

Camp Rise, July 6-11 2025 What to Know



WHEN TO ARRIVE/RETURN

IF TAKING THE BUS: arrive at Abiding Shepherd Lutheran Church (406 W. Cottage Grove Road, Cottage Grove) at 2:00 pm to begin loading luggage. The bus will leave for Camp Luwisomo at 2:30 pm sharp!! On Friday, the bus will return to Abiding Shepherd at 2:30 p.m.

IF DRIVING: arrive at Camp Luwisomo (W5421 Aspen Rd, Wild Rose, WI 54984) between 4:00 pm and 4:45 pm. On Friday, please pick up your child at 12:30 p.m. Campers may depart early if prior arrangements are made with Pastor Nate.

CANTEEN

Twice each day campers have the opportunity to “purchase” snacks (1 drink, 1 crunchy snack, 1 sweet snack) from the camp canteen store. All canteen money must be turned in with the final payments for Camp Rise, by June 1. A canteen card, reflecting the available balance for each camper, will then be used during camp to “purchase” snacks or other items. \$30 for canteen is usually plenty. At the end of the week any remaining balance will be refunded to the camp family or you may donate it to Camp LuWiSoMo.

CONTACTING YOUR CAMPER

It’s fun for campers to hear from home while at camp. However, we have found that sending a cell phone with your young camper so they can call or text home is NOT the best way to stay in touch. For a camper who is prone to homesickness, we have found that the toughest part of their day is actually after they call home to talk to Mom and Dad. So, while electronics are technically allowed, especially in case they are helpful for a camper to get to sleep at night, we do not recommend that campers plan to call home. It has worked much better for parents to send a message to their campers **via email**. Just send an email to pastor.abrahamson@abidingshepherd.org with the name of your camper in the subject line. Pastor Nate will then print off the message and deliver it to your campers. You may also call or text Pastor Nate at 608-609-6699 if you’d like to ask how your camper is doing.

ROMANS & CHRISTIANS

Thursday night (unless weather dictates otherwise) we play the longtime favorite Camp Rise game, Romans and Christians. This special role-playing game is played in the dark and covers a large area of Camp Luwisomo, including the woods. Special light-up boundary markers and strict rules are put in place so that the game runs smoothly and safely. Because campers will be walking through the woods where there is always the possibility of walking through poison ivy, please make sure that your campers bring long pants **that cover their ankles**.

