2025 WEAG KIDS CAMP POLICIES, GUIDELINES & HELPFUL CAMP INFORMATION FOR CAMPERS

Hello Friends!

We are so excited for our 18th year of WEAG Kids Camp, and we are thrilled to be going back to Eagle Eyrie! It is an amazing location to execute our camp mission: to create a safe environment where kids can connect, be known, have a BLAST, and learn more about God! This sleep-away camp experience will be filled with fun, friendships, and memories that will last a lifetime! Kids Camp is one of my most favorite weeks of the year, and I couldn't be more grateful to have your kids with us! Below you'll find information that will help you and your child prepare for camp – being prepared is one of the best ways to ensure an amazing camp week! Thanks in advance for all you'll do to make this happen for your child! Love.

Pastor Lisa

CAMPER DROP OFF: Parents must drop off campers at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center on Monday, June 9th from 9 – 10am.

AT DROP OFF: You will pull into the large parking lot at Eagle Eyrie and bring your child to our CHECK-IN table. There, you will give any meds to our camp nurse, drop off mail, and say goodbye to your child.

MEDS: If your child will be taking medication of any kind at camp and you have indicated that on his/her form, you will hear from our camp nurse via phone/email BEFORE camp. No medication can be left in your child's bag – everything (even over-the-counter meds) MUST be handled by our nurse. This is a policy to keep ALL of your kids safe.

CAMPER PICK UP: Your child will be transported from Eagle Eyrie to WEAG Church BY BUS on Friday, June 13th. We should arrive at WEAG around 5:30 – 6pm.

AT PICK UP: If you arrange for someone else besides you (the parent/guardian) to pick up your child, you must let us know that IN WRITING (name of who will be picking up your child). You can email that information to leggert@weag.org any time before that Friday.

SICK CHILD PICK UP: If your child becomes ill or needs to go home at any point in time during the week, it will be your responsibility to drive to camp and pick your child up as soon as possible.

CAMPER GRADES: Current 1st – 5th graders (during the 2024 - 2025 academic year) can register for camp.

COST AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

Prices are per camper. Each additional child from the same family receives a 10% discount.

- \$425 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (2/1/2025 2/28/2025)
- \$475 REGULAR REGISTRATION (3/1/2025 5/15/2025)
- \$500 LAST MINUTE *if spots available* (5/15/25- 6/1/25)

***COST INCLUDES:** Bus transportation to/from camp, 4 nights of lodging, 13 meals, snacks, transportation, camp supplies, and a camp t-shirt.

PAYMENTS: Your child's camp fee must be paid in full by June 1, 2025. If you pay the \$200 deposit during early bird registration, the early bird cost is the total that you have to pay off by June 1st.

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations made will be subject to a \$100 non-refundable processing fee. Any cancellations made after May 1st will be non-refundable. Cancellations made related to an emergency will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Any applicable refunds will be processed though the WEAG business office after camp is over.

CAMP LOCATION: Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, 1 Eagle Eyrie Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503

FACILITIES: All campers will stay in houses beautifully located across the mountain and are the heart of Eagle Eyrie's property. Each house is uniquely designed and fully equipped with a kitchen, a comfortable living area, bathrooms, showers, and bedrooms. Boy and girls will stay in separate houses, and your child's counselors will be with them in their house as well. Eagle Eyrie has a huge dining hall that provides a variety of food options at every meal. There is a large group meeting area where our morning and evening worship services are held. There is also a huge (FUN) pool staffed with certified lifeguards, and a large field where we will spend hours playing games! To learn more about the facility, visit their website at eagleeyrie.org – it's a pretty amazing place!

ROOM/GROUP ASSIGNMENTS: We will assign girls and boys to gender-specific house groups, maintaining at least a 7 to 2 ratio of kids to leaders. If your child invites a non-WEAG friend close in age and of the same gender, they will be placed in the same group.

WHAT TO BRING: <u>Please label EVERYTHING with your child's name</u>. WEAG cannot be responsible for any possessions left behind, lost, damaged or stolen. Here is a list of required (R) & suggested (S) items to pack:

-Clothing for 5 days of camp - R	-
-Extra shirts/socks/etc S	9
-Pajamas - R	-
-Hat and Sunglasses - S	-
-Light jacket or sweater - S	-
-Tennis shoes*** - R	-
-Flip flops/crocks for	-
shower/pool - R	

-Bathing suit (one-piece swimsuit for girls) - R -Swim goggles - S -Sunscreen - R -Insect repellant - R -Pool towel AND bath towel - R -Water bottle - R -Toiletries (deodorant is a must!) - R -Pillow & sleeping bag OR twin bedding - R -Flashlight - S -Dirty clothes bag - R -Rolling suitcase - S -Spirit gear - S

It is so helpful if you pack WITH your child. They should know what is in their bag and how to use their items. They will be more confident and independent at camp if they prepare WITH you. If you have a question about something to pack, please ask!

