



“We are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus to do the good things God created us to do from the beginning.” –Ephesians 2:10

# Welcome

Dear Campers and Parents,

We are excited to welcome you to Shores of St. Andrew this summer - and to share the mission of GLLM in action. It is our hope that this information will assure you that we are working hard to provide a safe, vibrant, and fun time for all who participate in a GLLM program this summer. We know it’s a lot of information so thank you for taking the time to read through so we can all have a great summer.

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If you still have questions, more detailed information can be found at [gllm.org/frequently-asked-questions](http://gllm.org/frequently-asked-questions). You are also welcome to contact us at [camp@gllm.org](mailto:camp@gllm.org) or 320-796-2181.

*GLLM Program Team*

# Check In and Pick Up Times

## Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp

19080 16th St. NE, New London, MN 56273

Youth Camps: Half Blast, Base Camp, Trailblazers, Stargazers, Fishing Camp, Community Guides

**Check In:** Sunday check in for all youth programs at Shores of St. Andrews is from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Pick Up:** Half Blast Campers will have a closing worship at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Marble Chapel. Family and friends are invited for worship. Campers can be checked-out with their cabin leader following the worship. Checkout will be at the Registration Office near the white fence.

All other Shores of St. Andrews programs end following our Thursday Campapalooza! Parents are welcome to arrive between 4:00-6:00 p.m., and participate in any or all of the following activities:

4:00 p.m. — games and camp activities

4:45 p.m. — closing worship

5:10 p.m. - picnic meal (family and friends are invited to join your camper's cabin group for dinner)

Campers should be checked out with their cabin leader before leaving the site.

**Please RSVP for Campapalooza at registration on Sunday or phone at 320-796-2181 by Tuesday of the program week.**

We are able to accommodate those who have minor scheduling conflicts. Please contact our Registration and Reservation Manager at 320-796-2181 or [camp@gllm.org](mailto:camp@gllm.org) to discuss any late arrivals, early pick-ups, or other scheduling conflicts. For last minute changes, call Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp directly at 320-354-2961. All early departures do require the details to be submitted in writing via email or by completing a short form available at registration.

## Arrival Check In Procedures

When you arrive at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp, you will be directed for parking by one of our staff. Luggage should be left in your vehicle until after you have checked in at the first station. Luggage can be placed at the staging area at any time, prior to leaving your camper with their cabin leader. Please note that campers must accompany parents throughout the entire check in process. Everyone must start at the "check-in" station. From there, you will be directed to the stations you will need to visit to complete the check in process.

### Check In - Located near the white fence

- Name tag and cabin assignments will be given.
- You will be given colored slips of paper indicating the stations you need to visit before meeting your cabin leader. Stations are color coded to match the slips you receive. As you

visit each station you will hand them the corresponding colored slip. Your camper's check in is completed once you have visited all your stations/have no slips remaining.

- Parents/Guardians will fill out a form letting us know who will be picking up the camper(s) at the end of the week.
- RSVP to Campapalooza - You can also RSVP by phone before Tuesday end of day.

### **Registration Forms - Located at the Office**

- Here we will check that all forms required for registration have been filled out. You can help your camper have a great start to their camp week by completing health forms and permission forms online, and by paying any balance due before you arrive on Sunday. Any missing forms will need to be completed at this time.

### **Health Screening - Located at the Craft Cabin**

- All campers must go through a Health Screening. General questions about campers current overall health and recent exposures to lice, communicable illness, and any major life events are asked to help us in caring for your camper throughout the week. If specific answers given during the screening warrant it, you may be given an additional colored slip for your camper to visit the Health Aide Station.

### **Health Aide - Located at the Health Aide Station**

- Camper's medication will be turned in at this time, including non-prescription and over the counter items. Please remember that ALL medications need to be in their original containers. We will not accept medication brought to camp without the original container. (If possible, please only send the amount of medication your camper will need for the week.) Bringing medications in a quart or gallon-sized resealable bag, labeled with the camper's name and dosage instructions is helpful. The Health Aide will ask about each medication, count to be sure an adequate amount is available, and follow up with any special instructions from parents.
- This is also the station where conversations about significant life events of your camper(s) are shared. Care for the mind is just as important as care for the body in our community. Having a good understanding of things that might impact a camper's time at camp as they think about their home lives during the week, may help us to better connect and care for them.

