



2025
EDITION

Parent Resource Guide

Important Stuff that Parents Really Need to Know!



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What is Liberty Lake Day Camp?

It's much more than 60 shady acres, two pools, and a small lake. It's a **COMMUNITY** of shared values that creates a supportive, learning environment for campers and staff to grow and flourish.

Our "Star Points" guide us in nurturing **CHARACTER** values that build leadership and community. This allows us to be intentional about imparting what truly matters in our LLDC family; teaching and learning important skills/behaviors that impart the values that will help lead a successful life.

1. To become more **INDEPENDENT** and resilient.
2. To gain **INTEGRITY** by choosing honesty to make right decisions to treat people with respect.
3. To find **ASPIRATION** to learn, overcome challenges, be creative, and try new things.
4. To practice **TEAMWORK** alongside our supportive friends and counselors.
5. To learn the important skills of making and keeping **FRIENDSHIPS**

At Liberty Lake, we hold ourselves accountable to imparting these "Star Points" each and every day into our camp activities and the in-between times. These principles help us create a powerful culture of learning and support. Our goal is that our Liberty Lakers will keep their camp spirit in their hearts, and use their lessons learned in their everyday lives to become a positive impact everywhere they go.

We are honored that you have entrusted us with your children. We are grateful for this partnership, and ask that you discuss our "Star Points" with your children, to maximize the positive experience for each Liberty Laker in our summer family.

Andy, Jill, & the Liberty Lake Leadership Team

★ **VETERAN Family Zoom- June 5 @ 7pm - with Andy** - It's a Town Hall style "Update from the Lake" Zoom to clarify the intricacies & new initiatives at LLDC- ask questions! Check your Email for link. **Recording will be on YouTube June 6.**

★ **ROOKIE Family Zoom- June 10 @ 7pm - with Andy** - Check your Email for link. Learn why a camp like LLDC is vitally important to today's children, how campers and parents feel during their first week of Camp, why the rules are the rules, our discipline policy, our camp culture, fun traditions, and more. LLDC can seem complex with electives, swims, division leaders, snacks, etc. So get comfy, as this jam-packed Zoom will help clear things up. Put your questions into the chat, and stay on until they are all answered! **Recording will be put onto our YouTube Channel on June 11.**

★ **MEET 'N' GREET - Monday, June 16, 6:30 to 8pm** - Come out just before camp begins ***with your kids*** to meet the Counselors, Administrators, Aquatics Supervisors, Nurses (you can bring in meds,) and your other LLDC partners. Attendance is optional, but encouraged- especially for new campers, as knowing names and faces makes the 1st day of camp extra smooth! Teen Leadership Orientation is from 6-7:30pm. **We hand out our fancy new LLDC Backpacks and T-Shirts to all who come - otherwise they are given out on the campers' first day.**

★ **2025 FAMILY NIGHT - Wednesday, August 6, 5:30-8pm - RAIN DATE, Thursday, August 7**

It's back, and hopefully Mother Nature is on board with us! For all LLDC families, regardless of weeks attending. Campers go home on the bus (unless from Center City) and can return to camp with their families for a blow-out BBQ, fun activities, the big performance of **"SHREK,"** and the highly anticipated "Old Timer" ceremony for **5-10-15 & 20-YEAR campers!** **PARENTS- Bring your sneakers & appetite!**

LibertyLakeDayCamp.com - Log-in + Quick-Links + Campaignion APP - Log into CampInTouch through the website or app to update family & medical info, select weekly electives, view photos (with optional facial recognition alerts), print statements, and more. The **"QUICK LINKS"** webpage is the "Clearinghouse of all Summer Links"- **Bookmark it now,** because it probably has what you're looking for- permission slips, color war songs, bus times, elective sheets, spirit calendar, map, etc.

NEW, EXCITING, & RETURNING - Campaign of Character continues, Foundation Celebration, "Creative Cooking," ALL NEW- Zip Lines, Boating Dock, Tag Castle, Ga-Ga Courts, our first Mixed Gender Groups, Bagels and Pickles at every lunch- Plus Spirit Calendar faves Wet 'n' Wild, Yacht or Not, Tug o' War, Color War, LARP, Look-a-Likes, & Camp-a-Palooza!

Campaign of Character

We take pride at Liberty Lake in being a safe and inclusive community, with values such as respect, integrity, friendship, teamwork, and aspiration at its core. At Liberty Lake, our value system is our foundation. Together, our camp family creates a summer home for all those who join us each summer - we are family!

While campers and staff grow and change over the years, our character values and “Star Points” remain constant, guiding Liberty Lakers, near and far, on their journey to a successful and meaningful life. To further foster these values within our camp community, we have created a new **Campaign of Character** - a 3-tiered approach to better instill our values throughout LLDC, building on our already existing principles. This initiative is intended to be fun, while highlighting the great things we do and say at camp that display character!



