



February 2023



Students and Parents,

NTS Camp is scheduled for July 9-13, 2023 back at Houghton College, NY!

God has used this camp to call students into saving relationships with Himself as well as establish meaningful friendships among peers. God has helped students overcome hurts, and to gain a much better understanding of who He is. The fruit we have seen out of this camp has been incredible, that is why we are eager to go again. We are inviting students who will be completing grades 6 through 12 to join us this summer. Students must regularly attend Crosswinds Church during the 2022-23 school year to be eligible for camp!

The main purpose of this letter is to get families informed and to provide ways for students to fundraise their way to camp!

Pricing:

Registration for camp is \$385.00 until **May 7**. Later Registration is from May 8 to June 25 and is \$405.00. Last minute registration is from June 26 to July 8 and is \$430.00. Final payment is due two weeks before camp, June 26, or there will be a \$20 late fee added. **We encourage you to lock in the cheapest option and register before May 7, only needing to pay the initial deposit of \$150.00 at time of registration.**

Registration:

To register for camp, please go to ntscamp.com. Click on the "REGISTER FOR CAMP" button and select the New York location. Then click on "Crosswinds Wesleyan Church."

Note: *You must be the parent or legal guardian 18 years or older to complete the registration process.*

You will be asked to enter student/parent information and read and "sign" the NTS Camp waiver. To complete your registration process you will need to either pay the \$150 nonrefundable/nontransferable deposit or pay the entire amount. You will need to use a credit card or debit card for this. *(Keep reading to see fundraising/scholarship opportunities!)*

Once you register, you will be sent a confirmation email stating that you have registered and paid/owe for NTS Camp. This email will include a packing list and any forms that may be required for camp.

Fundraising/Scholarships:

This year, to help students get to camp, Crosswinds is offering three opportunities/recommendations that are available to all students who register for NTS Camp.

1. **NTS Camp Memorization Program (ends June 7).** This is an opportunity for students to earn a \$100.00 scholarship towards their trip by memorizing scripture and being an active participant in our worship services. Following this page you will see more information about it.
2. **Coffee and NTS Cookies Fundraiser (Sunday, May 7).** We are going to hold a coffee and cookie fundraiser at Crosswinds! Students who participate in the cookie fundraiser will be eligible to receive a portion of the funds towards their camp registration.
3. **Support Letters.** We consider NTS Camp an investment to your spiritual journey. Others do as well. We encourage you to write letters to families and friends explaining what you'll be up to, and how they can partner alongside you in prayer and possibly supporting you financially.

When money is raised, or when money is earned through a scholarship, Crosswinds will be able to enter those funds directly into your NTS Camp account (*you have to be registered first*). You will be notified when money is added towards your account when it happens.

Pray!

We want to ask you to begin to pray about this trip. Pray if this camp is something that you, your student, or perhaps even a friend should be at. Pray that God would give you clarity if you should go or not. Pray that financial means would be met. Pray that God is already preparing your hearts and those of others. Pray that God is guiding and leading the NTS staff as they prepare.

We would love to answer any questions you may have, and to help in any way. Do not hesitate to reach out with questions or needs. Again, we're looking forward to this week and hope that if God wills it, you will be there with us!

Sincerely,

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NTS Camp Scholarship Program

Program Ends on June 7, 2023

Details:

This is an opportunity for students going to NTS Camp 2023 to earn a scholarship through Crosswinds Wesleyan Church. There are two tasks that each student group will have to fulfill if they want to receive a scholarship. Scholarships will be of \$100.00 value, and will be applied directly to the student's NTS Camp fee.

For students to earn the scholarship they will need to complete the required Bible Verse Memorization and Sermon Notes. Details are provided below.

FAQ:

Who can participate in the NTS Camp Memorization Program?

All students going to NTS Camp can complete the program.

How do I complete it?

The program will end on June 7. If you submitted the required Sermon Notes for your grade level, and you have been successfully tested on your memorization of scripture by a Student Ministry Leader you will be awarded the scholarship.

How do I get tested for memory of scripture?

As you memorize scriptures, mark on the sheets which verses you are choosing to memorize. Give this to a Student Ministry Leader who will be testing your memory. Here are the ways in which you can be tested:

- At a Student Ministry evening, you can ask your Student Ministry Leader to test you by giving them the sheet with the scriptures you memorized.
- You can set up a time with Wendy, Seanna or your Student Ministry Leader outside of Wednesday nights to be tested (*you can find them on a weekend and ask them then. If they are unable to do it on the spot, then they will set up a time*).
- You do not need to be tested on all verses at one time.
- **If you have memorized and been tested on our weekly memory verses, those will count towards your required number.**

Middle School (6-8 grade):

- Memorize word for word, 30 of the verses listed on the following page. Your weekly memory verses that are tracked in your leader's binder count towards your scholarship requirements.
- Take notes on a total of three (3) weekend teachings or Wednesday night Student Ministry teachings from Crosswinds Wesleyan Church. Your Sermon Notes must be written on the provided Sermon Notes sheets and turned in the following Sunday. The Sermon Notes sheets can be found at Crosswinds Central as well as near The Box. Sermon Notes can be placed in the Student Ministry Drop Box located outside The Box.

High School (9-12 grade):

- Memorize word for word, 40 of the verses listed on the following page. Your weekly memory verses that are tracked in your leader's binder count towards your scholarship requirements.
- Take notes on a total of five (5) weekend teachings or Wednesday night Student Ministry teachings from Crosswinds Wesleyan Church. Your Sermon Notes must be written on the provided Sermon Notes sheets and turned in the following Sunday. The Sermon Notes sheets can be found at Crosswinds Central as well as near The Box. Sermon Notes can be placed in the Student Ministry Drop Box located outside The Box.

****NOTE!** If you are not following the weekly memory verses, please choose verses from the attached sheet to memorize. If you have memorized some of the weekly verses, please choose the remainder of your verses from the attached sheets. See your Connect Group Leader to find out how many verses you have already memorized.

Memory Verses

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Psalms 119:9

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

Proverbs 3:1-2

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.

Proverbs 8:10-11

Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Romans 10:9

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Proverbs 29:11

A foolish person lets his anger run wild. But a wise person keeps himself under control.

Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Peter 5:8-9

Control yourselves. Be on your guard. Your enemy the devil is like a roaring lion. He prowls around looking for someone to chew up and swallow. Stand up to him. Stand firm in what you believe.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1 John 3:16

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.

Matthew 20:28

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that so easily trips us up. and let us run with endurance the race god has set before us.

Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Proverbs 13:20

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

1 Peter 5:5

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

Proverbs 6:20-22

My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you.

John 13:34-35

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Psalms 119:11

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Matthew 6:33

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

John 1:12

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Romans 8:1-2

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Joshua 1:8

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8-10

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1 John 4:7-8

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

Matthew 5:43-44

You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you.

Ephesians 6:10-12

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

1 John 1:3

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

James 1:22

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 12:9-11

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.

1 Peter 4:10

God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

James 3:6

The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Revelations 22:13

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Matthew 6:19-21

Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Acts 20:35

And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Luke 10:27

The man answered, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 19:26

Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible."

Ephesians 4:29

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

John 1:9-11

The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.

John 1:4-5

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