

### Our Speaker:

We are are thrilled to welcome back Patrick Flynn as our speaker. Patrick spoke at one of our first Summer Splash camps and we are thrilled to have him back. He and his family have also been attending Family Fest events since 2003.



Patrick has been married to Shelly for 39 years and they have 4 grown children and 6 grandchildren. He retired a year ago after 25 years of youth ministry, 16 years of teaching theology, and 6 years of leading marriage and family retreats for the Church.

Patrick and Shelly love working on projects together. They are both skilled at flipping and designing house make-overs. They also love traveling, and spending time with their kids and grandkids.



### Questions

If you have any questions before camp, feel free to contact Amy DeCrans or Pete Larson at Family Fest by calling 952-881-0939. You can also email us at [pete@familyfestministries.org](mailto:pete@familyfestministries.org) or [amy@familyfestministries.org](mailto:amy@familyfestministries.org). For more information, visit our website at [www.familyfestministries.org](http://www.familyfestministries.org). During camp, the best way to reach Pete is by calling or texting 612-865-7884.

### Directions - FROM THE TWIN CITIES

**Mount Carmel Ministries:** 800 Mt Carmel Dr NE, Alexandria, MN. 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.



### Summer Splash App

To get the Summer Spash App for your phone, scan the QR code below. This will open up a jotform site and you will see the app on your screen. Wait just a few moments and you see a message asking if you want to add this to your home screen.

Click on the icon with the up arrow and then click "Add to Home Screen".



This app is your go-to guide for camp! It includes the daily schedule, adult small group questions, free-time activity ideas, volunteer opportunities, information on the KCs and KC schedule, and much more.

If you still have the app on your phone from last year, you're all set—no need to download it again.



Summer Splash App



*at Mount Carmel on Lake Carlos*

# CAMP INFORMATION PACKET

CELEBRATING  
SUMMER SPLASH No 25

August  
6-10





Arrival & Check-In

Camp begins on Wednesday, August 6. Check-in will be open from 6:00–8:00pm. Please plan to eat dinner before you arrive. We have a fun all-camp event starting at 8:30pm, so we ask that everyone arrive by 8:00pm.

If you'll be arriving later than that, please let us know in advance so we can have someone available to welcome you and help you find your cabin.

If you're a **first-time Summer Splash family**, please join us for a brief New Family Orientation at 8:00pm in the Main Chapel. It will last about 15 minutes.

Final Payment

Included in this packet is your balance due statement. Please mail your check to our office as soon as possible so we can process your payment before camp begins.

If you prefer to pay by credit card, please note that a 3% processing fee will be added. To pay by card, just call our office and we'll send you a secure online invoice.

Lodging

There are five housing tiers to choose from, and your final selection is noted on your balance due letter. All cabins include private bathrooms, and some also have small kitchens and living rooms. Please note that only Tier 3 lodge rooms and a few of the newer cabins have air conditioning.

We've done our best to place you in your preferred housing. Since mosts tiers are full this week, housing changes may not be possible upon arrival.

If you have any questions about your housing assignment, feel free to call our office.

Allergies, Diets, and other special needs:

We want every family to have a safe, fun, and memorable experience at Summer Splash! If someone in your family has a food allergy, special dietary needs, or other special requirements, please fill out the Camp Diet/Allergy Form at familyfestministries.org at least one week before camp. Mount Carmel will do its best to accommodate your needs. You may also want to bring supplemental food from home, just in case.

Please note: Special meals (like gluten-free) must be pre-ordered. We'll only have enough for those who have submitted the form, so please don't take a special plate unless arrangements have been made in advance.

To help us best care for your child, let us know if they have any special needs, medical conditions, behavioral concerns, or anything else that would be helpful for our team to know during the weekend by returning the "Child Additional Accommodations" form. If you need more than one, please make copies.

Volunteers at Summer Splash

Family Fest is a ministry to families, by families. You can help make Summer Splash so much fun for all by volunteering to assist us throughout the week. Check out the needs and sign-up for what you would like to do. There are a variety of different opportunities! You will receive an email with a Sign-up Genius link showing all the different possibilities. These include helping at the craft-barn, driving the boats, leading bingo, setting up and take down of the outdoor sound system, monitoring the slip-n-slide, taking photos, making sno-cones. We will also be adding this link to our website, so if you lose the email, you can look on the website as well. Thanks for helping make it a great week!

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 paddles
- Bug spray/Sunscreen
- Fishing gear (go with Nick the guide)
- Life jackets (we have some)
- Night light
- Collapsible lawn chairs - for outdoor small groups
- Board games
- Fan
- Swim shoes - (for Zebra Mussels)

For Your Kids

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

Things to Share:

- Recreation equipment
- Water skis, wake-board, etc.
- Jet-ski
- Boat

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 because of our "Sleep-in Day" schedule!

Club!

The highlight of our adult time at camp is Club—a dynamic session featuring uplifting music, fun skits, meaningful presentations, and small group discussions. All kids will join the adults for the first 35–45 minutes of each evening Club. On Friday night, the 7th–9th grade group will stay for the entire Club session with the adults.



Kids Programs

While adults are at Club, all kids, from infants through 9th grade, will take part in age-appropriate sessions around camp, led by our amazing team of senior high and college-age KCs (Kid's Counselors). Each group will experience the love of Jesus through games, crafts, stories, songs, activities, and so much more! **Children have been carefully placed in groups based on age, group size, and available staff. To help everything run smoothly, please make sure your child attends only their assigned age group.**

KCs (Kid's Counselors)

We are very blessed to have a wonderful group of over 30 high school and college age students who will lead our kid's programs this year. This year the KCs are being led by Halle White and Peter Larson. You will meet your child's KC when you drop them off on the first morning program.

Afternoon Family Time

Each day at Summer Splash includes free time to enjoy with your family—a perfect chance to relax, play, and make memories together!

On-site and nearby activities include:Canoeing, biking (trails nearby), Frisbee golf, volleyball, Gaga Ball, tennis (courts nearby), basketball, swimming, water skiing, golf (many courses within 10 minutes), and Pickleball on our new courts. Bring your own racquets or borrow ours!

There are also fun off-site options like mini-golf and go-karting. Please note: any off-camp activities may have additional costs not covered by 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 kindly ask that you keep alcohol out of public areas. We also encourage limiting small in-room parties, as these can distract from the community spirit we work hard to build at camp. This feedback has come up often in evaluations, especially from new families.

Please also note that Family Fest strictly prohibits weapons of any kind, fireworks, and illegal substances at Summer Splash. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Prayer Cave

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

Program Leaders

All the kids' programs are being led by an amazing group of talented individuals. The infant through third grade program contact is **Erika Hall**. The 4-6 grade program contact is **Ruth Lenker**. The 7-9 grade program contact is **Dianne DeKoning**. If you have questions throughout the week, please check with any of these people.

Waterfront



Please note that the beach and waterfront area at Mount Carmel is not supervised by lifeguards. Parents are responsible for supervising their children at all times while at the beach. We'll have two boats available for tubing and waterskiing. To participate, check in with the waterfront volunteer to sign up for a time slot. **Life jackets are required for anyone in the boats and are available at the dock and boathouse.**

Camp Merchandise

Check out the shirts, sweatshirts, coffee mugs, and other wonderful items at our merchandise table in the chapel. Mount Carmel's camp store will also be open in the mornings during our adult sessions.

Treats!

Along with room snacks, we would love it if you could bring a nut-free treat to share during adult Club time. These will be out during breaks for adults. **Please make sure that these are nut-free** to help us with kids that have severe nut allergies.