

CAMP HUSTON

Episcopal Diocese of Olympia

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Greetings from Camp Huston!

You are registered for **Counselor Training**. Counselor Training will begin with Check-In between **3:00 and 4:30 p.m.** on **Sunday June 22, 2025**. The session ends at **1:00 p.m. Tuesday July 1, 2025** in the area at Curtis Lodge.

We're glad that you will be joining us **June 22-July 1, 2025** for ten days of fun, friendship, and discovery! We believe that the Discovery Group experience is the most important part of camp and the most fun. The process of sharing, learning, and growing together with the other campers and staff can result in experiences which are new and exciting for everyone. During Counselor Training you will have the opportunity to learn and grow as a leader. Through the experience and skills developed here at camp, we aim to equip you to not only become a successful camp counselor, but a leader in your communities, churches, and schools.

Participants are invited to work as counselors this summer on the basis of active participation in the training program and responsible behavior as a member of the camp community. There are no exams, but you can exclude yourself from counseling through irresponsible actions or non-participation. You will be provided a training manual on the third day and are expected to bring it with you to all training sessions.

CAMP HUSTON PACKING LIST

Please make sure your name is on each item of clothing and equipment. There is no laundry facility, so pack enough clothing to last the entire camp session.

- Long/short sleeved shirts
- Shorts
- Jeans/long pants
- Sweater/sweatshirt
- Jacket
- Raincoat/poncho
- Warm pajamas
- Swim suit
- Hat/visor
- Underwear & socks
- Tennis shoes
- Hiking boots or 2nd pair of tennis shoes
- Toiletry articles: towels, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, tissues, shampoo, chapstick, etc
- Sun screen
- Insect repellent
- Reusable water bottle
- Warm sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Flashlight/headlamp with extra batteries
- Day Pack/backpack
- Shower shoes / flip-flops
- Sunglasses
- Standard twin-size fitted sheets (for cabin beds)

Training Items

- Notebook
- Pencils/Pens
- Wrist Watch

Optional Items:

Facemasks, Bible, Stationary/Stamps for writing letters home

Items to Leave at Home:

Weapons, including pocket knives, Pets or animals, cell phones (if brought, we will hold it in to office)

SEE YOU THIS SUMMER!

Alida Garcia, Executive Director, and Ali Walker, Interim Program Director

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Check-in will begin at 3:00 pm and end at 4:30 PM on Sunday, June 22, 2025.

The session will end at 1:00 pm on Tuesday July 1, 2025. This is when participants receive their final evaluation, and hopefully a work agreement. Drive-thru pick up at Curtis Lodge.

Registration: If you have any questions about your registration, please contact the Camp Registrar at registrar@huston.org or mail Camp Huston Registrar / PO Box 140 / Gold Bar, WA 98251 or phone (360) 793-0441.

Check-in: A staff member will direct you where to park. Restrooms are located in Curtis Lodge. Campers and parents/guardians will meet the registrar, the program director, the camp chaplain, and the camp nurse before heading to the cabins with a counselor. For camp tours, please keep an eye on our social media for tour opportunities prior to summer camp. Staff are ready and available to help throughout the check-in process.

Payment: Final payment and all completed forms are due as soon as possible. You are responsible for the full camp fee, unless cancellation is made as described below. To make a payment; log in to the registration portal via www.huston.org; call the office to pay by credit card; or mail in a check payable to Diocese of Olympia. Contact Huston office if you need information on scholarships.

Cancellation: Cancellations must be received in writing 15 days before the session begins. We will refund your fee, less the \$75 deposit, if we receive written notice as requested. If you must cancel, please let us know as soon as possible, so that others may attend camp.

Health Form: The electronically signed and completed health form must be completed online before your arrival. Be sure to agree to the release for emergency medical treatment. Your camper will not be allowed to check in without the agreement noted in the registration account. A physical exam within the past 6 months with a doctor's signature is recommended but not required. During camp, guardians will be contacted in the event of a health concern, illness, or injury that does not progress as expected, or a situation requiring medical treatment outside of camp.

