



NEW LIFE CAMP • RALEIGH, NC

— **LEARN ACADEMICS** —  
**Student/Parent Handbook**



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## **About New Life Camp**

### **Mission**

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

LEARN Academics exists to love and accept home-schooled students right where they are in a safe environment that emphasizes Biblical worldview through academics. It is designed to assist and equip homeschooling parents in the home learning experience they create for their children.

### **Accreditation**

We are accredited by the American Camping Association (ACA). ACA Accreditation means that we care enough to undergo a thorough peer review of our operation — from staff qualifications and training to emergency management. ACA collaborates with experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross, and other youth-serving agencies to assure that our current practices reflect the most up-to-date, research-based standards in camp operation. We comply with 300 health, safety, and program quality standards.

[Click here for more details on ACA accreditation.](#)

## **Expectations**

LEARN Academics is a ministry of New Life Camp. As such, the activities we hold and the instructors we contract will emphasize Biblical worldview using academics as the spring board. The activities are intended to be a supplement to the education parents are providing for their children at home. They are not substitutions for that education. As such, each person involved in this program has distinct roles:

1. Instructor's Role
  - a. Prepare and deliver a syllabus and textbooks prior to the start of the semester.
  - b. Plan and instruct lessons for 1.5 hours each week that highlight important points or concepts that the student will need to learn as they progress at home.
  - c. Incorporate the following into their activities:
    - i. Expose students to the Gospel and give opportunity to accept salvation through Jesus Christ.
    - ii. Expose students to a biblical worldview using the subject material to highlight the greater truths of Scripture.
    - iii. Show the love of Christ through their words and actions.
    - iv. Create opportunities for students to learn and interact in a small group environment to build cooperation.
  - d. Clearly communicate with parents what work they are responsible for grading (weekly assignments) vs. what work the instructor will retain to assess (tests, major projects, etc.). See [Grading](#) for further details.

- e. Report assessments for students to the parents using a method communicated to the parents prior to the beginning of the year.
- f. Respond to email contacts from parents and students within 48 hours to answer questions where a student may be struggling.
- g. Enforce the rules and regulations of New Life Camp. This includes, but is not limited to, the student code of conduct.

## 2. Parent's Role

- a. Act as the primary instructors of their children. While they may expect solid instruction from the activities held at New Life Camp, parents should not expect an all-encompassing lesson each week from the instructors.
- b. Monitor their student's work regularly to know where they are succeeding and where they are struggling.
- c. While responsible for all final grading, there will be work communicated by the instructors to the parents to directly assess and grade themselves ([see Grading](#)).
- d. Provide final grades on all student's work and prepare their own transcripts.

## 3. Student's Role

- a. Attend the activities in which they are registered.
- b. Complete their work in the time designated under the supervision of their parents.
- c. Seek help early when struggling with certain concepts or projects.
- d. Add to the enrichment of each activity, not detract from it by either lack of focus or poor behavior.
- e. Follow New Life Camp's student behavior code ([see Student Behavior Code](#)).

## **COVID-19 Policy**

### **Screening of Participants, Staff, and Volunteers Before Attending**

Participants, staff, and volunteers will not be able to participate if any of the following are true at least 10 days before they attend an activity or event:

- Have had a fever of 100.4° F. or greater.
- Have had a persistent cough, shortness of breath, congestion, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, runny nose, muscle aches, nausea, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, or vomiting.
- The individual has not been vaccinated and has been in close contact with a person who has tested positive with COVID-19.
- The individual tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status.

New Life Camp will not be screening individuals. All staff and volunteers are expected to monitor themselves for symptoms listed above prior to coming to camp each day. Parents will be responsible to monitor their children for symptoms listed above prior to coming to camp each day.

## **Our Health Precautions**

Some of the general things New Life Camp will be doing to keep students and staff safe and healthy are:

- Promoting healthy hygiene practices
- Limiting sharing
- Training all staff
- Health monitoring

## **Face Coverings**

- Instructors and students who have been vaccinated will not need to wear a mask.
- We recommend that instructors and students who have not been vaccinated to wear a mask.

## **Social Distancing**

- There will be no social distancing in the classrooms.

## **Facilities Restrictions**

- We recommend that students and instructors bring their own water bottle and snacks from home. Please do not bring food with nuts as we try to keep New Life Camp a nut-free zone.
- Instructors and students may not bring food or drink to share with students, even if for academic purposes.

## **Quarantine Requirements for COVID-19**

A quarantine period away from New Life Camp recommended by the CDC will be required for any participant, staff, or volunteer who either:

1. Tests positive for COVID-19 or
2. Has not been vaccinated and comes in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19.

This requirement must be fulfilled before the participant, staff member, or volunteer is permitted to return to New Life Camp.

