



Welcome Parents

We are excited to have your camper joining us this summer at Camp Lurecrest! We want to make planning for camp as easy for you as possible, so we've put together this Parent Guide to answer all your questions and to help you adequately prepare your camper for this amazing experience.

Our Mission: To love God, love others, and make disciples of Jesus Christ through camping ministries.

Upcoming Camp Dates

- February 28, 2026 - Theme Reveal
- March 15, 2026 - Health Forms Due
- May 4, 2026 - [CLM Golf Tournament](#)
- May 9, 2026 - [Spring Workday](#)
- June 13, 2026 - [Camper Parent Day](#)

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SUMMER 2026			
RISING GRADES			
JUN 21-24	3RD-6TH	\$550	BUFFALO CREEK 1
JUN 24-27	3RD-6TH	\$550	BUFFALO CREEK 2
JUN 28 - JUL 4	6TH-8TH	\$1010	BEARWALLOW 1
JUL 5-11	7TH-9TH	\$1010	THE NARROWS
JUL 12-18	9TH-12TH	\$1060	PINNACLE
JUL 19-25	6TH-8TH	\$1010	BEARWALLOW 2
JUL 26-31	4TH-6TH	\$930	SWANNANOA
AUG 1-6	3RD-5TH	\$880	PIONEER

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Registering for Camp

We strive to make planning for camp as simple and pleasant as possible for parents and campers. Parents must complete the following prior to camp:

- **Registration/Payment**
 - o Deposit due upon registration
 - o Full payment due May 1
- **Health History Questionnaire**
 - o Due within 2 weeks of registration
- **Camper Transportation Form**
- **Bunkmate Request Form**
- **Funfangle**

Any of the forms mentioned above can be found under "Forms & Documents" in your [CampInTouch account](#) and can be updated, as needed, prior to summer.

Registration/Payment

Online registration is available through CampMinder on our [website](#).

- \$75 non-refundable deposit per camper is required at registration.
- Full tuition is due May 1 through credit/debit card or eCheck (ACH).
- Credit card payments will incur a processing fee of 2.9%. This fee does not apply to debit card or ACH payments.

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellations must be submitted in writing to admin@camplurecrest.org
- A full refund (minus the \$75 deposit) will be issued for cancellations prior to May 1.
- After May 1, a 50% tuition refund (minus the \$75 deposit), 100% Ranch House refund, and 100% transportation refund will be issued.
- Cancellations made less than 14 days before your camper's session will forfeit all previous payments unless there is a medical or family emergency
- Medical Cancellation: If a doctor's written verification is provided prior to the start of the camper's session, a full refund will be issued.
- Family Emergency: In the event of a family emergency, please contact us immediately.
- Since our costs are fixed, we are unable to transfer payments for camp to the following year.

Waitlist Management

When you add your camper to one of our waitlists, you will receive an email from us within 48 hours confirming your camper's position on the waitlist. Although you will still be asked to enter payment information when completing your camper application, **you will not be charged unless your camper moves off the waitlist and is enrolled in a session.** You can be enrolled in a session and on the waitlist for a different session. In this case, if a spot opens up in the waitlisted session, we will reach out and ask which session you prefer (or if you would like to enroll in both sessions). Any payments made prior to this would then be applied to the enrolled session.

If a new camper is on the waitlist for the current summer and a spot does not open for them, they will have the opportunity to register for the following summer with returning camp families.

Medical Forms

A Health History Questionnaire is required for all campers, and we ask for this to be completed within 2 weeks of registration or no later than March 15. This form can also be updated, as needed, prior to summer. To complete this questionnaire, log into your [CamplnTouch Account](#) and click on "Forms & Documents." If you are already in another section of your online account, click on "My Account" at the top of the page, and then go to "Forms & Documents."

