

Esther Lutheran Church Camp and Spiritual Growth Fund Application

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Applicant's Parents/Guardians:

Applicant's Age: _____ Applicant's Grade: _____

Bible Camp where you have registered and paid registration fee:

Dates you are attending camp:

Ways in which you participate at Esther Lutheran Church:

Ways in which you would like to participate at Esther Lutheran Church:

What you hope to learn or gain by going to this camp:

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At our January 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting, Esther members voted to start a Camp Fund to help our young members and their families better afford Bible Camp. The Council started the Camp and Spiritual Growth Fund savings account in February 2022 and currently, due to generous donors and the Council designating the Pork Chop Feed and Bingo proceeds to the fund, the fund has \$4,995.94 in it. Below is how the Camp and Spiritual Growth Fund works:

1. The child must submit a Camp Fund Scholarship Application (available in the narthex or on our website under "Faith Formation Resources").
2. The family must pay the registration fee to the camp directly to reserve the child's spot for their chosen week.
3. The Camp and Spiritual Growth Fund will supplement 80% of the remaining cost of camp after the registration fee has been paid - camper must take advantage of any "early-bird" discount by signing up during the "early-bird registration" timeframe, or family will need to cover the additional cost. Esther will send the funds directly to the camp.
4. The child is encouraged to request camp funds from the WELCA - WELCA pays directly to the camp.
5. The child is encouraged to request camp funds from the church (line item on budget) - Esther pays directly to the camp.
6. The family pays any remaining cost if necessary.
7. If the money has already been paid to the camp and the child is unable to attend, the family is responsible to reimburse the Camp and Spiritual Growth Fund, unless it is a family emergency.
8. After attending camp, we ask that the camper share their camp experience with the congregation either in person or in written form by way of a note or newsletter submission.

Esther had one youth attend Luther Crest Bible Camp in 2022. Luther Crest Bible Camp Early Bird Registration opens November 1, 2022, and runs through February 14, 2023. You can find the link to Luther Crest on our website or by going directly to www.luthercrest.org . We encourage our youth to take this opportunity to help grow their faith in God and make new friends at Luther Crest Bible Camp, or another Bible Camp of their choosing. THANK YOU to the donors that have started this fund and we welcome others to give to this "seed planting" endeavor. We encourage grandparents and extended family to consider the "gift of camp" this holiday season for the young people in your life.