

Dear Parent/Guardian/Pastor:

HEAD LICE POLICY

Please follow the procedure below for each of your campers.

1. The examination of each camper coming to Kids Camp **must** be done **ON** or **AFTER *June 23, 2024***. If a pre-examination is done before this date, a **NEW** examination and form must be completed. Please see form below.
2. The examination is to be completed by one of the following: physician, pastor, qualified individual.
3. When you register for Kids Camp on the Illinois District website www.illinoisdistrict.com and print your child's ticket, the area for signatures regarding head lice check is located on the bottom of the ticket and **MUST ACCOMPANY** the student to registration on the campground of Kids Camp.
4. **Any children found with nits, eggs, any traces of head lice will be sent home**. For this reason we would ask that all church guardians stay with their campers until registration is complete.

Please see that all parent(s)/guardians of Kids Camp children receive this information.

Should you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,

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This camper has been checked and found free of head lice and eggs.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE OF HEAD CHECK

____/____/____

ILLINOIS DISTRICT KIDS CAMP Management of Head Lice

Objective

To establish a standard policy to identify, contain, and manage suspected and confirmed cases of head lice of campers.

Definition

- Head lice are parasitic insects that can be found on individuals' heads. Human lice survive by feeding on human blood. Adult head lice are roughly 2---3 mm long. Head lice infest the head and neck and attach their eggs to the base of the hair shaft.
- Head lice infestations are spread most commonly by close person---to---person contact. Dogs, cats, and other pets do not play a role in the transmission of human lice. Lice move by crawling and cannot hop or fly. Both over---the---counter and prescription medications are available for treatment of lice infestations.
- The risk of getting infested by a louse that has fallen onto a rug or carpet or furniture is very small. Head lice survive less than 1---2 days if they fall off a person and cannot feed. Nits cannot hatch and usually die within a week if they are not kept at the same temperature as that found close to the human scalp. Spending much time and money on housecleaning activities is not necessary to avoid re---infestation by lice or nits that may have fallen off the head or crawled onto furniture or clothing.
- (All above information taken from www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head)

Identification and Management for registered campers

- Camp Nurse will be the final authority on identifying a camper with head lice.
- Camp staff who identify a suspected case of head lice will discreetly escort the camper to the designated camp nurse for inspection. (Suspicion is based on seeing bugs crawling in the hair, individual is scratching head excessively, may be irritable and having trouble sleeping since lice are more active in the dark.)
- In the event that head lice and/or nits are found, in consideration of the other campers, the child will be sent home. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and/or church to make arrangements for the child to be taken home.
- The clothes that have been worn by the camper since their arrival, towels, and their bedding should be washed in hot water and dried on high heat. Combs and brushes should be discarded.
- Any camper who has shared clothing or has been in close physical contact with the camper with the confirmed case should also be inspected and treated as stated above for the confirmed case.
- As a precautionary measure, all campers assigned to the same dormitory as the camper with the confirmed case should be inspected by a trained individual(s) in their dormitory assuring privacy and avoiding humiliation to all campers.

