



Dear Pastor, Youth Director or Adult Sponsor,

## Thank you for choosing Lutheran Camp Chrysalis!

### Our Summer Theme

This summer, Cross Trails Ministry campers will be exploring the theme of “God: Open 24/7”. We will be going through the seasons of the church year and discovering the opportunities that God gives to us each and every day to put our faith in to action! It is going to be a great summer!

### Everything is ONLINE!

Your campers and adults who have submitted registration forms will soon be receiving a postcard. It will direct them to our webpage to get all of the information and forms needed for your camp week. Here is what each camper’s parent or guardian, or participating adult should do:

1. Go to [www.CrossTrails.org](http://www.CrossTrails.org)
2. Click on Summer Camp
3. Click on Summer 2017 Handbooks and Forms
4. Make sure email from crosstrails.org does not go to their spam or promotions filter so they can receive updates as needed

Here is what your participants will find:

- Chrysalis Camper Information Handbook – This can be read online or printed. It contains a lot of information about the camp week, including how parents can contact their camper and what to bring. **It is especially important that parents read the portion of the handbook regarding pictures, DVD’s and contacting their camper. These have changed from previous years in some wonderful new ways.**
- Health History Form – **Required** - We need a parent or guardian to fill this out. From Adults we need an Adult Health History Form to give us information we may need if there is an emergency.
- Cross Trails Release Form – **Required** - Each camper and adult participant needs to fill one of these out.
- DVD and Group Photo Form – This is optional, however it can speed check in if parents or adult participants fill it out and bring it on the first day.
- Campership Form – No one should miss out on camp because of the cost. Camperships are available. Payment plans are also available. Call if you have questions. Don’t let anyone miss out because of cost!

**ALL FORMS ARE DUE MAY 1 to the Cross Trails Ministry Office.**

### Leader Resources are also available ONLINE!

There are some resources that we have specifically for group leaders. To access them:

1. Go to [www.CrossTrails.org](http://www.CrossTrails.org)
  2. Click on Summer Camp
  3. Click on Pastor and Youth Leader Information
- Congregational Time Resources: Congregational Time at camp is 45 minutes in the evening when you may join your congregational group for some social or teaching time. This booklet provides daily ideas for you to

look over and use with your group. Congregational time is optional, but encouraged as many groups find it helps them to make the connection between camp and home. Cabin leaders typically take this time off, but you may request staff help if you would like it.

- Summer Camper Sending Service Resources: We provide you with resources for a sending service to use before campers leave for camp. Why not let your campers know that your congregation supports them?

### **Balance Due On May 1**

A group invoice will soon be sent to the person listed as the primary contact person for your group reservation. Your campers will not receive individual notices. Payment is due, in full, by May 1st.

### **Cabin-Mate Requests – Let us know your preference ASAP**

As much as possible, we try to honor camper's cabin-mate requests as long as the campers are of similar age and in the same program. Once campers arrive, cabin assignments are very difficult to change without disrupting other campers. If you have a specific request for campers that you want **housed together, or separated**, please let us know at least one week prior to your arrival at camp.

### **For Confirmation Camp Only – Email Jay Miller**

If you are planning to teach your own group, you will have **one and a half hours** to teach each day. Our staff will be available to help as much as you'd like. Please email Camp Chrysalis Director, Jay Miller, at [jay@crossstrails.org](mailto:jay@crossstrails.org) and let him know if you need any multi-media resources. If you would like our staff to take charge of teaching time, it is very important that you let him know if you have not done so yet. This information will help us to adjust staff assignments appropriately.

### **Your Home for the Week - The Promise Cabin**

All adults attending Camp Chrysalis will be housed in the Promise Cabin. It is air-conditioned and has four bedrooms, each with its own bathroom, shower and sinks. Most weeks, each bedroom will house 2-5 people in bunk beds or singles. The Promise Cabin also has a central gathering area, with couches, a refrigerator and a microwave, as well as a large deck with rocking chairs for socializing.

Please be aware that some cell phone services do not work well at camp. To leave a message, people may wish to call our office at (830) 257-6340. Messages will be relayed at meal times unless it is an emergency. If there is an emergency after 11 pm, have people call Jay Miller, at (830) 285-3539.

### **What to Bring**

If you are an adult who will be attending, you should bring all of the items on the What to Bring List included in the Camper Information Handbook. Most beds in the Promise Cabin are extra long twin size. Adults can also bring most of the items on the What Not to Bring List, but we ask you to keep them in your cabin and not use them in front of campers. This is especially true of cell phones. If you choose to bring a computer, wireless internet access is available in some parts of camp. Please do not bring pets, weapons of any kind, illegal drugs, or anything valuable.

### **Questions?**

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at 830-257-6340 or [info@crossstrails.org](mailto:info@crossstrails.org).

**It is going to be an amazing summer! Thank you again for choosing Camp Chrysalis!**



Your Partner in Ministry,

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