1. Colors of Character: We have assigned each of our star-point values to colors and give our LLDC team pony beads to distribute to the campers to encourage and reinforce behaviors. When a camper says or does something of character, both staff and campers can recognize that great behavior by giving them a bead of that value's color. It's a simple, and immediate way for our team to reinforce the positive actions of character. So, instead of just a “high five” because a camper was being a good friend, now staff members and campers will point out that when they stopped and helped the other child find their bag, they were being a good friend- and award them a “friendship bead” (and THEN a high five!) These colorful beads give specific and immediate praise, focused on character, and campers can display their collections with pride- and like we mentioned above, this year, CAMPERS can give out beads as well!

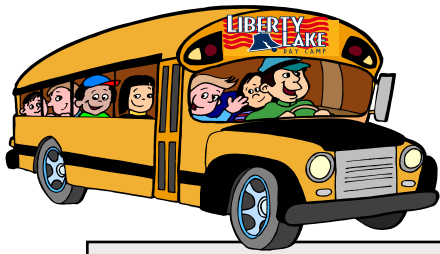


2. Fuzzy of the Week: We love our little warm & fuzzies at LLDC, but now that we have the beads, fuzzies have been elevated to a higher level of specialness. Our leadership team awards fuzzies for EXCEPTIONAL acts of character, which make the award a bit more rare. They are still cute, and will still be awarded at special ceremonies- so please note that **if your camper comes home with a fuzzy- it is a REALLY Big Deal!** We also have a new mascot “FuzzyMan” who will be making appearances around camp!

3. Character Corner: This is our 2-fold approach to have **visible examples around camp** of the things great people of character do and say. We will have real life examples of famous people that show friendship, teamwork, leadership, and the other values that we feel are important for a happy and healthy life. What a great way to impart the concepts of what truly matters, by using the real-life people that have impacted and inspired our world! We hope that when the campers see and learn about these “characters of character,” they too will aspire to be a positive influence in the world around them :-)

The Liberty Lake Character Campaign is a combination of old traditions and new ideas. Our goal is to continue to partner with our families, so that together, we as a village can model, teach, and inspire a culture of character for everyone in our camp community, our local community, and beyond.





TRANSPORTATION

Our goal is to provide a safe, enjoyable, and efficient trip to and from camp for our campers. We use air-conditioned school buses with professional bus drivers and have camp staff on board who supervise, lead cheers and songs, and play games with the campers. All drivers are full-time professional bus drivers.

BUS TIMES - Very soon, in your Email Inbox and on the “QUICK LINKS” page of LibertyLakeDayCamp.com will soon be a list of approximate Bus Times for all pick-up and drop-off locations. Please realize that the camper population can fluctuate from week to week, which can slightly effect bus times- if/when they change, we immediately let you know by Emailing you, texting you, and posting on QUICK LINKS- **Check your Emails each weekend!**

CENTRAL EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION - Please make sure to be at the bus stop location on time, as the bus cannot wait more than a minute, especailly on the streets of Philly. **PM “drop-off:** “Your child will never be left alone, unless authorized. If you are not there waiting for them, our staff will attempt to contact you; and if necessary, finish the route, and return to the Bus Stop. As a last resort, the bus would return your child to the camp.

*** Bring your Car Placard (or digital copy) for Pickup I.D. on the first day, so our staff knows who you are!**

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES - We can accommodate most change, but it is important that you please **Contact us Before 12 Noon of the day in question.** Call and/or Email: bus@libertylakedaycamp.com

CAMPER ABSENCES - Please contact the Camp Office by 7:30 AM (or earlier) to let us know if your child will not be taking the bus to camp. **This is very helpful in keeping our buses running on time!**

Parent Drop-Off & Pick-up 7am-6pm

A.M. DROP OFF - Upon arrival to Liberty Lake, turn right at the Mini-Golf Course and proceed down the second aisle of the parking lot, circling left so that your passenger side door is facing the Twin Cedars Pavilion, where staff will assist your camper(s) out of the car. From **7 to 8:40 AM**, campers are signed-in to play and socialize with other early campers and staff. After 8:40 AM, campers are led to their divisional arrival areas, where they sit at assigned benches, and are signed in by their group staff. **Please do not park or get out of your car, unless there is an emergency.** Also, realize that big **BUSES** also arrive between 8:45 and 9 AM. **PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO ARRIVE BEFORE 9 AM - as late Campers will miss part of 1st period and not be happy about it!**

P.M. PICK UP - After the last bus is dismissed at 4 PM, the Gate Attendant announces the first group of cars for the waiting campers. Parents must show their Placard to the attendant (or a digital copy), and “drive around the circle” where campers will be brought out to meet their respective rides. “Extended Hours” begins at 4:15 and ends at 6 PM.

BEFORE / AFTER CARE / OR NOT - Extended hours care takes place 7-8:40 AM and 4:20-6 PM. To receive a “No Bus/No Extended Hours Discount,” campers must be dropped off no earlier than 8:30 and/or picked-up no later than 4:15. You may utilize HALF the Extended Hours (AM/PM), for half the discount :-)

EARLY PICK-UP? - DON'T JUST “SHOW UP!”

