



2026
25TH
ANNIVERSARY
EDITION

Parent Resource Guide

Important Stuff that Parents Really Need to Know!



1195 Florence-Columbus Rd.
Bordentown, N.J. 08505
Exit 52A off Rt. 295
(609) 499-7820

LibertyLakeDayCamp.com
fun@libertylakedaycamp.com



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 valuing what truly matters in our LLDC family; teaching and learning important skills/behaviors that impart the values that will help our kids lead a successful life.

1. To become more **INDEPENDENT** and resilient.
2. To gain **INTEGRITY** by choosing honesty, making right decisions, & treating 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 elevating 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 be a positive force everywhere they go in life.

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

★ **ROOKIE / New Family Zoom- June 3 @ 6:30pm - with Andy** - Check your Email for [ZOOM LINK](#). Learn why a camp like LLDC is vital for 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 posted onto YouTube Channel the next day**

★ **VETERAN / Returning Family Zoom- June 10 @ 7pm - with Andy** - The "Update from the Lake" to clarify intricacies & new initiatives at camp this summer- ask questions! Check Email for [LINK](#). ***Recording posted on YouTube next day**

★ **MEET 'N' GREET - Tuesday, 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 nice new LLDC Backpacks and T-Shirts to all who come - otherwise they are given out on the campers' first day.**

★ **2026 FAMILY NIGHT - Wednesday, August 5, 5:30-8pm - Rain Date- Thursday, August 6**
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 "**Peter Pan**," and the highly anticipated "Old Timer" ceremony for **5-10-15-20 & 25-YEAR Liberty Lakers!** **PARENTS- Bring your sneakers & appetite!**

LibertyLakeDayCamp.com - Log-in + Quick-Links + Campaign 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 this year- **Use the Parent Resource Guide Chat-bot!** The "**QUICK LINKS**" webpage is the clearinghouse of all summer links- **Bookmark it now**, because it probably has what you'll be looking for- permission slips, color war songs, bus times, elective sheets, spirit calendar, map, etc.

NEW, EXCITING, & RETURNING - 25th Anniversary surprises, Foundation Celebration, ALL NEW- Ga-Ga Courts, Skate Park components, Turtle Town stage & houses, "lake boardwalk," and a TWO TEAM Color War! Plus Spirit Calendar faves Wet 'n' Wild, Yacht or Not, Tug o' War, LARP, Look-a-Likes, & Camp-a-Palooza- along with obligatory Demon Hunters fun!!

Community & 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 our 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 a big 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 intentional and consistent initiatives built into our program.

★ Character ★

The greatest compliment that someone can give you your child is to describe them as **“having great character.”** In this time of A.I. technology, we believe that character, communication, collaboration, and creativity are essential skills for becoming a successful, contributing member of 21st century society.

- **Star Point Fluency Include..** From our Driveway Signs, to our Daily Assemblies, Social Media, Extended 1st Periods, Star Point of Week, End of Week Ceremonies, Weekly Email updates, Elective Programming, Website, Weekly Reports, Staff “Eagle” Evaluations, Signs around Camp, Camper Cheers, Camp Tee Shirts, In-Season Staff Trainings, Teen Leadership Initiatives, Lunch Protocol, Camper/Parent Surveys, and **“Fuzzies!”**



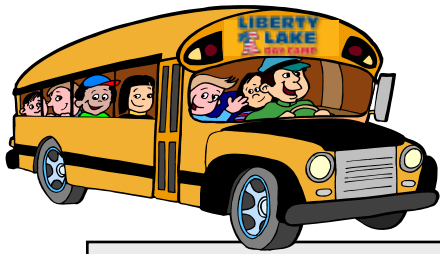
We love our little “warm & fuzzies” at LLDC. Our leadership team awards them for EXCEPTIONAL acts of character, which makes the awards a bit rare, and special. So please note that **if your camper comes home with a fuzzy- it is a REALLY Big Deal-** so, reinforce it at home as well :-). We also have “FuzzyMan” who makes appearances around camp, and in public! (*contact us for FuzzyMan appearances*)

★ Community ★

The Liberty Lake Summer Camp Community reconvenes every June like the old-school neighborhood you may have grown up in- Where everybody seems to know your name, where neighbors look out for one another, where kids can feel safe and supported while taking risks and trying new things, and where kids can feel loved and accepted while being their true selves.

Our Camper Groups are tight-knit teams, and our Divisions are mini-camps within themselves. Our staff celebrates each child’s individual strengths and talents and helps find their “super powers.” Camper Groups meet, eat, and play together- building cardboard boats, battling on the tug-o-war jello tarmac, forging lifelong bonds and friendships with one another that we often see transcend into adulthood. Our Monday morning and Friday afternoon assemblies bring the entire camp community together each week for magical moments of celebration and joy!





