



NEW LIFE CAMP • RALEIGH, NC

— LEARN CLUBS —

Parent Handbook



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Welcome

Dear Mom & Dad,

We are so honored that you have chosen to send your child to New Life Camp and LEARN Clubs activities. We are going to take great care of your child physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We hope that your child has the time of their lives and makes memories that they will never forget. More importantly, we pray that your child will experience the love of God through our fine staff and volunteers.

This handbook is being provided to inform you of everything you need to know.

We hope that this booklet is helpful to you and that you have a wonderful time, too. Again, thank you for choosing New Life Camp.

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Mission of New Life Camp

New Life Camp exists to love, accept, and introduce children and families to Jesus Christ and equip them to live lives that glorify God.

Purpose of Clubs

We desire to give children a taste of different subjects, activities, and skills that might open their desires to pursue them further on their own. These activities provide a variety of electives for homeschooled students ages 4-12. The instructors will engage students in fun exploration and hands-on activities while intertwining biblical truths to encourage a love for learning.

While we desire for children to learn and grow through these Clubs, parents should not consider them as substitutes for home school course work or to operate as academic classes.

Policies to Keep Your Children Safe

Supervision

We have two types of leadership on our staff: instructors and counselors. Instructors will teach the various electives and activities. Counselors will assist the instructors as well as supervise and lead children from activity to activity. Both instructors and counselors are trained and expected to supervise children at all times while they are at New Life Camp.

Emergency Procedures

The staff have been trained in the following procedures that have been constructed specifically for New Life Camp:

- Weather Procedures
- Fire and Evacuation
- Medical Emergency
- Missing Student
- Visitor of Questionable Intent
- Active Shooter

Helpful Things to Know

Our Accreditation and Certification

1. With 12,000 camps in the US, New Life Camp is one of only 2,500 camps that are accredited by the American Camping Association.
2. ACA Accreditation assures that we comply with 300 health, safety, and program quality standards.
3. New Life Camp has run summer camp safely and effectively for nearly 70 years and our Clubs program in its various forms for almost 20 years.
4. All our full-time staff involved with activities are CPR/AED/First Aid Certified.
5. New Life Camp is a member in good standing with the Christian Camp and Conference Association.

Rides In

1. Rides-In on Tuesday and Thursday will be from 9:00-9:20am.
2. You will remain in a carpool line and drop your student off at Johnson Gym.
3. If you are unable to bring your child during this designated time, please bring them to the main office in the Activities Center. A staff member will come to you to bring your child to their huddle.

Rides Out

1. Rides Out on Tuesday and Thursday will take place at Johnson Gymnasium starting at 1:30pm. Rides Out will continue until 1:50pm.
2. You will need a photo ID to check your child out. Only those who are on your online pick-up authorization form will be allowed to pick your child up.
3. Please go to your [Online Dashboard](#), select Update for your child, and find the Forms section to update your Pick Up Authorization form.

Keeping You Posted

Here are some of the reasons New Life Camp will call you:

1. If your child is unusually homesick.

2. If your child is seriously hurt (any cut requiring stitches, broken bones, torn ligaments, or concussions).
3. If your child is sick (fever of 100.4 degrees or more, vomiting, diarrhea, or dizziness).
4. If your child is missing something that they need.

Outside of this, our instructors will communicate weekly with you by email to inform you of what was covered in their activities and any special things to note for the upcoming week.

Medications

1. The Clubs director, your children's instructors, and your children's counselors should be aware if a child has an EpiPen or inhaler in their bag.
2. Allergies, conditions, and other things we should be aware of should be indicated on your child's medical form and updated online if they change.

What to Bring

- Backpack for storing supplies.
- Lunch box or bag with a snack for snack time and a lunch for lunch time.
- A water bottle with your child's name on it.
- Lunch is part of the scheduled time of Clubs.
 - We ask that students do not bring any food that contains nuts as New Life Camp is a nut-free zone.
 - We ask that lunches be provided that do not require a microwave or refrigerator.
 - Food for snacks and lunch may not be shared between children.
 - On special occasions such as birthdays or holidays, parents may offer to bring snacks or candy to share with their child's huddle, provided they meet the following requirements:
 - It must be pre-packaged – no baked goods or snacks prepped at home.
 - It must be nut-free as New Life Camp is a nut-free zone.
 - The items must be given from the parent to your child's counselors for them to hand out. They cannot be handed out by the child. Counselors have each child's medical information and can make sure children do not get items they should not get.
- Children are encouraged to wear rain jackets and bring umbrellas on rainy days. New Life Camp has no transport capability for students other than walking.

What Girls Should Wear

Parents are responsible to make sure their children are properly dressed. Students' clothes should not have any inappropriate words or depictions.