If you wish to pick up your child early from camp, please let us know **THAT MORNING** with a confirmed Email or a phone call to the camp office. **Your child will be pulled from their group between activities prior to their requested departure time. Campers will only be released to a parent or guardian who can show the family Car Placard at the Gate House.** If you would like your child to be picked up at camp by someone without the Placard, we must be informed of this. Given sufficient notice, we will have your camper(s) waiting at the Gate House when you arrive. **Lack of notice will result in waiting until their current activity period ends.**

*****THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO PICK-UPS ALLOWED BETWEEN 3 & 4 PM**

If you show up between those hours, you will be respectfully asked to wait until after the buses depart at 4 PM. **This is a supremely important safety precaution for us.** Please make every effort to work this policy into your plans.



★ FREEDOM OF CHOICE ELECTIVE PROGRAM ★

CAMPERS ENTERING 1st THROUGH 9th GRADE CUSTOMIZE THEIR DAYS!

Each week, families of campers, grades 1-9, receive an elective sheet listing the activities offered for the NEXT week (posted online, and link Emailed to you.) Our hope is that parents will discuss elective choices with the campers, and then submit through the "Forms & Documents, Top-15" form in your CampInTouch dashboard or Campanion App.

★ ELECTIVE CHOICES MUST BE UPDATED ONLINE EACH WEEK BY TUESDAY NIGHT ★

Campers create an activity "Top 15" list prior to the start of the Summer (you can do it today), with choices listed in order of preference- thus the TOP CHOICE is the most desired choice, which we schedule first and then work down the list. For 2025, we've switched to a nationally reknown scheduling software to ensure top picks- if you see any issues, please let us know. Activity Preferences do not get erased from the system week to week- So if updates are NOT made each, campers may receive the same choices. **Curriculum changes each week- So please update your choices!**

With over 50 choices of electives offered each week for campers creating a "Top 15 List", there is a mathematical chance that none of your child's top picks could be available during a given elective period. If this happens, we will choose an elective based on your child's other preferences, which can be switched later by the camper.

SWITCHING ELECTIVES: Sophs, Juniors, & Seniors may request to switch electives on Monday afternoon. Frosh parents can Email their division leaders to request elective changes.



- * Elective Activities run 5-days, 45 minutes per day, for one week.
- * Curriculum changes each week, so many campers repeat their choices.
- * Read the new Elective Sheets & make adjustments weekly- Especially SENIORS!
- * Besides Week 1 (which you have,) elective sheets will be posted and Emailed a week prior to your start date with a friendly reminder encouraging you to update choices.

Turtles enjoy new activities each week specifically designed to include a wide variety of athletic, art, nature, cooking, and waterfront activities- with plenty of unstructured, creative play!

* Please use the Week 1 Elective Sheet to create your "Top 15 List" TODAY- Regardless of start date

Any questions or concerns about electives: Electives@LibertyLakeDayCamp.com

LEAVE CELL PHONES & ELECTRONICS AT HOME

★ Cell Phones, Electronic Games and All Other Tech Devices are NOT ALLOWED at LLDC ★

Camp is a "step back in time," to a place where kids make **REAL** friends, not social media acquaintances. It's a place where we make eye contact and actually speak to one another- **even on the bus**- where we play **OUTDOORS ALL DAY** on fields, under tents, and in a lake full of cute little fish and turtles. Camp provides a break from the screens which children stare at an average of 7.5 hours per day- at home and in school- and provides opportunities for kids to interact and socialize the way humans did for thousands of years, until only recently: **FACE TO FACE**. Our kids will have PLENTY of time in the rest of their lives to stare at screens. It's our job to give them as much actual sunshine as we can during the most formative time of their life. **Thank you for your support of our strict policy, and in your children's best interest!**

If electronics are brought to Camp, they will be immediately confiscated-

We are serious about this - 1st Offense: We call home

2nd Offense: YOU Come and Pick it Up

3rd offense: Expulsion from Camp

*** DIGITALLY DETOX @ LLDC ***

★ HEALTH & SAFETY ★

Liberty Lake is a very safe place for our children. For 24 years, over 30,000 campers have had safe, positive experiences, and 2025 has had our greatest camper and staff return rate of all time. There is only one way in and one way out of camp, and the driveway is guarded from 7 AM to 6 PM. Staff wear uniform shirts (except on dress-up days.) All visitors are met at the Gate House, must show appropriate ID, be granted permission by the office, and given visitor passes to wear while being escorted through camp. All adult staff (18+) are professionally background checked and fingerprinted (not required at most camps), and our younger staff, who are mostly former campers, are diligently reference checked.

Staff training features professional trainers leading workshops featuring youth development, behavioral management, emergency procedures, child abuse awareness, inclusion, mental health, and basic medical care. We run unannounced drills throughout the camp season, we have three Nurses on site each day, and the Mansfield First Aid Squad is just around the corner. Liberty Lake is accredited by the American Camp Association (Andy was President) and licensed by the NJ State Department of Health. Andy is a Certified Child Abuse Prevention Trainer, and along with Cathi (LCSW) helps train our staff to always be on the lookout for potential situations. No staff is allowed to be alone with a camper, under any circumstance, with grounds for immediate dismissal.

Our Aquatics Director is also a Red Cross Certified Trainer, who trains and certifies our lifeguards with CPR, First Aid, and AED training. **We consult in the off-season with one of the foremost aquatic safety experts in the country.** We also employ a social worker and guidance counselor who work closely with our staff, campers, and camp families.