The questionnaire does not need to be completed by a Physician. You will need to allow approximately 10 minutes for the questionnaire and will need to have the following information ready:

- Camper Health Insurance
- Primary Care Physician and Dentist Contact
- Date of Camper's last Tetanus shot (dTap)

Bunkmate Requests

Our policy is to allow bunk requests for groups of up to 4 campers. That means a camper can be paired with 3 buddies, creating the maximum size group of 4. We guarantee that your camper will be with at least one of their requested buddies, and we make every effort to honor all two-sided buddy requests of groups of 4 or less.

Approximately 30% of the kids who come to camp do not come to camp with buddies. We actually believe this can really enhance their camp experience! We do make an effort to place campers without buddies in the same cabin with each other. We do not place a camper without a buddy in a cabin where all other campers have buddies. Bunkmate requests can be completed during registration or in your [CamplnTouch Account](#), and they can be updated until June 1.

Funfangle

After registration, you will receive an invitation email from Funfangle to activate your account. During check-in, every camper will receive a Funfangle wristband equipped with an RFID chip. Campers will scan their bands to purchase items from the Ranch House (camp store) and to track their visits to the infirmary.

You can add funds to your camper's Ranch House account at any point (even during their week at camp if they are running low). We generally see a range of \$25-\$75 to start off a Ranch House account, but the amount is completely up to your discretion.

Referral Credit

Invite a friend to Camp Lurecrest and receive a \$25 Referral Credit for your camper's Ranch House fund. The family being referred must enter your camper's name in the "How did you hear about us?" box when creating a CamplnTouch account during registration. The credit will be rewarded to your camper's Ranch House account prior to the start of camp for EACH new camper who registers. The referral does not apply to family members or previous camper families. There is no limit to the number of people you can refer!

Camper Parent Day

Each year, Camp Lurecrest hosts an open house called Camper Parent Day, where campers and their families can visit camp, meet staff, participate in various activities, and enjoy a meal at no cost! It is an especially helpful and fun

time for new campers or for campers who are considering attending the following year. All are welcome!

This year Camper Parent Day will be held Saturday, June 13th, from 10am-3pm. [Please RSVP here if you plan to attend.](#)

Check-In and Check-Out

Check-In

- All campers must have a [Camper Check-In Form](#) signed by their parent/guardian
- **Bus Rider Check-In**
 - Location is Providence Prep School, 3031 Providence Rd, Charlotte, NC 28211 (Note: Buffalo Creek 2 session check-in will be at Central Church)
 - Check-In will begin at 1pm and buses will depart no later than 2pm
 - Campers will need the following:
 - Luggage
 - Medications, if applicable
 - Each camper will be assigned a FunFangle wristband at the first check-in station
 - Only those who have medications need to visit the second station
 - At least 2 staff members will be present on each bus
 - Campers will ride with their cabin mates to camp
 - Specific bus assignments will be sent via email prior to check-in
- **Car Rider Check-In**
 - Arrive to camp between 3-3:30pm
 - You will be greeted at the gate and directed to the parking area
 - Once you are parked, you will be directed to the Henson Haus where your camper will be assigned a FunFangle wristband and you will check in medications with the medical team, if applicable
 - Staff will be available to help carry luggage to your camper's cabin

Check-Out

- **Bus Rider Check-Out**
 - Location is Central Church, 5301 Sardis Rd, Charlotte, NC 28270
 - Parents should arrive between 11:15-11:30am and go to the orange tent to confirm camper pick-up code with staff members

- Campers will be released from the bus when they arrive at approximately 11:45am
- A text message will be sent when the buses are en route
- **Car Rider Check-Out**
 - Arrive to camp between 9-9:15am
 - Have your pick-up code ready to provide to staff upon arrival
 - Luggage will be loaded into vehicles by staff members
 - Campers must be checked out by a parent or parent approved adult. For the protection of all campers and staff, parents must give written permission to admin@camplurecrest.org for anyone other than themselves to pick up their camper(s).

Packing for Camp

What to bring

We put together a [Packing List](#) to provide you with information about what you should (and should not) pack for camp.

