

FAQs

Camp Facility: [Camp Willow Run](#) & [Camp Willow Springs](#) in Littleton NC

These are sister camps located off Lake Gaston and connected with a cleared and marked trail between the camps. Girls will be at Willow Run and Guys at Willow Springs.

Camp Staff:

- Hope's MSM Staff will be programming and running the camp
 - Hope's Central Staff Camp Directors:
 - Jay Reynolds (724) 244-8222
 - Shelly White (919) 264-0405
- All adult volunteers are background checked and trained
- High School volunteers are selected by staff to join us at camp
 - They assist in set up & break down
 - They help run Rec Games
 - They house separately from MSM Students
 - They have designated roles
 - They are led by designated adult leaders
- 4 Certified Lifeguards for free time on Saturday, this is only time lake and pool are open for swimming
- *Hope is supported by Camp Willow Run and Camp Willow Springs directors and meal staff*

Housing & Assignments

- Camp is dorm styled housing with Twin sized bunk beds
- Camp Willow Run has renovated train cars that house 11 people
- Camp Willow Springs has large cabins that house 22 people
 - There are 2 sides in each cabin with 11 beds per side
- Students are housed by same gender first and then campus and grade as possible
- Students can request 1-2 friends of the same gender they would like to room with in the registration form and we will do everything we can to room with at least one of them.
- Students will need to bring all linens for bedding: sleeping bag (or sheet and blanket) and pillow
- Housing is climate controlled with toilet and shower stalls
- All cabins will have at least 2 same gender adult leaders

Food/Meals

- Meals at camp are homemade and served family style. Each cabin group sits together at a large table for every meal
- Students will have meals on the same side of camp they are housed
- Camp can accommodate food allergies and other needs
 - Please indicate on the camp registration any food needs for your student
- Camp will provide 3 meals on Saturday and 2 on Sunday
- Students can bring snacks
- We encourage bringing a marked water bottle
 - Students will have opportunity to refill their water bottles around the camp

- On Saturday afternoon during rec time there is a snack shop with candy, soda and other snack type food available for purchase.
 - Students will need to bring cash.
- There is a vending machine with soda that only takes quarters.
- **On Friday evening students will need to eat dinner before they come**

Medical

- We bring a volunteer from Hope's Trained Medical Team
- Camp provides basic first aid supplies and some OTC medications
- If there is an injury that needs additional medical attention we will call you and transport your student with 2 adults to the nearest urgent care or hospital

Medications

- All medications, including OTC- over the counter, are collected at check-in and then distributed as prescribed by Medical volunteer, Hope staff or your student's adult leader
- Please bring all medication in the original prescription container
- We instruct students who take medications with meals to check-in with medical in the back of the dining halls during meals
- Medications needed outside of mealtimes will be given to your student by Hope's Medical personnel or an adult leader
- If medication needs refrigeration there will be a designated refrigerator to keep in while at camp
- Students cannot have any prescription or Over the Counter medications with them at camp
 - Exceptions are EpiPens & Inhalers
- We will send home any unused medicine and/or prescription bottles with your student. We will distribute those after last dosage or at lunch on Sunday

Transportation

- We contract with Holiday Travel to use their 56 passenger coach buses
- We load and unload at Hope's Apex Campus- 2080 E Williams Street, Holly Springs
- We assign students to buses by their housing assignments. Your student's luggage will be loaded under their assigned bus
- We will have volunteers at buses to help with loading
- Once students are on their assigned bus, they cannot exit the bus without the bus captain's permission
- Hope staff and adult Leaders will travel on the buses with students

Packing:

- There is limited space under buses
- Each student is limited to 1 luggage bag and 1 sleeping bundle to store under the bus
- They can bring a backpack with them on the bus
- Students will have to carry what they pack to their housing when we arrive at camp
 - The walk from the buses to housing has gravel and grass
- Please label luggage and sleeping bags so that students can easily identify their items
 - It is very dark when we arrive at camp and we always have a lot of dark colored luggage and same colored sleeping bags
- Suggested Packing List
 - Sleeping Bag or twin sheet & blanket

- Pillow
- Bible + Pen
- Toiletries
- Bathing Suit (Camp Willow Run & Springs policy is one-piece for ladies)
- Towels [some people prefer to bring two—one for the lake and one for showering]
- Clothes that you are ok getting dirty
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Flashlight
- Spending Money (camp store- cash only/vending machine- quarters only)
- Tennis shoes for Rec
- Flip Flops/ Crocs for pool

Electronic Devices

- Students can bring cell phones but we discourage any use other than:
 - Contacting you on Sunday with any arrival time changes
 - As an alarm clock
 - As a camera
- *There are many ways for a phone to get lost or damaged during camp and the internet is spotty at best around the camp. Hope is not liable or responsible for phones.*