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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. 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.

2. Group Home Policy – Group homes can send up to 4 campers per week without an attending adult to accompany them throughout the camp week. 5-6 Camper require 1 adult. And Up to 10 Campers require 2 adults. No one group home can send more than 10 campers per week. Realife reserves the right to limit group homes individual camper count on a home-by-home basis.

3. 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.

4. 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.
5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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: Chloe Gibson cgibson@realife.org for Vero Beach or Lauren Miner lminer@realife.org for Blue Springs