Camp provides the necessary equipment for all activities. Please remember, Camp is not responsible for personal items brought to Camp, including recreation equipment. All items should be labeled with your camper's name. Bring only items that you don't mind getting dirty or lost. Please make sure you have all your child's items when you pick them up.

Ranch House (Camp Store)

In our Ranch House (camp store), we offer the following items:

- Snacks/drinks - each evening, prior to chapel, campers have the opportunity to purchase one snack and one drink (suggested amount per session is \$15-\$25)
- Crafts - While supplies for friendship bracelets and rock painting are available at no cost, we also have craft supplies available for purchase (prices range from \$1-\$15) including:
 - Pottery (not available during mini camps)
 - Paracord Bracelets
 - Tie-Dye supplies (not available during mini camps)
- Camp Lurecrest Gear - Available options include:
 - T-shirts (\$15-\$30)
 - Hoodies/Sweatshirts (\$30-\$35)
 - Stickers (\$2)
 - Hats (\$25-\$35)
 - Stuffed animals (\$10-\$25)

- Novelty Items (\$1+)
- And more!

Please, do not send campers with cash or credit cards. Prior to camp, you will be able to set up and add funds to your camper's Funfangle account.

Lost and Found

Please label all of your camper's items. All unclaimed Lost and Found will be available for parents to look through during check-out. Unused medication will be returned to campers prior to check-out. Lost items are not the responsibility of Camp Lurecrest. Any unclaimed items are held for two weeks and then donated to charity. Parents are responsible for return shipping costs of items that are left behind at camp.

Communication during Camp

Session Webpage

We will set up a webpage for each camp session, which you can use as a quick source to find anything you need during your session. This website can only be accessed through a direct link, which will be sent out via email prior to each session.

At the end of the week, we will add all of the camp videos and speaker sessions to the webpage so campers can look back on their memories at Lurecrest.

Email

Through your CamplnTouch Account, you can send one-way emails to your campers for a fee. Each morning the system bundles and sorts the messages by cabin for us to print out and distribute. This system does not bring revenue to Camp Lurecrest, it simply frees us to do what we do best – be with your kids!

To email a camper, you'll need to log into your online account and purchase "CampStamps." CampStamps enable you to email, as well as add things to your email like fun decorations or puzzles. CampMinder requires you to enter your payment method for Camp Stamps & Photos in a separate location. Even if you have a credit card on file for tuition, you will have to re-enter the card in the section labeled Debit/Credit Card for Camp Stamps & Photos.

NOTE: Emails can be managed from the Companion App, however Camp Stamps must still be purchased from the browser log-in (Google Chrome).

Guest Accounts for Email

Other individuals, such as grandparents and friends, can send emails when you create them a guest account. To do

so, log into your online account and click on "Guest Accounts." For emailing, they can purchase their own Camp Stamps or you can also transfer Camp Stamps to them.

Photos

Campers are welcome to bring their cameras with them to camp, but we will also take pictures around camp throughout the course of the week. Each day, our pictures will be uploaded to two places:

1. Flickr - The link to our Flickr account can be found on your session page and you can download any photo from there at no charge.
2. CAMPANION APP - Photos are also uploaded to CampMinder and can be viewed in the Companion App. If you upload a training photo of your child, the app will automatically tag the photos of your camper. [Download the Companion App](#) on your phone. Make sure to use the same login credentials as you do for your online portal.

Postal Mail

If you wish to send mail through the US Post Office, our physical address is listed below. Please note that letters/packages typically take 2-3 days to arrive by standard mail.

Camper Name
c/o Camp Lurecrest
207 Charlotte Drive
Lake Lure, NC 28746

Care packages

A handful of families like to send care packages to their campers. If you do so, please refrain from sending food, candy, and gum, as these will not be allowed in the cabin in order to control ants and other critters! Also, we often have campers with severe allergies, which is another reason we do not allow food or candy in the cabin. Most campers do not receive care packages, so no pressure, parents! Please Note: Care Packages arriving after a camper's week has ended will not be returned due to excessive shipping charges. Please be sure to send these with enough time to arrive during your camper's week.

