

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat | Sept. 13-15th

Dear Parents –

I imagine it's hard to believe that your student is about to be a 7<sup>th</sup> grader. Truly, where has the time gone? It really **IS** crazy how fast the time flies!! The fall will be here before we know it and the crazy pace of the school year will kick in again. Well, before all of that happens...

I'm super proud of you! It's true. Many of you dove right into Confirmation this year. You endeavored to navigate this new territory of Confirmation Modules and you did it so well!

Secondly, I want to remind you that we have 3 environments designed to maximize the middle school years: 1) Confirmation Modules 2) Sunday Morning at 930 and 3) Summer Trip. We didn't design all three so you'd pick one, but rather designed all three with different purposes so that when you participate in all three environments we believe we've done our best to shape a journey, that by God's Holy Spirit, is life shaping.

As a part of the Confirmation journey, we've layered in two retreats: one in the seventh grade year and one in the eighth. These retreats serve several purposes: that students begin to develop relationships with their community of 7<sup>th</sup> graders, engage in an opportunity to serve, and to grow in their relationship with God.

So here are some important details as we prepare for next fall:

1. The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat is held at Camp Concordia in Gowen, MI on September 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. The Cost of the Retreat is **\$65** (this includes Registration Fee, Food and transportation)
3. Registration and Payment for the retreat is **DUE: June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**. *Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, memo: Camp Concordia*
4. Participation in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation retreat is expected
5. Parent participation is both needed and appreciated (drivers, small group leaders, etc.). If interested, please contact Kristin Hardy at [hirtke@yahoo.com](mailto:hirtke@yahoo.com) Please NOTE: **Persons over 18 will be subject to a background check.**

More details will come to you as summer ends. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to email or call Kristin Hardy. Remember, these September dates will arrive quicker than we can imagine. That's why you're receiving this now.

God's great peace and joy as the school year comes to a close.

Enjoying the Journey

Kristin Hardy

## Youth Registration/Medical Form

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Special Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Participants T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the participation of \_\_\_\_\_ (youth's name) in the activities of Trinity Lutheran Church. I authorize the representatives of Trinity Lutheran Church to consent to any needed medical or dental care necessary for the welfare of the above youth, and I/we do hereby release Trinity Lutheran Church and their representatives of any liability for injury. I also agree to support the representatives of Trinity Lutheran Church should they deem it necessary to remove my youth from the event at camp Concordia for disciplinary reasons and to come and get them from Camp Concordia.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Team Initiative Program (Challenge Course) Release Camp Concordia, Gowen, Michigan

The Team Initiative Program (TIP) at Camp Concordia is a part of the overall camp experience, but one that is very exciting and valuable to your child's growth. Each age group's TIP is designed for age appropriateness.

Camp Concordia wants you to be fully informed about TIP, the setting in which your child's participation will take place, and their responsibilities for their own safety and the safety of others. After becoming familiar with these things and satisfying yourself about any other questions or concerns, please sign and submit this form. Your child will not be allowed to participate on the course unless a signed copy of this form is on file.

Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at [office@campconcordia.org](mailto:office@campconcordia.org) and we will connect back with you as soon as possible.

1. The TIP facilitators have had both training and experience to prepare them for their role as a facilitator of the activities associated with TIP.
2. Participants usually experience a great deal of excitement, motivation, and learning that can benefit them personally and professionally.
3. Participants could be invited to participate in a variety of activities including such things as: stretching exercises, warm-ups, active games, group initiative problems, and high & low ropes course elements, any of which may involve rigorous physical activity.
4. Although safety procedures will be reviewed and adhered to, any activity could result in injury, awkwardness, or distress. It is the participant's responsibility to adhere to all stated safety practices. Our principle of 'challenge by choice' means that each individual has the responsibility to choose the level of participation she or he will give to the activity. While all will be encouraged to challenge themselves beyond their normal comfort level, it is the participant's responsibility to avoid extending himself or herself beyond physical or emotional readiness.
5. It is the responsibility of each participant (or their parents) to provide accurate health and medical information to Camp Concordia. This includes information such as allergies, physical disabilities or handicaps (temporary or permanent), mental or neurological disorders, current medications, etc. This information will be held in confidence unless permission is given to share items with other participants. This information by no means precludes you from participating in TIP. It is for facilitator awareness in order to maintain a safe environment.
6. Participants are expected to work together to meet stated group and individual goals.
7. Participants are expected to support each other throughout these activities. Strive to avoid putdowns that devalue yourself or others.
8. Everyone is encouraged to participate honestly in the verbal processing of each activity.
9. Groups need to be aware that at any time Team Initiative Program facilitators can stop the activity because of hazardous conditions (high winds, ice, lightning, lack of group safety, etc.).

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for GROUPS participating in the Team Initiative Program (TIP)

Communication:

Clear and efficient verbal communication between facilitators and participants is critical. Therefore, any participant that is hard of hearing, or that is less than fluent in the English language is a higher-than-normal risk. Any potential compromise in this area should be discussed with Camp Concordia's director before your camper's or group's arrival so that an appropriate adaptive strategy can be coordinated.

Clothing:

Some portions of the ropes course can be hard on the hands. If this is a concern of yours, gloves are recommended. Wear comfortable clothing suitable for outdoors and the time of year. Please be aware rope burns or other participants can damage clothing. Please no skirts or dresses and wear shirts that are long enough to allow them to be tucked in. Please wear long pants. Caps are fine but may need to be removed for some elements. Do not wear large buckles or hairpieces or jewelry (including watches, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, and finger rings). Such items will have to be removed before participation to prevent injuries to self and others. BEFORE PARTICIPATION, EMPTY POCKETS OF KEYS, KNIVES, AND WALLETS ETC.

Shoes:

The entire foot must be protected. No Sandals. Running shoes or lightweight hiking boots preferable.

Camp Concordia will provide all necessary safety equipment such as ropes, belay devices, harnesses, and helmets.

I have read all the information about the Camp Concordia's Team Initiative Program, understand my (or my child's) responsibilities and will comply fully. I understand that my child's participation (or mine) may be physically and/or emotionally demanding. I affirm that my child's (or my) health is good and that they (or I) do not have any undisclosed condition, which bears upon their (or my) fitness to participate in these activities. I understand that injury or disability could occur during my child's (or my) participation. My child understands that they participate of their own free choice and I assume all obligations, financial and otherwise, which might result from their participation and any injury, which might occur. I release Camp Concordia and other related agencies from all liability for any injury to my child (or me), or personal loss resulting from participation in Camp Concordia activities.

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature:

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Parent Signature (if participant is a minor)

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