

A Day At Stokes

When our new sixth graders arrive at beautiful Fairview Lake YMCA Camp, they join their group. Each group includes about 10 sixth graders. To encourage the students to make new friends and learn about their new classmates, groups have a mix of students from each elementary school.

Each group is led by at least three high school counselors and one or more adults. The adult in the group is equipped with a walkie-talkie to communicate with STOKES and school administrators and the trip's nurse.

During their time at the camp, each group participates in many activities. At first, groups work on icebreakers and team-building games to help the students learn about their group members. Later in their stay, groups complete an obstacle course, tie dye their STOKES shirt, and compete in relay races, among other events.

At lunch, students will eat with their group in an outdoor location. Please let the LCJSMS staff know before the trip if your student is Vegetarian/Vegan, or has any other dietary restrictions. We can make every attempt to provide food that meets their dietary needs. Students with strict dietary needs can also bring their own meals, which can be stored in the Fairview Lake Cafeteria. Parents should contact the STOKES administration to alert them of their students' special dietary needs.

Students are scheduled to eat their dinner at a campfire. After dinner, students will stay at these fire rings to sing songs with their counselors, eat s'mores, and hear the Hermit Story, which teaches the students that "The Choice Is Yours!"

After their campfires, students will return to our main meeting field, where we will load our buses and return to Summit. .

As the students experience STOKES, we hope they will create new bonds with their classmates, high school counselors, and adult staff and will feel more connected to their new community at LCJSMS.