Phone Calls

Campers do not make phone calls home during camp. If your camper is sick, missing home, or having behavioral issues, a member of our full-time staff will reach out to you. We want to partner with parents to give campers the best possible experience!

Birthdays at Camp

Many campers celebrate their birthdays while at camp. Campers with birthdays are recognized in front of the entire camp at either lunch or dinner. Reminding us at check in of your child's birthday is appreciated. Parents are welcome to send cake/cupcakes/cookies to share with the cabin, but any edible treats must be store-bought with listed ingredients. **Due to food allergies, products that contain nuts cannot be served.**

Missing Home

Parental support and encouragement are crucial to a child's successful camp experience. Parents can help set campers up for success by:

- Being enthusiastic and positive about a camper's time at camp
- Encouraging campers to stay the entire session
- Helping campers set goals for camp (meeting people, learning something new, etc.)
- Not promising that a camper can come home if they do not like camp

Head Counselors will keep parents in the loop if their camper is missing home. Campers do not make phone calls home to parents, but letters and emails are great ways to communicate with your child. Encouraging comments in letters are also helpful. Though it is common for young or first-time campers to miss home, it is usually short-lived due to all the fun people and dynamic activities at Lurecrest!

Our Staff is well trained to help campers adjust to camp by immediately involving them in goal setting, team building and engaging activities.

Life at Camp

Cabin Assignments

Along with bunkmate requests, we do consider age/grade as we are assigning cabins. All cabins are assigned by biological/birth gender. Some cabins will have multiple grades while others may only be one grade. However, typically, campers will be with other campers of his/her same grade. Furthermore, your camper will not be the only one from his/her grade in their cabin.

A preliminary cabin list will be sent to parents approximately 7-10 days before camp begins. Changes may still be made to the list at that time. A final list & cabin name will be sent a few days prior to arrival day. That gives parents a chance to double check our assignments—It is no easy task!

Campers Typical Day

Throughout each camp session, campers will travel to participate in activities with their cabin mates in the morning and afternoon. In the evenings, all cabins will come together for skits, chapel, Ranch House, and evening activities. Below is a sample daily schedule, but this schedule is subject to change based on the specific camp session, age group of campers, weather, or other factors.

Sample Daily Schedule

- 7:00 AM Rise & shine and cabin clean-up
- 7:15 AM Morning Round-up
- 7:20 AM God and I Time (quiet time)
- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Morning Chapel
- 9:45 AM Activities
- 12:15 PM Lunch
- 1:30 PM Cabin Corners (time for campers to rest, write letters, read, or have down time in the cabin)
- 2:30 PM Activities
- 5:00 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Skit Chapel (themed ongoing skit and daily picture slideshows)
- 7:00 PM Ranch House (campers can purchase snacks/drinks, play games, participate in tournaments, etc.)
- 8:00 PM Chapel
- 9:00 PM Return to cabins – cabin devotions
- 10:00 PM Lights out

Available Activities

- Craft shop
 - Rock Painting
 - Friendship Bracelets
 - Tie-Dye (\$2-\$10)
 - Paracord Bracelets (\$)
 - Pottery (\$1-\$15)
- Pavilion Games
 - Gagaball
 - Carpetball
 - Aeroball
 - Box hockey
 - Ping Pong
- Basketball
- Sand Volleyball
- Target Sports (BB guns & slingshots)
- High Ropes Elements
 - Vertical Playpen
 - Giant's Ladder
 - Leap of Faith
- Three Zipline Tour
- Climbing Wall
- Low Ropes Elements
- Boat Rides
- Tubing

- Canoeing
- Giant Slip n' Slide
- Slip n' Slide Field Games
- Pool
- Lake Swimming
 - Water Slide
 - Rope Swing
 - Iceberg
 - Floating Dock

Swim Test

Every camper will be swim tested at the beginning of the week. Campers wear identification of their swim level while at camp, ensuring they are kept safe and challenged, depending on their experience.