In conjunction with the County Office of Emergency Management, our goal is to prepare for any situation. Communication with our parents is an integral part of this plan, via Emails, and textings, plus now- the downloadable “Campanion” app.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

1. Make sure that your Emergency Contact info, Email & Cell numbers are up-to-date in your account.
2. Make sure that people other than you and your partner/spouse, are listed as “Emergency Contacts,” with “authorized adults” who could be picking up your camper(s) from camp.
3. We are taking care of hundreds of campers at a time, and looking out for the safety of ALL of them. Please remember this if you try to contact us in the midst of an emergency, or severe weather situation.



Camp Communication



Liberty Lake Day Camp utilizes the convenience of “CampMinder”- the leading web-based Camp database system. When you “login” to CampMinder, you are actually IN OUR DATABASE SYSTEM. If you haven't already, we urge you to go online ASAP to update your family's info, add/update your camper's health history information (an annual state requirement), and acquaint yourself with this great, state-of-the-art communication tool. **We also have lots of other online resources:**

- ◆ **The “Campanion” App** is the newest way to interact with us, including optional facial recognition for photo notifications.
- ◆ **The “QUICK LINKS” webpage link is in the upper right corner of every camp website page. It has links to most everything for summer:** Bus Times, Elective Sheets, Lunch Menu, Permission forms, Laketionary, Spirit Calendar, Parent Guide, and more!
- ◆ **The “Forms & Documents” section of your online Dashboard + Campanion App** is the hub for most mandatory forms needed.
- ◆ **Update your family's information any time:** Cell phone #, Email, mailing addresses, etc. All editable online.
- ◆ **HEALTH HISTORY:** Input your information **ONE TIME**- and it will be with us forever! (must be updated each year- by April 1) If you haven't done this already, please do it ASAP- as by law, we need it for your child to attend camp.
- ◆ **Elective “Top 15 List”:** Online elective selection makes choosing activities quick & easy! Go to “Forms & Documents” on your CampInTouch Dashboard or Campanion App to enter your “Top 15” today!
- ◆ **Online Summer Photo Albums:** Our media team uploads dozens of photos each day to Facebook & Instagram, and HUNDREDS weekly to the CampMinder/Campanion photo galleries, which you can “favorite”, save, and purchase if you like.
- ◆ **Statements, Invoices and Receipts:** Login now, and print your statements yourself- Tax ID is listed on every statement.
- ◆ **Online Registration:** Re-enrollment begins on Monday of Week 8, and all your information is already in the system!

Liberty Lake Day Camp Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, & TikTok- A daily ritual for many camp families to get the most current info ASAP from camp, including *LIVE FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES on YouTube* (weather permitting) While we're tech-free @ Camp, these are wonderful communication tools during the school year!



★ PROGRAM FUN! ★

AWESOME ATHLETICS & ADVENTURE ACTION!

Our coaches run **dynamic sports clinics** that target all ability levels. Athletic activities include instruction through "lead-up games" as well as competitive games. We provide all equipment, including helmets and pads for mountain biking, skatepark, and rock climbing. Our **High Ropes Adventure Program** is one the finest in the country, with exciting elements 25-50 feet above the ground, plus a Giant Swing, and a Zipline across the lake (and back!) Campers love playground favorites Ga-Ga, Hulla-Ball, and Pickleball- plus many other choices, including many activities you'll never find at home- so try them out!



NOW PLAYING ON A STAGE NEAR YOU...

Creative energy and excitement fill Liberty Lake as campers enjoy challenging Drama, Dance and Music Workshops. We have professional musicians on staff, as well as performers from the **New Jersey Renaissance Faire!** "LLTV" films and creates weekly YouTube content, plus footage for the annual Liberty Lake Day Camp Video Yearbook. There's no limit to how far creativity can take us at Liberty Lake- and you'll be amazed by how talented our campers are!



ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE

Liberty Lake offers a broad spectrum of artistic activities which challenge the imagination. Instructors foster **creativity** while teaching **fundamental skills and technique**. Projects take 5 days to complete, and come home with campers on Friday afternoons. Musical campers, like our rockers and rappers, perform on Friday afternoons, and **Week 8's CAMP-A-PALOOZA festival** features many of our talented teachers and campers performing on the big stage for their friends!



S.T.E.M. + GIFTED & TALENTED

Our eclectic programs challenge our campers, and are fun AND interesting for those who want to try cool, new, hands-on activities, from Animal Care to D & D! Our great staff of specialists is augmented by outside professionals.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

Canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, swimming and fishing take place in our spring-fed, naturally stocked lake, supervised by a trained staff of **Red Cross Certified Lifeguards** and teachers. Our Mountain Biking and Survival Skills electives take full advantage of our 60 natural acres, and Wilderness Skills features sleepovers for those kids who choose the elective!



