

# BC SYNOD CONFIRMATION CAMP

Nanoose Bay Pentecostal Camp (just north of Nanaimo)

August 28<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Dear partners in mission:

We're back for another season of catechetics, recreation, and community building! For more than 30 years our Confirmation Camp Program has been jointly operated by Lutheran congregations of the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, and Southern Interior of BC. The program is led and subscribed to voluntarily by congregations and individuals who pool their talents and resources. It is intended to complement other forms of ministry, for the benefit of young people poised at a new phase of faith and life. Over the years, the leadership team has developed a curriculum and a process for making this a vital and ongoing ministry of the church.

**For 2017, Confirmation Camp will begin on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, and conclude on the morning of Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

For 2017 the **Dean is:**

- **Pastor Carolina Glauster**, Mount Olivet Lutheran, North Vancouver
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We are excited to try out this new time later in the summer! To help us to know how many people are able to be there, please get those registrations in early!

## **Confirmation camp is divided into four levels:**

- **Level 1** (For those beginning a confirmation program in the fall): Will study Baptism, Holy Communion, the Ten Commandments, and Prayer. This level provides a supportive and encouraging start to confirmation studies.
- **Level 2** (For those currently in a confirmation program): Will study the Creed: God the Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Church. Students in Level 2 focus on faith and what it means for daily living.
- **Level 3** (For those who have just recently been confirmed): Will study our public affirmation of faith (Affirmation of Baptism Service, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 234) and how it relates to life – living among God's people, hearing God's word and sharing the supper, proclaiming good news, serving, striving for justice and peace.
- **Level 4** (For those who have and have not attended Level 4 before, preferably have gone through previous levels): Will emphasize leadership in the life of the Christian community. Registration limited to twelve participants.

## **Directions to Confirmation Camp:**

- Nanoose Bay Pentecostal Camp is located at 2531 Nanoose Beach Road in Nanoose Bay (between Parksville and Lantzville on Highway 19).
- If you're coming from Nanaimo watch for the sign that points you to the camp. Turn onto Nanoose Beach Road and follow the road into the camp.
- The phone number at the camp is (250) 468-7644.

## Registration Procedure

- Register online by clicking on the following links [Registration Form](#) and [Medical Form](#). You must fill out both forms which will automatically be sent to your email and to the synod office.
- If you are unable to register online, please contact the synod office and we will send you a registration form at [bcsynod@elcic.ca](mailto:bcsynod@elcic.ca) or call 604.524.1318.
- Once you have received your email copies, please print for your records.
- Even though you are registering online, you **must** also have the following documents (on page 5) signed and sent to the BC Synod office:
  - Pastor's Endorsement
  - Camper Agreement
  - Media Release
  - Parent Permission
- If your church is paying for part or all of Confirmation Camp, please give a copy of your online registration and medical form along with the signed documents to the organizer and they will submit them and the registration fee to the synod office.
- If you are registering individually, please send your signed documents and registration fee directly to the synod office.

*BC Synod Office, 80 – 10<sup>th</sup> Ave E., New Westminster BC V3L 4R5.*

### Registration fees:

- If postmarked by **July 24<sup>th</sup>** – \$360.00
- After **July 24<sup>th</sup>** – \$395.00

Deadline for registration is **August 13<sup>th</sup>**. (This is the date on which we will need to decide whether we have sufficient enrolment to proceed with camp.) Please make cheques payable to "BC Synod Confirmation Camp."

**NOTE:** If we have received insufficient registrations by August 13<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation Camp will be cancelled. Registrants will be notified and fees will be refunded.

### Pastoral Endorsement required for all registrants - see page 4

The registration form is not complete until it is endorsed by a pastor on the roster of the BC Synod of the ELCIC (or a priest in the Anglican Church of Canada, with approval from the dean). This endorsement signifies acceptance by the BC Synod Confirmation Camp program. No other statement of acceptance will be issued by the BC Synod Confirmation Camp.

### What To Bring

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| ▪ Sleeping bag and pillow                              | ▪ Flashlight                     |
| ▪ Clothing (including warm jacket, hat, shorts, pants) | ▪ Insect repellent and sunscreen |
| ▪ Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, etc.)         | ▪ Bible, Notebook, Pen           |
| ▪ Bathing suit and other beachwear, towel              |                                  |
| ▪ Sports equipment, Frisbees, etc.                     |                                  |

### Do NOT Bring

- Cell phones, iPads, or laptops
- Electronic games or toys

### Canteen

There will be a canteen available for a period of time each day, Tuesday through Thursday. There is a \$3.00 per day maximum on purchases. Campers are required to bank their canteen money at the time of registration (\$9.00 total). No other money is needed during the camp.

### **Cabin Buddies**

Whenever possible we will try to place each camper with at least one friend or acquaintance in the same cabin (please refer to the registration form). Buddies should be close to the same age (within two years). Please talk to your buddy and select each other!

### **Transportation**

The BC Synod Confirmation Camp program will provide ferry passage for foot passengers to and from Vancouver Island (this cost is covered in the registration fees). Mainland registrants will be asked to rendezvous at 1 or 2 convenient locations on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, in order to qualify for transportation and ferry passage. If the registrant is traveling to and from the Camp by personal vehicle, then s/he bears all costs (we strongly recommend ferry reservations). Please watch for more transportation information on the BC Synod website, or in your local parish, or by direct communication from the Dean or the Registrar.