Shorts and Pants

- Shorts should be at least fingertip length or have a 4-inch inseam.

- No lamp shading – that is, shirts should not be so long that they completely cover the shorts.
- Tights and spandex do not change the rule above.
- If wearing leggings, shirts or appropriate length shorts should cover the bottom.

Shirts

- Shirts should be chosen with the active nature of camp in mind.
- A student’s stomach or lower back should never be visible.
- Undergarments should never be visible.
- Students should not wear anything strapless.
- Clothing is too tight when the outline of undergarments can be clearly seen.
- Necklines should be modest.

During Colder Months

- Students are encouraged during colder months to wear layers of clothes (such as a jacket and sweatpants) as we will often be indoors as well as outdoors.

What Boys Should Wear

Parents are responsible for making sure their children are properly dressed. Students’ clothes should not have any inappropriate words or depictions.

- Shorts should be at least fingertip length.
- Shorts and pants should not sag, and undergarments should not be visible.
- During colder months, students are encouraged to wear layers of clothes (such as a jacket and sweatpants) as we will often be indoors and outdoors.

What Not to Bring

In order to maintain the intended atmosphere at New Life Camp, please do not allow your children to bring the following items:

- Snack or lunch items containing nuts. We want New Life Camp to be a nut-free zone.
- Tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs
- Books or magazines with questionable material
- Car keys
- Pets
- Electronic devices for entertainment
- Blades, guns, and other weapons
- Music devices and instruments
- Toys

- Phones may be brought to camp, but they are only allowed to be used with the permission of a staff member for emergency calls. They may not be used for other purposes. Failure to follow this rule will result in the phone being confiscated and the parents required to pick it up.
- We recommend students leave anything of value not covered here at home. While New Life Camp keeps a lost and found storage, we are ultimately not responsible for lost or stolen property.

Special Statement on Threats, Violence, and Weapons

A participant threatening to bring weapons or violence on camp property or actually doing so will be removed from camp property as quickly as possible by staff and will be suspended or dismissed from the program. Staff reserve the right to contact the authorities immediately upon learning of any threat, explicit or implicit. We owe it to all our participants, parents, and staff to provide the safest, calmest, and best learning and life environment as possible here at NLC.

We appreciate your understanding and support in this endeavor.

Lost and Found

- All lost and found is kept in the Activities Center and can be accessed by calling the Main Office at 919-847-0764 from 8AM to 5PM on weekdays.
- After 30 days, the lost and found will be donated.
- If your child gets home with anything that does not belong to them, please bring it back ASAP.

Inclement Weather Announcements

- Any inclement weather announcements will be posted on WRAL-5, wral.com, and newlifecamp.com.
- We will try to make such announcements by 6:00am the day of activities.

Contact Information

- General Questions:
 - [Email Heather Totty](#)
 - [Email Amy Martin](#)
- Specific Activity Questions: visit our website, find Activities & Descriptions link, and click on the Instructor's name: <https://newlifecamp.com/programs/learn/#clubs>
- New Life Camp: 919-847-0764
- Website: www.newlifecamp.com

Other Programs at New Life Camp

- **Summer Camps** – since 1950, New Life Camp has been offering a unique life-changing experience of fun, fellowship, and time learning the truths of the Bible. We offer both overnight

camp weeks for ages 8-18 and day camp weeks for ages 4-10. All of this is overseen by a well-trained staff who love and accept each camper right where they are.

- **Saturday Nights At Camp** - Get a taste of camp by coming to SN@C. Kids are divided into three groups: kindergarten, elementary, and middle school. SN@C also serves as a wonderful night out. Supper is provided for all, and each group will receive a great lesson from God's Word geared specifically for them. This also is a great opportunity for a parents' night out. This event takes place from October-April. (Ages 4-12)
- **Storm Athletics** - This is our home-school athletics program that competes against local schools and is part of the North Carolinians for Home Education Athletic Conference. We currently offer soccer, volleyball, cross country, baseball, and basketball. (Ages 10-18)
- **Family Bible Lessons** – these are monthly online lessons from September-February that you can do as a family at home. Not only can you learn about the Bible together as a family, your children can earn a discount off of next year's summer camp by completing them.
- **New Life Basketball League** – The New Life Basketball League uses the sport of basketball to love and accept players of all skill levels right where they are. Our desire is to take out the pressure found in much of youth sports and just make basketball fun. Throughout the season we will be teaching character traits that not only apply to the basketball court but to life as a whole. (Ages 7-14)

We Value Your Feedback!

We would like your feedback on how to serve you better. You will receive a quick survey by email at the end of the school year to help us in this regard. We would be so grateful if you would take the time to give us your thoughts. If we can do anything in the future to be of service to your family, never hesitate to ask. We will do all we can.