



## Summer 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for choosing Loucon for your child's camp this summer! We are working hard to prepare a safe, joyful, adventurous, memories-for-a-lifetime experience for them. With a little preparation on your part, your child will be set up for a fantastic time at camp.

Your child will also receive a letter welcoming them to camp and providing them with important information about what to pack, how to sign in/out, what to expect, and community standards. Please go over those things with them and make sure they are packed and ready. And remember—we do a lot of outdoor activities, so appropriate clothing and close-toed shoes are a must.

A detailed summary of camp policies, procedures, expectations, and logistics can be found at [www.loucon.org/for-parents](http://www.loucon.org/for-parents). Please look through the sections and make sure you and your child are fully prepared and know what to expect!

Getting ready for camp is a lot of work—for all of us! It takes adults who care for them enough to do all those preparations. But the fruits of that labor can stick with your child the rest of their lives. Thank you for playing such a key part in setting them up for a fantastic time at camp!

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## Packing & Preparing

- Pack with your camper so they know what is in their luggage.
- Send comfortable clothes that can get dirty.
- Send a bag for dirty laundry in the suitcase and explain its purpose.
- Write your camper's name on the tags of items with a laundry marker.
- Pack lots of socks and encourage them to wear them with all shoes to reduce toe injuries.
- Please do not bring any valuables that could be lost or damaged. We cannot guarantee they'll find their way home!

## What to Pack

Water Bottle	Older clothes	Swimsuit (one piece)	Hat / sunglasses
Shoes (2 pair)	Pillow & twin bedding	Bathroom toiletries	Caddy/bag for toiletries
Towels (pool & shower)	Hat / Sunglasses	Sunscreen	Bug Spray
Flip Flops (pool/shower)	Flashlight	Rain jacket	Swim goggles

## What to Leave at home

Phones	Electronic devices	Music devices	Fans (we have A/C!)
Snacks, candy, gum	Peanut/Tree nut products	Alcohol/drugs/tobacco	Weapons/knives/etc.

**GREAT OUTDOORS CAMP:** Bring old pants, long-sleeved shirt, extra pair of closed-toed shoes or rubber boots. Prepare to get muddy and dirty!

## Illegal Substances

Alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs are not allowed or tolerated at any time. If your camper does not abide by this rule, you will be called to pick them up. A random search of possessions may be conducted if deemed necessary by the Director. All searches will be conducted by a member of our permanent staff and one additional staff member or volunteer.

## Medication at Camp

All medication, whether prescription or over the counter, is handled by Loucon's summer healthcare team. Our camp nurse will be present at check-in to log medication, store it, and to see that your camper receives the correct amount at the proper intervals. Medication must be in its original container and prescriptions must have the name of the child. Please only send the amount of medication they will need during their camp. You'll receive a form to fill out prior to camp. Please bring this with you for check-in.

## Canteen (Snacks)

There is no need for your camper to bring money to camp. Snacks will be provided daily as a part of the camper fees.

## Merchandise

All campers will receive a camp tee shirt. Other camp merchandise will be sold both online for fulfillment during your camper's stay and from our CAMP STORE at the Turner Lodge on the day your camper departs. You may access our store on our website.

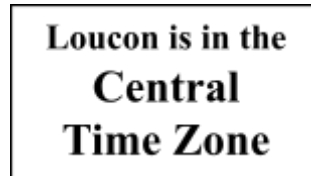
### **Camper Check-In (Arrival)**

Our staff will greet you on the road and direct you to our drive through check-in. You and your camper will remain in your vehicle until it's time to go to the cabin. Loucon's staff will come to your vehicle to do the following;

1. Go over check-in information.
2. Obtain any camper medications and/or medical information.
3. Provide next-step instructions including where to drive.
4. Point you to a bathroom should you need it.

