowship. Any contributions given to them would be gratefully appreciated.

## **What if my camper gets homesick?**

We take homesickness very seriously. We have staff prepared to handle such needs. However, over the years we have learned that you as parents play a very large role in its prevention.

- Homesickness is usually avoidable if signs are caught early. Emphasize to your camper your desire for them to complete the week.
- Once a camper's parents/guardians are not the focus, other activities and friends fill the void.
- Parents/guardians are usually more worried about leaving their campers than vice versa.
- Please **do not** promise your camper they can call home if they become homesick. If you feel homesickness may be a problem, please contact the directors. If a homesickness problem continues, we will contact the parents/guardians.

### **Can I write my camper?**

YES!! Campers love to get mail. Keep in mind camp starting and ending dates. Emphasize that you are excited to have them at camp and are proud of them and what they are learning. Please do not mention what they are missing at home. (see question above)

### **Can I call my child during the week?**

The camp phone is for camp business and emergencies only. Please do not call and ask to speak to your camper for any other reason. We reserve the right to screen calls and take messages. If you have concerns about your child, we will gladly discuss them with you.

### **Can campers call home?**

The camp phone is for camp business and emergencies **only**. Please **do not** promise your camper they can call home whenever they wish! Do not send cell phones with you camper. They are not allowed and will not work at camp anyway.

### **What can I expect after camp?**

Be aware of pick-up time and be prompt. Your camper may not feel ready to go home. They may be over tired, so allow some extra time for rest. Ask questions, but don't pry. Listen with love. Greet their camp leader, pick up their belongings and any medications. Consider making them a special meal or welcome home sign.

### **How can I say "Thank You" to a cabin leader for a job well done?**

**Verbally** tell them if at all possible. Remember, they are volunteers working very hard to serve. **Write them a thank you note**. Consider **giving them a financial gift** to offset their willingness to forgo a summer job. They can be given to the Director who will disperse them.

### **What if my child needs a prescription drug during camp?**

For you child's safety and that of all others at camp, all prescription medication and vitamins must be turned into the camp office at registration. Inhalers may remain with the campers. Please note the following:

1. Send only as much medication as your child will need for the week, in the **original** prescription container.
2. Please write out a separate sheet of paper all needed instructions such as:
  - how often, when, and how much. We dispense medication at all three meals and bedtime snack.
  - sign and date the instruction sheet.
3. Place all original bottles and instructions in one zip lock bag with the camper's name on it.

Our camp medicine cabinet stocks the following: chewable and regular Tylenol, Ibuprofen, band aids, etc. Therefore, **you must not bring them**. We will dispense these as needed to your child as granted or denied permission by you on the registration form.

**We look forward to sharing the camp experience with you and your family!**