### **Emergency Contact Information**

You can contact Pastor Carolina on her cell at camp at 604-928-5710 or check with your pastor or other adult staff possessing a cell phone.

### **Camp Schedule**

#### **Monday, August 28**

Those traveling from the lower mainland will meet together and travel to catch the 12:50 ferry from Horseshoe Bay. The meeting time and place will be announced at a later date.

5:00 p.m. Arrivals and check-in

6:00 Dinner

9:00 Large Group Orientation

9:30 Cabin Groups Orientation

10:00 Snack Time

10:30 Camp Fire & Evening Worship

11:30 Getting ready for bed

12:00 Quiet/Lights out

#### **Tuesday to Thursday**

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 Worship

9:45 Class Sessions 1 & 2 (includes break)

12:00 Lunch

1:00 p.m. Activities & Crafts

2:00 Free Time

4:00 Class Session 3

5:00 Free Time

5:30 Supper

7:00 Evening Program

8:45 Snack Time

9:00 Campfire & Evening Worship

10:30 In-cabin time

11:00 Quiet/Lights out

#### **Friday, September 1**

7:30 a.m. Wake up & Pack-up

8:15 Breakfast & pack lunch

8:45 Camp Clean-up

9:45 Closing Worship

11:15 Dismissal

(Lower Mainland people catch 12:50 pm ferry and be transported back to our meeting place)

# **HOW WE LIVE TOGETHER**

## **Rules for Confirmation Camp 2017**

1. **STAY ON THE CAMP PROPERTY.** If you need to leave (to go home early, etc.) for any reason, always inform your Counsellor and the Dean. If you are planning for an early departure from camp, please indicate the date and time of departure on the registration form, as well as the name of the adult who will be picking you up.
2. **CABINS ARE DIVIDED INTO GIRLS AND BOYS SECTIONS. CAMPERS ARE ONLY ALLOWED IN CABINS IN THEIR OWN SECTION—NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3. **EVERYONE AT CAMP ATTENDS ALL MEALS, SESSIONS, AND ALL SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES.** The only exceptions are for health concerns (sickness, injury, etc.) which have been reported to the Medical personnel.
4. **CAMP IS A NO-SMOKING ENVIRONMENT.** Determined smokers, who smoke with their parents' knowledge, should identify themselves to the Dean at registration check-in, in order to discuss the matter and make necessary arrangements.
5. **BE RESPECTFUL AND CAREFUL ABOUT NOISE.** We have neighbours close by, and in any case we must respect Nanoose Bay Pentecostal Camp's rules governing noise.
6. **CAMP IS ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE. DO NOT BRING OR USE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.**
7. **CABINS AND CAMP ARE MONEY FREE.** Do not leave your money in the cabin. Deposit your canteen money at registration time. If you have brought any other money, deposit it with the Dean and it will be returned when you are about to leave.
8. **THE SAFETY OF ALL CAMPERS (INCLUDING THE STAFF) IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE.** Take care of yourself and take care of other people who share this camp with you.
9. **RESPECT ALL PROPERTY – your personal property, camp property, and the neighbours' property.** Do not steal or damage any property.
10. **DO NOT BRING ANY ELECTRONICS WITH SPEAKERS TO THE CAMP.** Personal players are OK as long as their sound does not disturb other people and there is no danger of theft or damage. If you experience difficulty with using these items at camp, you may deposit them with the Dean until the completion of the camp. The use of all such devices is prohibited during camp programs.
11. **ANY CELL PHONES OR OTHER DEVICES YOU MAY BRING ARE BROUGHT AT YOUR OWN RISK.** There will be strict rules around usage and phones may be confiscated if the phones are not used according to the rules.
12. **YOU MAY GO TO THE BEACH ONLY WITH THE SUPERVISION OF A COUNSELLOR OR ANOTHER STAFF MEMBER.**

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## Signatures Required

Name of Camper: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

### 1. PASTOR'S ENDORSEMENT

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Endorsement: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor's Signature

### 3. CAMPER AGREEMENT

I agree to abide by the rules "How We Live Together" indicated on page 5 of this document.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Camper's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### 2. MEDIA RELEASE - Parent Signature

I understand that my name and photograph (including audio and visual images) or the name and photograph of my child (if participant is under 18) may be used as a result of my attendance at this event.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent / Guardian, (Participant if 18 years of age or older)

### 4. PARENT PERMISSION - Parent Signature

I have reviewed the information set out in this registration form and certify that it is correct and accurate in all respects. I consent that the BC Synod Confirmation Camp staff and/or its members and/or its representatives may seek medical attention for \_\_\_\_\_ during the 2017 BC Synod Confirmation Camp, and hereby authorize it to consent to, on my behalf, any medical procedure which may be recommended by a medical practitioner. I understand that the leaders of Confirmation Camp will make every attempt to contact me or the emergency contacts that I have designated in the event that such action needs to be taken.

In the event of accident, sickness or other medical emergency, I hereby release from liability the BC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, its pastors, staff, and volunteers.

I give permission for the medical personnel to administer common over-the-counter medications (e.g. Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Antihistamines [e.g. Benadryl]).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent / Guardian (or Participant if 18 years of age or older)

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Date