

## **CAMP CONCORDIA**

### **INFORMATION & POLICIES FOR FINANCIAL AID**

Camp Concordia realizes that it is not always financially easy to send a child to camp. And even though registration fees are necessary to keep the camp running, we do not want them to be so prohibitive that they keep a child from experiencing the adventure and the ministry that occurs at Camp Concordia. For this reason, Camp Concordia has established a “campership fund”. This fund consists of budgeted money contributed annually by Camp Concordia in addition to any amount(s) that might be contributed by individual donors. This pool of financial help is distributed under the following policies:

1. **Camp Concordia will not grant aid in excess of half the program fee**, which requires the parent or some other outside agency to be responsible for at least the 50% of the fees for each camper.
2. Anyone applying for financial assistance must fill out a Campership Request Form (one per family) and return it to Camp Concordia. Also, the family must submit a Registration Form (from the summer brochure) and a **registration deposit** for each camper. (The registration deposit is \$100 per person for week-long or half-week programs)
3. When applying for assistance from Camp Concordia, you must contact your local pastor and ask if any funds are available from your congregation. Many congregations or service organizations within your congregation make funds available for this worthwhile purpose. The pastor’s signature must be included on the Campership Request Form.
4. Camp Concordia will distribute the money in the campership fund until it is extinguished. All requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis, using input from the local pastor to help determine the need.
5. All recipients will be notified by letter of the assistance they have been granted. At this time the recipient can choose one of three actions:
  - A. If the recipient accepts the grant, the camper(s) will remain registered for their program, the appropriate amount will be subtracted from the camper’s balance, and the recipient agrees to be responsible for any remaining balance.
  - B. If the grant is not enough, the recipient can reject the grant. In this case, the child will be removed from the registration rolls, **any deposit money will be returned**, and the grant money will be returned to the “campership fund” to be distributed to other individuals at a later date.
  - C. The recipient can keep things on “hold”, waiting for more help to come from outside sources. In this case, the camper(s) will remain registered for their program until the final decision is made. However, we will ask for a final decision 14 days before the camper’s scheduled arrival.
6. It is our desire to ensure that every child has an opportunity to come to camp, and Camp Concordia will make a commitment to do everything within reason and within its resources to make this happen.



# CAMPERSHIP REQUEST FORM

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Have you discussed with your pastor the possibility of financial assistance from within the congregation? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your financial situation and the reasons for requesting this campership:

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## Names of Campers Affected and Amount Requested:

Name of Child	Camp Dates	Amount Requested
Child 1 _____	_____	\$ _____
Child 2 _____	_____	\$ _____
Child 3 _____	_____	\$ _____
Child 4 _____	_____	\$ _____