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 the “**QUICK LINKS**” page of LibertyLakeDayCamp.com will have the 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, especially 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 (and didn’t grant permission), 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 changes, 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 get out of your car, unless absolutely necessary- if you need to speak to anyone, please park.** Realize also that **BUSES** also arrive between 8:45 and 9 AM. **PLEASE ARRIVE BEFORE 9 AM - as otherwise, campers will miss their assembly and potentially be late to 1st period.**

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 - Extended Hours care takes place 7-8:30 AM and 4:15-6 PM with a supplemental fee to simply cover costs of \$25 per week (AM or PM) or \$50 per week (AM and PM)

EARLY PICK-UP? - Please Don't Just “SHOW UP!”

If you wish to pick up your child early from camp, please let us know by **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 ID 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 work this policy into your plans!**



★ FREEDOM OF CHOICE ELECTIVE PROGRAM ★

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

Each week, families receive an elective sheet listing the activities offered for the NEXT week (posted online, plus link emailed to you.) Parents should discuss elective choices with their children, and then submit changes through the “Forms & Documents, Top-10” form in your CampInTouch dashboard or Campanian App.

*** ELECTIVE CHOICES MUST BE UPDATED ONLINE EACH WEEK BY TUESDAY @ NOON ***

Campers create an activity “Top 10” list prior to the start of the Summer, 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. Liberty Lake uses a state-of-the-art scheduling system to make this happen. Activity Preferences do NOT get erased from the system week to week- So if choices are not updated, campers may receive the same activity choices. *Curriculum descriptions change each week- So please update your choices!*

With over 50 choices of electives offered each week for campers creating a “Top 10 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.*
- * *As curriculum changes each week, many campers repeat their favorite 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 friendly reminders encouraging you to update choices.*

Turtles enjoy a variety of activities each week specifically developed for their unique pre-school needs- including athletics, art, nature, cooking, and waterfront- plus unstructured, creative play!

- * *Please use the Week 1 Elective Sheet to create your “Top 10 List” - Regardless of start date*

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

LEAVE CELL PHONES & ELECTRONICS AT HOME

- * *Cell Phones, Smart Watches, 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*. A place where we play **OUTSIDE ALL DAY**. 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 are meant to: **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 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 safe place for our children. For a quarter-century, 30,000 campers have had safe, positive experiences, with the majority of children and staff returning each summer. Liberty Lake is accredited by the American Camp Association (Andy was President) and licensed by the NJ State Department of Health. 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) always with name tags. All visitors are met at the Gate House by a professional security guard, must show appropriate ID, be granted permission by the office, and given visitor passes to wear while being escorted through camp. 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 on youth development, behavioral management, emergency procedures, child abuse awareness, inclusion, mental health, and basic medical care. We run unannounced drills throughout the camp season, have three Nurses on site each day, and the Mansfield First Aid Squad is just around the corner. Andy is a Certified Child Abuse Prevention Trainer, and we train our staff to always be on the lookout for potential situations, and to never be alone with a camper.

Our Aquatics Director is a Red Cross Certified Trainer who trains and certifies lifeguards with CPR, First Aid, and AED training. We consult with one of the foremost aquatic safety experts in the country, and **we are the first private day camp in the USA to utilize the cutting edge technology of the WAVE Digital Aquatic Safety Equipment.**

Our full-time emergency expert partners with the County Office of Emergency Management to prepare for any situation. Communication with our parents is integral, via Emails, texting, and 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. If severe weather or emergencies take place, know that the safety of your children is our priority, and not phone calls nor emails. Our focus during these moments is 100% on supervision and safety.

We will Email or text you from the office when necessary, when we are able to.



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 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 is in the upper right corner of every camp website page, with links to most everything for summer:** Bus Times, Elective Sheets, Lunch Menu, Permission Forms, Laketionary, Spirit Calendar, Parent Guide, & 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 10 List”:** Online elective selection makes choosing activities quick & easy! Go to “Forms & Documents” on your CampInTouch Dashboard or Campanion App to enter your “Top 10!”
- ◆ **Online Summer Photo Albums:** Our media team uploads dozens of photos & videos each day to Facebook & Instagram, and HUNDREDS weekly to the CampMinder/Campanion photo galleries, which you can “favorite”, save, and purchase if you like.
- ◆ **Financial Statements:** 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!

Follow us on your “socials” - Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, & TikTok- A daily ritual for many camp families to get the most current info ASAP, including *WEEKLY FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES on YouTube* (weather permitting.) While we’re tech-free @ Camp, these are wonderful communication tools during the summer & school year!



