

*Day Camp
Information Packet 2026*

Dear Camper and Family,

Welcome to Lazy F for Summer 2026! We're thrilled that you've decided to join us for an amazing summer filled with joy, growth, and relationship-building with God and each other! Our summer camp program mission is to invite all to transform the world through creation, community, and Christ.

In the Manastash Canyon we believe that outdoor experiences are crucial to a developing mind. We want to provide campers with the chance to grow spiritually, gain new skills, and experience new areas of life they may not be familiar with. We will be focusing on camper built relationships to achieve these goals. Each week of camp will have a programmatic theme that will spark your camper's imagination and motivate the fun of exploring the canyon. While the themes are fun, the real focus of camp is allowing your campers to explore relationship building, the natural beauty of our area, and forming a relationship with God.

We also have a set of five values that we'll be focusing on developing. During your camper's Bible encounter, their counselor will present them with a bead that best represents the value they are demonstrating that day. The values we are focusing on this summer are Confidence (Blue), Being a Caring Friend (Red), Teamwork (Green), Respect (Purple), and Responsibility (Orange). I would encourage you to talk to your camper each day about these things. Maybe on your car ride home ask questions like what activities made them feel connected? What new friends did they make today? What color bead did they receive today and why?

I hope you're ready for a summer of truly wonderful fellowship in God's natural world! Each camp features its own mix of outrageously fun activities! For more information about your camp's specific activities, contact our office. We look forward to seeing you and your camper this summer!

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Important Dates:

March 1 - June 1, 2025 - Financial aid request approval window

Day Camp Week 1 June 22nd – 26th

Once Upon A Time

In a world where magic is real and every corner holds a new surprise, campers will step into their very own fairy-tale adventure. They'll explore enchanted forests, meet mysterious creatures, and uncover hidden secrets, all while helping to shape the story as it unfolds. Each day brings quests to conquer, crafts to create, and friendships to forge. Are you ready to turn the page and become part of the tale?

Day Camp Week 2 June 29th – July 3rd

Party in the U.S.A

Get ready to celebrate summer in true red, white, and blue fashion! This week, we will transform camp into a party in the USA! Days will be full of fun, laughter, and friendship, with exciting Olympic-style challenges throughout the week. Campers will race, play, and cheer each other on as they dive into a week full of games, crafts, and summer adventures!

Day Camp Week 3 July 6th – 10th

The Great Outdoors

Legend has it... deep in the forests of camp, hidden treasures, secret forts, and mysterious trails await those curious enough to explore. Campers will hike through nature, uncover hidden surprises on scavenger hunts, craft with what the outdoors provides, and learn the secrets of the environment.

Day Camp Week 4 July 13th – 17th

Christmas in July

It's time to deck the halls for an unusually hot holiday season at Lazy F! We'll be placing a summer twist on classic Christmas traditions this week.

Day Camp Week 5 July 27th – 31st

Wild West

Saddle up, partners! It's time to break out your bandanas and cowboy boots and step back into the days of cowboys and pioneers as we explore the Wild West. Campers will explore, craft, and create in a world where imagination turns the Wild West into a place of unexpected wonders and exciting discoveries.

Day Camp Week 6 August 3rd – 7th

Wet, Wild, & Messy

Get ready for a week where things get a little silly and a whole lot of fun! Campers will explore, play, and get hands-on in challenges that are as messy and wild as they are fun. Join us for a week of water flying, colors mixing, and surprises around every corner.

Day Camp Week 7 Aug 10th – 14th

Shipwrecked

The waves crashed, the winds howled, and suddenly...the ship was gone. Stranded on a mysterious island, campers must work together to survive the unexpected challenges of island life. From crafting shelters to solving puzzles, every day is an adventure waiting to be discovered. Will you brave the island

and write your own shipwrecked story?