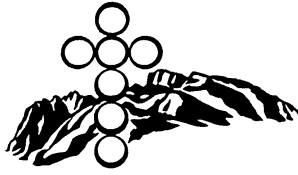
Medication: All prescription and non-prescription camper medications are collected by the camp nurse at check in, for your child's and everyone's safety. Medications must be in the original containers, with the original label showing the camper's name and doctor's directions for administration. Pill boxes/organizers are not accepted. Our medical staff fully controls medication dispensing in accordance with the doctor's prescription. Be sure to pack enough for the entire camp session. Please have prescription and non-prescription medications such as vitamins, herbal supplements, pain relievers, creams, etc. readily available to hand in to the camp nurse at check in. **Inhalers:** Even if your camper doesn't frequently need their inhaler, please bring it! The environment and activities at camp can affect breathing differently than at home. **Campers on psycho-therapeutic medication must be on the prescribed dose for a minimum of three months prior to arrival at camp.**

Communication from home: Letters, postcards, emails, and non-food care packages to campers are encouraged! Snacks are provided – please do not send food (candy, gum, etc.). Your camper will not need money, as there is no camp store. All campers receive a Camp Huston T-shirt on the last day of camp. Campers will not have access to telephones, although arrangements can be made to talk to your camper in case of an emergency. Emails may be sent to your camper at registrar@huston.org with your camper's full name in the subject box. Emails will be delivered that day if received before 11am or the following day if received after 11am. Emails sent the last day of the session will not be delivered.

Personal Property: Camp Huston does not permit the possession or use of alcohol, drugs, or weapons. Personal sports equipment should be left at home. During the session, no personal vehicles are allowed into lower camp. The speed limit on camp property is 10mph. Animals are not permitted to stay at camp.

Early dismissal: In the event a camper must return home early, for a medical or behavioral reason; parents or guardians are responsible to pick up the camper immediately upon notification. Smoking is not permitted and possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, or weapons will result in immediate removal from camp. There is no refund for campers who must leave early.

If your child has any special needs or requires special attention in any way, please call us to see how we can set your child up for success. We want to provide the most enjoyable and rewarding experience possible. Thank you!



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COUNSELOR TRAINING INFORMATION

GENERAL GUIDELINE: Each person is responsible for their own behavior.

REMINDER: Camp policy strictly prohibits the use of drugs, marijuana, alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, and other tobacco products. Pets are not allowed in camp once the session begins. Cars may be kept in the parking lot behind the water tank. Leaving camp during your two-hour break is not allowed except hiking at Wallace Falls State Park. Cell phones and other electronics (smartwatches, laptops, electronic games, etc) are not allowed during camp and should be left at home.

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Planned activities end around 9:30pm. Plan to get enough sleep to function responsibly during the day. Everyone has been assigned a cabin for sleeping and resting; please respect the privacy of others. **The cabins should be quiet after 11:00pm. Curtis Lodge is available for socializing every evening until midnight. The last person to leave must turn the lights off.** Please clean up your coffee cups and other debris in meeting rooms and in the lodge. B and C lodges are only available to resident staff on their 2 hour break. No exceptions!

Please be responsible for being on time for sessions and meals. If you don't have a watch or clock, find someone who does.

POLICIES FOR COUNSELOR TRAINING

FIRE DRILL: Gather by the west side of the pool in your cabin groups. Fire alarm is 3 consecutive blasts from the air horn.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT: is available in the sports shed and in a box on the Olympic field and must be returned after use. Please leave personal equipment at home.

MAIL: Outgoing mail can be placed in the yellow mailbox on the table in the Curtis Lodge hallway. Mail will be available in the staff lounge area after lunch.

LEAVING CAMP: Participants are not allowed to leave camp during free time except to hike at Wallace Falls, and you must sign the sign-out sheet posted by the office door and sign in when you return.

MEALS: Groups responsible for hosting should arrive 15 minutes before the meal. Hosts:

Prepare the dining hall for the meal- setting tables, decorations, bringing food to the tables

Set the atmosphere & choosing a grace - song, reading, dance, drama, etc.

Announcements at the end of the meal – nurse, upcoming schedule, dismissals, etc.

Clean up after the meal, including sweeping the dining hall floor and hallway and tidying up the hot drink area.

TELEPHONE: Camp Huston's number is (360) 793-0441. Please ask office staff before making a call on the camp phone.

VALUABLES/MONEY: may be kept at your own risk. You can give it to the Camp Director for safekeeping during your stay.

STAFF LOUNGE: is located in Curtis lodge. Staff are responsible for the lounge area's cleanliness.

KITCHEN: **No one is allowed to take any food from the kitchen.** You must have the permission of the Food Service Manager to use the kitchen. Leftovers will be put in the staff lounge for snacks. Please rinse and rack your dishes. Leave it cleaner than you found it.

CELL PHONES: We are currently reworking our cell phone policy. In prior years, we didn't allow CTPs to have cell phones, but changed our policy slightly in 2024. We are still working on the best fit for our participants and the program's intended outcomes. We will keep you up to date with more information.

FOOD & CANDY: Food, candy, pop, and gum should be enjoyed during your breaks! These items should be kept in the staff lounge area or in resident staff rooms.