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Dear fellow Training Camp campers,



"TRAIN A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO..."
PROVERBS 22:6

It is once again that time of year to start thinking about summer camp. Training Camp will be held Sunday through Friday, July 22 — July 27. The enclosed flyer contains the information for this year's camp.

One thing you will notice right away is that the cost of camp has increased significantly. YMCA Camp Duncan has done some serious renovations that has raised their costs. The cabins have been gutted down to the studs, new everything from roof to floor to bunks. There is now central heat, central AC, ceramic tile floors, new cubbies for belongings, new bunks and mattresses. There are new windows that have screens that open and close. Maybe the most dramatic change is that Camp Duncan is even trying to grow some grass up on Indian Hill!

The cost of Training Camp this year is \$250 per camper. YMCA Camp Duncan charges us \$182.25 per camper. That means that we are able to provide Bible study materials, songbooks, crafts, games, balls, t-shirts, snacks and three meals a day for the remaining \$67.75.

The rising costs also means that we do not have reserve funds any longer to sponsor campers. If you would like to attend camp but cannot afford the full cost, please speak to your pastor about the possibility of having your congregation sponsor you and other campers this year. There may be some people in your church who would love to send a child to a Christian summer camp for a week.

Thanks to you promoting Training Camp in your church and school, the last week in July has been an increasingly popular destination for our young WELS people. Last year we had so many campers that, sadly, we did have to turn away some campers because the cabins were full. I cannot stress enough how important it is for you to get your registrations in early.

Don't think it's too early to register for camp. Send in your registration early to hold your spot. I am expecting a full camp again this year. We had children from Wisconsin, Illinois and Kentucky. You are receiving this registration directly at your home so you have the opportunity to register first. Please take advantage of it!

Your pastor recently received a packet of promotional information for camp. Please encourage him to promote Training Camp at your church, school and Sunday School. Most of our campers, though, come from word-of-mouth. If you had a great camp experience, make sure you tell everyone to come.

You can go to our Epiphany Lutheran Church website at epiphany-wels.org to download all the necessary forms for yourself or a friend. Just click on the Training Camp tab. You can also go to Training Camp's Facebook site. There you will also find all kinds of pictures from last year. Please like, comment and share the site with your friends.

I am very excited about our theme this year. "Fear Factor" is back again. The show began 10 years ago with the advent of Reality TV. The show is about putting contestants into crazy situations where they have to figure out how to conquer their fear of nearly anything - bugs, heights, snakes, dark, and anything and everything in between.

Our daily devotions, Bible studies and songs are about courage in the face of fears. Simple Christian courage is not letting FEAR FACTOR into our decisions about life. Courage is being brave enough to do what you should even when you're afraid. Courage is knowing that Jesus has already conquered the greatest enemies. He's already won – so we have, too!

If you have any questions, feel free to call or e-mail me at 262-637-5182 or pastor@epiphany-wels.org. This year, after you send in your registration and deposit, you will receive a postcard letting you know you've been accepted to Training Camp. The postcard will direct you to download all the forms to bring with you to camp. Go to epiphany-wels.org. Also, don't forget about Training Camp's Facebook site.



Serving in Christ's name,
Pastor Michael Zarling
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