



# CONFIRMATION LETTER

Camp Victory Ministries  
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We are excited that you have chosen Camp Victory to meet your child's summer camping needs. A positive camping experience can be one of the most meaningful events in a person's life. Our goal is to model Christ in all aspects of our lives, in order to make a permanent difference in your child's life. Last summer we had the opportunity to impact over 1100 children, and we look forward to what the Lord has in store for your child this summer at Camp Victory!

**PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF THIS CONFIRMATION LETTER!**

Click [here](#) for directions to Camp Victory. If you have questions about your registration, please email [info@campvictory.com](mailto:info@campvictory.com) or call the Registrar Office at 507-288-1525.

**OVERNIGHT CAMP SESSIONS** (Click [here](#) for a sample Overnight Camp schedule.)

Overnight Camp sessions begin with check-in on Sunday afternoon from 4:00 – 4:30 P.M. Please do not arrive before 4:00 P.M. Dinner will be provided for campers on Sunday evening.

Parents are invited to the Closing Program for Overnight Camp on Friday at 6:00 P.M.

**DAY CAMP SESSIONS** (Click [here](#) for a sample Day Camp schedule.)

All Day Camp sessions begin with check-in at Camp Victory each morning at 8:00 A.M. Please do not arrive before 8:00 A.M. Day Camp ends each afternoon with check-out at 5 P.M. (except for Fridays). If you are using the transportation option, please remember that pick-up is at 7:40 A.M. & drop-off is at 5:15 P.M. at Calvary Evangelical Free Church.

Parents are invited to the Closing Program for Day Camp on Friday at 3:30 P.M.

Transportation is available from CALVARY E-FREE CHURCH OF ROCHESTER and other possible locations. Pick-up and drop-off times and fees may vary according to location (*visit our website for details*). Optional Lunch package is available for \$25, and Thursday night sleepover is available for \$25.

**LIT SESSIONS**

LIT's click [here](#) for your application. Complete the application and 3 reference forms. ***After all paperwork is received; you will be notified if you have been accepted into the program.***

**TIKES WEEKEND**

Tikes Weekend begins with check-in on Saturday at 8:00 A.M. Please do not arrive before 8:00 A.M. Breakfast will not be served to campers on Saturday morning.

Parents are invited to the Closing Program for Tikes Weekend on Sunday at 6:00 P.M.

**JOURNEY WEEKEND**

Visit our website for more details about this session!

**FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND**

Visit our website for more details about this session!

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE**

(click [here](#) for link):

1. HEALTH & WAIVER FORM
2. COPY OF COMPLETE IMMUNIZATION RECORD
3. FULL PAYMENT

**YOU WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON OPENING DAY IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR HEALTH & WAIVER FORM, COMPLETE IMMUNIZATION RECORD, AND FULL PAYMENT.**

Camp Victory is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization and relies on the generous donations of its friends. The camp fees are less than the cost of operations in order to welcome as many families as possible to participate. We need your help to cover the additional costs. For more information on how you can become involved in the support of Camp Victory and its ministries, please visit our website or contact the executive director

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**FOUR COMPONENTS THAT MAKE OVERNIGHT CAMP GREAT ARE:**

Staff \* Program \* Food \* Facilities

**STAFF: a counselor-based program.**

Our staff is made up of college students and professional educators. They are mature, competent, trained Christian leaders, skilled in the camp's activities and sensitive to your camper's needs. The staff is the hallmark of Camp Victory. Lifestyle modeling is especially important for young people. We seek to model Christ at work in our lives in order to make a permanent difference in the lives of those campers who attend Camp Victory.

The success of our camp is due to the personal relationships that our staff develops with their campers. The staff are carefully screened, their references scrutinized, and a criminal background check is completed on each staff member. All the staff attend a week of training before camp begins to assure that your child receives the highest quality Christian care.