If the participant, staff member, or volunteer who is not vaccinated and have been in close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they may return to camp as follows. Close contact is defined by the CDC within 6 feet of the infected person for at least 15 minutes. New Life Camp also considers sleeping in the same room as an infected person as close contact:

- 10 days since last exposure to infected person without a test and no symptoms
- 7 days since last exposure to infected person with a negative test and no symptoms (test can be taken within 48 hours of the 7 days ending)

If the participant, staff member, or volunteer tests positive for COVID-19 with symptoms, they may return to camp as follows:

- 10 days since symptoms first appeared and
- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving

If the participant, staff member, or volunteer tests positive for COVID-19 with no symptoms, they may return to camp:

- 10 days after positive test and
- No symptoms arising in the 10 days period

## **Academic Policies**

### **Communication**

To achieve excellence for all involved, there must be great communication between the instructor, the parent, and the student. Failure to communicate on any individual's part leads to misunderstanding, frustration, and finally, discord. We desire open, honest, biblically-based communication between all parties that seeks the improvement of the individuals and thus, the program as a whole. Communication should be carried out through the appropriate steps:

1. Parents/Students to Instructors
  - a. All concerns relating to academics should first be presented to the instructor by the students and/or parents. A respectful demeanor is required at all times.
  - b. If the problem is not resolved, the parent and/or student may bring the concern to the Director of LEARN. If the student brings the concern, they must have written permission from their parents to do so.
2. Instructors to Parents/Students
  - a. Instructors should respond to parent email messages within 48 hours.
  - b. Instructors will always send a carbon copy of any email communication with a student to the parents as well.
  - c. Instructors will send any weekly assignment work to students during activity time at camp. No assignments may be assigned outside of activity time. Major projects such as multi-page reports or tests must be scheduled in the syllabus. Any deviation from the syllabus must be communicated to the parents at least one week in advance.
  - d. If a parent and instructor cannot resolve a difficulty, the Director of LEARN may be contacted.
3. Parents to Administration
  - a. Prior to approaching the Director of LEARN, all concerns relating to academics should first be presented to the instructor by the parents or student.
  - b. If the parents have concerns or disputes relating to something apart from academics (e.g., the operation of the program), they should bring their concerns directly to the Director of LEARN.

### **Homework Suggestions**

In order for the student to build on their understanding of lessons and concepts each week, it is vital that they diligently complete their homework in the time frame given. Here are some suggestions from instructors to aid them in the timely completion of homework:

1. **Work Daily** – Each instructor is assigning a full week’s worth of assignments and study at home. These can hardly be achieved with excellence by waiting until the day before they are due. Working daily helps complete the workload in a much more efficient manner.
2. **Start Early** – In the case of reports and projects, the student must be responsible to take early steps in completing the work. They should consider planning their own due dates and steps to completion so that the project gets the attention it needs while not consuming their time as the instructor’s due date approaches.
3. **Don’t Wait to Ask for Help** – Students should approach their parents and instructors early when they are struggling with an assignment or concept. Contacting an instructor the day before an assignment is due is unlikely to achieve sufficient help in completing that assignment. As many courses build on concepts from week to week, it is important for the students to be grounded in each concept. Waiting two weeks to seek help may result in struggles to keep up with the learning.
4. **Write or Type Neatly** – If an instructor cannot read the student’s work, the student is unlikely to get good assessments from the instructor. Students should never fail to put their name on their work as well.

## **Grading**

As instructors are not the primary instructors of the students (that role falls to the parents), each instructor will communicate what work will need to be graded directly by the parents themselves and what work will need to be assessed by the instructors. Generally speaking, weekly assignments such as homework and quizzes will be graded by the parents. Major assignments such as tests, reports, or projects will be turned into the instructors for assessment. These assessments will be reported to the parents, who will assign the final grade at their discretion. The instructors will offer any answer keys needed to properly grade any assignment.

## **Guidelines**

### **Absences**

If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent, please email your instructor in advance. They will communicate anything important that was missed.

### **Lost and Found**

If an item is lost, the item will be taken to lost and found storage found in the Activities Center. If an item of considerable value is discovered (wallet, cell phone, etc.), that item will be taken to the Main Office for safe-keeping. If there is a need to search lost and found storage for an item, please contact the Main Office at 919-847-0764.

## Phones

Students may bring cell phones with them, but they may not have them out during activities. They must keep them on silent. If a student is seen with their phone or does not have it set to silent, an instructor or staff member may confiscate the phone and take it to the main office for the remainder of the day. Only the parents of the student may retrieve the phone from the main office. Instructors may request that all students turn their cell phones in at the beginning of the class to eliminate the possibility of distraction.

## Inclement Weather

On days where inclement weather takes place, New Life Camp will determine whether a delay or cancellation of activities will take place. Such closings or delays will be announced on:

- WRAL (TV Channel 5)
- [www.wral.com](http://www.wral.com)
- [www.newlifecamp.com](http://www.newlifecamp.com)

If we anticipate a cancellation enough in advance, we will try to communicate if classes will go online via Zoom so that we can remain on schedule. We have reserved one make-up day in May that we will use if necessary. We are unable to make up more than one day in-person.

