

LAKEVIEW TRIP MANUAL

SUMMER 2016

Dear Trip Program Parents and Campers:

Welcome to LakeView's Trip Program! We have an action-packed summer ahead. The summer of 2016 is going to be outstanding with some new and exciting trips. Our 3-day-2-night overnight trip for the first session takes us to Connecticut. In the second session, get ready for our fantastic 3-day-2-night overnight trip to Baltimore, MD. Additionally, this season's spectacular day trips include a **Broadway Show, Dave and Busters, Laser Tag, IPLAY America, Jenkinson's Beach,** and a **Final Day Farewell Party!**

This manual will help you understand some of the details regarding LakeView's Trip Program. Conducting safe trips away from LakeView requires a commitment from the LakeView staff, our LakeView campers and also our LakeView parents. **Therefore, we require each camper and parent involved in our Trip Program to sign our 2016 Camper/Parent Commitment.** This Commitment, which can be found on the last page of this manual, outlines some of the expectations we have for our campers. Please review and sign this Commitment (there are two copies, one for you to keep) and return one to the camp office prior to the start of camp.

We cannot wait to get started!

If you have additional questions, please feel free to call us at 732-821-8933.

See you soon!
Doug and the LakeView Team

GENERAL INFORMATION

Trip Departures: Our day trips depart camp after campers arrive on their regular buses. Both overnight trips depart before the regular scheduled buses arrive at camp, and therefore we ask parents to bring campers to LakeView with their luggage. *We will be leaving at 8:00 AM in the morning to get an early start for both of our overnight trips. This means your child will not be going on the camp bus in the morning and needs a ride to camp.*

Trip Returns: Some day trips return prior to the end of the camp day and campers will ride their regularly scheduled buses home. However, some trips return to LakeView after camp hours, and campers must be picked up by parents. For these "late returns," we will provide an approximate return time prior to the trip's departure. Please expect a call from your child in the late afternoon. The Division Leader will request that all campers call home with anticipated arrival updates.
Anticipated 2016 Late Return Trips: Jenkinson's Beach, Overnight to Connecticut, Overnight to Baltimore, MD and the Broadway Show.



Rooming: On overnight trips, usually four campers sleep in each room. Campers may request to room with one friend, and we will do our best to accommodate this request.

Attire: For the safety of our campers, all campers are required to wear this summer's LakeView t-shirts at all times when off camp premises. Each Trip Program camper will receive three LakeView t-shirts.
Additional shirts are available for purchase.

Health Provisions: Each family will receive a set of Camper Health History Forms. Please ensure that these forms are completed and returned to our office ASAP. These medical forms are required by New Jersey state law and accompany our teen campers whenever they leave camp for trips.

Medication: Any medication (either prescription or non-prescription) must be turned into the office **ON THE DAY PRIOR TO THE TRIP, OR BEFORE.** Please send all medication to camp in the original container with an accompanying Medication Authorization Form, which can be found on our website. Our Teen Division Leader will administer all medication or appoint teen staff to do so if the timing and the events of the day makes this very difficult.

Food: Please ensure your child eats breakfast before coming to camp. All other meals are included as part of the Trip Program. Our Division Leader will coordinate any special dietary needs.



Communication: While cell phones are permitted on the trips, we do not want the use of cell phones to negatively affect campers' experiences as part of the LakeView program. Therefore we ask parents to refrain from calling campers. If an emergency should arise, please call LakeView and we will contact the Teen Division Leader immediately (also see: EMERGENCIES). If a camper misuses their phone at any time while on a trip, the phone may be held by the Division Leader. More guidelines for the use of cell phones will be discussed at our Trip Program Orientation.

Spending Money: We provide everything our campers need in order to have a fantastic experience. However, most parents send their children with a reasonable amount of money ($20.00 per day is more than sufficient) to purchase souvenirs or snacks.

Belongings: Campers are responsible for their own belongings. LakeView cannot accept responsibility for personal items. We suggest a backpack for towels, swimsuits and other daily needs. Please label everything with a permanent marker.

Absences: If a camper is not going to attend a day or overnight trip, please contact us the day prior so we can plan accordingly. On trip days, there is no "in-camp" program available for 7th, 8th or 9th graders.

Emergencies: In the case of an emergency during an out-of-camp trip that cannot wait until your child's return, please call the LakeView office at 732-821-8933. On trip days, if this line is not answered an emergency number will be provided. We know how to reach the Trip Program Division Leader at all times.

Behavior: At LakeView we have high expectations of behavior for our campers. Among others, these expectations include sensitivity to the needs, comforts, rights and safety of their companions and others with whom they will be in contact. We encourage parents to have a conversation with their children prior to the start of camp to reinforce these expectations of behavior.

Inclement Weather: In case of inclement weather all effected activities will be postponed until a qualified staff member indicates it is safe to continue.

Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy: We have a strict "zero tolerance" policy. We expect that campers will be responsible group members and adhere to this policy. Any camper who breaks this policy will be expelled from the trip and/or camp without refund.

Reminder List: *Before you leave home for a LakeView trip, please ask yourself the following:*

1. Am I bringing the right items? (based on the activities: towel, hat, sneakers, sunscreen, etc.)
2. Am I wearing my LakeView t-shirt?
3. Am I wearing the right clothing? (based on the activity and/or weather, i.e. swimsuit or raincoat)
4. Do I know what time to meet the bus? (early departure, late return)
5. Do I know who is picking me up if the buses are scheduled for a late return?