### **Arrival Times:**

Junior and Senior High Campers	3:00-4:00 PM
Discovery and Adventure Campers	4:00-5:00 PM
Explorer Campers	10:00 AM
Vacation Retreat	9:00 AM



**Check Out:** 10:00 AM for all camps

### **Camper Check-Out (Departure)**

On the last day of camp, follow the posted signs for your child's camp to pick up your camper. We'll do another drive through loop version where families can stay in the vehicle. Upon arrival in your camper's area a Loucon staff member will ask your camper's name, verify your photo I.D. and have you sign for medications. They will then send for your camper. You may arrive as early as 9:30 AM. If you need an earlier check-out please contact the office in advance. Don't forget to go to TURNER LODGE and visit our CAMP STORE before you leave!

### **Camper Fees**

Loucon requires final camper fee payment by May 10<sup>th</sup> or at the time of registration if the camper is registered after May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Camper Pictures (see your camper's experience)**

The best way to watch your child's camper experience is by utilizing the online gallery or phone app created by [Waldophotos.com/galleries](http://Waldophotos.com/galleries). Loucon will provide an access code at check-in and directions.

### **Basic Loucon Rules**

Here are some basic rules Loucon expects all of our campers to abide by during their week of camp;

- Treat others how you would want to be treated, with respect.
- Follow the guidance and directions of your counselors and the camp staff.
- As for help with problems or needs you have.
- Take care of camp, your fellow campers, their belongings and your personal belongings.
- Clean up after yourself.
- Love God and your neighbor.

### **Loucon Dress Code**

Loucon's dress code was created to promote safety, modesty, and to ensure positive experiences.

- Socks should be worn with all shoes to prevent blistering and toe injuries.

- Shorts should extend past the camper's fingertips with arms by their side.
- Sleeveless shirts may be worn as long as the strap is wider than 3 of the camper's fingers and does not have large arm holes.
- Midriffs and underwear must be covered
- One piece swimsuits are required
- Clothing with slogans promoting alcohol, sex, tobacco, drugs, profanity, or death themes are not permitted.

### **Communication with your camper**

We strongly encourage you to write your camper, either by mail or email. Many campers get notes and cards, and it can be disappointing for those who do not. Please write upbeat messages! It is important to recognize that your child may have moments of homesickness and a sad letter from home may further encourage those feelings. Campers may send mail from the camp office, so pack stationary and stamps if your child is interested in writing home!

- **Snail Mail:** Write the name of your child's specific camp on the outside of the envelope in addition to your camper's name and the camp address (i.e. Adventure 1, Jr. High 1, etc.). You may leave mail with staff during check-in or send by mail. If sending via the post office be sure to mail it BEFORE your child leaves home so it will arrive in time. You may also want to write "Day 1", etc. on the envelope if you want them to receive the letters on a specific day. The camp address is 8044 Anneta Road, Leitchfield, KY 42754.
- **Camper-grams:** You may send emails or CAMPER-Grams to your child online using a link that Loucon will provide at check-in. This is a free service. Your camper will receive printed Camper-grams once a day during mail call.
- **Phone Calls:** Loucon's office phone line, 270-242-7160, is monitored 24 hours a day during summer camp in case of family emergencies. The phone is transferred to one of the directors during the evening. We discourage calls to campers as it can interrupt the camp experience and foster homesickness. If you receive a call regarding homesickness please encourage your child to stay and enjoy this opportunity. The camp director may give you some guidance; however, the decision about if your child will stay at camp or not is that of the parent/guardian. Campers are not allowed to have cell phones at camp. Cell phones brought to camp will be held in the office and returned at the end of the week.

### **Homesickness Prevention Tips**

Do not talk about homesickness with your child prior to coming to camp, instead talk about how much fun they will have! Do not suggest to your child to call home if they are homesick. If this is your child's first camp experience, help them to know what to expect by talking with them about activities, lodging, making friends, rules, and the opportunity for spiritual growth. Let it be known that you are excited to hear all about their experience when they return home. Pray with your camper about camp and pray for friends and counselors who will have a positive impact on your child's life.