## Student Behavior Code

### Philosophy

The spirit behind this code of behavior is that each student lives in a manner worthy of Jesus Christ ([Colossians 1:10](#)). The code is designed to give clarity to what is expected behavior at New Life Camp, but a student must be willing to honor the Lord in their actions and attitudes to truly enjoy and even contribute to the atmosphere that is desired at New Life Camp. Any action or attitude that is contrary to this is subject to disciplinary action.

1. **Respect:** Show respect for the rules and those in authority. Any student who is disrespectful to a staff member will be subject to disciplinary action.
2. **Privacy:** Respect the privacy of others by avoiding behavior of a physical, romantic, or overly affectionate nature; avoiding conversation of a personal nature about others; avoiding the private space and belongings of others. Students should treat each other with dignity and respect.
3. **Integrity:** Maintain Christian standards of integrity and honesty in academics, relationships, and accountability.
4. **Purity:** Maintain a temple appropriate for the indwelling Holy Spirit in thought, word, and deed.

### Conduct

1. Classroom Behavior

- Students will not be distracting in word or action.
  - Students are expected to go to the restroom before activities. Only in emergencies will they be excused during the activity.
2. Course Work Integrity
    - Students may not cheat or assist in cheating to fulfill an assignment or test. Cheating is defined as giving, taking, or presenting work that fraudulently aids oneself or another in determining an assessment or completing a requirement.
    - Students must reference source material with all quotes. Plagiarism may result in a student being dismissed from the program.
  3. Physical Contact
    - We request that students maintain social distancing of 6 feet as much as possible while at New Life Camp.
  4. Language
    1. Students may not use profane, obscene, or vulgar language.
    2. This includes any language that is disrespectful, insulting, or threatening to another student, instructor, or parent.
  5. Contraband
    - Tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, cigarettes, or e-cigarettes - students may not use these or offer to sell any of these items.
    - Books or magazines with questionable material
    - Pets
    - Electronic devices for entertainment – students may use computers, tablets, and mobile devices during activities only if approved or recommended by the instructor.
    - Blades, guns, and other weapons
    - Headphones – we desire a socially strong atmosphere. Headphones limit social interaction and thus are not allowed.
    - We recommend campers 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.

## **Dress Code**

Parents are responsible for their children to dress appropriately as follows:

1. Students' clothes should not have any inappropriate words or depictions.
2. Female Students
  - a. Shorts, Skirts, Pants, and Dresses
    - Shorts should be at least fingertip length or have a 4-inch inseam
    - Skirts and dresses should be at least near knee-length.
    - Tights and spandex do not change the above rules.
    - If wearing leggings, shirts should cover the butt.

b. Shirts

- A camper'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.

3. Male Students

a. Shorts and Pants

- Shorts should be at least fingertip length.
- Shorts and pants should not sag, and undergarments should not be visible.

### **Student Driver Code**

1. Drivers must park in the parking lot surrounding the two gyms. Only instructors and staff may drive and park in the lower camp area.
2. Drivers must abide by the camp speed limit at all times. The speed limit for the camp road is 10mph.
3. Drivers may not play loud music from their cars while on the camp property.
4. Reckless driving actions, such as spinning tires, are prohibited.

Failure to abide by the code will result in the following disciplinary actions:

1. First Offense: the student and the parents will receive a warning.
2. Second Offense: the student's driving privileges at New Life Camp will be revoked for the remainder of the academic year.

### **Disciplinary Action**

While some actions have been listed out previously with their offenses, New Life Camp may feel it appropriate to take disciplinary action for additional offenses. When a student or parent has shown that they disregard the philosophy and behavioral code of New Life Camp, more substantial action may be taken. Depending on the severity of the offense by either student or parent, New Life Camp reserves the right to dismiss the offending party from the program without any prior warnings.

In general, however, the following steps will be taken:

1. The Director of LEARN will send an email to warn both student and parent of the issue in an effort to resolve it.
2. If the problem persists, a meeting will be held by the Director of LEARN and the Director of Programs with the student and parents to discuss the issue.
3. If the problem still persists, the student will be dismissed from the LEARN program.

### **Other Programs Offered at New Life Camp**

- **Camps and Retreats** – 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. We also offer retreats in the fall

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

- **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, basketball, baseball, and cross country. (Ages 11-18)
- **Saturday Night @ Camp** - Get a taste of camp by coming to SN@C. Children are divided into three groups: kindergarten, elementary, and middle school. 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 monthly from October-December and February-April. (Ages 4-14)
- **High School Hangout** - Join us once a month from October-December and February-April for an exciting time with other high school students. We will have activities throughout the year at New Life Camp. We will also spend time studying a challenge in God's Word. (Ages 14-18)
- **Sports Skills Training** – These sessions are offered during the summer and fall to help dedicated players to improve their game during the off-season.

For more Information on any of our programs or to register, please visit our website – [www.newlifecamp.com](http://www.newlifecamp.com). If you still have questions, please call our main office: (919) 847-0764.