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## Mt. Zion Church of Ontario

### **2023 Summer Day Camp Parents Information & Guidelines**

On behalf of the staff and members of Mt. Zion Church of Ontario. Welcome to Summer Day Camp! **READY! SET! LET'S GO!**

Mt. Zion day camp is an eight -week full-day summer experience designed to engage children ages 5-11. Our mission is to provide an opportunity for kids with diverse backgrounds to encounter Christ, build healthy relationships with others, and continue to grow academically in a safe and fun environment. Our goal is to ensure your child has an amazing and safe time while they are with us. To help ensure the safety of our campers and staff Mt. Zion will be following the CDC guidance for safety.

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Summer Camp begins Monday, June 5 *through* Friday, July 29 Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

Before and Aftercare is available at additional cost: Hours: 7:00 am to 9:00 am

After Care: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Campers may be dropped off and picked up at any time during the hours of operation. Specific drop-off/pick-up guidelines will be followed.

**\* Please note it's important that campers arrive on time, our academic learning takes place during our morning section (9:15 -12 noon).**

#### **Day Camp Information**

##### **General Program Information:**

Summer Day Camp will operate for eight weeks from June 5 – to July 29, 2023. Participants may register at any number of weeks based on availability. The cost is \$150 weekly per camper or for two or more \$125.00 weekly per camper. Fees include weekly trips, materials, and weekly swimming.

##### **\*Important Dates**

The camp will be closed on Monday, June 19, 2023 (in observance of Juneteenth)

VBS: Monday, June 26 *through* Friday, June 30

The camp will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (in observance of 4<sup>th</sup> of July)

**Camp resume Session 2:** Wednesday, July 5, 2023



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### **Drop off & Pick-up Procedures**

The camper may be dropped off as early as 7:00 am and picked up as late as 6:00 pm. There will be a fee of \$5/ per camper.

- Parents will drop off campers at the designated area and check campers in.
- Pick-up will begin at 3:00 pm and end at 4:00 pm.
- Parents will pick up campers where they dropped them off.

### **Cell phones and Electronic Devices**

Cell phones and electronic devices are allowed at camp: however, your child will be responsible for all of their belongings .. Cell phones and electronic devices will be allowed for campers to use during free play and downtime. Please note, if you decide your child can bring a cell phone or electronic device to camp, we recommend that your child only use their cell phone to communicate with you and for emergency purposes. Staff will monitor the usage or content of what they are doing or looking at on their phones or electronic devices.

However, if it is reported by anyone (Campers or staff) that your child is misusing their cell phones or device in any way: looking or listening to inappropriate images, videos, music, texting other campers (bullying), taking inappropriate photos, or disrupting camp activities at any time, etc. staff will take away phone or device without question and only return to parent at the end of the day. Staff will review the Day Camp Participant Rules with the parent and your child will no longer be allowed to have a phone or electronic device at camp. No warning will be given!





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### **Staff to Camper Ratio:**

The camper's ratio is two staff for every 14 campers (2 to 4).

### **How are groups arranged at camp and will all my children stay together?**

The camper will stay on-site for the most part. Campers will be separated into age-appropriate groups. A typical way this would be done in grades 5-6 would be together, grades 3-4 together, grades 1-2 together, and Kindergarten together. Although they all do similar activities staff does tailor each one for a specific age group. Again, the goal is to ensure that campers are having fun and can successfully complete activities. In addition, there are daily all-camp activities such as indoor/outdoor games and breakfast and lunch.

### **What does a typical weekly schedule at Day Camp look like?**

A weekly calendar will be given out Friday before the start of each week. The calendars outline weekly activities and provide reminders. Below is a daily outline of a camp day. \* Daily schedule can change depending on weather conditions.

Monday – On-site at Mt. Zion all day.

Tuesday – On-site at Mt. Zion all day.

Wednesday – On-site at Mt. Zion all day.

Thursday – Off-site most of the day.

\*Friday – Swim Day off-site/ Jesses Turner Park Fontana

**\* Please note it's important that campers arrive on time, our academic learning takes place during our morning session (9:15 -12 noon).**

### **What does my child need to bring every day to camp?**

**Lunch & Snacks:** Breakfast and Lunch will be provided each day by OMSD (optional). Each child is required to bring a lunch and snacks. Please send non-perishable items, lunches will not be refrigerated or heated. It is also important to remember to mark your child's lunch with their names, so each lunch is easy to identify. Please make sure your child brings a water bottle. Water will be available.



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### **Camp Policies/ Procedure**

#### **Camp Behavior**

The camp is designed to encourage learning academics such as reading, math, and spiritual understanding. All camp activities are designed to reinforce the four-character principles of **Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility**. Please remind your child to be on his or her best behavior while at camp. Safety is our #1 priority.