Discipline

Camp rules are designed to enhance the happiness and safety of all campers. A full-time staff member will contact parents to let them know if there is an on-going behavioral problem. Children who do not demonstrate appropriate behavior, in the judgment of the Directors, will be sent home. Early dismissal from Camp will not warrant the refund of fees.

Food at Camp

A variety of fresh fruit, hot & cold cereals, vegetables and kid-friendly options are offered at every meal. At mealtime, mature and knowledgeable counselors gently guide campers towards healthy and appropriate choices. Food will be served cafeteria-style. Homemade desserts will be offered once each day. In addition to three hot meals per day, campers will have the opportunity to purchase snacks and drinks during Ranch House time each evening.

The Barn = Our Dining Hall

The Ranch House = Our Camp Store

Food Allergies

Prior to each camp session, the Food Service Manager will review camper allergies. Email us if you would like to speak with the Food Service Manager prior to camp. The kitchen staff take special care to prevent cross-contamination through a designated prep area in the kitchen.

Products that contain peanuts and tree nuts are not served in the dining hall. Other special dietary needs should be indicated on the camper health questionnaire and directed to the camp office. The dining hall is successful in accommodating campers with most food allergies.

Sample Menus

Breakfasts: Biscuits with sausage patties or bacon, eggs, and breakfast potatoes; Pancakes with blueberries and sausage links; Waffles with fresh fruit and sausage links; Build-your-own breakfast burritos with ground sausage, eggs, hashbrowns and shredded cheese

Lunches: Chicken sandwiches with peaches and french fries; Beef tacos with rice, beans and tortilla chips; Hamburgers and hot dogs with pub chips, spinach dip, and fruit; Sub sandwiches with chips and fruit; Greek chicken pitas with rosemary fries, celery, carrots and tzatziki sauce.

Dinners: Pasta with ground beef, marinara sauce, garlic bread and caesar salad; Homemade pizza with side salad; BBQ chicken with mashed potatoes and green beans; Chicken tenders with mac & cheese and broccoli; Orange chicken with rice and veggies

Desserts: Brownies, freshly baked cookies, cinnamon chips, chippers (two chocolate chip cookies with vanilla ice cream in the middle), strawberry shortcake, cookie mush (a Camp Lurecrest classic)

Ranch House: There are a variety of snack and drink options available in the Ranch House, which campers can purchase each evening prior to chapel.

Alternative options: Our food service staff and counselors want to help ensure campers are eating adequate meals throughout the day in order for them to have the energy needed to thrive while they are at camp. There will be options available at every meal for campers who do not like what is being offered. For example, cereal, yogurt, and bagels will be available during breakfast each day. During lunch and dinner, campers can make sunbutter and jelly sandwiches or they can check in with their counselors for other options. If you have concerns about your picky eater at camp, please reach out to us so that our team can make a plan prior to their camp session.

Medical Information

Two medical professionals (RNs, NPs, PAs, or MDs), who will manage your child's medications while at camp, are on site each week. Summer staff are CPR and First Aid Certified. We have an infirmary on site, are less than half a mile from the Lake Lure Fire Department, and are within 30 minutes of a hospital. Accident insurance is not included in the camp fee.

Medication Check-In

If your camper will need prescription or daily OTC medications, you will need a signed and completed [Camper Medication Form](#) at check-in, indicating all

medications and their applicable doses. **All medications must be in their original containers** (State regulation- NO EXCEPTIONS).

Medication Storage and Administration

For the safety of all campers, medications must be in original bottles/containers (including any-over-the-counter medication or vitamins) and must be checked in with the Camp Medical Team during check-in. No medications are allowed in cabins (exceptions: inhalers & epi-pens, which still need to be checked-in but will be carried by your camper's counselor at all times). Camper medications are dispensed by a camp nurse at mealtimes.

