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## Leaders

### Everything you need to know about Jr. High Summer Camp 2026!

#### Junior High Summer Camp

7th & 8 th grade. Students starting 7 & 8 grade Fall of 2026

June 29 – July 3

(Students starting 9<sup>th</sup> grade in Fall of 2026 will attend Sr. High Camp.)

#### Lake Retreat Bible Camp

27850 Retreat-Kanaskat Rd, #101

Ravensdale, WA 98051

Camp Office: 425.432.4293

Lake Retreat has asked us to not provide parents with camp office phone number. The office has no system in place to track down campers or leaders.

#### New Life Camp Coordinator, Judy Parkins

(253) 222.0890

[jparkins@nlchurch.com](mailto:jparkins@nlchurch.com)

Parents have my cell. I field dozens of calls per day. I will take the parent’s information and then text leaders the parent contact info. You can return the call or let the student use your cell if the parents need to speak with them directly.

#### Ben Ibale, New Life Renton Jr. High Pastor

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	Cost
<b><u>Early Bird Registration Deadline   Wednesday May 10</u></b>	<b>\$99</b>
<b><u>Case by case/ Exceptions Registration deadline   June 18</u></b>	<b>\$440</b>

Registration closes on midnight, . No registrations can be taken after June 18.

New Life Church has committed to making a life changing summer camp

accessible and affordable for every leader! We are so thankful for a church that believes and invests in leaders. A \$450 scholarship is given to every leader!

Leader Registration closes on midnight, Sunday, May 10. We want every leader to receive the maximum scholarship. NOTE: Leaders can complete Steps 1 and Step 2 and be considered registered without completing Step 3 – the payment. You will have until June 27 th to make your \$99 payment.

We are expecting Jr. High camp to be completely full. We need you to sign up as soon as possible so we can plan. Thank you!

### **Technology Policy**

Our summer camp technology policy states that no devices such as phones/tablets/iPads/smart devices are allowed while at Lake Retreat. This ensures the safety and security of students while also promoting a more enjoyable environment where students can be free from distractions.

Staff will pick up and secure any phones or devices seen at camp. We will return these to the parents when we arrive back at New Life on July 3

Cabin leaders and youth pastors will have their phones and, in an emergency, students will be allowed to call home. Parents may text the Camp Coordinator, Judy Parkins (253.222.0890) or call Lake Retreat Office 425.432.4293 in case of an emergency.

### **Stay in touch**

We encourage parents to sign up [HERE](#) to receive daily email updates from camp! We'll send photos, prayer requests and share all that God is doing!  
Follow us on Instagram @youthchrch

### **Transportation**

New Life will provide transportation to and from camp. The camp experience starts when students board the bus.

Depart New Life, Covington Campus	3:30 pm, Monday, June 29
Return to New Life Covington	11:00 pm, Friday, July 3

NOTE: Parents living in Maple Valley/Ravensdale/Black Diamond area may drop their students off at Lake Retreat. We ask that you drop them off by 4:00 so they can arrive with the other New Life students. The parking lots is very small. Plan to drive through and drop them off. Our leaders will be there to greet them and help them to their cabins. Even if you are driving your student to Lake Retreat, you still need to check-in at Bag Drop on Sunday, June 28.

New Life Church, Covington Campus  
24808 180<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Covington, WA 98042

## **Mandatory Bag Drop for Parents & Campers DAY BEFORE CAMP**

**Sunday, June 28**

**4:00 to 6:00 pm**

New Life Church, Covington

- All students must bring their camping gear (sleeping bag, pillow, suitcase, etc.) and check it in. We will bag it and put your student's name on it. They will pick up their tagged bag when they arrive at camp.
- **REMINDER: NO CELL PHONE OR ELECTRONICS**
- **MEDICATIONS:** Parents, please put all your student's medication in a clear, gallon Ziplock bag with their name on it in permanent marker. Medications must be in the original containers with instructions. Students are not allowed to keep any medication with them in their cabin. These will be turned in to the camp nurse at Bag Drop.
- Students will receive their cabin assignments at Bag Drop.
- Students can make requests to be in cabins with their friends. Requests can be made at the time of payment (We will do our best to accommodate. We keep campers in the same grade together as best we can.)
- Students will receive their camp bracelet that is their "ticket" to get on the bus on Sunday at Bag Drop.
- **NEW FOR 2026.** We are giving all parents an opportunity to write their students a "secret" note. We will collect these and discreetly give them to their cabin leader to hand out on Wednesday at camp. Clearly mark your student's first and last name on the outside of the envelope. 😊

## **2026 Summer Camp Packing List**

WHAT TO BRING: Mark all belongings. Camp will not be responsible for stolen, lost or damaged articles on the campground for more than two weeks after the last day of camp.

Important: Refillable Water Bottle

- o Bible | Journal | Pen
- o Sleeping Bag | Pillow
- o Comfortable clothes
- o Long Pants
- o Warm Jacket/Sweater
- o Several Changes of Underclothes

- o Appropriate Shoes | Tennis shoes for sports
- o Towels
- o Soap | Toothbrush | Toothpaste
- o Insect Repellent | Sunscreen | Hat
- o Flashlight
- o Camp Appropriate Swimwear GIRLS: Modest one pieces only.

CABIN STAFF OPTIONAL TO BRING:

- o Twin sheet to cover your mattress
- o Power strips for your cabin
- o Extra-large garbage sacks
- o Extra towels
- o A box fan
- o Bottled water
- o Cabin decorations
- o Cards for your campers
- o Bluetooth speaker for your cabin

WHAT NOT TO BRING: No Cell phone, iPad, Tablets or Gaming Devices

Valuable watches or jewelry. Weapons | Tasers | Knives Illegal Drugs, Tobacco Alcohol  
Firearms or Fireworks

SWIMSUIT POLICY: Modest one-piece suits for girls.

### Questions

Please feel free to email Judy Parkins at [jparkins@nlchurch.com](mailto:jparkins@nlchurch.com)  
for more information or questions.

**It is going to be an amazing, life changing week!**