SWIM PROGRAM

Swimming is the most popular and important component of the Liberty Lake program. While all campers get "Free Swim" every afternoon, Turtle, Frosh, and Soph campers are placed in instructional swim groups to move up to higher levels at their own pace- with progress reports Emailed home on Fridays. Entering 5th-9th graders may choose a "2nd Swim" by joining the Swim Team, Swim Instruction, or "Polar Bear Club" as an elective. Questions or concerns? Email: swim@libertylakedaycamp.com

SHRIMP

- * Demonstrates comfort in water
- * Puts whole face and whole head underwater

GUPPY

- * Demonstrates knowledge and use of "Big Arms"
- * Knows how to use a kickboard and can kick for 15 yards
- * Can float aided on front and back

SAILFISH

- * Can use "Big Arms" with rotary breathing at side of pool.
- * Knows the whip (frog) kick
- * Can float unaided on front and back
- * Can tread water

SWORDFISH

- * Freestyle coordinated with arms, legs, and face in water (breathing may be to front or side)
- * Can retrieve objects from the bottom of the shallow end
- * Can perform elementary backstroke (with minimal instruction if necessary)
- * Can jump unaided into deep water

MARLIN

- * Fully coordinated free style (no flailing arms or legs) with rotary breathing
- * Demonstrates some knowledge of breaststroke
- * Demonstrates some knowledge of backstroke

SHARK

- * Coordinated breaststroke
- * Coordinated backstroke
- * Treads water confidently between skills

DOLPHIN

- * Demonstrates some knowledge of sidestroke
- * Demonstrates butterfly body motion (the worm)
- * Understands surface dives with brief instruction

STINGRAY

- * Demonstrates coordinated sidestroke
- * Demonstrates butterfly arms (may or may not be coordinated with body motion)

BARRACUDA

- * Coordinated butterfly
- * Swims underwater 5-10 yards

KINGFISH

- * Practices of all strokes well above average
- * In-water forward flip/somersault

NEPTUNE

- * Freestyle flip turn plus other fun, competitive techniques.

JR. VARSITY

- * Breaststroke open turn w/ pullout
- * Retrieves diving brick from deep end

Varsity

- * Racing starts
- * 200 yard IM
- * Flip turns

COLLEGIATE

- * 25 Yard Brick Tow
- * Relay transitions

MASTERS

- * Swim Team Style Workouts
- * T-10
- * Timed 500

SWIM TEAM

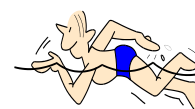
Competitive Swimming styles and strokes, as well as kickturns and racing starts. A great way to improve your cardiovascular strength, while refining your strokes.

JR. LIFEGUARD

* Senior Camp Elective Training with our Head Lifeguard to start you on the path towards being a Liberty Lake Lifeguard!



American Red Cross



"FREE SWIM" is the popular daily opportunity for everybody to enjoy our two 80-foot pools, sandy beach, or deep lakeside area each afternoon. Liberty Lake features a 25-foot Water Trampoline, and the big pool has two 50 ft. Pool Slides! All Campers must pass "the deep water test" at both the pool and lake to swim in deep water. At Free-Swim, campers can also choose to relax by the water, socialize, sunbathe, or play quiet games. **Just another way kids customize their day at Liberty Lake!**

"DEEP WATER TEST" The deep water test requires campers to swim 80 feet (for the pool) with a good stroke (120 feet for the lake), and treading water for 60 seconds- it's not easy, but it's a Red Cross safety change we're following.

★ Liberty Lake Camper Code of Conduct ★

Liberty Lake Day Camp strives to provide a safe and nurturing environment which offers campers the opportunity to engage in positive social interactions and learning experiences. Our philosophy is based on teaching the skills and behaviors of character and community, with our star points as our guiding lights- **Integrity, Teamwork, Aspiration, Independence, and Friendship**. In order to ensure we create this desired environment, it is important that campers and parents understand and agree to our necessary guidelines.

Please review the following Code of Conduct with your child prior to camp, and notify your division leader during the season if you feel that your child's camp experience is being jeopardized by any other camper(s) not observing these guidelines.

BEHAVIOR – Liberty Lake is a program for children who treat others with respect and value others' right to have a safe and enjoyable experience at camp. It is the responsibility of all campers and staff to model appropriate behavior and abide by all camp rules **while at camp, on the camp bus, on trips, and outside camp on social media**.

Any disrespectful, violent, mean, or inappropriate behavior that jeopardizes the physical or emotional safety of a camper (or one's self) IS NOT ALLOWED - This includes:

- foul language
- physical harm
- bullying (including cyber-bullying and sexting)
- teasing, name-calling, bigotry
- verbal or physical harassment
- isolating of another camper
- inability or unwillingness to follow safety instructions
- defiance toward authority
- running off or running away
- refusal to eat
- discussions of sexual or illegal topics



NOT ALLOWED IN CAMP: Cell phones, video games, cameras, weapons of any kind, or the possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or any drugs. **All are strictly prohibited, and ground for dismissal.**

In the event that a camper fails to meet any of the guidelines in the above Code of Conduct, discussions with the camper and appropriate consequences may be put into place immediately at camp.