Day Camp Week 8 August 17th – 21st

Mission: Impossible

Shhhh...do you hear that? A secret mission is waiting just for you! Campers will sneak, solve clues, and complete fun challenges as they step into the world of spies and secret agents.

Important Information

Brightwheel/ Family Communications

We are happy to be using Brightwheel - an app for childcare facilities - as the primary form of family communication during summer. We believe that it will provide a higher quality family and staff experience than communications just through email or phone. There's great news for families already using Brightwheel with another childcare facility - you won't need to make a new account or use a new check-in code. This is how we will be using Brightwheel this summer:

- We will be using Brightwheel's check-in/check-out functionality. Each parent and approved pick-up will be issued a 4 digit code that allows us to check your camper in and out in seconds - much faster than paper. This process will also streamline the health screening process we have in place this year.
- We will utilize the instant messaging feature so you, your camper's counselor, and our leadership staff are all on the same page.

Brightwheel invitations will be sent to you by email at the beginning of June.

****Please note that we are sticking to a "low-to-no technology" policy at Lazy F. We want campers and staff alike to be immersed in camp. This means brightwheel messages will predominantly be sent by our leadership team, or the Director.***

We will still be using Campbrain, our registration system, for the following:

- Registration
- Billing
- Medical record collection and maintenance
- Pre-season and post-season mass email communications
- Managing camp store balances

Check-in/ Arrival

Check-in each day is from 7:30a to 8:00a. Please park in the parking lot behind our office. There will be signage to help guide you. Here's how check-in will work this year:

- Our check-in staff member will meet you at your vehicle.
- They will check your camper in on Brightwheel.
- If our staff have any questions or notes not provided through Brightwheel, check-in staff will go over them with you here. This is also an opportunity for you to discuss questions or concerns with staff.

- Check-in staff will escort your camper to their group.

Please allow additional time for check-in on your camper's first day with us as our Director or Health Care Provider may wish to discuss specifics of caring for your child with you.

Please be prompt but do not arrive early. Campers may not be left with Lazy F staff until 7:30a or later, unless written pre-approval is given by the Director.

If you anticipate dropping your child off after 8:00 am, please send us a message in Brightwheel and bring your camper to the office (first building on the left) when you arrive.

Check out/ Departure

Check-out each day is from 5:00p to 5:30p. Please park in the parking lot behind our office Here's how check-out will work this year:

- Our check-out staff member will meet you at your vehicle to confirm the camper you are picking up.
- The staff member will retrieve the camper from their group and escort them to your vehicle.
- Staff will check your camper out on Brightwheel. If you do not have a Brightwheel Code the staff member will ask for your government issued photo ID to pick up your camper. (AD 5.1A)
- If our staff have any questions or notes not provided through Brightwheel, check-out staff will go over them with you here. This is also an opportunity for you to discuss questions or concerns with staff.

Please be prompt and provide notice if you anticipate arriving to pick-up your child after 5:30p. We understand that life happens, but a pattern of repeated late pick-up will not be tolerated. Resolutionary action will be taken, up to and including canceling a camper's registration for future sessions of camp.

If a parent or approved pick-up has not arrived by 5:30p, we will contact parents, approved pick-ups, and emergency contacts by Brightwheel or phone. If we are unable to reach any parents, approved pick-ups, or emergency contacts by 6:00p, we will contact Ellensburg Police Department or Washington Department of Health and Human Services who have more resources to connect you and your camper.

If you anticipate picking up your camper before 5:00p, please send us a message in Brightwheel as early as possible so we can have your camper close to the office when you arrive.

If your camper has a regular schedule where they need to be picked up early several days out of the week (for sports, regular doctor appointments etc.) Please feel free to submit the schedule in writing at the beginning of the weeks they are attending for reference while your camper is at camp.