### **Canteen - Located at the Canteen Cabin**

- Canteen money to be used at the camp store throughout the week is turned in here. Bagged snacks, drinks, apparel, and souvenirs are available one time each day during afternoon rotations. This is also a great time to set any money aside for your camper to donate to "Dime-a-Time" (see below for more information). Campers typically spend between \$10-30 at the canteen during the week. (Please note, we are unable to take credit cards for canteen money at this time.) You are also able to make clothing and souvenir purchases at this time.

### **Kitchen Greetings - Located in the Dining Hall/Lodge**

- All are welcome to visit the Dining Hall for a cookie and lemonade!
- If your camper has any food allergies or dietary restrictions, you are asked to check in and introduce your camper to the kitchen staff. This will ensure they make a connection to the

camper so that as they visit the serving line throughout the week the Kitchen staff can easily recognize and be further prepared with your camper's options for that meal.

### **Meet your Cabin Leader! - Field**

- This is the final station. You should only have one colored slip of paper left and your luggaged should be placed at the staging area near the white fence (or in the canteen during wet weather). A staff member will assist you and your camper(s) in connecting with their cabin leader. You will give your final slip to the cabin leader, which signifies handing the responsibility of the camper over to them for the week. This is a great time for one last check in with your camper, and for saying goodbyes until pick up later in the week.

## **Thursday Pick up and Campapalooza**

Please refer to the pick-up schedule above.

We are excited to invite the entire family out to camp for a celebration we've named Campapalooza! This event starts at 4:00 p.m. each Thursday with a variety of camp activities, closing worship at 4:45, followed by a picnic supper. Our staff will be prepared to begin welcoming families at 4:00 p.m. by the Marble Chapel and final checkout will happen in the same place immediately following worship. Please RSVP at check in on Sunday or phone by Tuesday end of day. We will do our best to provide for dietary needs, please let us know when you RSVP how we can best serve you.

## **Health Care**

As always, the safety and care of your camper during the camp week is our top priority. We will take care of daily medication administration, care for the minor bumps and scrapes that happen when kids are playing, and other common health situations. If any concerns come up during the week, we will communicate with you on an as needed basis. Please encourage your camper to be honest and upfront if they are not feeling well.

All GLLM camps and programs follow CDC and county protocols for any disease, virus, or other concerns listed as top priority on the CDC or county websites. We strive to provide a safe and healthy environment through clean community and cabin spaces, good hygiene practices, and an active program. Should any concerns arise, our staff are trained in proper procedure to mitigate, isolate, and care for campers in their care.

**Reminder: all medications must be brought to camp in their original containers/packaging, and will be turned in during the registration process. For the safety of our staff and campers, we will not accept medication brought to camp without the original container.** (If possible, please only send the amount of medication your camper will need for the week.) Exceptions are made for emergency Epi-pens and inhalers, though it is important that our health care staff know your camper has these items.

Food allergies and restrictions should be shared with us in advance to allow our food service staff the opportunity to plan for their needs. Please be sure this information has been noted on their health form prior to arrival, and we invite you to talk directly with our food service staff during registration as needed and available.

**All of our sites are peanut/nut free in the summer.** We will not serve or store any food containing peanuts or tree nuts. However, served food may have been processed in facilities handling nuts, which we can't absolutely eliminate/avoid. We ask that all participants in any of our programs refrain from bringing snacks that contain nuts.

For some campers away from home for the first time or even experienced campers, homesickness can impact their time at camp. Our staff are trained in how to recognize homesickness and how to provide your camper with the best opportunity to ease the anxieties of being away from home. Most homesickness is 'cured' through the care of the cabin leader and through providing campers a safe and comfortable space. Most homesickness doesn't go on past the first day! We do not allow campers to call home. Assistant Program Directors and our Program Director are equipped with more tools and training to ease homesickness. The Program Director may call home in more extreme cases to work with parents on how to ease their camper's homesickness. It is helpful for parents to talk with their campers prior to their week at camp about being away from home, how to feel comfortable and at ease at camp, and tips and tricks that may help them when homesickness creeps up. We all miss home at times; it helps to talk and work through these feelings before camp.

