



Camp Challenge

A joint venture with the Louisiana Lions Camp

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Dear Parents:

It is my great honor to invite your child to join us for an exciting week of fun and excitement. This invitation entitles your child to endless memories, exciting events, and many friendships. Your child will experience a world of adventure at the 2022 session of CAMP CHALLENGE. WE have now joined with the Louisiana Lions Camp to be able to provide an even better opportunity for your child. If your child has been to CAMP CHALLENGE in the past, you know the value of camp memories. If Camp Challenge 2022 will be your child's first time at camp, you should be eager to give your child the chance to experience independence and to learn more about him/herself.

Please review the attached COVID Guidelines! We are working very hard to provide the safest opportunity we can to your children!

The CAMP CHALLENGE session of Lion's Camp is an Accredited Camp of the American Camping Association. To become accredited, we must comply with over 100 national camping standards. Each summer, we must prove that we are in compliance with ACA standards to maintain our status of accreditation. The purpose of this is to allow you, the parent, to know that we as a camp program and an organization have worked to meet all national guidelines for camping and that we will provide the best camp session possible to your child.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW ONLINE.....Please fill out the application completely and carefully. All of the information is necessary to process the application. Also, please pass this information on to any friends or family members that may have campers that qualify for camp.

Sincerely yours,

Cathy Allain

Cathy Allain (Treble),

Camp Director

*****Applications WILL NOT be processed and will be returned to you if all of the information is not complete. PHYSICAL FORMS AND Copy of insurance cards and immunizations are part of the application and MUST BE RECEIVED before applications can be processed!*****

www.campchallenge.org

CAMP CHALLENGE 2022

Camp Challenge is a one week overnight summer camp program for children with cancer and their siblings. The camping program is accredited by the American Camping Association.

CAMP DATES: Sunday, July 24, 2022 through Saturday, July 30, 2022

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

All applications are due **June 30, 2022**. They will be accepted after that date, but campers are accepted on a **first come first serve basis**. The number of staff we hire is based on the number of campers that have applied. We would also like to make sure we have enough supplies and a t-shirt for your child-so please get it in as soon as possible.

LOCATION: The camp will be held at the **Louisiana Lions Camp** in Leesville, Louisiana. It is an accredited site of the American Camping Association.

ELIGIBILITY: Any child (ages 5-16) with cancer or a hematological disease or their siblings. Camper eligibility is determined by the Board of Camp Challenge and is based on diagnosis, current condition and medical information provided on the application. Camp Challenge reserves the right to accept or refuse any camper based on information provided or past camp experience.

COST: Through the kindness of our many contributors, there is no cost or fee for camp. **Campers should not bring money to camp.**

MEDICAL CARE: Medical and therapeutic care is provided 24 hours a day by highly skilled professionals including physicians, nurses, and others.

STAFF: The camp program is staffed by volunteers. Each is screened for qualifications and standards set by the American Camping Association and the Board of Camp Challenge. All are highly motivated and dedicated to the service of children. Staff to camper ratio is approximately 1:1.5.

ACTIVITIES: Arts and crafts, swimming, field sports, campfires, hiking, nature, a talent show and much, much more! A rest period is provided each day after the noon meal.

INSURANCE: Campers are automatically covered by group medical insurance during the camp session. Parents and/or their own family health insurance are responsible for all medical bills not covered by the camp group insurance. **PLEASE send A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S INSURANCE CARD with THE APPLICATION. Applications will not be processed without them. You can scan them and email them to campchallengemail@gmail.com or fax them to 1-866-295-3803**

MEDICATIONS: If your child is accepted as a camper you will receive a health form and instructions prior to coming to camp. All medication must be checked in with the medical staff. It must be clearly labeled, and you must send enough for the entire week. You must include prescription bottles.

KEEP THIS INFORMATION, YOU MAY NEED IT!

TRANSPORTATION: PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY AND CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX ON THE APPLICATION.

