



Day Camp

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

2026 Information and Pricing

WHAT IS DAY CAMP?

Day Camp is a four day program held in your congregation for children who have completed kindergarten through 6th grade. Day Camp is a unique blend of outdoor and congregational ministry with crafts, music, worship, games, Bible study, fellowship, and recreation.

The purpose of Day Camp is to provide your congregation and community with a quality Christian experience for youth in your congregation. Both camps and congregations have a dynamic impact on the faith development of children. Fortune Lake Day Camp partners with you to provide enthusiasm, energy, curriculum, and program ideas. Day Camp supplements your year-round Christian education program and the faith development of your congregation's families and children.

The strength of Day Camp is the partnership between Fortune Lake camp staff and the congregation's volunteers. Fortune Lake camp staff are caring, committed young adults who are trained to lead Bible Studies, worship, music, recreation, crafts, and community building activities. Their enthusiasm, energy, curriculum, and program ideas are important to the success of your Day Camp week. Your congregational volunteers provide the important connection for the children. The relationships the congregational volunteers develop at Day Camp will be valuable to the children year-round.

DAY CAMP AGE RANGE

Day Camp Programming is specifically designed for youth who have completed Kindergarten through 6th Grade, and participants are typically divided into the following teaching groups (which may vary depending on numbers):

- Kindergarten and 1st Grade
- 2nd and 3rd Grade
- 4th through 6th Grade

Group Size: A minimum of 12 youth is recommended for Day Camp programming. Our three member teams, with assistance from volunteers, can accommodate up to 25 participants. Additional youth will require additional staff, and price will vary accordingly.

Preschool/Nursery and Junior High: Day Camp programming is not designed for youth in preschool/nursery or Junior High; the activities provided are designed for elementary-aged youth who have completed at least a year of school. Preschool youth may participate in the day camp programming *if* a congregation is willing to provide teaching leadership for these participants. We are happy to work with a congregation to help make it a great week for everyone.

SCHEDULING

Please indicate 3 of the best available weeks on the attached Congregation Contact Information form.

2026 available dates:

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| • June 7-11 | • June 28 - July 2 | • July 19-23 |
| • June 14-18 | • July 5-9 | • July 26-30 |
| • June 21-25 | • July 12-16 | • August 2-6 |

Staff will depart from Fortune Lake on either Saturday afternoon/evening or on Sunday morning and arrive in time to help lead worship on Sunday morning, contributing as desired by your congregation. Fortune Lake's Day Camp Staff will also want to have a meeting with your leadership and key volunteers on Sunday.

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp typically runs Day Camp Sunday through Thursday with a Sunday Opening Gathering and/or a Thursday closing event. If your congregation would like to do a **Day Visit** to Fortune Lake as part of your Day Camp experience, you'll need to reserve the date and include that opportunity in your planning (see Congregational Day Visit information sheet). We recommend considering a Day Visit on the Thursday of your Day Camp week as a culminating activity.

DAY CAMP PRICING 2026

- **\$1,470 base for four day camp** (Includes the first 25 participants and 3 Staff from FLLC, and materials).
- **\$40** - fee for each additional participant over 25.
- **70¢ per mile** (or whatever the IRS reimbursed rate is) travel surcharge fee including round trip from Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp and internal Day Camp travel.
- **\$250 | \$500 deposit** is required and must be returned with your Congregation Contact Information form. \$250 deposit for 3 staff (camper estimates up to 25). \$500 for 4+ staff (over 25 campers). This will be credited against your total cost, which will be derived by totaling the base fee, additional participant fee (if applicable), and mileage.
- **Why does it cost so much?** We provide the use of 3 of our staff for the whole week (at least \$1,230 cost to camp for their weekly salary), all of the supplies for crafts, games and activities, plus we have invested in the curriculum, staff training, and staff have use of a camp vehicle while they are with you.

WHAT NEXT?

Identify a Congregation Coordinator - Invite someone to be responsible for booking the Day Camp, fill out appropriate paperwork, and partner with FLLC to make the necessary arrangements, recruit volunteers and lodging, and help lead the Day Camp Program at your church.

Line up Volunteers. Day Camp is a joint effort between your congregation and FLLC. The success of the program depends upon the full cooperation of both parties. It is strongly recommended that volunteers are high school freshmen or older to assist with Day Camp. Volunteers help to maintain the 1:10 ratio of staff to campers, assist in matters of classroom management, and aid in the orchestration of crafts, meals, and games. They also help build relationships with the campers which will hopefully continue after Day Camp is complete.

Host Family and Meals - The staff from Fortune Lake will need to be housed with a host family for the duration of Day Camp. Typically, the family provides lodging (Saturday/Sunday-Thursday morning) as well as the breakfast meals (Sunday/Monday-Thursday). Please inform Fortune Lake if the host family or families have pets as some staff may have allergies. It is preferred that all of the Fortune Lake staff are housed with the same family for daily planning and preparation purposes and to minimize travel expenses; however it is acceptable for staff members to be housed in different homes. Lunch and supper are to be provided by the congregation or congregation members (Sunday-Thursday).

Publicity - Spread the word about Day Camp in your congregation/community. Invite youth and adults to come and participate. Print posters, flyers, and/or announcements in church bulletins and newsletters.

Basic Supplies - Fortune Lake staff will provide all specialty materials for crafts and activities. The congregation may be asked to provide basic supplies for the program such as scissors, bibles, glue, pencils/pens/crayons/markers, and paper. Protective table and floor coverings such as old newspapers are recommended for craft time.

Snack - A mid-morning snack often provides a fun, recharging break for youth. Snacks can be provided by parents, volunteers, or brought by each camper. Please be mindful of food allergies and accommodate accordingly.