- **If the behavior persists**, parents/guardians will be contacted, and the camper will be put on a Behavior Contract, in which camper, parents, and LLDC staff are made aware of consequences should behaviors persist.
 - **If unacceptable behavior continues**, or in the event of an extreme behavioral issue such as physical violence or illegal activity, we may ask a parent to pick up child immediately from camp.
 - Uncontrollable negative behavior will cause camper to be suspended or removed from the program.
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If you are concerned that your child may not be able to meet our behavior guidelines at Liberty Lake or if you have questions about the policies outlined, please set up a time to speak with us so we can determine together if LLDC is the right fit for your child. We are committed to helping each and every camper succeed at having a fun-filled and enriching camp experience, and we need your full support in order to do so. Thank you in advance for your partnership in supporting Liberty Lake's positive and nurturing environment.

When necessary, we will ask for signatures on this agreement from both Parent/Guardian and Camper

WAIT A SECOND... A quick reminder as to why we do all this-



**To Build Community & Character
AND - HAVE - A - BLAST!!!**

Extentions & Early Enrollment

While some groups have been near or at capacity since September, many groups have scattered weeks available- especially in our younger age groups. if you are interested in extending your stay with us this summer by adding weeks, please inquire about availability ASAP to joe@libertylakedaycamp.com

On Monday of Week 8, Enrolled Camp Families are given Priority Status to register for the 2026 Season with a refundable deposit locking in the lowest tuition rate. Brand New families are given the opportunity to enroll after Labor Day, and groups historically begin closing soon after. Our strong advice is to fill out an enrollment application immediately in late August, or be prepared to have some weeks wait-listed

Staff Tipping / Gratuities, + Grazzee!!

We understand that for many of our camp families, Liberty Lake is their first camp experience. One thing that's relatively universal in the camping world is "Gratuities." While Liberty Lake pays our staff competitively, teachers could be paid more at Summer School, and students could work 50 hours per week in retail or fast food. 11th/12th grade high school students are in an extension of our leadership program, and appreciate tips the most. While absolutely not required, tips are an appropriate way to show your appreciation to staff members who have significantly contributed towards the success of your child's experience. Staff typically receive gratuities from camp families in the range of about \$10 per week/per camper. **Whether it's \$20, \$50, a gift certificate, or simply a heartfelt letter- Being a Camp Counselor at LLDC is a very demanding job, and staff welcome any acknowledgement of appreciation for their hard work and effort.**

*** YOU CAN DOWNLOAD THE GRAZZEE APP** from the App Store, or go through **Grazzee.com** to make gratuities "touchless" and easy. Our staff roster will be uploaded into the Grazzee software/website/app by the end of week 2 for families to easily find staff, and tip them electronically- like a Camp Venmo! We've had great success with Grazzee- for counselors, group leaders, bus captains, bus drivers, specialists, lifeguards, division leaders, etc!!

★ MORE IMPORTANT INFO ★

HEALTH & MEDICATION - All Campers must have a completed *Online Health History* filled out **EVERY SEASON**, as per the *NJ State Health Department*. We have Registered Nurses on staff who treat the campers and administer medication only when sent in its original container! Please make sure that the camp knows of any existing injuries and ailments, as well as all **medications that your camper(s) may take at home and camp**. We will call you immediately for any significant illness or injury at camp. Contact our Health Center any time during the camp season at nurse@libertylakedaycamp.com or **609-372-4721 (direct line)** - and you can meet the nurses at the Meet & Greet!

SUNSCREEN - Generously apply sunscreen to your camper(s) prior to their arrival at camp. If you pack sunscreen, we will help re-apply to all Turtle and Freshman campers after each swim period. If you would like sunscreen applied to older campers, please send a note/Email to your camper's Division Leader- otherwise we help them apply it to themselves. Frosh & Turtles - leave a sunscreen at Camp, with the camper's name on it!

EVENING EVENTS - The *June 16 Meet 'n' Greet* is a chance for your kids to meet their counselors (plus Teen Leader Orientation.) The *August 6, Family Night* is a special event for all families to enjoy a giant BBQ, do some fun camp activities, see the camp musical, and celebrate campers/staff who have been with LLDC for 5, 10, 15, or 20 years. There is an onsite *Girls Campout*, and *Boys Overnight for 5th-10th grade campers in the Wilderness Skills elective*, while *Sophs* have a Wilderness Skills *late-night*. There is a *10th Grade LIT off-site Overnight Retreat*, and the *Seniors & Teens have an Evening Semi-Formal Party* in which campers go home, clean up, dress up, return to Camp at 6 PM, and get picked up at 9 PM.

COMMUNICATION - *If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office* - We mean that! *Be sure to check your Emails daily* for important, continuous updates on camp happenings. Check the back page of this booklet for the Email addresses for all camp administrators. We can mass text you (if you opted in when you enrolled), and have a robust website with the "Quick Links" page, and the Companion App. Social media has added a layer of complexity, so we strongly recommend that parents strictly monitor your children's social media use. Liberty Lake does not allow communication outside of camp between staff and campers.

FOOD & SNACKS - Campers choose between a hot main entrée, a variety of sandwiches, salad bar, pasta bar, and yogurts each day. Cold water is also readily available at lunch and all activity areas, and campers can enjoy *fresh fruit throughout the day & frozen treats in the afternoon!* We have a **"Snack Shack"** (camp canteen) for the groups- with pretzels, fritos (gluten free), goldfish, our ever popular Slushies, and ice cream on Fridays. There are also additional drinks for purchase, with Gatorades, juices, and bottled water. We have a **dietary specialist** who manages the unique dietary needs of our campers, and the online ingredients list- Contact her at food@libertylakedaycamp.com

BIRTHDAYS - Campers who celebrate their birthdays in camp, enjoy **Group Slushy Parties**- so please don't send any food into camp, due to the many allergies. We will take a group photo and post it in our online photo gallery.