Please leave "as needed" over the counter medications at home (ex. tylenol, advil) for the week. We're well stocked with everything they might need! See a full list of the medication we keep on hand on [our website](#).

Over the Counter Daily Medications

If your camper requires a [FDA-approved](#) OTC medication on a regular basis (ex. takes claritin every day), please send an **unopened** bottle of the OTC medication to camp (Prescription meds do not require an unopened bottle). Regulations require us to follow the directions on the original container unless we have a note from a physician authorizing something different. So if a bottle says it is for adult use only and it is checked in for a ten-year-old, we cannot administer it without a doctor's note. If your camper requires a different dosage than what is listed on the medication directions, you will need to provide a doctor's note.

If the OTC medication is not FDA-approved (ex. melatonin), a doctor's note is required with dosage instructions.

Other Medication Information

- We cannot administer prescription medications that are:
 - Expired
 - Prescribed to others
 - Compounded or mixed at home
 - Broken in half (unless prescribed)
- CBD oil
 - We do not administer CBD oil to campers; please do not pack it in your camper's luggage.
- Melatonin, Vitamins, Supplements
 - We do not allow multivitamins/ supplements during a camp week unless prescribed by a doctor. If your child is medically required to take vitamins/ supplements, then please bring the

doctor's prescription, stating the vitamin to be given and the dosage.

- For melatonin, you'll need to provide a doctor's note and the melatonin in its original, unopened bottle. Ensure that the melatonin provided is the same dosage as prescribed on your doctor's note.
- On your departure day, you can pick up your meds when checking out at camp. If your camper rides the bus home, leftover medications will be handed to the camper before they exit the bus.
- If needed, you may call in a prescription for pickup at our local pharmacy:
 - Ingles Pharmacy, 276 NC Highway 9, Lake Lure, NC 28746.
 - Phone: 828.625.0748

Quick Guide to Camper Medications

NO NOTE NEEDED	DOCTOR'S NOTE REQUIRED	DO NOT SEND
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescription Meds • Daily Required, FDA Approved OTC (ex. camper takes claritin daily) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non FDA Approved, required OTC (melatonin) • If dosage camper requires is different than directions on label 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As Needed OTC • Supplements/Vitamins unless medically necessary (Doctor's note required)

PACKING MEDICATION CHECKLIST

If OTC:	If Prescription:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unexpired • Unopened Container • Correct dosage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For example, if doctor prescribes 1mg of melatonin, do not send a bottle of 3mg capsules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unexpired • Prescribed to Camper • Original container <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No zip-lock bags or pill boxes ○ Original container should include prescription label (for inhalers/epi-pens prescription label may be on original box)

*All meds are to be handed to check-in nurse at bus or camp on arrival day with completed **Camper Medication Form***

Infirmary

Campers who are not feeling well have the opportunity to visit the Infirmary, as needed. The infirmary is staffed and open 24 hours a day for urgent medical situations. All medical staff are Registered Nurses (minimum required credential) and work under doctor's orders.

Response to Illness

1. Response to Illness- Monitoring and Preparing
 - If fever is suspected, temporal thermometers will be used to check. If fever is present (100.4), we will notify parent/emergency contacts to pick up the child.
 - In the event of fever or other symptoms of illness, the child will be allowed to rest in the infirmary away from other children while waiting for parent to pick up.

- Staff will continue to follow our wellness policy and call parents to pick up if any of the following conditions exist.
 - The illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in camp activities.
 - The illness results in greater need than staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children.
 - The child has any of the following conditions:
 - A fever 100.5 degrees or higher. Children must be fever-free for at least 48 hours without fever-reducing medication before they can return to camp programs.
 - Continuous and/or colored nasal drainage. A current note from a physician can be provided if drainage is caused by an allergy.
 - Diarrhea. Child cannot have more than two loose stools in a 24 hour period.
 - Vomiting within a 24 hour period.
 - Communicable diseases. Examples include, but are not limited to, pink eye, head lice, skin rash, and strep throat.