## Camper Mail

Please consider mailing your camper's mail a week early to ensure we receive it while your camper is on site. You may also drop it off at registration. Any mail that arrives after the camper's departure will be forwarded to the camper's address on file. Please do not send candy or other food items. Make sure to include the camper's name and the program/week of camp on the envelope.

Camper Name Program/Week <b>Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp</b> 19080 16th Street NE New London, MN 56273
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## Summer Staff

Our summer staff is made up of young adults who are excited to live out their faith this summer. All staff undergo a background check and screening process. In addition, all staff go through 2 weeks of training, preparing them for all aspects of camp, including safety protocols. We take safety very seriously.

GLLM also welcomes staff from outside of the United States! Each summer we hire multiple young adults from various countries throughout God's world. We believe our campers and guests should see as full a picture of who God's community is, and utilizing the gifts of those from the wider kingdom of God helps us live into this belief. Campers will interact with and share in community with those whom they may have never had the opportunity outside of the camp program.

# Canteen and Dime-A-Time

The camp store, known as the canteen, has a variety of snacks, treats, and non-caffeinated beverages, as well as camp swag. Between snacks and swag items, campers typically spend between \$10-30 at the canteen during the week. If you'd like to put money in your camper's account, please put cash or check (written to GLLM) in an envelope labeled with the camper's name. We will enter it into a spreadsheet for the week so no cash is being exchanged. Remaining money will be returned to you at the end of the week in an envelope.

**Dime-a-Time** - As Christians, we are called to care for those around us. In Matthew 25, Jesus reminds us that when we give to others we are giving to Him. Dime-a-Time is a way for campers to put this into practice - as they enjoy something from the camp store, they also share with others. Each day, a camper can choose to donate \$1 that will go to support a cause chosen by the GLLM Program Team. Please consider including an additional \$1-\$4 in your camper's canteen account to support this effort. Money raised through Dime-a-Time has gone to support such programs as the ELCA Malaria Campaign, The Link in New London, and The Gathering in Milwaukee, WI.

This year we are supporting Chum, which was founded in 1973 when 10 churches in Duluth's Central Hillside neighborhood pooled their resources to meet the needs of the neighborhood's many low-income residents. Chum is "People of faith working together to provide basic necessities, foster stable lives, and organize for a just and compassionate community." The Duluth metro area holds the highest share of extreme poverty in Minnesota - where at least 40% of residents live below the poverty level. Chum is currently the largest service safety net in Duluth, MN for those experiencing homelessness, providing basic needs that everyone has - from stabilization services to housing needs to food service and advocacy work within the community. Specifically, this includes two emergency food shelf locations in Duluth, MN and Chum2GO, a program specifically intended to reduce barriers for people who otherwise have a difficult time visiting food shelf locations. Chum2GO serves people with disabilities, large families, seniors, and people who do not have access to transportation. In 2022 alone, Chum delivered over 500,000 pounds of food to those in need.

Duluth is a Serve Boldly community partner. In 2024, Serve Boldly participants will have the opportunity to accompany and serve their neighbors in Duluth while deepening an understanding of God's presence in their lives. Participants will share their time and skills by volunteering with Chum.

# Packing List

Remember to label all items!

- Bible
- Pillow
- Sleeping Bag or fitted twin sheet set & blanket
- Shirts, pants, shorts
- Socks
- Underwear
- Running shoes
- Water shoes (especially at Green Lake)
- Sandals (flip flops are acceptable for waterfront, showers, and cabin time)
- Jacket or sweatshirt
- Pajamas
- Functional swimwear
- Beach towel
- Bath towel
- Wash cloth
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Soap
- Comb or hairbrush
- Bathroom caddy for transport/storage
- Flashlight/headlamp with batteries
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Water bottle
- Small bag or backpack to carry things
- Canteen money in a labeled envelope
- Prescription medications in original container
- Completed Health Form (if not completed online)
- Fan (optional)
- Book to read at night (optional)
- Notebook and pen (optional)

Please leave the following items at home: Cell phone\*, iPod, game systems, smart devices, knives, non-prescription medications, inappropriate clothing, food, candy, and snacks. Your child's safety and welfare are important to us. We have a zero tolerance policy for controlled substances or firearms/weapons.

\*Cell phones are allowed for diabetic monitoring. Camp House campers may bring their phone for use on the ride up and back from Camp House. GLLM staff will collect phones during the camp week and keep them secure.