



A place of grace...  
**Fortune Lake  
Lutheran Camp**

Dear Parents or Guardians,

At Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, we are committed to providing a safe, fun, and healthy environment for every camper. As part of our outdoor activity curriculum, we are mindful of the presence of ticks and the illnesses they can carry. Recent studies have shown that the number of ticks carrying the disease-causing bacteria is increasing drastically. This summer, we want to keep you informed about what we are doing at camp to prevent tick-borne illness affecting campers.

### **What are the tick-borne illnesses we watch for?**

**Lyme Disease** is caused by bacteria carried by ticks.

**How does it spread?** From a bite of an infected tick

**Early signs:** A circular red rash, fever, chills, headache, tiredness, and muscle or joint aches

**Treatment:** If treated early, some cases may only require a short course of antibiotics, while others may need a longer treatment as directed by a doctor

**Anaplasmosis** is another illness spread by ticks.

**How does it spread?** From the bite of an infected tick

**Early signs:** Fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, and tiredness, usually starting 1-2 weeks after the bite

**Treatment:** Antibiotics from a doctor

### **Why do we monitor for this?**

Ticks are small and may seem like no big deal, but the illness-inducing bacteria they carry can have lifelong effects. While not every tick bite leads to illness, early detection and proper care are important. That's why we take preventative measures and monitor all campers.

### **What do we do at Camp?**

- Daily tick checks
- Remove ticks safely and promptly if found
- Monitor campers for symptoms of a tick bite
- Communicate with parents if any concerns arise
- Utilize Dr. Hafeman's treatment plans involving antibiotics

### **What can parents do?**

We encourage you to send campers with long pants, long sleeves, tall socks, and hats for hikes and evening activities to help reduce the risk of tick bites.

### **Our Promise:**

Your camper's health and safety are our top priorities. If you have any questions about our tick safety practices or the medical care we provide, please feel free to contact us at:

Camp Office Phone Number: (906)-214-2267, ask for Amanda Rasner, Camp Director or email:

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