★ PROGRAM FUN! ★



AWESOME ATHLETICS & ADVENTURE

Our coaches run **dynamic sports clinics** that target all ability levels. Athletic activities include instruction through “lead-up” training games as well as competitions. We provide all equipment, so please leave yours home! Our **High Ropes Adventure Program** is one the finest in the country, with exciting elements 25-50 feet above the ground, with a Giant Swing, and a Zipline across the lake (and back!) Campers love playground favorites Ga-Ga, Hulla-Ball (4-square), and Pickleball- plus many other choices, including many activities you’ll never find at home- like fencing! *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 **NJ Renaissance Faire!** Our Videography elective “**LLTV**” films and creates weekly YouTube content, plus footage for the annual Video Yearbook. Musical and dramatic campers, like our rockers, rappers, songwriters, and thespians perform on Friday afternoons, and our **Week 8 CAMP-A-PALOOZA** festival features many of our talented teachers and campers performing on the big stage for their friends! There’s no limit to how far creativity can take us at Liberty Lake- and you’ll be amazed by how talented our campers can be!



ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE

Liberty Lake offers a broad spectrum of artistic opportunities 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.



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

Our eclectic programs challenge campers, are fun AND interesting for those who want to try cool, new, hands-on activities from Animal Care to “D & D” to circuitry & robotics! Our staff of specialists is often 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 Biking electives take full advantage of our 60 natural acres, and our “Wilderness Skills” elective features optional special late-stays & sleepovers for kids who choose that elective!

SWIM PROGRAM

Swimming is the 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 Swim Team, Swim Instruction, or “Polar Bear Club” as an elective. Questions or concerns? Email: swim@libertylakedaycamp.com



Liberty Lake Swim Levels:

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 (one shallow, one deep), our sandy beach (sand castles!), or deep lakeside area each afternoon. Liberty Lake features a 25-foot Water Trampoline, while the big pool has two 50 ft. Pool Slides! 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) with no goggles, and treading water for 60 seconds- it’s not easy, but it’s a Red Cross rule that we follow.

★ 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 Lakers treat each other with respect and value their right to have a safe and enjoyable experience at camp. It is the responsibility of all campers and staff to model appropriate behavior, abide by all camp rules, and represent the values of Liberty Lake **while at camp, on the camp bus, on trips, outside camp, and even on social media.**

Any disrespectful, violent, mean spirited, 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 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, cannabis, or any illegal drugs **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 will be put into place immediately at camp.

- **If the behavior persists**, parents/guardians will be contacted, and the camper may be put on a behavior contract in which camper, parents, and 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 will ask a parent to pick up their child immediately from camp.
- **Uncontrollable negative behavior** will cause camper to be suspended or removed from the program.

** 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 our policies, 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 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.*

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



To Build Community & Character

AND - HAVE - A - BLAST!!!

Extensions & 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 adding weeks, please inquire about availability ASAP to joe@libertylakedaycamp.com** and we will do our best to accomodate your request.

On Monday of Week 8, Enrolled Camp Families are given Priority Status to register for the 2027 Season with a refundable deposit locking in the lowest tuition rate. New families are given the opportunity to enroll after Labor Day, and groups historically begin closing soon after. Our advice, if your child enjoyed their experience, is to fill out an enrollment application immediately in late August, to avoid wait-lists.

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" for staff. While Liberty Lake pays our staff competitively, teachers could be paid more at Summer School, and students could work 50 hours per week in air conditioned retail or fast food. 11th/12th grade high school students are in an extension of our leadership program, and appreciate tips the most. While not required, tips are a nice 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 our young 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 easy to do from home. 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 "Camp Venmo!" We've had great success with Grazzee- for counselors, bus captains, bus drivers, specialists, swim instructors, 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 campers and administer prescription 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 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.)** 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 - Plan on leaving sunscreen at Camp, with the camper's name on it!

EVENING EVENTS - The *June 16th Meet 'n' Greet* is a chance for your kids to meet their counselors (plus a Teen Leader Orientation.) The *August 5th, 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 Liberty Lakers who have been with LLDC for 5, 10, 15, 20, & 25 years! There are separate *Girls and Boys Overnights 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 Adventure*, 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. There's also Turtles/Frosh "Stuffy Sleepover" week 4- *for stuffies only!*

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 email addresses for the camp administrative team. We can mass text you (if you opted in when you enrolled- make sure!!) Our robust website has the "Quick Links" page, and don't forget to download the Campanion App. Social media has added a layer of complexity, and 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!** Our "Snack Shack" (camp canteen) has pretzels, fritos (gluten free), goldfish, our ever popular Slushies, and ice cream on Fridays- plus additional drinks like Gatorades, juices, and bottled water for purchase. Our **dietary specialist** manages the unique dietary needs of our campers, and online ingredients list- Contact her at food@libertylakedaycamp.com. *****Please do not send outside food & snacks!*****

BIRTHDAYS - Campers who celebrate their birthdays during their camp time with us enjoy **Group Slushy Parties**- So don't send anything! We will take a group birthday photo to post in our online photo gallery.