Trip Schedule for 2016

*Currently planned but subject to change

Week 1: Wednesday, June 29th	Dave & Busters, Philadelphia, PA
Week 2: Thursday, July 6th	Jenkinson's Boardwalk, Pt. Pleasant, NJ (**Late Return**)
Week 3: Wed-Fri, July 13th – 15th	Overnight 1 to Connecticut (**Late Return**)
Week 4: Wednesday, July 20th	IPLAY America, Freehold, NJ
Week 5: Wed - Fri, July 27th – 29th	Overnight 2 to Baltimore, MD (**Late Return**)
Week 6: Wednesday, August 3rd	School of Rock on Broadway, NYC (**Late Return**)
Week 7: Tuesday, August 9th	Laser Tag, Wrightstown, NJ
Week 8: Friday, August 19th	Final Day Farewell Party! Lago, North Brunswick, NJ





Suggested Clothing List for Overnight Trips

Remember that we travel lightly, so please limit your luggage to one suitcase or duffle per camper. Each camper is responsible for carrying his/her luggage. One carry-on bag for rain, swim gear, etc. may be brought on the bus (a backpack is suggested as the carry-on). We have campers with severe food allergies, **so *please do not send any foods that contain nuts or were produced in a facility that contains nuts.***

Campers are required to wear a current LakeView t-shirt at all times. Three camp shirts will be provided to each camper. We will distribute a more specific packing list prior to each trip, but in general, the following items are appropriate:

- ☐ 3 Current LakeView t-shirts
- ☐ 3 pairs of Shorts
- ☐ 1 pair of Jeans
- ☐ 3 pairs of Socks
- ☐ 3 pairs of Underwear
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Watch **(required)**
- ☐ Sneakers
- ☐ Cell Phone
- ☐ 1 Light sweatshirt or jacket
- ☐ Raincoat
- ☐ Hat for sun protection
- ☐ 1-2 Sets of Pajamas
- ☐ Towel
- ☐ 2 Swimsuits
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Old sneakers or flip flops

Also, please bring some loose change for lockers inside amusement parks.

Optional items to pack: camera, iPod with headphones, spending money ($20 per day).

ITINERARY FOR Connecticut*
Week 3: Wed., July 13th – Fri., July 15th

Our first overnight trip starts with an early departure from LakeView (exact time to be announced as the trip gets closer). On our way up north, we will stop for some tubing down the majestic and scenic Farmington River. There will be tons of fun, thrills and splashing along the way. We will then head over to Sonny's Place for some mini golf, go kart riding, and climbing their nearly 30 ft rockwall. We will have diner there and then head to our hotel for some evening fun with friends.

We'll rise and shine on Thursday, eat some breakfast and then head to Brownstone Exploration Discovery Water Park for some wet and wild excitement. From inflatable structures in the water to rock climbing and zip lining, there will be no shortage of amazing attractions to be experienced. After drying off from our day outdoors we will end the night jumping on trampolines with disco balls, lights and music surrounding us. Day three of this adventure will have us heading back home to New Jersey. On the way we will stop to cross bridges, climb ladders, clear obstacles and zip lines at Nomads Outdoor Adventure Park.

ITINERARY FOR Baltimore, MD*
Week 5: Wed., July 27th – Fri., July 29th

We are so excited to take the campers South to Baltimore, MD! We'll stop on our way down at the Philadelphia Zoo where we will spend some time with some amazing animals, before continuing on to face off against our friends playing nerf tag, laser tag, ninja warriors, and other fun games. We will wind up day one at an evening Orioles game at the famous Camden Yards.

Day two we will wake to breakfast and then we're off to spend the day at Six Flags America for a full day of amusements and rides galore, including the Apocalypse, Batwing Coaster, Sky Jumper, Shark Attack, and the brand new French Quarter Flyers.

On our final day, we will make a fun filled stop at the Baltimore Inner Harbor where we will have lunch on a harbor cruise and spend some time on the water. We will then head back to our last stop, the Philadelphia circus where we will be taught some amazing circus moves that we'll be able to show off when we get back to LakeView later that day.

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LOVE. TRIPS.

Camper Name: _____

2016 LAKEVIEW TRIP PROGRAM CAMPER/PARENT COMMITMENT

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I will follow Division Leader and Counselor directions **AT ALL TIMES**!
I will attend all planned check-in times and group activities.
I will wear a LakeView t-shirt at all times.
I will not leave the group and/or the LakeView staff members.
I will not use profanity.
I will be responsible for my clothing and valuables.
I understand that smoking, gambling, drinking and drugs are prohibited.
I will clean up after myself – all garbage must be picked up.
I will demonstrate kindness towards others, as well as respect their rights, possessions, and privacy.
I will obey the law at all times.
I will adhere to curfew and will not leave my hotel room unless escorted by a Counselor.
I will show respect for public property (including property of hotels and all other venues visited), and I understand that my parents and I are fully liable for any damage I cause.
I will abide by all rules or procedures that may be added during the program.
I will use common sense and always think safety first.

I am aware of the terms of this commitment and understand that if I break this commitment, then appropriate action will be taken when necessary, including expulsion from a trip and/or camp at my parents expense. I have read the 2016 Trip Manual and agree to abide by all policies.

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Signature of Camper *Date*

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3. My child and I have read the 2016 LakeView Trip Manual and the 2016 Trip Program Camper/Parent Commitment and agree to abide by these guidelines. I agree to be liable for any damage that my child causes to other people's property (including, among other things, hotel damage). I further understand that if my child violates any laws or camp policies, he/she may be subject to immediate expulsion from that trip and/or camp at my expense and without refund.

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