***This camp is BEAUTIFUL and on a mountain. Please take into consideration that your child will have a small hike back and forth from their house several times a day. Closed-holed tennis shoes are a MUST for the whole week. Also, while they need to be packed sufficiently, they should have as little "extra" stuff as possible. They will always be responsible for their things so the more they have...the more that they will have to carry and be responsible for.

LOST AND FOUND items will be kept for two weeks after camp at WEAG (inside the gym). After this time, all lost and found items will be donated to West End Thrift.

WHAT NOT TO BRING: Examples include but are not limited to valuables, perfume/body spray, cell phones, ipads/ipods, electronic games, skateboards, fireworks, or knives. If brought, these and any other items deemed inappropriate by WEAG camp staff will be confiscated and returned at the end of camp. No money, food, or candy should be brought to camp. This helps us not have to deal with mice in the houses later in the week – so thank you!

DRESS CODE: Eagle Eyrie asks everyone to dress modestly (school code is appropriate). Please be sure that swimwear for girls is a one-piece.

EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS: If there is an emergency of any kind, we will always call you immediately. If there is an emergency on your end, please call/text 970-301-0223 and leave a message, and we will get back to you as soon as possible. If you don't hear from us – we are GOOD and enjoying our amazing week!

CAMPER MAIL: Eagle Eyrie does accept camper mail. You may send mail to your camper, but PLEASE only send short cards of encouragement. It does not help your child (or all of our hardworking leaders) to receive a long card telling him/her how much you miss them and how miserable you are without them. (You get the point, ha!) If you want your child to receive mail during the week, you should send it no later than Monday morning of camp. If you would like your child to receive a card but don't want to worry about mailing it, you can drop it off in our CAMP MAILBOX at check-in on Monday morning at Eagle Eyrie, and we will personally deliver it to your child during the week. **Please DO NOT send mail in your child's bag.** That causes sleepy kids to be home-sick right before bed. There are other kids with other groups at the facility at the same time as us...if you do wish to send your child mail, you must address it exactly this way:

ATTN: Camper's First & Last name WEAG KIDS CAMP 1 Eagle Eyrie Dr Lynchburg, VA 24503

VISITORS: For safety and security reasons, the camp is closed to outside visitors.

SOCIAL MEDIA: We do try to post pictures/videos a few times during camp on our WEAG Kids Facebook page and WEAGKIDS Instagram depending on our WIFI availability/connection. If we are able to post, we will. If we are not able to, we will certainly share pictures once we return home. Be sure to follow those pages for camp updates!

INSURANCE: All registered campers and counselors are covered secondarily by the church's accident insurance. Your personal insurance will be billed first if there is a medical related expense.

CAMP THEME/COLORS: Our camp theme for 2025 is **Finding Jonah: A deep dive into God's love and mercy!** We will use this theme in different ways throughout the week, and we are excited for all of the lessons we will learn from the Old Testament book of Jonah! Each year we make up two teams (a combination of boys and girls and their leaders). These two teams drive much of the friendly competition that we create with games, activities, challenges, etc. This year, the team colors are PINK and YELLOW. Your child will find out his/her team via email a few weeks before camp.

SPIRIT DAYS: We LOVE SPIRIT! This is completely optional; some kids really get into this kind of thing and others don't. We will promote a different SPIRIT item each day. Below are the days that you can prepare your child for if he/she is interested. Some kids GO CRAZY and get all decked out; feel free to go big, do nothing, or find something in between!

2025 Spirit Days

Tuesday: Crazy Sock Day Wednesday: Hawaiian/Beach Day Thursday: Crazy Accessories Day (hat, hair, wigs, beads – anything with SPIRIT!) Friday: Team Color Day (camp t-shirts that will be given to your child on Friday at camp)

CAMP DAY 6: Please plan for your child to be in Kids Church at WEAG the Sunday following camp, Sunday, June 15th at 10am. We always do a big CAMP DAY 6, and your kids won't want to miss it! Our camp leaders will be there, we'll do our cheers, songs, play some of our camp games, see camp pictures, and do our best to squeeze every ounce of camp goodness out that we can! It is so fun for your kids to wear their camp t-shirts if possible! You are welcome to join us in Kids Church for the morning, or you can attend the adult service.

EMAILS: Please read all camp emails carefully. I will be sending out several emails/videos over the next few months. I can't stress this enough: The actual week of camp will be SO MUCH BETTER for your child if you are well prepared!

CAMP QUESTIONS :

Pastor Lisa Eggert WEAG Kids Pastor & Camp Director leggert@weag.org

CAMP BALANCE INQUIRIES:

Jessica Garcia WEAG Kids Ministry Administrator jgarcia@weag.org

Register your child for camp today at weag.church (under upcoming events)!