

Camp Policies

Camp Store: When you check in at camp or register your child online, you will have the option to allocate an amount for your child to spend in the camp store. Think of it like the camp version of a prepaid debit card which eliminates the loss of money around camp. Each time the camper makes a purchase at the store, their purchase is subtracted. At the end of camp, the balance will be returned to you in cash. Any unclaimed money at the end of camp will be considered a donation to the camp scholarship fund.

First Aid/Medication: The State of Kansas and the American Camp Association require we collect and manage all medications when campers are present at camp. Medications can only be distributed under specific conditions.

*All medications must be turned into the Nurse at check in.

*Prescription medications MUST be in the original pharmacy labeled container or the original manufacturer's container.

*If dosages to be taken do not match that of the bottle brought in, a doctor's note will be required. Without a doctor's note, we are required to follow the dosage on the bottle.

*If your camper takes over the counter medication, please send those in original packaging with dosage dosing instructions.

*Our nurse's station is stocked with most basic over the counter medications. Things like Ibuprofen, Tylenol or Tums generally do not need to be sent with your camper. If you have questions, please contact our office.

Lost and Found: We collect LOTS of lost and found items every summer. Please mark items with your camper's name so left behind items can be returned. Lost and Found items are kept until September 1st when they are donated to a local charity.

Payment: Being paid in full prior to arrival at camp makes the check-in process go faster. Please send payments to Camp Lakeside 300 E Scott Lake Dr, Scott City KS 67871.

Check In: Upon completion of camper registration, specific check in and check out times will be emailed to the address provided. If you are going to arrive later or pick up early, please let our staff know as soon as possible. 620-872-2021

Illness or Accident: Our camp nurse is on call 24/6. However, all of our staff are trained in basic first aid/CPR-there is always someone on duty to care for your child. Records of medications and their distribution along with treatment are logged with staff. If there is an emergency or serious illness, guardians will be contacted by camp staff. When needed, the Scott County Hospital and Clinic is located 14 miles away in Scott City.

Severe Weather: We have designated storm shelters for all our guests and protocols in place if severe weather occurs. Weather conditions are carefully monitored. In case of a severe weather event, we will notify families via email, phone, or Facebook (whatever is most appropriate.) Please do not call camp during a storm, we need to keep our phone lines open in case of emergency.

Homesickness: Any new experience, especially in a new environment, causes nervousness; having a positive outlook and being encouraging become crucial to a successful camp experience. This includes parents as well as campers! Parents can ease the pain of homesickness for themselves and their children by making sure to adequately prepare their children for camp. A prepared and encouraged child will feel less apprehensive about the impending camp term. If the camper has not been away from home for a period of time, encourage overnight stays with friends and family prior to going to camp.

Misc. Policies

*We have a zero tolerance bullying policy. If your camper is harassing other campers, we reserve the right to send them home.

*Campers must always stay within sight or sound of counselors. This is for safety.

*All staff and volunteers must be Safe Gatherings certified and go through several background checks.

*We are God's creation and believe it is important to take care of our bodies. We offer an alcohol free, smoke free, and substance abuse free environment.

*Camp reserves the right to hold inappropriate personal items of campers. Return of the item will, if appropriate, be made at the end of the camper's stay.

*Campers may call home at the discretion of the Director.

*Camp Lakeside reserves the right to search property if deemed necessary.

*Campers may only be transported in camp vehicles designated for passengers unless designated by the Director.

*Camp Lakeside staff are State Mandated Reporters. Any suspected abuse or neglect WILL be reported.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

What is best for your family?

Auto Payments

Auto payments are available on our online registration in 6, 5, 4, 3, and 2 month installments. The closer you register to camp, the shorter installment options will be available. Payments come out on the 1st of each month after initial registration.

Church Scholarships

Lots of United Methodist churches can pay for campers to come to Lakeside and other camps. If you are needing a scholarship, please contact your local church. Churches can not scholarship campers if they are unaware they are attending. It is easiest for Lakeside to stay in touch with our churches throughout the summer about who is attending camp, then get one check at the end of the season.

Mailed Payments

Checks (with camper name in the memo line!) can be mailed to
300 E Scott Lake Dr, Scott City KS 67871

Paying at Check In

If paying at check in, please put the payment in an envelope with your camper's full name written on the front. Campers will not be allowed to stay until payment has been made in full.

Sending Mail

Email

When sending emails to campers, use the email address camplakeside@greatplainsumc.org. Be sure to put your Camper's Name and Program Name (ex: Come Sail Away) in the subject line. Your camper will receive a printout of the email during mail call. Campers will not be able to reply via email.

USPS Mail

Campers love getting mail from parents and friends. Please be sure to send your mail in the beginning of their stay (ideally even before they leave home!) for it to arrive in time. Address mail to

Camper Name/Program Name

Camp Lakeside

300 E Scott Lake Dr

Scott City KS 67871

What to Write to Your Camper

It's best to keep letters and emails happy and encouraging as to not cause children to feel homesick. Homesickness is natural and is part of growing up, however, there is no reason to cause it intentionally. Write about happy things happening at home, ask questions about what they're doing/learning at camp, and encourage them to continue to have fun at Lakeside. Don't dwell on how much you miss your camper, how lonely things are without them, or give too much information about home which may cause anxiety. In this day of instant access, e-mail is wonderful for quick messages. Parents need to be careful, though, not to send to many instant "messages" that they interfere with their child's adjustment to camp life.