

Summer Camp Child Welfare Group Policy

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About the Ministry

Realife is a non-denominational, gospel centered Christian Camp and retreat center with two locations at either end of the sunshine state, Realife Blue Springs, and Vero Beach. Our week-long summer camp experience is packed with fun activities, powerful speakers, amazing worship, intentional discipleship, beautiful scenery, and more!

Summer Camp with A Mission

Realife has a passion to "Reach the Unreached" of the next generation. We are alarmed at the growing number of teens in our society that have lost hope and suffer from abandonment, neglect, and abuse. This camp presents a unique and extraordinary opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people. We will sponsor about 10% of our bed space each summer and provide scholarships to young people that are from the foster care system. We then solicit child welfare organizations, businesses, churches, and individuals to help provide sponsorships. These young people will come from the Florida Coalition for Children, the Florida Department of Children & Families, and the Florida Foster & Adoptive Parent Association. There may be at least one of these foster care students in each cabin during all camp weeks. This provides church youth groups and individuals with an amazing opportunity to be missionaries to young people that need Jesus! Because of this focus, Realife has been characterized as a summer camp and a mission trip all rolled into one!

While at camp, we ask that you love these young people unconditionally so that you may see what God can do through you! This mission effort has resulted in thousands of young people coming to Christ and has been the catalyst that has ushered in revival in many church youth groups and churches.

Ministry Focus

For Summer Camp we provide the keynote speakers that will minister to each week of camp. All our speakers are all gifted, talented, passionate communicators of God's Word and are biblically sound, gospel centered preachers. Our website contains photos and video clips of our speakers preaching in our pulpit here at Realife at Camp Blue Springs and Camp Vero Beach. We also have full length live stream services for all speakers from previous summer camps on the Realife Facebook page.

Registration Policy

1. Group Registration-When you register your group for an event, we will contact you to confirm receipt of your registration and to communicate the next steps needed to get your group to camp.
2. Group Registration Information- When you submit your group registration you will receive a reply email that contains all the specific details of your group registration as well as terms and conditions. Please download and print this reply document as it contains information that will be important for future reference about your Groups event.
3. Individual Registration-There is a second step to registration that will require every camper and every adult that is coming to your event to register online from the link that we will email to you or the individuals in your group can register at our website: www.realife.org
4. Registration Process-This registration can be done on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. We have noticed that group leaders who have the most successful, hassle-free registrations are done in a group session. You could invite your students to a pre-announced "Camp or Retreat Meeting" and have a couple computers at the meeting so everyone can register right there! If you show some of the promotional videos or materials and maybe throw in a few pizzas and sodas, you'll be surprised how easy registration can be!
5. Child Welfare Students' Cost is Reduced or sometimes Free! - Realife actively fundraises for Child Welfare students to be able to come to Camps and Retreats for a substantially reduced rate. Depending on the amount of donations, some events may even be free! If your students are attending an event that does require some payment, we ask that you make financial arrangements with your CBC or group financial leadership to pay the required fees prior to bringing your students to camp for their event.
6. Non-Child Welfare Student Policy-Individuals that are not part of your Child Welfare group can also come to camp or retreat events with your Child welfare students, but they will be required to pay the full camp fees. They can register from the link provided to you for registration or online at www.realife.org
7. The full camp or retreat fee for individual students that are not part of the Child Welfare system must be paid online with a credit card while registering.
8. First Come First Served- All group registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis by registering online at www.realife.org Phone conversations, email communications, and online inquiries do not secure camp registrations or dates.
9. Adult and Student Individual Registrations Required-Adults and students both are required to register if they are coming to camp. The registration includes room, board, all activity supplies, and for some events, a camp t-shirt and transportation may be available.
10. Snack Shack Costs- Sponsorship students will be provided with a \$5 free snack shack account for snacks and drinks. After that has been used, they will need to pay for purchases at the snack shack. We recommend that students bring no more than \$5 per day for snack shack purchases. Snack shack purchases are not mandatory, and Realife will always provide free Gatorade and free snack options if the student does not have any additional funds available.
11. **Insurance** - Comprehensive general liability coverage must be provided by your organization. You must supply a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000. The certificate of insurance holder is to be shown as Realife, 2650 Lake Shore Dr. Marianna FL. 32446 / 1416 82nd Ave. Vero Beach FL. 32966". Please send all certificates of insurance to Bec Driggers - Registrar / bdriggers@realife.org Certificates of insurance are due 30 days prior to your camp date.
12. Individual Registration Requirements-All campers and adults attending Realife must register individually online at www.realife.org. These individual registrations are required for Realife to receive important information such as, activity choices, t-shirt sizes, waivers, permission to treat along with student and guardian signatures. An email will be sent to the email address that you provide with specific registration information to make this process easy! You will also be provided with a live, online list so you can see which of your students and adults have successfully registered online with your group.

13. Group Number Responsibility- Group homes can send up to 10 campers per week to summer camp with 2 adults attending with your group. Realife withholds the right to limit group home's total camper count on a home-by-home basis. When you register your group with Realife, you will need to choose the number of beds that you intend to fill for the event. It will be your responsibility to fill these beds. If you have students that drop out from your group, you will need to recruit other students to take their place so that all beds are properly filled.

14. Group Payment Responsibility- When you register your group and determine the number of students that you will bring, you and your organization will be responsible for payment of any fees associated with your event. You can adjust your group numbers up to 30 days from your event. Your last chance to adjust your group numbers and to reduce payments is 30 days out from the start of your event. After this 30-day date, you will be responsible for full payment of your group size regardless of whether you fill the beds or not.

15. Changes to Individual Registrations-Your students will have an opportunity to register for activities, add t shirt sizes and add roommate request at the time of individual online registration. After this registration is complete, all changes will need to be made at check in, when camp or retreat begins. Please don't email change requests.

16. Weather-Realife cannot be held responsible for weather during your camp week, but we will do all that we reasonably can to make your stay enjoyable and continue with all scheduled camp activities.

For any questions or changes to your camp registration, please contact us via email:

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