If a camper's behavior is disruptive to the experience of others, appropriate action will be taken by the counselor. Most incidents are handled effectively by the staff. If behavior problems continue, we will always call parents or guardians to enlist your help. Campers who are continuously disruptive will be sent home from camp. There is no camper refund for any child sent home for disciplinary reasons. Any questions or concerns about your child's behavior at camp should be directed to Mrs. Yvonne, Camp Director.

#### **Behavior Policy**

##### **Three Strike Behavior Policy:**

If there is an issue that cannot be resolved by the camper and counselor, appropriate action is taken.

Strike 1- Verbal warning and positive redirection.

Strike 2- Parents will be notified, and the child will be given the last warning.

Strike 3- The parent will be called to take the child home from camp.

##### **Bullying Policies:**

Strike 1- when a child chooses to threaten, intimidate, ostracize, or ridicule another child, they will be warned one time, and the camp director will call the parents.

Strike 2- Parents will be called to take the child home from camp.



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### **Zero Violence Policy**

Any act of violence or aggression towards participants, staff, or camp property will result in a child's immediate dismissal from camp. Violence and aggressive acts do include forms of emotional abuse.

Please note any action that jeopardizes the safety of the camp, or any participant will result in immediate dismissal.

### **Absences**

If your child is absent for any reason, please notify us as soon as possible at 909-415-4137. You may leave a message on our voicemail at any time. We are concerned when your child is not at camp. There is no camper fee refund for absences.

### **Emergencies**

Please keep the camp phone number with you always during the week your child is at camp. If something happens to your child at camp, we will always contact you. Be sure MT Zion has all possible phone numbers where you can be reached. If you are unavailable, we will call your emergency contacts listed on the Camper Emergency Contact Form.

### **Illness**

All campers are required to have a completed health form. If your child becomes ill while at camp, we will notify you and ask you to come and pick up your child as soon as possible. If you are not available, we will call the emergency number listed on the Camper Emergency Forms. Please keep all this information up to date for your child's safety. The camp director will make sure your child is well cared for until you arrive. The camper must be fever-free for 24 hours to return to camp. There are no refunds for days missed due to illness without a doctor's excuse.

### **Medication**

When you sign- in your child on the first morning, please give the medication to the camp staff responsible for handling the sign-in procedures. Please do not send any medication to your child. Medication must be in its original container with the child's name, the type, and name of the medication, and the dosage marked. If your child needs medication more than once per day, please give the morning dose at home. Please do not send over the counter.



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medications. Camp staff will be available to assist the campers. If you have safety or medication concerns, please call 909-415-4137.

### **Lost & Found**

Please write your camper's name on all items brought to camp. Lost and found items will be kept in the children's center storage room. Mt. Zion is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please do not bring anything of value to the camp.

### **Refund Policy**

Refund requests must be made in writing and received no later than one week before the start of the camp session. This will help to ensure that you will receive a refund on your camp fees minus a \$50.00 non-funded deposit. All cancellations made less than one week before the start of camp are non-refunded. There is no camper fee refund for any child who leaves camp because of being homesick or sent home for any disciplinary reason. There are no refunds for days missed due to illness without a doctor's excuse.

**\* Please note below all forms must be turned in before our first outing**



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### Trip Release and Liability

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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Campers' Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I give my children or child permission to participate in Mt. Zion 2023 Summer Day Camp Program. I also further agree that by signing this form, I AM SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT WITH THE INTENT TO RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS IN ADVANCE MT. ZION CHURCH OF ONTARIO AND ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS CONCERNING ALL POSSIBLE LIABILITY FOR INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY, AND/OR DEATH, EVEN IF CAUSED BY THE ACTIVE OR PASSIVE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY MT. ZION CHURCH OF ONTARIO PARTIES, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BY SIGNING THE SAME I AM GIVING UP IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Photograph and Social Media Consent

I hereby consent to authorize the use and reproduction of any all video and/or photographic

images. I give permission to Mt. Zion Church of Ontario Summer Day Camp to photograph or videotape my child and I agree to release such photographs and /or video to be sole property of Mt. Zion Church of Ontario Summer Day Camp. These images will be used in a variety of Summer Day Camp media (print, video, social media) to promote Summer Day Camp. Furthermore, I agree that I will not receive any compensation for such use.

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian of minor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT DESCRIPTION: Summer Day Camp will use photos to post on our Instagram, and Facebook and YouTube sites.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO ME IN THIS DAY CAMP PACKET:

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_