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS - Professional photographers take camper and group photos **July 9 (Wk.3)** We will remind you to dress your kids in their camp shirt 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 cool stuff!

SUCCESS TEAM - The LLDC Success Team is a unique facet of camp to help any campers who needs support. It's comprised of our Health Center Nurses (Medical), Inclusion Team, Social Emotional Support Team, 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 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 (back-packs.) 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. "Crocs" are allowed, but NOT AT SPORTS (pack sneakers.) Campers WEAR their bathing suits- Boys, wear as shorts. Girls, wear underneath t-shirt/shorts. Lather them up with sunscreen each morning, and we highly recommend a baseball cap or similar for sun protection. *We give out LLDC backpacks at the "Meet & Greet" or they can get theirs on their first day.*
In their Backpack: Pack a towel, a water bottle, sunscreen (we can help reapply) and a windbreaker for liquid sunshine, plus 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 avoid the charge for "after-care." Drop off before 8:30am to avoid the extra charge for "before-care."

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 stay on schedule, substituting dry covered area games for all field sports and water-front activities. **PLEASE dress your camper(s) appropriately!** (water-resistant windbreaker or rain jacket- not hoodies!) Campers should always wear a bathing suit to camp, as the sky usually clears up. During **extreme heat**, we cancel sports, and substitute a lot of swimming and water games- keeping everybody as wet and cool as we can.

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 :-). 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 5 "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. Any questions, **Email your Division Leaders!**

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 accommodate special dietary needs?

Our main lunch entree', alternatives/substitutes, salad, fruit, yogurt, & pasta can accommodate 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 or smart watch?

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/tech and speak to the director, **3rd offense:** Expulsion from camp. Staff only gets 1 strike- **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
- * **Main Summer Email:** office@libertylakedaycamp.com
- * **Also:** bus@, nurse@, electives@, swim@, inclusion@, andy, joe, etc!
- * LibertyLakeDayCamp.com + Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, & 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
Health Center- Dr. Vanessa
nurse@libertylakedaycamp.com
Tracy - Program Scheduling
electives@libertylakedaycamp.com
Terri & the “Success Team”
inclusion@libertylakedaycamp.com

Joe Craig- Director (Admin)
joe@libertylakedaycamp.com
Victoria- Bus Coordinator
bus@libertylakedaycamp.com
Gary- Aquatics
swim@libertylakedaycamp.com
Justin Pritikin- Director (Staff)
justin@libertylakedaycamp.com

Brandi Carnivale- Director (Program)
bc@libertylakedaycamp.com
Dietary Specialist
food@libertylakedaycamp.com
Taylor- Office Admin
office@libertylakedaycamp.com
Head Counselors- Kathy & Matt
hc@libertylakedaycamp.com

DIVISION LEADERS

| Turtles (PK & K) | Freshman (1-2) | Sophs (3-4) | Juniors (5-6) | Seniors (7-9) | Teen Leadership (9-10) |
|--|---|---|--|--|------------------------------------|
| turtles@ | frosh@ | sophs@ | juniors@ | seniors@ | teens@ |
| Brandi White | Rebecca Fajardo Kelly Huminski Chris Harris | Larissa Kohler Andrew Randolph Charles McDuff | Amir Artis Kia Thomas Dan Daly | Justin Pritikin Olivia Wojtowicz Mkenna Wimberly | Meredith Sferra Rose Abendroth |

2026 KEY CAMP DATES



- * **June 3** - 6:30pm, NEW “Rookie” Family Orientation Zoom
- * **June 10** - 7pm, Veteran Family 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 14 & 20** - Optional Swim Testing **between 10am-12noon**
- * **June 22** - First Day of the Camp Season
- * **July 3** - Camp Closed- Independence Day Holiday
- * **July 9** - Picture Day- **WEAR YOUR CAMP T-SHIRT**
- * **July 16** - Teen Beach Trip
- * **August 7** - Boys Wilderness Skills Overnight
- * **July 23-25** - LIT Overnight Retreat to Southwoods
- * **July 10** - Sophs Wilderness Skills Late-Night
- * **August 5-** FAMILY NIGHT, 5:30-8pm, all invited!
- * **July 17** - Girls Wilderness Skills Overnight
- * **August 10** - 2027 Reenrollment begins for ‘26 families
- * **August 11** - Senior/Teens Evening Formal, 6-9pm,
- * **August 13** - Camp-a-Palooza, Music & Arts Afternoon



5-Year Jackets, 10-Year Plaques, 15 Year “Golden Slushie Passes” & more will be presented at the 25th Anniversary Old-Timer’s Ceremony, 8/5 @ 7pm at the Lakeside Amphitheater

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