



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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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 4-13. 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

COVID-19 Policies

LEARN Clubs will look different this year due to precautions surrounding COVID-19 as we are guided by the Center for Disease Control, the American Camping Association, and the North Carolina Health Department. We have included these differences in this section as well as where applicable throughout the handbook.

Considerations for those with High Risk

Though we believe that we can run this program safely for the general public, we recognize that it will not be a wise choice for students with high risks, nor students that have family members with high risks. We implore you to contact our office after reading these details if you believe that meeting in person at LEARN will not be the best choice for you.

Conditions that qualify as higher risk concerning COVID-19 are:

- Asthma
- Chronic Kidney disease being treated by dialysis
- Chronic lung disease
- Diabetes
- Hemoglobin disorders
- Immunocompromised
- Liver Disease
- People aged 65 or older
- Serious heart conditions
- Severe obesity

Pre-Screening of Students Before Attending

Students will not be able to participate if any of the following are true in the 14 days before they attend an activity:

- Have had a fever of 100.4° F. or greater.
- Have had a persistent cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, loss of taste or smell, runny nose, sore throat, or vomiting.
- The individual has been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

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
- Intensifying cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation
- Ensuring physical distancing of students while in the classroom
- Face masks for staff and volunteers will be required while on site.
- Face masks are required for all students ages 5 and older. If you have a medical or religious exception to your child wearing a mask, please email learn@newlifecamp.com along with your child's instructor so that we can make a note of the exception.
- Limiting sharing
- Training all staff
- Health monitoring and pre-class screening
- Daily checking for signs and symptoms
- Rehearsing our Communicable Disease Plan (CDP)

Daily Check-In and Screening of Students at Camp

We will be administering a drive through check in process for all Clubs.

- You will be emailed the week before activities start with a check-in time frame.
- Siblings will be allowed to be checked in at the same time.

- All students will need to be screened outside Johnson Gym prior to going an activity.
- If a student arrives 10 minutes or later for their activity, they will need to call the main office at 919-847-0764 so that a staff member can come outside the Activities Center to screen them.

Social Distancing

- Students will be placed into huddles for 4-5 year-olds, 6-9 year-olds, and 10-13 year-olds. Social distancing will be impractical for some of the activities that the huddles are participating in. Just like you have quarantined at home with your family, your student will be quarantined with their huddle and interacting with each other much in the same way. Huddle or age groups will be socially distanced from each other.
- Occasionally, one huddle will be paired with another huddle for an activity but will maintain social distancing.
- Pairs of huddles will always be paired with the same partner huddle.

Food and Drink

- The beverage machines, snack machines, and water fountains will be unavailable. We recommend each student bring their own water bottle and snack from home.
- Please do NOT bring snacks with nuts as we try to keep New Life Camp a nut-free zone.

Parents and Visitors

- Parents and visitors will not be allowed inside buildings while classes are in session.
- If for any reason you need to pick a child up early, please call the main office in advance at 919-847-0764 so that we can communicate to the staff to have your child waiting for you.

Check-Out

- Prior to the semester starting, each student will be assigned a pick-up number for the semester. Please have these pick-up numbers written or printed in large text and placed on the dashboard of your vehicle when you come to pick up. Our checkers will see the number and call for your child to be brought to your car.
- If a driver does not have a number or it does not match, we will also use the pick-up authorization form you filled out online. This process will take longer to pick up.
- Just like check in, you will receive a time for pick up and siblings can be picked up at the same time.

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:

- Fire and Evacuation
- Medical Emergency
- Missing Student
- Visitor of Questionable Intent

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.

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 degrees or more, vomiting, diarrhea, or dizziness).
4. If your child is missing something that they need.

Outside of this, our instructors will regularly communicate 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 and your children's instructors should be aware if a child has an EpiPen in their bag.
2. Children should not carry medications with them.
3. Allergies should be indicated on your child's medical form and updated online if they change.

What to Bring

- Depending on the activities they are participating in, they may want to bring things in a backpack.
- We encourage students to bring a snack if they are attending Morning Club or Play and Learn. Please make sure the snack is nut-free.

- Lunch is part of the scheduled time of Morning Club and Play and Learn.
 - We ask that students do not bring any food that contains nuts as we try to keep New Life Camp nut-free.
 - Please do not send any food to be shared with other children.
 - We ask that lunches be provided that do not require a microwave or refrigerator.
- Children are encouraged to wear rain jackets on rainy days.

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.
- 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 to make 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 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 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.

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 Nathaniel Miller](mailto:nathaniel.miller@newlifecamp.com)
 - [Email Amy Martin](mailto:amy.martin@newlifecamp.com)
- Specific Activity Questions: visit our website and click on the instructors' name: <https://www.newlifecamp.com/l-e-a-r-n/l-e-a-r-n-clubs/clubs-activity-descriptions>
- New Life Camp: 919-847-0764
- Website: www.newlifecamp.com

Other Programs at New Life Camp

- **Summer Camp** – An opportunity to get away from the business and distractions of everyday life, encounter God, and have the time of your life. (Ages 4-18)
- **High School Hang Out** - Join us once a month 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. This event takes place from October-December and February-April. (Ages 14-18)
- **Next Level Basketball** – This is New Life Camp's original basketball league. Whether playing for the first time or experienced, this league is designed to take each player's skills to the next level. Equal opportunity for playing and improving is included. (Ages 8-18)
- **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-December and February-April. (Ages 4-13)
- **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-April that you can do as a family at home. Not only can you learn about the Bible together as a family, your children ages 8-18 can earn a discount off of next year's summer camp by completing them.
- **Sports Skills Training** – These training sessions are provided for beginners up to Varsity players who want to improve their game during the off-season. (Ages 8-18)
- **F.E.A.S.T.** (Followers Eat And Share Together): this is an open meal time at New Life Camp for family and friends to share together. All proceeds go to support the ministries at New Life Camp. Takes place on Wednesday evenings September-November, January-March.
- **Retreats** – these are opportunities throughout the year to squeeze a week of the camp experience into a weekend. There are separate retreats offered in the fall and winter seasons for elementary school, middle school, and high school students (Ages 8-18)

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 semester 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.