**PROGRAM: activities that encourage wholesome living, skill development & spiritual growth.**

Camp Victory's daily program provides the framework in which a child is encouraged to grow in a positive way. Trained instructors plan each day's activities well in advance. The younger the camper, the more detailed guidance they will receive from their instructors. The daily activity schedule is consistent, providing a feeling of security and familiarity to the camper, yet each afternoon and evening are filled with a variety of creative activities giving the campers a sense of anticipation and enthusiasm. The total program is directed toward helping the camper pursue self-discipline, spiritual personal direction, and goal setting appropriate to the various age levels.

Campers are divided into cabins or based on grade level and/or cabin-mate requests. Groups are composed of 8 to 12 campers with a counselor to camper ratio of 1 to 5 in Overnight Camp and 1 to 10 in Day Camp. The camp program is supervised by an experienced Program Director who plans and directs the activities for the entire camp.

**FOOD: an opportunity to "Grow" three times a day.**

One of the ingredients that make a great camp is the quality of the camp food. In our new dining hall, campers are served delicious, wholesome food for breakfast, lunch and dinner. A variety of drinks are served with the entrées, and some activities call for special snacks. Please call the registration office regarding food allergies or sensitivities (for example: dairy, nuts, wheat, or shellfish).

**Day Camps**

A weekly lunch package is available for \$25, or campers can bring their own lunch. Beverages will be provided.

**Day Camps at Churches**

Lunch is not provided by Camp Victory. Please have campers bring their own lunch. Check with your host church for details.

**FACILITIES: keeping campers safe, cool and comfortable.**

All Camp Victory facilities were designed with comfort, health, and safety in mind. Campers sleep in fully enclosed air-conditioned and heated cabins with lavatory facilities in each cabin. There is a camp store, nurse's station, and dining hall with a beautiful scenic overlook. Activity areas include a ropes course, climbing tower, paint ball course, playing fields, archery range, BB gun range, and the Zumbro River for tubing and canoeing.

## **HEALTH:**

The camp health & safety program is carried out under the concerned eye of a full time health practitioner. A doctor is on call 24 hours and oversees nursing staff. Camp Victory is accredited by ACA (American Camping Association) and CCCA (Christian Camp and Conference Association). Staff are trained and certified in Standard First Aid and CPR.

Our nurse is responsible for the distribution of prescription medicines should your camper need them. Campers are NOT permitted to keep any medications. **All campers will speak with a camp nurse during check-in, and at that time the nurse will collect all medications.** Please send any medication in a lock cap bottle with complete instructions and pharmacy label attached. These should be placed in a zip lock bag with camper's name clearly marked on the outside. Any medication not marked in this way, will not be accepted. If you have asthma, please bring your inhaler. If you are allergic to bees, please bring your Epi-pen. The camp nurse will have a First Aid kit containing Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Benadryl, and cold medicine.

**We are concerned about your child's personal health and therefore require that the Health & Waiver Form be completed and returned upon arrival to your session.**

Each camper is covered by a limited camper insurance policy for minor accidents that may occur at camp. Expenses incurred above the limited insurance policy coverage must be covered by the camper's personal insurance.

## **PARENT NOTIFICATION:**

The safety and well being of your camper is Camp Victory's number one priority. There may be times when the camp will contact you in order to update you on the health and well being of your camper. If it is necessary to contact you, camp staff will attempt to reach you by phone as soon as possible. There are three general reasons why the camp may notify you when your camper is at camp:

### Accident/Injury/Illness

According to written operating procedures, the camp will notify you if your camper is involved in an accident that requires any type of advanced medical care (i.e. stitches, fracture) beyond the basic care provided by the camp nurse. You will also be notified if your camper experiences a major injury such as severe bruising, lacerations requiring stitches, or severe sprains. If your camper is ill, he/she will be treated according to written and approved doctor's standing orders and you will be notified if necessary (i.e. Headache not receding after a ½ hour, temperature of 101 degrees, continued vomiting after 1 hour). The camp nurse will also contact you if there is a discrepancy between the dosage instructions on the label of a camper's medication and/or statements or notations a parent or a child makes regarding medication dosage.