TYPES OF TRANSPORTATION

OWN: Parents will be responsible for providing transportation to and from the campsite in Leesville, Louisiana. No assistance will be necessary.

BUS: NEW ORLEANS AREA CAMPERS

Campers may ride the bus provided by Camp Challenge to and from camp. Parents will be responsible for transporting campers to and from the bus at Children's Hospital or their designated bus stop.

BATON ROUGE: AT this time, we cannot commit to a pick-up spot in Baton Rouge. We will work with our medical team and hope that we can make it happen. If not, we will work with families to help with transportation as much as we can.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the application **in ink**. All questions must be answered and all parts must be completed.

CAMPER ACCEPTANCE: Once we have processed the application and determined that your child is eligible to attend camp, we will send you an acceptance package. Packages should be mailed in early June. This will include the rest of the information you will need as well as a confirmation card, which must be returned immediately. **Please pay attention to deadlines** and **keep this information** sheet for your reference.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call:

CATHY ALLAIN (TREBLE), Camp Director at (504) 347-CAMP
LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE CAMP CHALLENGE VOICE MAIL
or E-Mail Cathy at campchallengemail@gmail.com

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION at
www.campchallenge.org

You can upload the PHYSICAL FORM AND
INSURANCE AND IMMUNIZATIONS online, you can
fax them to 1-866-295-3803 or email them to
campchallengemail@gmail.com

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR INFO AND UPDATES!

WWW.CAMPCHALLENGE.ORG

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Dear Parents,

We have great news! We **WILL** be having Camp Challenge this year. After a great deal of time, effort and planning by our Medical Committee, we have decided to have camp this summer-but will need to have restrictions and guidelines in place to make sure all of our campers and staff are in the safest possible environment.

Camp will be held from July 24-30th at the Louisiana Lions Camp.

The following guidelines/procedures will be required to attend camp in 2022.

All campers will be required to be vaccinated. (2 doses of the vaccine are required)

- If your child has not been vaccinated and would like to attend camp, then the 1st vaccination must be completed by June 15 and the 2nd by July 6th.
- Boosters are recommended-not required.
- There will be NO Medical or Religious exemptions.

Guidelines:

The following guidelines are what we have put in place at this time. They are subject to change based on CDC guidelines, state guidelines or decisions made by our Medical Committee.

- We will do Rapid Covid testing at Check In for all campers and staff
- Campers will be allowed to come to camp once they have a negative test.
- If you are dropping your child off to us in NOLA, you will not have access to the buses and we will check your child in for camp from your car to minimize your interactions with other campers, parents and staff going to camp.
- If you are dropping off your child at camp, you will not have access to the buildings and we will check your child in for camp from your car to minimize your interactions with other campers, parents and staff at camp.
- Campers will NOT be required to wear masks on the buses or at camp.
- We will be providing and using hand sanitizers, washing hands, etc. throughout the day.
- Camp activities will be made as safe as possible. (limiting #'s in buildings, providing outside activities, etc.)
- If anyone tests positive at any time, they will be isolated and sent home. (Someone will need to pick them up)
- There will not be a family program on Friday night. All campers will ride the bus or be checked out on Saturday morning.

Please note:

These guidelines are for 2022. We understand that you may not agree with them or you may not be able to comply with them. Please be patient and remember that we are doing what we can to provide a safe environment for all of the children that we serve. It is going to be very challenging for ALL of us as we move forward. But, we want your children to have the opportunity to attend camp. We miss our campers and all that comes with our very special program.

Applications are now online. We would appreciate you letting us know if you are planning to send your children to camp as soon as possible. The deadlines will be enforced, but we also need to plan for buses, etc. and will have to put up

deposits on some things. If we could get an idea of what your plans are, it would be very helpful. Please respond to this email or send a message.

Thank you for always trusting us with your children and allowing us to provide this great opportunity for them. We will all have to be flexible and work together to make this happen. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

The Camp Challenge Team