Bussing from Morgan Middle School (AD 5.1)

This summer, we will be offering bussing to and from MMS daily (400 E 1st Ave, Ellensburg, WA 98926). Please come to bus lane 1 to meet our staff. The drop-off window at MMS is 7:00a-7:30a and the pick-up time is 5:20p-5:50p. The drop-off and pick-up process are similar to what is outlined above. (AD 5.1A)

Please be prompt but do not arrive early. Campers may not be left with Lazy F staff at MMS until 7:00a or later, unless written pre-approval is given by the Director. (AD 5.1A)

If there is a change in the bussing schedule (early/ late arrival to drop off or pick up) we will communicate those changes via Brightwheel. (AD 5.1B)

If a parent or approved pick-up has not arrived by 5:45p to MMS, we will contact parents, approved pick-ups, and emergency contacts by Brightwheel or phone. If we are unable to reach any parents, approved pick-ups, or emergency contacts by 6:00p, we will contact Ellensburg Police Department or Washington Department of Health and Human Services who have more resources to connect you and your camper. (AD 5.1A)

Payment and Forms

In the circumstance that your family has an outstanding balance and does not have a payment plan in place, our staff will be in touch mid-June to make arrangements for payment.

If there are any forms that are incomplete, we will be in touch in mid-June. You can review your forms at any time by logging into the registration portal at lazyf.campbrainregistration.com.

Cancellations/ No Show/ Pro-rating

If your camper will be unable to attend any of their registered weeks of camp, please notify us as soon as possible. Timely notice gives an opportunity for campers on the waitlist to participate in the session.

Your \$50 application deposit is not refundable. If you provide notice of cancellation 7 or more calendar days prior to the start of the canceled session of camp, you will be issued a refund of the registration fee for that session. If the canceled session is the only session your camper was registered for, you will be issued a refund of the registration fee for that session less the application deposit.

If you provide notice of cancellation 6 or fewer days before the start of the canceled session of camp. Or if your camper is not checked-in for any days of camp during that session, you will not receive a refund.

If your camper has two “no-show” weeks (weeks without advance notice of absence and no check-ins), your camper will no longer be eligible for financial aid. Our intention is to encourage open communication about your camper’s attendance so that we can best serve campers who are available to attend camp any given week.

We do not offer prorated rates in the case that a camper does not check-in for each day of a session.

If you received financial aid in the form of a campership, your refund will be pro-rated based on the percentage of your camper’s registration that you covered. As an example, if you registered your camper for five sessions at \$225 each, your total balance would be \$1,125. If you paid \$450 of this and received \$675 as a campership, the percentage of your camper’s registration that you covered would be $(\$450/\$1,125)*100\% = 40\%$. If your camper cannot attend one of these sessions and a refund for the \$225 registration fee is issued, you will receive 40% of this (\$90) and the other 60% (\$135) will be returned to the campership fund.

Refunds can be issued in the following ways:

- Reduction of the amount of any scheduled installment payments.
- Roll over credit to a future session or season.
- Refund to the method of payment.

If you believe your circumstances warrant a waiver of any part of this policy, please contact our Director at director@lazyfcamp.org.

Store

The Camp Store will be open for campers during afternoon snack time and includes the following items: snacks and drinks (\$1.50 each), apparel (shirts, hats, sweatshirts ranging \$12 – \$35), water bottles, stuffed animals, etc. Your camper may choose either the standard afternoon snack (included with registration) or may purchase a different one from the store. We understand that store snacks or “swag” are not the right choice for some campers. You can let us know what purchases are or are not okay for your camper by not providing a balance or by messaging in Brightwheel. Proceeds from purchases at the camp store help to provide for camp improvements and for our Campership fund.

Camper store balances are managed through Campbrain. You can log into Campbrain at lazyf.campbrainregistration.com at any time to add money to your camper’s store account by credit card. You can also add to your camper’s balance by sending cash in a sealed envelope on Monday or Wednesday morning.

