

Word of Life Camp, Hudson, Florida

June 23 - 29, 2019

Camp Speaker – Cameron Triggs

Leave – Sunday, June 23rd from the South Campus at 2pm

Arrive back home – Saturday, June 29th appx. 11am to 12pm

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<https://camps.wol.org/youth-camps/florida-youth-camps/>

Cost \$430 - \$75 dessert auction = \$355

\$100 due January 15

Balance is due March 31

*Students working Student4Hire on March 9th can raise money for camp.

*Students who have a need for scholarship help can speak to Pastor Ryan.

*Paying parents that Pastor Ryan asks to help drive will have a reduced cost of \$40 for each of their children they personally drive. Leaders who drive and stay will also receive a \$40 break.

Each camper must complete their health form

<https://camps.wol.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/46/2018/03/Summer-Camp-Health-Form-2018-2.pdf>

Cabins - One cabin filled with 12 campers and two counselors means unlimited cabin fun and plenty of opportunity to make friends with roomies. And don't worry about the hot Florida temperatures; campers will bunk up in air-conditioned comfort. Groups are automatically housed together as much as possible, unless you let us know that you prefer to mix it up!

Family Style Food - All of our meals are served family style and we don't want anyone to leave hungry! Campers can eat as much as they like and are always welcome to grab candy or snacks at the Snack Shack between meals. We also have optional sandwiches and cereal available at every meal just in case our more (ahem) "particular" eaters need a backup.

We work to serve a well-balanced diet throughout the week. Meals are prepared under strict supervision, using the finest quality ingredients. If your camper has food allergies, email vickys@wol.org to receive an Allergen Guide. Learn more about addressing food allergies at camp in our FAQs.

Activities - Sports! Swimming! Paintball! Rock wall! Tubing! Art and crafts! Ropes courses! Shall we go on? At the Word of Life Florida Youth Camp, your days are chock-full of high-energy activities, music, speakers and games. We also create space between the activities for students to reflect on the biblical truth they're learning, leaving them with a deeper and stronger faith.

Security -Our team of uniformed and plainclothes security officers patrol the camps throughout the day and night to detect inappropriate activity and respond to incidents and emergencies. Each security officer is trained and registered as either an armed security guard or unarmed security guard with New York state.

It is important the only authorized persons are allowed on our camp properties. We monitor and limit access to our camps. Each vehicle on our camp property is registered and each person is registered and issued proper credentials. Every staff member, volunteer, and contractor permitted on the camp property has been screened and trained in our child protection plan.

Screening & Training - To ensure that all Word of Life campers stay healthy during their time at camp and have a safe camp experience, we have a health center on property, follow a comprehensive safety plan and take extraordinary care in selecting and training our counselors. The majority of the counselors and volunteer staff at Word of Life camps and facilities are students at the Word of Life Bible Institute. They go through rigorous screening before starting their year with us. They are also trained throughout the year as well as intensively before the beginning of each camp season. We review their experience and interview each one personally before accepting them to be a part of our summer staff.

Accountability -Word of Life has a zero-tolerance policy. All accusations and questionable behaviors are followed up on immediately. Any accused party will be investigated to the fullest extent and removed from service until a thorough investigation is completed. If determined to be innocent, the staff member may return to service. However, if a staff member is found guilty, our termination and enforcement policy will be enacted and local authorities will be informed. But we certainly expect that never to happen!

To keep everyone accountable, counselors and staff meet regularly with a supervisor for specific feedback and improvement strategies. For counselors, this happens on a daily and weekly basis. This is helpful for staff members, campers and the program as a whole!

Health & Safety - A round-the-clock Health Center on camp property is staffed and stocked for both emergencies and routine health care. Two full-time registered nurses run the Health Center with the support of two or three additional registered nurses to ensure health care is always available.

Staff members who have completed the Red Cross Responding to Emergency Certification are available to provide first aid around the property, and staff serving in special activity areas are trained and certified in their respective areas.

Campers with Developmental Disabilities - Word of Life Camps seek to serve all campers and make reasonable accommodations for those with special needs. Though we are not designated as a Camp for Children with Developmental Disabilities, we strive to meet the needs of each camper as best we are able. We consider each camper and their needs uniquely and place them in the safest and most appropriate camp location, always with parent/guardian agreement and support. If we are unable to place individual campers in an appropriate camp setting, or if parents disagree with our accommodation plans, Word of Life will fully refund the registration fee. Our Ranch and Wild Camps are designed for children up to the age of 13. Our Island Camp is designed for teens between the ages of 13 and 19.

Supervision -Safety is one of our primary concerns at Word of Life Youth and Family Camps. Our goal is that you will feel completely safe dropping your students off with our counselors and volunteers. Discover the important policies that help our staff keep their eyes on your students at all times.

Reporting -All of our camping locations are equipped with a Safebox. A Safebox is similar to a mailbox and is a safe way for students to report any actions or situations they feel are inappropriate or that make them feel uncomfortable. Campers, staff, parents, youth leaders and guests can also report any inappropriate behavior they see or experience to 518-494-6300 or safety@wol.org. Every report and any inappropriate action is taken very seriously. Word of Life has a written policy and procedure manual for incident reporting and investigation. Local authorities are involved and engaged in this process.