



Policies and Procedures – Camp Araminta

Camp Araminta, where faith takes flight, is grateful to offer our week of intense, Christian community and discipleship at beautiful Lake Swan Camp in Melrose, Florida. Directions and a map are available on the Lake Swan Camp website. [About | Lake Swan Camp](#)

The following is a look at our policies and expectations to ensure a safe, faith-filled, and fun week for all participants and staff. Many of our counselors and leaders are previous campers, and all staff are volunteers.

Check-in procedures: Campers arrive at the Lake Swan Camp on Monday at 3:00 p.m. Please follow the signs and staff for directions to your camper location to check-in.

What you need at check-in:

- Medicines in the original package with camper name, dosage & schedule
- Snack shack deposit (cash please, smaller bills are helpful, ~\$20-30)
- Healthy Camper(s)

You will receive a cabin assignment and directions to the cabin to get settled in and meet your counselor! Parents, this is when you say your goodbyes. We appreciate your prayers for an amazing week!

Check-out will be on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Please follow the signs for the check-out location. (Same as check in).

All meals are provided from dinner Monday - breakfast Saturday. There is a snack shack available for treats, and cabins will have snacks.

**** We will provide plenty of water all day, every day! ****

Attire: Normal summer attire should include cool, comfortable, modest play clothes including tennis shoes and socks. We will swim each day so please remember to pack your modest swimwear, towel, sunscreen, and water shoes. Swim shirts are also encouraged! Pack at least one outfit you won't mind getting messy. Please see the separate packing list for more information.

Emergency Contact: Should you need to contact us, please call any time Registrar Jennifer Lancaster at 904-819-2091, or Administrator Beth Kirby at 352-262-7195. The main facility number at Lake Swan Camp is 352-475-2828.

Camp Health Policy:

We strive to maintain a healthy camp. Campers and staff should be free from severe upper respiratory cough/congestion, fever, diarrhea, and vomiting (without medications) for at least 24 hours prior to check in. Should anyone become ill during camp, the camp nurse will take precautions to screen and quarantine campers/staff and parents will be contacted. Please ensure all data in [UltraCamp](#) is correct and up to date. Please visit the following [CDC website](#) for information regarding illness and when to stay home.

Staff:

Camp Araminta is a Diocesan Camp within the Gulf Atlantic Diocese, member of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). Every individual who volunteers their time on our campus has been fully screened and background checked. We also go through Diocesan safety and other training to ensure we are mentally and spiritually ready for our camp week.

Behavior:

This is a very active, intense, discipleship week of camp. We expect campers and staff to treat each other with kindness and self-control. Campers will not be allowed to remain at camp (parents will be called to pick up their child early) if any of the following occur:

- Breaking of the rules, including but not limited to: boundaries, breaking of curfew, inappropriate interactions, lake rules, general defiance
- Treating leaders and others with disrespect
- Causing damage to camp property or personal property
- Having possession of forbidden items such as weapons, alcohol, mind-altering substances, etc. (see packing list for what NOT to bring!)

The health and safety of all campers and staff is a top priority. Thank you in advance for your support in following these rules and guidelines to ensure a safe and fun week at camp!

Camp Rules – To have fun and stay safe we will follow some basic rules of conduct:

- Respect each other, yourself, camp staff, and all property (personal and camp)
- Stay together – use a buddy system of 3
- No purpling – boys + girls = purple
- No going in other cabins (even same gender)
- Close toed shoes except going to the lake
- Rest time means rest & quiet, no leaving your cabin. You don't have to sleep but let your body rest quietly.
- Follow all of Lake Swan Camp's rules and respect their staff
- Boundaries:
 - No going down to the lake without counselor/lifeguard - no swimming outside designated swim times
 - Stay within the boundaries of camp: Old Chapel, Dirt Road, Lake, & Field

- Camp-wide curfew and quiet time at 11:00 pm
- No cars or golf carts driven by anyone without a driver's license!
- Please see the full list of what not to bring to camp on the packing list

Camper Mail - Mail call is an exciting time! We want to make sure your camper receives all messages in a timely manner.

Email:

There is an option to purchase emails to your camper through [UltraCamp](#). Emails are printed each morning and delivered at mail call in the afternoon Tuesday-Friday.

Snail-Mail:

If you or any friends/relatives are mailing letters, please use the following format:

Camper Name
C/O Camp Araminta
647 State Road 26
Melrose. Florida 32666

**** Lake Swan hosts many different camps, so make sure to include Camp Araminta on the address! We suggest mailing letters/packages no later than the week before camp to ensure it is delivered by the end of the week.**

Drop Off:

Bring mail/packages to check-in: you may leave mail for your camper at check-in, clearly labeled with full name and which day to deliver (mail call is daily Tuesday – Friday)

Care Package Policy:

We are no longer delivering individual care packages to campers as this can sometimes cause hurt feelings and open potential allergy exposure issues. However, we encourage dropping off something for the whole cabin to enjoy according to the guidelines below.

- Treats should be individually wrapped and completely nut free (peanut and tree nut)
- Please send enough for your camper to share with the cabin (8-10 campers plus 2-3 counselors)
- No food containing nuts or peanut butter
- No drinks
- No money
- No prohibited items (see packing list)