

FAMILY FEST

SUMMER SPLASH



August 10th-14th

2022 Info Packet

ALL YOU NEED TO HAVE SUMMER SPLASH FUN

Mount
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SUMMER SPLASH CAMP INFORMATION

Arrival & Check-In

Camp starts on Wednesday, August 10th. We will be ready for you to check-in between 6:00pm and 8:00pm. Please eat dinner before you arrive. We are planning an all camp event on Wednesday night at 8:30pm so please arrive by 8pm. If you know that you will need to arrive after 8pm, please let us know so we can make sure that someone is there to greet you and show you to your cabin.

Final Payment

Please check the letter that you received last week to see your camp balance. We would appreciate it if you could mail your check to our office as soon as possible so we can get everything processed for you. You can pay by credit card too, but there is a 3% added fee to cover charges.

Lodging

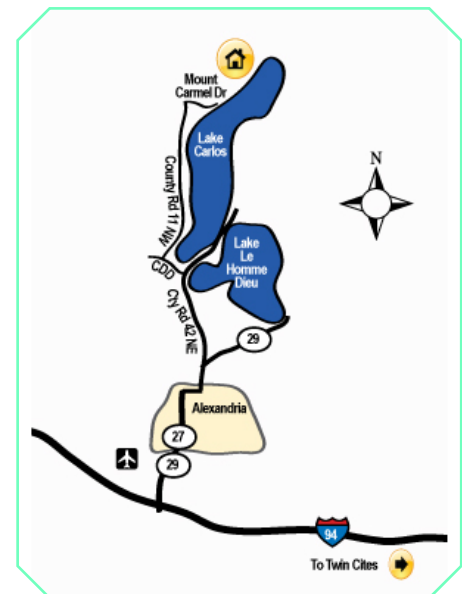
There are five tiers from which you marked your preference on your registration form. Your final tier selection was indicated on your balance due letter. All cabins have their own bathrooms. Some cabins have small kitchens and living rooms. Only the Tier 3 lodge rooms and a some of the new cabins have air-conditioning. We have done our best to put you into the housing of your choice. We have a full camp this week and are not able to move you once you arrive. Please call the office if you have questions about housing.

Directions - FROM THE TWIN CITIES

Mount Carmel Ministries: 800 Mt Carmel Dr NE. Travel Interstate 94 West to Alexandria. Take exit 103 and turn right on MN-29 N. After 3.2 miles, veer right on 3rd Ave E. After 1/2 mile, turn left on Nokomis St. After 0.6 miles, turn left on Co Rd 42 NE/N Nokomis St. After 2.3 miles turn left on to Carlos Darling Dr NE. After 0.5 miles, take first right onto Co Rd 11 NW. Go 3.7 miles and turn right on Mount Carmel Drive. Drive time from Twin Cities is just under 3 hours.

St. Mary's Catholic Church - 420 Irving St. Return to Alexandria. When you come to 3rd Street drive to Irving St. and turn left. Church is 2 blocks south. Mass at 5pm on Saturday.

Casey's Amusement Park - Return to Alexandria. Casey's is located at 1305 N Nokomis NE, before you hit the heart of Alexandria.



Our Speaker:

We are delighted to have Brian Suter as our Summer Splash adult speaker. Brian is the lead pastor at Branch Church in Chaska, MN. Many Family Fest campers know Brian from his work at Westwood Community Church, Christ Presbyterian Church and Young Life, working in student and adult ministry. He is passionate about helping people know Jesus and grow in their relationship with Him. Brian and his wife Courtney have two kids and live in Excelsior, MN.

What To Bring

Bedding, pillows and towels will be provided at Mount Carmel. Besides the obvious things like clothes for your family, here are a few things that you might want to include for an exciting week at Summer Splash.

