

Black Lake High School Camp

July 17-22, 2017

Dear Student:

Hello! Are you ready? You're about to be a part of the biggest trip of the summer! We're so glad that **you** are one of the ones who will be going. Please read the following letter very carefully. It contains **A LOT** of information that you will need. Read it several times and be sure to show it to your parents! If you have any questions, please contact us right away. We are looking forward to all that God will do in our lives during our 6 days together. Know that we are praying for you each day!

Mandatory Briefing: There will be a mandatory briefing on Sunday June 25th in the Summit on New Heights Main Campus at 6pm. This meeting is required for all students. Parents are invited to attend and can also attend in place of a student if the student is unable to be there. Attendance will be taken at the briefing.

Luggage: You will need to pack all of your items in no more than 2 pieces of luggage (this includes your sleeping bag & pillow). We recommend a suitcase for your clothes and personal items, and a duffle type bag for your sleeping bag. **NOTE:** All luggage MUST be brought to New Heights Church, Main Campus, on Sunday (July 16th) between 4:00 and 5:00pm. This is mandatory! Only very small carry-on items will be allowed on Monday (purse, etc.).

Departure: We will be meeting at New Heights Main Campus on Monday, July 17th, at 7:00am. After a short meeting we will board the vehicles and depart immediately. Because we'd like to get on the road as quickly as possible, you **must** be on time.

Return: We will be returning around 12:00pm on Saturday, July 22nd to New Heights Main Campus.

Student Service Teams (SST): During Black Lake high school camp you will have the opportunity to be involved in an SST, and we encourage you to be involved. These teams will be a lot of fun and provide a way for students to make a very significant contribution to the overall success of the trip. SST's will emphasize teamwork, cooperation, friendship, service, and love. If you are interested in being part of a service team please let us know! More info will be given at the June 25th briefing.

Food: Eat and drink well throughout the trip. We will feed you plenty of good food. Stay well hydrated. Limit your personal junk food intake. Lastly, no food or drink is allowed on any of our vehicles. You will need to bring money for the fast-food purchase of 1 meal.

Bring:

Clothes (plan for warm weather)
Comfortable shoes
Light jacket or sweatshirt
Personal items (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, deodorant, bath towel, etc.)
Modest sleepwear
Sandals, beach towel, modest swimsuit (see dress code for more details)
Sunscreen, sunglasses, chapstick (All essential)
Bible, pen, paper
Money (see "Money" below)
Sleeping bag & pillow
Watch or alarm clock (optional – but highly recommended since we have a no cell phone policy)
Camera (optional)
Flashlight (optional)
Mosquito repellent (optional)

Don't Bring: Alcohol, drugs, tobacco, weapons, cell phones, ipods, or video game players, or other electronics. Any violation of these or other guidelines may result in the student being sent home from our trip on train or bus at the parent's expense.

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Sleeping: We will spend all of our nights in cabins at Black Lake Bible Camp in Olympia WA. There is no need to bring an air mattress or sleeping pad, the mattresses at Black Lake are very nice! We will always separate girls/guys sleeping areas, but we do require modest clothing be worn to bed. We will have specific bed times each night and will hold to these strictly so we are well rested in the midst of a full schedule.

Money: You will need to bring enough money for 1 fast food stop while we are traveling to camp on Monday. Additionally, you may want money for snacks or souvenirs at the camp store. We discourage students from bringing large amounts of cash and encourage everyone to keep their money with them at all times. This is the best way to prevent lost and stolen money.

Theme Night: There will be one night at camp that we'll encourage students to "dress up" for dinner. This is not required, but it's a lot of fun to participate in and it's a great night for pictures with friends both old and new! We'll give more details about this night at our student briefing meeting on June 25th!

Sun & Heat: It can get hot during our trip and you will experience a lot of exposure to the sun. Be ready for it. Drink a lot of water. Although we would all like to come back with a tan, a sunburn will ruin your experience. Wear sunscreen at all times!

Spiritual Challenge: This trip is full of ways to grow in your relationship with God. You can expect to be a part of great worship, Bible study, and time with the people in your cabin for evening cabin time. You'll also have plenty of opportunities to have conversations with our leaders, join morning devotionals, and the option of joining a student service team (more about these at the June 25th Briefing). All these things will be fun, challenging, and will change the way you live your life.

Camp Customs: You will receive a list of all the Black Lake Customs at the mandatory briefing. It contains all our guidelines, rules, and even some of our goals. Be very familiar with it.

Dress Code: You will receive a list of the Black Lake dress code at the mandatory briefing. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Messages & Emergency Contacts: We will spend our entire time at Black Lake Bible Camp. The number for the camp office is (360) 357-8425. Students are not allowed to have cell phones on this trip but we will have several staff members with phones in case of an emergency.

Mail at Camp: Mail can be sent to camp and students love to receive it! If you'd like to send a note or care package to your son or daughter at camp you can send it to the following address:
Black Lake Bible Camp, Attn. New Heights & student name, 6521 Fairview Rd SW Olympia, WA 98512

Traveling: We will be traveling in busses and vans and will have radio contact between all vehicles. You will travel on the busses the whole time, and at different times seats will be assigned to you to provide you with opportunities to meet new people (come friendly and ready to make new friends!). Also, during all of our traveling times, we will make minimal stops for bathroom breaks. With so many people going, this is needed in order to get to our destination at a reasonable time. Please drink accordingly and use all rest stops as necessary.

Medication: If you are bringing any medication (prescription or over the counter) please mark all medication with type of medication, when it needs to be taken and any other special instructions. Place this medication in a marked Ziploc bag and check it in with the designated staff person when you drop your luggage off on Saturday July 16th.

Well, that ought to be enough information for you. Again, please read this letter through carefully and be sure to show it to your parents!

Praying for you,
Your Black Lake 2017 Staff Team

Questions?
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