We are using a “store card” system where your camper’s balance will be written on cards at the beginning of the week. We will check balances and update as the week progresses, and your camper’s final balance will be updated on Fridays. We have found this system to work the smoothest for us onsite. If you ever want to know your camper’s balance you can send a message in brightwheel and we can update you on that.

Any remaining store credit at the end of the season can be refunded, rolled over to a future season, or be left as a donation to the campership fund. Staff will be in touch at the end of the season.

Behavioral Expectations and Plans

We strive to have camp be a place of acceptance and kindness. We also hope that we may work together with families to best serve our children at camp. We expect that children treat their fellow campers, counselors, and staff members with respect and in a positive and encouraging manner.

When a camper bullies, demeans, makes fun of another camper or staff member our staff will intervene. This includes physical altercations, inappropriate comments or gestures, and similar behavior. Our goal is to address the situation at the lowest level of intervention that will correct the behavior. In many cases this will be a conversation with the child or children involved. In more severe situations or repeated offenses, our staff will message the parent or guardian on Brightwheel. If the behavioral issue continues, there will be continued communication with the child and parent/guardian to address the behavior. If the camper is not able or willing to behave within our expectation of acceptance and kindness, the child will be dismissed from camp for a period of time, potentially the remainder of the summer. Any child threatening other children or staff, or endangering themselves will be cause for immediate dismissal.

We are committed to making camp a welcoming place for all campers, and if your camper has extra behavioral tools used in school or at home we would love to work with them on those things. If you believe your camper would benefit from prior communication with staff, and setting up a Camper Success Plan (CSP) please reach out to our Director via email at director@lazyfcamp.org. It is our belief

that every camper deserves to be at camp, and we will do our best to ensure that your camper can have a successful camp experience. These plans will be collaboratively developed between camp staff and you to ensure we are facilitating a positive experience with your camper, camp staff, and you!

Medical

Emergencies and Illnesses at Camp

In the event of a family emergency, please call our office and we will make sure your camper receives any emergency communication. In the event of lost or missing persons, evacuation, fire, or other natural disaster, parents will be notified. For a medical emergency, serious incident, or illness at camp, we will contact you by phone. Please make sure our numbers for you and any emergency contacts are correct and up-to-date. In the event that out-of-camp health care is needed, we will contact you to pick up your camper as soon as possible. If the care needed is immediate we will call EMS or transport your camper to the Kittitas Valley Hospital emergency room. We will call you immediately and provide the following information:

- Nature of illness or health concern
- Estimated Time of Arrival at KVH
- Timeline of events leading up to emergency response

Normally, we will not contact you for routine health care problems (i.e., skinned knees, insect bites, upset stomach, etc.) that are not severe or do not require the additional attention of an out-of-camp health care provider. In these instances, the Standing Orders of the camp physician will be followed and a note will be made in Brightwheel. Please contact us if you require a practice different from what is described above.

Medications

We take the administration of medications very seriously at camp. Here are some things to make sure you have when you come to check-in:

- All prescription medications in original containers with written directions for dispersal from the prescribing physician (We cannot vary from doctor's orders).
- Only the amount needed for the day plus a few extras
- All other non-prescription medications, ointments, and vitamins in original containers with signed instructions for dispersal from the camper's parents or guardians.
- ALL MEDICATION must be turned into our health care provider or Director at check-in!
- Epi Pens, Inhalers, or other similar medications will be kept with your camper's counselor, and travel throughout the day with your camper.

A Note On Illnesses: Please call us if your child is contagious and cannot come to camp on check-in day. We will gladly accept them at camp a day late once they can no longer transfer their illness.

COVID-19

While COVID-19 is not a major health concern for the majority of the population at this point, we still want to provide all campers with a chance of a healthy and safe week at camp. If your camper is exhibiting any flu-like symptoms we encourage you to keep them home and monitor symptoms. If your camper is sick enough to miss the whole week of camp we will work with your family on reimbursement or a replacement week for your camper. We thank you for your understanding.

