Camp Veritas Update: July 11, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Our staff is preparing Camp Veritas for your children with the goal of making this a life-changing experience. We are already feeling the excitement!

ARRIVAL: This note is to give you an update to help you plan the specifics of your child's attendance. Please read the info carefully and keep it for your information. The camp starts on **Sunday August 10th** at approximately 3:00PM (*please do not arrive ahead of time, as we will still be setting up*).

Address: Camp Lakota, 56 Park Ave, Wurtsboro, NY.

DISMISSAL/PICKUP: The camp concludes on Saturday, August 16th following our "sending forth" Mass which starts at 10:00 AM.. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend this closing Mass with the campers. Due to strict Safe Environment regulations, parents will not be allowed in the bunking areas prior to Mass. Camp will conclude at approximately 11:30am on Saturday after a final check of the bunk areas.

Registration: will be located in the Cafeteria. Signs will be posted and personnel will be there to guide you.

- Parents are welcome to help your child settle into their cabins and are free to tour the campus with your child afterwards.
- We will NOT have Mass on Sunday evening camp opens so please arrange to go to Sunday Mass prior to your arrival.
- There will be T-shirts and Sweatshirts available for purchase, cash or check will be accepted, we will also have QR codes for our Venmo and PayPal accounts.
- Everything will run more smoothly if you have already completed payments and filled out the health forms ahead of time, please be sure to do so!

FORMS: You should download from the forms and documents section of your Camp-In-Touch Account (or see the links below).

- <u>Camp-In-Touch Account Login</u> (Please fill out the Health History form if you have not done so yet, <u>even if you did it last year</u>, as it helps our nurses prepare and us inform the kitchen of any food allergies).
- <u>Camper Packing List-All Camps</u>
- Camp Rules Please note our dress code in the camp rules!
- <u>Camp Policies</u> Please note that cell phones are not allowed.

Packing tips: Please remember that the camp will <u>not</u> be supplying bedding or bathroom supplies (except toilet paper). Please pack a sheet and/or mattress cover (twin) and/or a sturdy sleeping bag and pillow along with personal toiletries. The kids will need two towels, one for the pool and another for showers. Do not forget to pack a rosary for them as well if you have one.

Cell phones and all other electronics including iPods, iPhones, iPads, DS's, etc. for

campers are PROHIBITED and will be confiscated. The volunteers will all have cell phones and the campers will be able to use them for emergencies – that is if we can get a cell signal. Most phones do not have service at Camp Lakota but a hard line is available for emergencies. We will discuss this at length during orientation.

Medications should be clearly labeled with your child's name and instructions for use in a marked Ziploc bag. There will be a nursing table at registration for delivery of these medications (including ANY over-the counter medications such as Advil) and for clarification of any necessary medical instructions with our registered nursing staff. **The children are not allowed to self-administer medications at any time for any reason except epipens, inhalers or insulin.**

FINANCIAL INFORMATION about your stay with us can be found in your Camp-In-Touch account in the financial Management section. You should have received an invoice with details about your account by email. Please contact us if you need to make special payment arrangements. If you are attending with a Parish Group, we will collaborate with your church. If the account still has a balance on August 1st and/or alternative payments arrangements have not been made with one of the financial staff (enroll2@campveritas.com), we will not be able to hold the reservation for you and will release the reservation to someone on the waiting list.

ROOMMATE REQUESTS: We are unable to accommodate changes or additional roommate requests at this time. If you requested a roommate and did NOT get a call from our staff, then your request was granted and submitted if it fell within our guidelines. If you cannot remember your request, you can access this information by viewing your camper application or roommate request form in the Forms and Documents Section of your Camp-In-Touch account. Due to the volunteer nature of our staff, and the logistics of running the other four camps this summer, we do not have the manpower to respond to every re-verification request before camp. Our sincerest apologies for this!

CONTACT INFORMATION: The regular and emergency phone numbers for the Camp itself are found on our website within the "Contact Us" tab, and are also included here. Take note of the specific cell phone rules for campers in the camper rules. Emergent communication will always be possible through the Camp administration, nursing staff, and counselors.

- To reach the central number of Camp Lakota, call (845) 888-5611.
- <u>The parent liaison</u> (for routine questions and to get ahold of your child or your child's counselors) is Phyllis Lobo and her cell phone number is (203) 927-0333 (she is not available before camp). If you have an approved late drop-off or early pick-up, you will contact Phyliss to coordinate. *Reply to this email if you have such a request*.
- Finally, for emergencies of a life-threatening nature only you can contact Maggie Bradley, our Executive Assistant at 484-320-7069.

<u>Please download the CAMPanion App for updates and photos posted throughout</u> the week (the log in is the same as your Camp-in-Touch).

If you have additional questions or comments, you can reply to this e-mail or send a message directly to admin2@campveritas.com.

Our volunteer and religious staff at Camp Veritas are excited about providing each camper with

an opportunity for a fun-filled, life-changing experience. We look forward to seeing you at the foot of the Cross!!

In Christ,

The Camp Veritas Team

P.S. We are still in need of volunteers, please consider joining yourself, or inviting your college-age children and their friends to sign up!