For Your Family:

- Swimsuits/Beach towels
- Warm clothes for cool nights
- Cool clothes for warm days
- Clothes that can get messy!
- Extra shoes that can get wet!
- Bible & notebook
- Bikes & helmets
- Golf clubs - (courses nearby)
- Tennis racquets (courts nearby)
- Pickle ball racquets
- Bug spray/Sunscreen
- Fishing gear
- Life jackets (we have some)
- Night light
- Collapsible lawn chairs - for outdoor small groups
- Board games
- Fan
- Swim shoes - (Zebra Mussels)

For Your Kids

- Bible for kids 5 & older
- Port-a-crib
- Beach toys

PROGRAM INFO

Club!

The main focus of our adult time is Club, which features awesome music, humorous skits, relevant presentations, and small group discussions. The kids will join us for the first 35-45 minutes of the evening club. The 7th-10th grade group will stay with the adults on Friday night.

KCs (Kid's Counselors)

We are very blessed to have a wonderful group of over 25 high school and college age students that will be leading our kid's programs this year.

These KCs are the heart of the Family Fest Programs. Many of them came to Summer Splash or Winter Weekend as kids, and are now coming back to serve the infants through 10th grade programs. Working with the program team leaders, they will be helping teach the Gospels, playing games, singing songs, and so much more.

This year the KCs are being led by David & Sarah Flynn and Ryan Gallagher

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Kids Programs

During the adult Club, all kids will have age-appropriate sessions held around camp led by our senior high and college age KCs (Kid's Counselors). All kids from infants to 10th grade will experience the love of Jesus Christ with games, activities, crafts, stories, songs and much more. We have carefully assigned classes based on age, number of kids in each program and staff. Please bring your child only to their assigned class.

Volunteers

Family Fest is a ministry to families, by families, and thus uses the gifts and talents of the participants to make the events happen. Throughout the weekend we will let you know where we need a little help. Some of these volunteer jobs might include the worship band, teaching a beginner how to water-ski, spotting in the boat, or helping in the craft shack. We appreciate people jumping in to help when needed!! Justin Turner is our Volunteer Coordinator.

Afternoon Family Time

Each day at Summer Splash, you will have free time to do something special with your family. You can canoe, bike, (trails nearby), play Frisbee golf, volleyball, Gaga Ball, tennis (courts nearby), shoot hoops, swim, water ski, golf (many courses under 10 minutes from camp), and so much more. In 2021 Mount Carmel installed 4 new Pickleball courts. Bring your racquets or use ours. There are also many fun activities such as mini-golf and go-carting nearby. Costs associated with some activities are not included in the camp fee.

Family Activities

Each afternoon following lunch, the entire camp will gather for about an hour for some all camp fun and activities. For the sake of the kids, it is important that every adult participate in these activities. Your leadership here will make it much more enjoyable for kids and adults alike.

Policies and Guidelines

While alcohol is not prohibited at Summer Splash, we would ask a couple of things. Please keep alcohol out of public areas. Also, we ask that participants keep small in-room parties to a minimum as we are trying to build a sense of community at camp and have found that the small in-room parties have pulled people away from the large group activities. This has been noted on evaluations, especially from new families. Thanks for your cooperation on this. Family Fest prohibits weapons of any kind, fireworks, or any illegal substances at Summer Splash.

Prayer Cave

This is an optional event following our morning session. It is 10-15 minutes of prayer on the deck.

Program Leaders

All the kids programs are being led by a great group of talented individuals. The infant through third grade program contact is Claire Kellner. The 4-6 grade program contact is Ruth Lenker. The 7-10 grade program contact is Becky Fandrich. If you have questions throughout the week, please check with any of these awesome people.



Claire Kellner



Ruth Lenker



Becky Fandrich

Waterfront

The beach and waterfront area at Mount Carmel does not have lifeguards. Parents are responsible for watching their children at the beach. We will have two boats available to pull tubers and skiers. You can check in with the waterfront volunteer to sign-up. Life jackets must be worn in the boat and are available at the dock.

Summer Splash Shirts

This year we are doing shirts for all campers as a way to celebrate our 25 years of ministry. You should have gotten an email or two asking for the sizes that you would like. If you have not sent that in, please do so right away.

Treats!