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS - Irvin Simon Photographers takes professional camper and group photos **July 17 (Wk.4)**. Campers will be reminded to wear their camp shirt on that day. All campers in attendance will be photographed with their groups, and individually. You will get a link to check out the pix online and order- if you'd like.

CAMP SWAG - All Campers receive a Liberty Lake backpack and T-Shirt at the **"Meet & Greet"** or on their first day of camp. Additional clothing is available for purchase in the Snack Shack and at our Online Camp Store: **Bunkline.com** - link on the camp website, under Parent Resources, and on the Quick Links page- really nice stuff!

SUCCESS TEAM - The Liberty Lake Success Team is made up of our Camp Health Center Nurses (Medical), our Inclusion Team (kids with additional needs), Support Team (kids with emotional/behavioral needs,) and Cultural track for ESL kids. They work in tandem to ensure that every camper has the opportunity to flourish at Liberty Lake.

LEAVE VALUABLES AT HOME - LLDC will not be responsible for any lost or stolen personal items brought to Camp, and will not replace any unnecessary items if they go missing for any reason, so **PLEASE LEAVE THEM HOME!** *Trading/Playing Cards are allowed only during set elective times, and need to be put away the rest of the day.*

★ **PROHIBITED** ★ Illegal substances, drugs, alcohol, and anything that can be used as a weapon- are prohibited and are grounds for immediate dismissal and expulsion, with appropriate authorities notified. Camp reserves the right to check belongings. On a lighter note, **Flip-Flops are not "camp appropriate"** - so please keep them home as well!

The Most Popular Parent QUESTIONS + Answers

1 How do we pack for Camp each day?

On their Body: SNEAKERS & SOCKS every day (NO FLIP FLOPS) as we run around a lot and dislike twisted ankles. Campers WEAR their bathing suits- Boys, wear as shorts. Girls, wear underneath T-Shirt/shorts- helping prepare them for swim. Lather them up with sunscreen each morning, and we highly recommend a baseball cap or similar for sun protection. At the "Meet & Greet" we will give out the fancy new Liberty Lake backpacks, or they can get theirs upon first day arrival.
In their Backpack: Pack a towel, a water bottle, sunscreen (we can help reapply) and a windbreaker for liquid sunshine- extra clothing for younger campers. Keep your valuables home & please **LABEL EVERYTHING!**

2 When does the bus pick up?

Mid-June you will receive an Email with approximate pick-up/drop-off times at your bus stop. Times may vary slightly from week to week, and we will Email you an updated time sheet each week you are enrolled (the prior Friday). If you miss the Email, check the QUICK LINK webpage on the weekend to confirm Monday bus times!

3 What group is my Child in?

Your camper's Group Name and Division will be listed in a confirmation sheet, and on their **"First Day of Camp Name Label"** (sent in Mail). **Please make sure your camper wears their label on their shirt for their first day of camp.** This will help our staff escort campers to their groups when they arrive, as well as their bus/dismissal areas at the end of the day. We get hundreds of group requests, and try to honor as many as possible, but please know that it's an impossible task.

4 What are the hours of Camp?

The Regular Camp Day is 8:45 AM to 4:00 PM. Early extended hours begin at 7 AM. Buses arrive at camp between 8:45 and 9 AM. Buses leave promptly at 4 PM, after which parents may pick up their camper(s) until 6 PM if utilizing extended hours or by 4:15 to get the "no extended hours / no transportation discount."

5 What do I do if my child is NOT attending Camp on a given day?

Email us at office@libertylakedaycamp.com by 7:30 AM if they are ill, or not coming in to camp that day.

6 What do you do when it RAINS or when it's TOO HOT?

In event of **"Liquid Sunshine"** we go about our regularly scheduled activities, substituting dry covered area games for all field sports and waterfront activities. **PLEASE be sure to dress your camper(s) appropriately!** (water-resistant windbreaker or rain jacket- not a sweatshirt.) Campers should always wear a bathing suit to camp, as the sky usually clears up. **Excessive Heat = Cancelled sports, lots of extra swimming time + water games!**

7 What do I do to Pick-up my child from Camp early?

Call / Email by noon, and pick up **before 3pm**. For safety reasons, there are **no pick ups between 3-4pm**.

8 Do you perform background checks on your Staff?

Adults go through local/national background/sex offender checks + 3 reference checks. Minors undergo reference checks. As Liberty Lake is state certified to serve the special needs population, our adult staff are also FINGERPRINTED.

9 Can I stop by and visit my child at Camp?

Sorry, No. Camp is a special place for kids, and one of the reasons is because parents are NOT here (#facts) Ask good, specific questions at dinner, and check out the online photos on Facebook, Instagram, & the online photo galleries! You are very much invited to visit us all at Liberty Lake at the June 16 "Meet & Greet" and the August 6 "Family Night" where you can meet your child's counselors, division leaders, the nurses, aquatics directors, transportation coordinator, dietary specialist, head chef, inclusion and behavioral support team, and more!