Safety

We are committed to maintaining a safe camp environment, creating the opportunity to transform lives into the image of Christ.

Safe Staff

We search college campuses all over the southeast for capable and qualified summer staff. Upon applying, summer staff are interviewed to see if their character matches the ministry of Camp Lurecrest. We purposefully embed questions into our interviews as part of our screening process that would reveal problematic behaviors. We also clearly communicate expectations ahead of time and give staff the opportunity to withdraw after understanding our standards. Additionally, we run background checks, check multiple references, and pray over each candidate we hire. We are thorough in our staff hiring process so that our campers experience the very best of camp.

Ministry Safe Abuse Prevention

We partner with and use the training resources of the premier sexual abuse prevention organization in the

country, MinistrySafe. We follow strict policies in order to create a culture of accountability, communication, and willingness to bring potential risks to light.

Every year a summer staff member is hired, we do the following:

- Email and call independent reference checks
- Complete a new background check
- Require the staff member to complete MinistrySafe Sexual Abuse Awareness Training, followed by a test.

Every year we have a volunteer on campus (ex. camp nurse), we require a new background check and completion of the MinistrySafe Sexual Abuse Awareness Training, followed by a test.

We have strict policies in place forbidding staff members or campers to have phones or technology in the cabin. All changing happens in the closed stalls in the bathroom, and staff members are not permitted to be isolated with campers alone; we are committed to the two-adult-rule. We have regular cabin audits, a rotation schedule through activities led by independent staff leaders, and a follow-up system for campers to express concerns to other leaders.

Activity Safety

Lifeguards are certified by the American Red Cross in pool and waterfront training, as well as CPR and First Aid. Our Outdoor Adventure Team is trained by an ACCT-Level 2 Challenge Course Practitioner.

Heat and Sun Precautions

Water stations are located at every activity to ensure proper hydration. We encourage campers to bring their own water bottles and sunscreen, but we also provide sunscreen for campers and staff who need it.

Emergency Preparedness

At Camp Lurecrest, the safety of every camper and staff member is our highest operational priority. We want to take a moment to reassure you that we have comprehensive and practiced emergency preparedness systems in place. Below is an overview of the key protocols and partnerships that guide our response to all types of emergencies, including severe weather, missing camper scenarios, and campus intrusions. Here are some of the steps we have taken to increase preparedness and reduce risk.

Site Safety and Location

Our campus is elevated 300 ft above the drained lakebed of Lake Lure and is not considered a flood zone. We have buildings built to shelter campers during severe weather events and have designated safe zones.

Trained Staff and Emergency Plans

All staff are trained in Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) during orientation, with refreshers throughout the summer. Scenarios we prepare for include: medical emergencies, weather events, fires, missing camper situations, and intruders. Staff members are assigned specific roles and communication protocols during any emergency, including shelter-in-place and full evacuation.

Strong Partnerships

We are located less than one mile from both the Lake Lure Fire Department and Police Department and have long standing relationships with each.

In the event of a natural disaster, we follow the guidance of Rutherford County Emergency Management and local law enforcement.

Rapid Response and Communication

Our emergency communication system includes radios, sirens (city), backup power generators, and pre-established contact plans.

Parents will be notified directly by leadership in the event of an emergency impacting your child.

Real Experience and Readiness

During Hurricane Helene, Camp Lurecrest successfully enacted our full emergency response system, including evacuation, housing reassignment, and communication with our camp community.

Because of our preparedness, we were even able to provide aid to our larger community.

Continuous Evaluation

Emergency drills are conducted regularly to evaluate and improve our processes. After any significant incident or “near miss,” we complete a full review and written report to ensure growth and accountability.