

ISLAND LAKE PARENT FAQs

1. **Where is Camp? What is Island Lake?**

IslandLake is a camp operated by Christa Ministries and this OCCSM's second year hosting middle school camp at Island Lake. It is a great facility located in Poulsbo, WA. Their address and contact info is below but feel free to look them up on the web!

Island Lake, 12500 Camp Ct NW, Poulsbo, WA 98370, (360) 697-1212

2. **What are some of these activities students will be participating in?**

Part of the reason why we LOVE using IslandLake is because they have a variety of camp recreational activities that only a camp of this caliber could offer. Dirt biking, paintball, a ropes course and archery are the main activities offered at camp (along with the usual camp activities of swimming, ball sports, and more). Each student will have an opportunity to try some of the activities but by no means are required to. They will participate in activities as a small group while Island Lake professional staff run and conduct these activities.

3. **Packing... do I have a packing list? Anything special beyond normal camp gear?**

On the back of this sheet is our packing list! A few "random" items include a white t-shirt for our "color war" (e.g. will get dirty) and some optional cash for the snack and souvenir shack (totally optional, but the students LOVE it).

4. **Where are students sleeping/what are the sleeping accommodations?**

Sleeping arrangements vary depending on grade but all students will be in cabins according to grade, gender and small group. Regardless of cabin type, though, all students will have a proper bed but everyone should still bring a sleeping bag and pillow since bedding is not provided.

5. **What is adult supervision like? Will my student have more than one leader?**

The student to adult ratio is about 4 students for every adult chaperone/leader, because we want to be sure your student is being cared for, looked after, and included. All groups will have more than one leader. IslandLake will also be providing their own separate adult supervision for activities.

6. **What's the plan for baptism night? What happens if my student asks to be baptized?**

Baptism is a great part of camp we do one evening towards the end of camp. If a student asks to be baptized, here's what our baptism coordinator (Victoria) will do: First, she will check the camp registration form to see what permissions as a parent you gave. If you said no, she will have a delicate conversation with student to wait until home. If you said yes, Victoria will be reaching out directly via phone to your family to inform you (unless you asked to not be contacted). Upon this phone call, if you wish to drive out to attend, you are more than welcome to but not required to!

7. **What is the food situation like? What about allergies/dietary restrictions?**

All meals are cooked, prepared, and even served by IslandLake staff! Students will be eating full meals and predetermined meal times. OCC sends IslandLake all dietary restrictions a week before camp and those restrictions we pull from information noted in your student's camp registration form. Any dietary restrictions not noted in that form need to be communicated immediately to Victoria or Jodie.

8. **What are the times I need to be aware for check-in and pick-up? How can I stay up to date with communication while at camp?**

Check-in: is Friday August 10th at 12pm. They will check-in and then we will load the buses to head out soon thereafter. Students should bring their packed bag, sleeping bag, and pillow. CHECK in will be at in the CHAPEL at the front of OCC. PLEASE BRING your two filled out medical release forms (available at occm.org)

Return: back to OCC is scheduled between 12:30 – 1pm Aug 13th (pending travel and traffic times)

For communication, please see the multiple ways we can best communicate with you about camp:

Email: All parents should be getting mass emails for IslandLake Updates. All emails are sent to the main contact email listed in the registration form. If you are not receiving emails, they are likely going to your junk folder. Feel free to email Victoria directly at victoriaf@occ.org if you think you are missing emails.

Social Media: We encourage you to follow us on social media for updates! Facebook: Overlake Student Ministry @occm, Instagram: Overlake Student Ministries at @overlakesm

PACKING LIST:

White T-shirt

** optional extra money can be used at the IslandLake souvenir and snack shop throughout camp**

ONE medium size duffel bag

Clothes for 3 1/2 days

Flashlight

Bible & Pen

Athletic Closed toed shoes for activities!

Refillable H2O Bottle w/name marked on it!

Sleeping Bag & Pillow

Towel, Soap, Shampoo

Toothbrush and toiletries

Modest Swim Wear (No bikinis or speedos!)

Bug Spray and Sunscreen