# Summer Camp Group Information and 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 are providing the keynote speakers that will minister to each week of camp. All of 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, Payments, and Financial Policy

1. When you submit your group registration you will receive a reply email that contains your invoice and all of the specific details of your group registration as well as terms and conditions. Please download and print this reply document as it is your 'Group Registration Agreement' and invoice for summer camp.

2. **Individual Registration** - There is a second step to registration that will require every camper and every adult to register online from the link that we will email to you or at our website: www.Realife.org This registration can be done on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. We have noticed that youth leaders who have the most successful, hassle-free registrations are done in a group session. You could invite your students and parents to a pre-announced "Camp Meeting" and have a couple of computers at the meeting so your families can register right there! If you show the camp video and maybe throw in a few pizzas and sodas, you'll be surprised at how easy camp registration can be!

3. **Payment Responsibility** - Your church or group leader will be responsible for the collection and payment of all camp payments as we do not accept payment directly from individuals that are part of a group. Individuals that are not part of a group can register online at www.Realife.org Choose your preferred camp week and submit the individual registration form. The camp cost must be paid online with a credit card while registering.

4. **First Come First Served** - All group registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis by registering online at www.Realife.org

5. Phone conversations, email communications, and online inquiries do not secure camp dates.

6. Adults and students both are required to pay the camp fees. The camp fee includes room, board, all activity supplies, and a camp t-shirt. There are no additional fees or charges other than your designated camp fee.

7**. 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
Please send all certificates of insurance to Lauren Miner lminer@realife.org Certificates of insurance are due 30 days prior to your camp date.

**OR**

**REALIFE,** 1416 82nd Ave Vero Beach FL. 32966
Please send all certificates of insurance to Chloe Gibson cgibson@realife.org Certificates of insurance are due 30 days prior to your camp date.

1. **Canteen Account** - Your parents will have the opportunity to put money on their/ your student's canteen account by visiting the snack shack account page. After this registration, students will need to bring cash to camp and they can put money in their canteen account at check-in on the day that camp starts. Please do not put an excessive amount of money in the canteen account (we recommend a $50 limit). At the close of each camp week, students will be given the opportunity to be refunded their unused canteen account funds in cash. If the student chooses not to receive their unused canteen funds, they will automatically be donated to foster care students' canteen funds. **Please do not contact us after the close of camp requesting refunds for unused canteen account funds.**

2. **Changes to Individual Registrations** - You will have an opportunity to register for activities, add t-shirt sizes and add a 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 begins. **Please don't email or call requesting changes to your registration choices.**

## Important Payment Dates

**1.First Payment - A non-refundable** payment of $50 per person is due in our office 1 week following your group registration for your group. Payments can be made online at www.realife.org by clicking on 'Make a Payment' button or you can pay by check and avoid the credit card fees. Make out checks and send them to the coordinating name and location for your reservation:

Location #1 "Realife Camp @ Blue Springs"
2650 Lakeshore Dr. Marianna, Florida 32446

**OR**

Location #2 "Realife Camp @ Vero Beach"
1416 82nd Ave Vero Beach, Florida 32966

**2. Second Payment** - A second **non-refundable** payment of an additional $50 per person is due in our office by April 1st. **Confirmed Registration Payment Responsibility**-On April 1st, you will need to confirm the total number of beds that you are reserving for summer camp. If you reduce your total number of beds by this date, any additional funds that were

paid on 1 week following your group registration will be applied to your account. **After April 1st, your group/church will be responsible for full payment of your reserved bed space regardless of if you fill them or not.** There will not be any refunds for beds that you are not able to fill. **Please do not ask us to make changes or refund money after April 1st, 2025.** Any unused beds will be donated to foster care kids on our waiting list. You can add beds to your group after April 1st if they are available. Please email Chloe Gibson cgibson@realife.org for Vero Beach or Lauren Miner Lminer@realife.org for Blue Springs

**3.** The balance of your group's camp fee is due in our office no later than 30 days prior to the start of your camp week.

**4.** If you miss a payment or have not paid the balance of your camp fee 30 days prior to the start of your camp week, or you have not made other arrangements with us, we may assume that you are forfeiting all payments and your place at camp, and your bed space may be made available to others on the waiting list.

**5. Student to Adult Ratios** - All groups are responsible for bringing adult counselors to stay in the rooms with students. An **8:1 camper to counselor ratio** is required. If you are unable to bring enough counselors for your group, you will be charged [at your camp fee rate] for any additional counselors needed and the funds may be used for us to hire or arrange counselors for your group.

**6. Rooming Lists** - The specific rooming list will be made by us at least three days prior to your camp week and emailed to you. At this time, you will have the opportunity to adjust the rooming list based on any specific needs. We are unable to set the rooming list prior to three days in advance because of last minute cancellations or additions.

**7. Rooming List Approval** - We will do our best to accommodate the rooming requests of church youth groups and individuals and to keep youth group students together. However, we reserve the right to include foster care students or individual students in all rooms. Rooming lists will be communicated at least three days prior to your camp week.

**8. Individual Registration Requirements** - All campers and adults attending Summer camp must register individually online at www.Realife.org. These individual registrations are required for us to receive important information such as, activity choices, t-shirt sizes, and necessary guardian and camper signatures. An email will be sent to the email addresses you have provided 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.

**9. Weather** - Realife Ministries 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.

**10. Property Damage** - Group registrants are responsible for intentional property and equipment damage excluding normal wear and tear.

11. 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