In past years, we have asked you to bring a treat to share for the adults during club. This year Family Fest will have the delicious treats pre-packed for you. The small group leaders will pick these up and bring them to your group. You can still make treats for your own cabin.

Please Pray

As you prepare for a great week for your family, please pray for the families and the KCs (Kid's Counselors) who will be joining us at Summer Splash.

Sample Schedule

7:45am-8:45am	Breakfast
9:00-11:30am	Adult & Kid Programs
11:30am	Prayer cave (optional)
11:40-12:30pm	Lunch
12:45pm	Afternoon Program
1:45pm	Family Free Time
5:30-6:30pm	Dinner*
6:45-8:45pm	Club & Kid's program
9:15pm	Games /Special Events
10:30pm	Kid's curfew

*Meals on Saturday are later due to our "Sleep-in Day" schedule!

LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER!



Summer Splash 2022 Covid Plan

Family Fest recognizes that the past two years has had, and continues to have, a real impact on families. We are thrilled to be able to gather at camp this summer.

We wish to be compassionate, show dignity and respect to those who may want to continue wearing a mask just as much as those who don't want to wear a mask. Therefore, we consider Summer Splash to be a "mask friendly" camp.

While there are some things we all can do to mitigate the risks of getting Covid, there is no way to protect individuals 100%. It is the responsibility of each family to assess the risks and decide what is appropriate for them. Family Fest has amended our cancellation policy for 2022. If an individual or family is uncomfortable about coming to Summer Splash due to Covid, they may cancel seven days prior to the start of camp and get their deposit and any balance paid refunded.

We are committed to the safety of all our campers and are following the guidance of the CDC and the MN Dept of Health, as well as the American Camping Association. Family camps are a bit different from many other programs in that we have a wider range of ages, and it is difficult to control all aspects of interaction amongst campers. With many levels of comfort surrounding Covid, we expect that each family will decide what is best for themselves.

KCs and Family Fest staff and volunteers will not be responsible to enforce your personal expectations. For instance, if you prefer your child to wear a mask indoors, it will be up to you to make sure that your child understands and complies with your expectations.

What Mount Carmel Will Do:

Mount Carmel has been back to normal operations for the most part. The dining room is back to serving meals from the kitchen. More tables have been placed outside so guests can eat meals outdoors. All buildings and activities are open once again. What has changed is the enhanced cleaning by the Mount Carmel staff. Bathrooms and common areas are cleaned several times per day. Hand sanitizing stations are situated in various public areas.

What Family Fest Will Do:

When programs are indoors, we will spread out as best as we can.

We are asking all KCs (Kid's Counselors) to take a home Covid test no more than 72 hours prior to arrival.

The KCs will wipe down tables, toys, and other surfaces with disinfecting wipes after each program session.

As part of the adult program, we have typically had a table of snacks for the breaks. Again this year, Family Fest will provide delicious pre-packaged treats that the small group leaders will pick up and bring to their groups.

Adult small groups may choose to move outside.

All kids' programs at Summer Splash will do many programs outside. If there is rainy weather, we have large indoor spaces for groups to use.

What We Ask Families To Do:

The best way to protect people from exposure to Covid is to make sure that we don't bring it to Summer Splash. **We would ask that every camper take an at home rapid test within 72 hours prior to your arrival.** We will not ask for proof of this, just on your honor.

Parents should encourage their kids to wash their hands often.

Families should do a pre-camp health screening. This includes confirmation that each person in your family is not experiencing known symptoms of Covid-19. If any symptoms emerge, the individual in question should not take part in Summer Splash unless they have received a negative Covid test.

If members of a family come down with symptoms we would ask them to go home to recover and rest. Family Fest will refund your camp fee.

Allergies and Special Diets

If anyone in your family has an allergy or any special dietary needs, please go the familyfestministries.org site and fill out the camp diet/allergy form one week before camp. Special diets need to be pre-ordered and we will only have enough for those who have made arrangements. Please don't take a special plate (gluten free) unless you have filled out the form. Thanks!