### Discipline

Camp Victory expects campers to follow the established code of conduct expressed to campers by his/her counselor on opening day. Any camper behavior showing disrespect or disobedience to these guidelines will result in appropriate discipline. Camp Victory uses the three F's when dealing with discipline: Fair, Firm, and Friendly. The counselor will be the first individual to deal with camper behavior problems. If a camper continues negative behavior, the counselor will notify his/her head counselor for assistance. If negative behavior continues, the camp director will be notified and parents will receive the first phone call after the camp director speaks with the camper. The camp will contact you if your child is unwilling to change his/her behavior, shows a pattern of disobedience, exhibits violent, disruptive behavior or is assaulting (i.e. physically or verbally) other campers. Campers who assault other campers will be dismissed from camp programs with no refund.

### Homesickness

Homesickness is a very natural event and is experienced by most people at some point in their development. In some cases, it is more severe than others and can create very real anxiety. However, for most campers it is a minor incident that a camper experiences in his/her transition from home to

camp. If the staff cannot encourage your camper to make the appropriate adjustment using established written guidelines, the camp will contact you for consultation.

### **SAFETY:**

We emphasize encouragement, self-discipline, creativity, responsibility, and caring as important cornerstones of our camp discipline. Our desire is to offer innovative learning experiences with Christ centered role models. Our rules are few, but absolutely specific and necessary. Unsupervised recreational activities are not allowed. Smoking or chewing tobacco, drinking alcohol, swearing, and possession or use of illegal or un-prescribed prescription drugs is against our rules, and we are inflexible about them. Camp Victory reserves the right to dismiss any participant whom we believe has violated these guidelines. Refunds are NOT given for campers who go home early, except in the case of an injury.

For the safety of the campers, we have age restrictions for a few of our activities. For canoeing, paintball, and high ropes course (not including the climbing wall), the age minimum is 8 years old. Click [here](#) for a Camp Victory activity list with age restrictions.

### **VISITING TIMES:**

Parents are always welcome at camp. Past experiences have proven that when a parent visits or calls, the campers can be distracted and homesickness can often result and even multiply to other fellow campers. If it is necessary for parents to visit or talk by phone to campers, we ask for security reasons that parents contact the camp director beforehand. Camper initiated phone calls from camp are not allowed without permission from the camp director in cooperation with the parent/guardian. The camp director will arrange for the counselor or camper to be available to answer any questions parents may have. The camp's office number is (507-843-2329). Visitors are never permitted to enter the camp unescorted.

### **CAMPER'S BELONGINGS:**

All articles, including shoes and athletic equipment, should be marked with the camper's name. Every season, clothing is left at camp because owners were unable to be found. Please refrain from bringing expensive clothes to camp. The camp is not responsible for lost or stolen articles. Lost & Found is held after camp for 4 weeks and articles are then donated to a worthy cause.

It is our desire to have our staff and campers wear "modest" clothing, so everyone can focus on friendships and more important things than impressing or distracting each other unnecessarily. Here are a couple thoughts for you...

#### **Gentlemen:**

- Please cover all "under" wear.
- Wear pants/shorts that do not sag below the belt-line.
- No tight clothing (this includes shirts, shorts, pants, etc.)

#### **Ladies:**

- Two-piece swimming suits and inappropriate or revealing one-piece suits need to be covered with a shirt.
- Tank tops and shirts should cover bras/stomachs and not be see-through at all.
- No tight clothing (this includes shirts, shorts, pants, etc.)

Sleeping bags are the bedding of choice. An inexpensive bag may be purchased at most department or sporting goods stores. Fewer campers bring sheets and blankets, due to convenience. If your child is prone to bed wetting, sheets and blankets are recommended. The camp staff is very discreet about washing soiled linens.

We strongly recommend duffel bags or small suitcases rather than footlockers. Duffel bags and small suitcases can be stored more easily and often are less expensive. The camp supplies most sporting equipment needs, except baseball gloves. If you wish to bring sporting equipment please be sure it is marked.