10 Do you serve children with Special Needs?

We are proud of our SUCCESS program, which integrates all types of children within the Liberty Lake program. While 10% of our population has additional needs, we are not a "special needs camp." **We are a true INCLUSION program.**

11 Do you accomodate special dietary needs?

Our main lunch entree', alternatives/substitutes, salad, fruit, yogurt, & pasta can accomodate most children's needs- Vegetarian, Kosher, Gluten, Lactose, etc. Email our dietary specialist with questions: food@libertylakedaycamp.com

12 Can I send my child to Camp with their cell-phone?

NO. Do not send Electronics, or other valuables to camp with your camper(s) as **the camp will not be responsible** if they are lost, stolen or broken. **1st offense:** We'll call you, **2nd offense:** Parent must come to camp to retrieve the phone and speak to the director, **3rd offense:** Expulsion from camp. Staff only has 2 strikes- **Unplug at the gate!**

13 Whom do I contact with questions?

Call or Email the office at (609) 499-7820, office@libertylakedaycamp.com, or Email Division Leader directly (they will reach out to you as well). **Division Leaders are the summer communication link between camp / home.** Please share with them any information that will help us make your camper's summer the best ever! They check Emails periodically during the day, and may contact you after the buses pull out after 4 PM unless it is a time sensitive issue.

LIBERTY LAKE CONTACT INFO:

- * **Main Phone #:** (609) 499-7820 **Health Center:** (609) 372-4721
- * **Email:** fun@libertylakedaycamp.com (goes to office & directors)
- * **Also:** [office@](mailto:office@libertylakedaycamp.com), [bus@](mailto:bus@libertylakedaycamp.com), [nurse@](mailto:nurse@libertylakedaycamp.com), [electives@](mailto:electives@libertylakedaycamp.com), [swim@](mailto:swim@libertylakedaycamp.com), [inclusion@](mailto:inclusion@libertylakedaycamp.com), [andy](mailto:andy@libertylakedaycamp.com), [joe](mailto:joe@libertylakedaycamp.com), [bc](mailto:bc@libertylakedaycamp.com), etc!
- * LibertyLakeDayCamp.com + Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, & TikTok
- * **CampMinder Login:** libertylake.campintouch.com * the “Campanion” App
- * **GPS Address:** Just put “Liberty Lake Day Camp” into your phone!

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Andy & Jill Pritikin- Owner/Directors andy@libertylakedaycamp.com	Joe Craig- Director (Admin) joe@libertylakedaycamp.com	Brandi Carnivale- Director (Program) bc@libertylakedaycamp.com
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Tracy - Program Scheduling electives@libertylakedaycamp.com	Gary- Aquatics swim@libertylakedaycamp.com	Taylor- Office Admin office@libertylakedaycamp.com
Terri & the Inclusion Team inclusion@libertylakedaycamp.com		Cathi & Jackie- Behavioral Support support@libertylakedaycamp.com

DIVISION LEADERS

Turtles (PK & K) turtles@	Freshman (1-2) frosh@	Sophs (3-4) sophs@	Juniors (5-6) juniors@	Seniors (7-9) seniors@	Teen Leadership (9-10) teens@
Brandi While	Rebecca Fajardo Ann Taylor Kelly Huminski	Larissa Kohler Andrew Randolph Bianca McDonald	Amir Artis Kia Thomas Dan Daly	Nikki Johnson Joe Preovich Harrison Fehn	Meredith Sferra Rose Abendroth

2025 KEY CAMP DATES



- * **June 5** - 7pm, Returning Family Zoom
- * **June 10** - 7pm, NEW Family Orientation Zoom
- * **Early June** - You will receive Emails & mailing with “First Day Name Tag”, “Car Placard” and other important info.
- * **Mid-June** - Final Bus times Emailed and posted online
- * **June 16** - Parent/Camper Meet & Greet - Arrive any time **between 6:30-8pm**
- * **June 21** - Optional Swim Testing for Turtles, Frosh, & Inclusion Campers, **between 10am-12noon**
- * **June 23** - First Day of the Camp Season
- * **July 4** - Camp Closed- Independence Day Holiday
- * **July 16** - Teen Beach Trip
- * **July 17** - Picture Day- **WEAR YOUR CAMP T-SHIRT**
- * **July 18** - Boys Wilderness Skills Overnight
- * **July 24-26** - LIT Overnight Retreat to Southwoods
- * **July 25** - Sophs Wilderness Skills Late-Night
- * **August 6**- FAMILY NIGHT, 5:30-8pm, all invited!
- * **August 8** - Girls Wilderness Skills Overnight
- * **August 11** - 2026 Reenrollment begins for ‘25 families
- * **August 12** - Senior/Teens Evening Formal, 6-9pm,
- * **August 14** - Camp-a-Palooza, Music & Arts Afternoon



*5-Year Jackets, 10-Year Plaques & 15 Year “Golden Slushie Passes”
will be presented at Old-Timers Ceremony, 8/6 @ 7pm*

When is COLOR WAR?? WE’RE NOT TELLING!