



FAQ's (Frequently asked Questions)

Q. Where is Lysander Day Camp (LDC) held?

A. LDC will be held at Durgee Jr. High School on 29 E. Oneida St. (Right on the High School Campus next to Elden Elementary School)

Q. Who works at LDC?

A. LDC staff are the most fun loving, dedicated, energetic, creative & dependable staff you'll ever meet. Our staff is a wonderful mixture of educators, college students, and high school students. We also have CIT's (Counselor's in Training) who are town residents that have completed 8th grade through 16 years of age.

Q. When does the camp season begin and when does it end?

A. The first day of camp for 2012 is July 9, 2012 and the last day is August 17, 2012 (6 weeks).

Q. Why doesn't camp go from the end of school until the beginning of the fall semester?

A. Because we depend on a combination of high school and college students to staff the program, we are unable to do this.

Q. What is a typical day like at LDC?

A. While each day at LDC is a unique experience, each day begins with arrival at approximately 9:00 am (for regular Day Camp). The day begins with attendance in their group and then camp opening which consists of the pledge of allegiance, a song, announcements for the day and an activity. Groups then disperse to their scheduled activity (see schedule). The day concludes at 3:00 pm (for regular Day Camp) with camp closing, which consists of a song, maybe a quick skit by a group and announcements for the next day. Each day's activities include a balance of our five Key Program Areas: Sports, Crafts, Music, group and Wii-time. For any child in our extended program, the before and after hours offer opportunities for the kids to choose from a variety of activities including some sports, crafts, games, quiet time (reading), or just hanging out with friends – it is less structured but still well supervised.

Q. What is the number of campers to staff?

A. Every group of approximately 15 - 20 campers has 2 counselors and usually a CIT. Younger camper may have an additional counselor depending on numbers. Groups travel to activities where there are also specialty counselors who also supervise them.

Q. How long has the camp been in business?

A. LDC has been in operation since the mid 1980's, giving you an idea of the stability and strength of the program.

Q. Who sponsors the camp?

A. The camp is run by the Town of Lysander and operated by the Parks & Recreation Department.

Q. How many children attend the camp?

A. This numbers varies each year, but at full capacity we will take 120 children. They are broken up into age groups, those being children (boys & girls) who have completed the following grades: K & 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th, and 6th grade.

Q. What is the Ratio of campers to counselors?

A. The ratio is 1:10 (and may be 1:6 depending on the field trip and grade level).

Q. How do I know that this is a safe environment for my child?

A. The camp is licensed and inspected by the Onondaga County Health Dept. In addition as part of the regulations for the Health Dept. all staff goes through 2 days of training and several staff are trained in first aid and CPR/AED. Each staff is run through a background, sex offender and criminal records check, have references checked and are interviewed and evaluated twice yearly.

Q. What should (and shouldn't) my child bring to camp.

A. Each child should bring the following items daily to camp: Lunch and a beverage (a snack and beverage is also suggested for those participating in the extended program). There is not a refrigerator, so be sure to put in a lunch chiller. We also suggest a water bottle, a swim suit and towel. While the swim suit and towel may not be used every day, if it turns out to be hot and we break out the water slide or a hose, we want them to be prepared. Sunscreen if needed. We also prefer that children not bring in such things as CD players, IPODS, cell phones, game boys etc. We cannot and will not be responsible for these items if they are lost, broken or stolen. In all cases we suggest that all items brought to camp be well identified with a name. Cell phones are not allowed to be used at camp – children may have them in their backpacks and if it is critical that they contact you, they should speak to a counselor. Please note that we will always have a lost and found area, should you find your child has left something behind. This should be checked at the end of each day/week.

Q. What should my child wear to camp?

A. We encourage all campers to be dressed for active participation. Sneakers and socks are preferred to flip flops and sandals. Shorts should be of a reasonable length and shirts must cover the torso – no tube tops, midriff shirts, halter, strapless and backless tops. On field trip days we want all campers to wear a LDC camper shirt (available for purchase by using the registration form), a tie dye shirt or bright colored shirt. Also, any special requirements will be listed on the field trip form.

Q. Do I have to sign up for the whole summer?

A. No. You can sign up for one week, or the whole summer, it is up to you!

Q. Are there any other costs than the registration fee?

A. All costs associated with LDC are included. There is however a onetime optional summer purchase of a “Camper” T-shirt. \$10 youth/ \$12 adult. The Shirt is a tie dye and will make the kids easy to identify especially on field trip days.

Q. How do I register?

A. Registration is easy. Just fill out the registration form (both sides) which is available by downloading the form off our website: www.townoflysander.org and bring it in, mail it or fax it.

Q. Should I tell my friends about you?

A. Absolutely! We are proud of our program and the services we provide to you and your family. You can help us grow by spreading the word about us.

**The Lysander Day Camp won the
2007 Central New York Parks & Recreation Society Exceptional Program Award!**

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