

## Little Shepherds ELC Summer Camp Ages: 2.5 – 8 Monday, June 17 ~ Friday, August 23, 2024

Dear Little Shepherds families and Prospective LS Summer Camp Families:

I am thrilled to announce that Little Shepherds will offer a Summer Camp this year from June 17-August 23!

As you may know, our mission is to provide a "Christ-centered creative learning environment." We treasure summer as an added opportunity to embrace excellence in teaching young people about the love of God and to serving students and their families!

As we prepare for another summer, please be assured that your child's safety is our utmost priority. We will continue to monitor and work with the Department of Children and Families to follow all the guidelines and to ensure we meet all required recommendations. We've been planning and praying for each 2024 camper as we develop songs, lessons, crafts, games, and staffing to provide the best summer experience for your child's mind, heart, body, and soul. Features of our summer camp program include:

- **Weekly musical themes!** We start the day in our air-conditioned chapel with VBS (Vacation Bible school)-style songs and music videos.
- **Daily Bible time** focuses on stories and lessons from Scripture that engage groups of campers in understanding and living love and life through Christ.
- **Daily crafts, games, and sports** aren't just for fun, although there's lots of it they reinforce Bible lessons and promote creativity, encouragement, teamwork, and sportsmanship.
- **Community Projects** will provide campers with a chance to give back to their community by working together on simple, fun, and rewarding community service projects throughout the summer including Local Churches, Nursing Homes, Making Cards for the Kids in the Hospital and more.
- **Vacation Bible School** is five mornings of energetic Christian songs, lively Bible lessons, games, and creativity at our very own Chapel.
- **Time to relax and cool off** with daily "water time" sprinklers, and in our airconditioned classrooms for "movie time", library time, and indoor games.
- **Bowling Trips** will be offered for our older students twice a month.

- An emphasis on kindness, forgiveness, and serving one another in Christian love. At Little Shepherds Summer Camp, every child is welcomed, respected, and cared for as a child of God. Kindness is expected, including apologizing, and extending forgiveness as needed.
- **Prayer** before snacks/lunch, during Bible time, before trips, and behind the scenes by teachers, administrators, and families praying for Little Shepherds.
- Mature Christian teachers and aides are carefully selected based on pastoral references, unflinching responsibility, devotion to working with children, and patience.
- A range of tuition and payment options, including weekly full-time or half-time rates, before and after care service. Please contact us if you need a customized schedule. Credit cards, checks, and cash accepted.
- NORWESCAP, payments are accepted here.

We look forward to making all this a part of your child's summer! To secure your child's place, please review and complete the attached forms:

- **Tuition/Payment Information** We offer a range of tuition/payment options. Note that *tuition does not include weekly transportation and admission to any Field Trips that we may take if restrictions ease.*
- Enrollment Forms Please complete the attached forms (one for each child) and return with a \$75 deposit to hold your child's place. The deposit will be credited to your first week's camp tuition. To help us staff, accordingly, please indicate on the form when your child will be attending and how often, to the best of your knowledge.
- **Health Records and Immunizations -** Current Immunizations and Universal Health Records must be received before the start of camp.
- Credit Card Authorization Form Even if you have a form on file with Little Shepherds, a new form must be filled out for 2024 Summer Camp. The first week's tuition is due by Monday, June 17, for that week. Tuition is due each Monday for the week ahead.

If you have any questions, please call Little Shepherds at 908-223-1780. Otherwise, to give your student a "Christ-centered creative learning environment." in his/her summer camp experience, please complete and return all necessary paperwork by Friday, April 5, 2024.

In His Service, *Shagun Oberoi*Shagun Oberoi

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