



Hello everyone!

it's hard to believe, but camp is less than two months away! We encourage everyone to begin preparing to attend. As we have all seen in past years, Youth Camp is something that you don't want to miss!

Camp dates for this year are **June 7-12**, with check-in on Sunday, June 6 after 3:00PM and check-out on Saturday, June 13 by 9:00AM. We are excited to have an extra day to be with everyone this year! Scheduled events will run Monday through Friday. There will be no scheduled activities or meals on check-in day, but it is a great time to fellowship, unpack, and enjoy the campground. Camp will be once again held at our beloved **Historic Santa Claus Campground**, located at 16670 N. 625 E. Santa Claus, IN 47579.

Because of the extra day and a general increase in expenses all around, our camp fee will be increased to **\$200.00 per person** (or \$35 per person per night). Anyone attending camp events and meals during the day but staying off-site (hotel, other campground, etc.) will be charged a rate of \$20 per day they visit. The decision to raise the camp fee was made reluctantly but prayerfully. I feel it is important to note that the host church that runs the campground (at a discounted rental fee) charges \$300 per person for their campers. If anyone wants to bring a personal RV, there is also a \$100 fee to bring one onsite regardless of length of stay. Boats are also welcome, provided that they do not run gas-powered motors while on the lake.

This year, we are bringing back t-shirts for purchase! T-shirts should be **pre-ordered online**. Payment will be due at camp when you pick up shirts on check-in day. The shirts will be \$12 each, and this amount is not included in the camp fee. T-shirt purchases are completely optional. We are offering them out of high demand!

Online registration is now open at **valpochurch.com** and **due May 1st**. We encourage everyone to submit their information as soon as possible. Camp preparations are already underway. For those who do not feel comfortable using the online form, I will be including paper registration forms in this packet as well. I would ask that those papers be turned into someone at your local church who is able to then input that information into our online form. Anyone who is interested but still unsure if they are able to come should still complete their registration. At the end of the online form, there is a choice to mark your status as "maybe." Please feel free to reach out anytime with questions or concerns.

We sincerely desire your prayers at this time, that we make decisions that will glorify God and encourage our youth. Providing this week is invaluable, and as our world is quickly changing, we must not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. The church has a responsibility to impact these young people, strengthen them, and show them that the church is dedicated to creating focused time on their generation. Camp is an irreplaceable and intense holy atmosphere that always facilitates a great move of God in their lives!

Love in Christ,
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