Camp Life

Electronics

Camp is a place for face-to-face communication! Electronics are also expensive, and we do not want them to be broken while at camp. Please leave all phones, ipads, tablets, cameras, game players, etc. at home. Any electronic devices accidentally brought to camp will be sent home with the guardian or stored in the office.

Photos: We will be taking lots of camp photos and videos so that your camper has plenty of memories to relive throughout the year and you can see how much fun they are having (See Media section under 'Communication' below).

Dress Code

When picking daily outfits, keep in mind that we will be running, playing, and getting dirty every day!

Closed-toe shoes that also cover your heel - like tennis shoes or sneakers, *not Crocs* - are suggested for most activities and required for some (climbing tower, archery). Please have your child wear these types of shoes or send them in your child's backpack.

Our dress code is very similar to that of public schools. All campers should dress in camp-appropriate attire that does not depict the following: violence, gangs, tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or pictured or written sexual references or curse words. All bathing suits for water activities should adequately cover and campers should be able to run, jump, and play without them coming off.

Packing List

Here's a list of things we advise every camper will want to bring for their week at camp. You can send it in a backpack daily:

- Backpack
- Water bottle
- A spare change of clothes (shorts, shirt, undergarments, socks)
- Small beach towel
- Jacket (for cooler mornings)
- Swimsuit (for playing in the creek)
- Sandals with heel strap/Aquasocks/Water shoes (also for playing in the creek)
- Hair ties for long hair
- Sun screen
- insect repellent
- Medications (will be kept with healthcare provider or Director)

Things to Leave at Home

- Personal sports equipment (archery, lacrosse stick, etc.)
- Food, gum, candy (we have 2 delicious meals and snacks each day!)
- Cameras, phones, or electronics
- Valuables
- Weapons, knives, or guns
- Cigarettes, chewing tobacco, drugs
- Pets
- Excess fidgets (let's all bring just 1 please)

Tips for a Successful Week

Camp can be a wonderful experience for campers, and many return year after year and think of Lazy F as a second home. In order to provide the best experience for your camper that we can, there are a few things that you, as guardians, can help us with.

1. Please encourage your campers to set realistic expectations for the week – making new friends, trying new activities, and learning new things are all part of camp and we hope that campers come ready and open to new experiences.
2. Please let your camper(s) know that we expect everyone (campers, staff, and volunteers) to respect others, themselves, and the environment while at camp. We do not tolerate bullying and intentional endangerment. Both are grounds for dismissal. Guardians will be notified if any unacceptable behaviors occur at camp.
3. Please inform our staff of any out-of-the-ordinary behaviors we might see from your camper and share any tips or strategies that you've noticed work well. We recognize that you know your camper better than anyone and we'd love to use strategies at camp that help them experience the most success in their time here! If your child has a behavioral plan for the school year, it would be extremely helpful to discuss that with you so we may best serve your child.

Communication

Communicating with Camp

Brightwheel is the best way to get in touch with Camp staff. You can also give us a call at (509) 962-2780. We try to return messages as soon as possible. Please understand that during the summer, answering messages might take us a little longer. We thank you in advance for your patience.

Media

We have a dedicated Media Manager on site who will be snapping pictures all week of camper activities and all the fun we are having! Some photos will be shared on social media, but a majority will be emailed to you post camp via a photo sharing website link.

*Please note: In the interest of campers' privacy and security we will not have counselors take pictures of campers on their personal devices (this means we will not be sending pictures over Brightwheel). Additionally pictures of your camper will only be shared on social media if you consented to it during registration. And we will send out a private link with pictures that you can view of each week

Find Us on Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lazyfcamp/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/lazyfcamp/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/lazyfcamp>

Directions

From town, head south on Main St. (toward Yakima), and turn right on Umptanum Rd. Continue for about 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Manastash Road (by Damman School) and continue for 10 miles. We're on the left side of the road!