**CAMP STORE:**

Our Camp Store offers a variety of items, such as camper T-shirts, sweatshirts, water bottles, beverages, candy, chips, healthy snacks, and other camp memorabilia. Each snack sells from \$0.25 to \$1.50. Extra paintballs will be sold at the camp store as well. Group pictures and DVDs may also be ordered.

**Children are not allowed to carry cash while at camp. During check-in time, you can deposit money towards your child's account at the Camp Store.** Recommended amount for Overnight Camp is \$50. Recommended amount for Day Camp is \$25. During the week, campers will be permitted to charge items to their account up to the deposited amount. Any funds remaining at the end of the week are refunded on the last day of camp, or you can donate your store refund to our Camper Scholarship Fund.

**LETTERS & EMAIL (not available for Day Camp at Churches):**

Campers enjoy receiving mail! When you write, please remember to keep the letters cheerful. Long letters expressing how much you miss them may encourage homesickness. We believe a postcard is sufficient. Our mailing address is: Camp Victory, 58212 – 403 Avenue, Zumbro Falls, MN 55991. Please clearly print your camper's first and last name as well as the name of the session they are attending.

You may send an email to your camper which will be printed and delivered to them. There is a \$0.25 printing fee, which will be deducted from your child's Camp Store account. Please send emails to [campermail@campvictory.com](mailto:campermail@campvictory.com). Please type your camper's first and last name on the subject line as well as the name of the session they are attending.

**PACKING LIST: PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR THE SUGGESTED PACKING LIST!**

Dress at camp is informal. Expensive clothing is strongly discouraged. What you would normally wear at home during the summer is what you will be comfortable in at camp. Camp Victory strongly recommends that camper's wear closed toed shoes at all times, although sandals are permitted.

We request that you do not wear clothing that is inappropriate in a Christian setting. Clothing that promotes such items as alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, or non-Christian themes are inappropriate. We recommend that you mark your child's clothing in some way to make it easier for you to identify certain articles. At the end of each session we attempt to find owners for all Lost & Found items, yet many pieces of clothing go unclaimed. You are welcome to look through the Lost & Found box at the end of your child's session.

**Please mark everything your child brings to camp! Many items get lost if they are unmarked!**

**CAMP VICTORY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS!**

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Thank you for registering your child at Camp Victory. If you have any further questions, please call 507-288-1525, or email [info@campvictory.com](mailto:info@campvictory.com)

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### **Suggested Packing List (for Overnight Camp Sessions)**

- Duffel bag or suitcase
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow, pillowcase
- Swimsuit
- Bath towel and/or beach towel
- Wash cloth
- Toiletry items (Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Deodorant)
- Underwear
- Pajamas
- T-Shirts or blouses
- Shorts
- Socks
- Shoes
- Water shoes – REQUIRED (must be close-toed)
- Light jacket or sweatshirt
- Blue jeans or slacks - for cool evenings
- Raincoat or poncho
- Laundry bag
- Bible, Notebook and Pen
- Water Bottle
- Bug spray
- Flashlight
- Sunscreen
- Camera - we recommend disposable\*\*\*
- Black clothes and/or camouflage – for night games\*\*\*
- Old clothes for paintball – they may get stained\*\*\*

\*\*\*Because of the many exciting activities campers will participate in this year, these are optional to pack (yet strongly encouraged)!!!

### **Suggested Packing List (for Day Camp Sessions)**

- Small Backpack and/or Duffel
- Swimsuit
- Bath towel and/or beach towel
- Water shoes – REQUIRED (must be close-toed)
- Light jacket or sweatshirt
- Raincoat or poncho
- Bible, Notebook and Pen
- Water Bottle
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- Camera - we recommend disposable\*\*\*
- Old clothes for paintball – they may get stained\*\*\*

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### **Things NOT to bring to Camp Victory – these items are not permitted and will be confiscated!**

- x Anything age-appropriately illegal
- x Tobacco, alcohol, or drugs
- x Knives of any sort
- x Cell phones, MP3s, CD players, handheld games, or any other electronic media devices