



# Faith and Experience

*“Jesus said to Thomas, ‘because you have seen Me, you have believed: blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed’ ” (John 20:29).*

*“I have seen, I have heard, I have felt ” (Swedenborg in Heavenly Secrets 68 ).*

**Through our sight, other senses and with our faith, we experience good things and not-so-good things. Sometimes our experiences are big and dramatic, even life changing. They can be euphoric or distressing, thrilling or chilling. Mostly they are the daily ups and downs and in betweens of life. How can our experiences help strengthen our faith? How can faith give experience meaning?**

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*Daily themes:*

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**M Experiencing good things.** “So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth” (Luke 4:22).  
Life is full of good things to witness and celebrate – noble qualities, gracious words, good deeds. Sometimes we stand as witnesses to a couple’s marriage vows or an infant’s baptism. We witness the birth of a new business or a new dimension of life. What good experiences have you been privileged to witness that have helped form your faith?

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**T Experiencing bad things.** “Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress – make haste to answer me.” (Psalm 69:17)  
We witness bad things happening - accidents, diseases, moral failings that lead to businesses collapsing. Sometimes we are victims, other times just innocent bystanders. Sometimes the trauma feels worse for the bystander than it feels for the victim. We grieve, and we search for relief. What is it like for you to witness something bad? What role does your faith have?

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**W Experiencing change.** “O Lord, we are the clay, and You our potter; and we are the work of Your hand” (Isaiah 64:8).  
Witnessing change can be a positive or negative experience. Often our experiences, even bad ones, give quality to meaningful change. They can form and reform us, like a potter shaping and reshaping clay. Or we can be jaded by our experience of change. How does change impact faith? How does faith impact change?

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**T The Lord knows our experience and our faith.** “Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness” (Revelation 1:4,5).  
The Lord is the keenest eyewitness of our lives. He sees us from His compassionate love and discerning wisdom; and He longs for us to widen and deepen our experience of faith. Where or how does faith in the Lord intersect with your experience?

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**F Bearing witness.** Jesus said, “For this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth” (John 18:37).  
We bear witness of our faith and our experience through our words, our body language and our deeds. We are true witnesses of our inner lives when we act in integrity with our hearts and minds. What would it look like to be more intentional about bearing true witness to your loves, dreams and goals?

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**2009**

## Family Camps

*Christian camps based on the Lord’s Word, including the Heavenly Doctrine as revealed through Swedenborg*

Week 1:	July 26 - August 1
Week 2:	August 2 - August 8

*Laurel welcomes you to enjoy a week of community and growth*

# Laurel Family Camps 2009

## INFORMATION

### Registration Policies

#### HOW TO REGISTER FOR LAUREL FAMILY CAMP

- **Fill out both sides** of the Registration Form
- **Make a check out** to Laurel Leaf Academy for your 25% deposit
- **Mail the Registration Form and your Deposit Check** to Laurel Registrar, P.O. Box 613, Bryn Athyn, PA 19009

#### IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- If you plan on **bringing any children**, you are asked to have *two* responsible adults as part of your family.
- If you are **planning to bring anyone who is *not* on your IRS form** (ie. friends, guests, young adult children, and/or any “borrowed” children/teens), please have them fill out *their own* registration form.
- Their Registration Fee is based on their Family Income.

#### HOW WE PROCESS REGISTRATIONS

- Attendance in any given week is limited and we allot space in the order we receive your registration and deposit check (your deposit check is refundable up to July 4th).
- To alleviate your concerns about an early influx of applications for any given week (which could put out-of-towners at a disadvantage), **all applications postmarked by April 22, will be treated equally.**
- A lottery will be used, if necessary, to allot space to applications postmarked by April 22.
- We will notify you once your registration has been confirmed.
- If your first-choice week is filled, we will ask if you want to switch weeks or be put on the waiting list.
- Everyone who enrolls before June 19th will receive confirmation of their status by June 30th.

#### ATTENDING MULTIPLE WEEKS

- Attending multiple weeks is sometimes possible.
- **If you are interested in attending multiple weeks, please say so under step “6.” of the registration form—we will be in touch with you.**
- Up until June 19th, our priorities are: 1) Adequately staff the camp, and 2) Get every family to at least one week of camp.
- After June 19th, space is allotted to those on the waiting list, as well as late registrants, by taking into account the following factors: staffing needs, cabin availability, and on a “first come, first served” basis.

#### TEEN POLICY

- If you will be 13-18 years old as of **August 31, 2009** and not graduated from high school yet, **you are considered a TEEN.**
- If you will be 19+ years old as of **August 31, 2009** or a high school graduate, **you are considered an ADULT** and able to attend camp alone.
- All children and teens must have an adult who is responsible for them and must sleep in their family’s cabin, or that of the adult who is responsible for them.

#### ADDITIONAL (“Borrowed”) CHILDREN AND TEENS

- If you plan on **bringing any children**, you are asked to have *two* responsible adults as part of your family.
- If you are **planning to bring anyone who is *not* on your IRS form** (ie. friends, guests, young adult children, and/or any “borrowed” children/teens), please have them fill out *their own* registration form.
- Parents who send their children or teens with someone else should understand that this is their personal decision.
- Adults who bring additional children and/or teens, have full and complete responsibility for them as though they were their actual children (including sick care, discipline, etc.).
- The camp staff does not arrange rides or find adults to accept responsibility for teenagers and children who come to camp without their parents.

#### SPECIAL NEEDS

- When the getting-ready-gang begins to compile registration information, we are interested in which campers need special consideration for things like cabin space, electricity, medical issues, afternoon/evening group necessities, food allergies, etc.
- **Please list any special needs you may have under step “6.” of the registration form.**
- The camp has limited ability to meet special needs in the area of food and allergies, so those with special diets are welcome to bring their own food - we provide pantry and refrigerator space.

#### ARRIVAL

- Please arrive at camp on **Sunday** around **12noon**, in order to settle in before things officially begin at 3:00pm.
- Saturday arrival is for those who are actively working to open camp—there will be no meals, program or child care.

# Laurel Family Camps 2009

## REGISTRATION FORM

**1. Read the attached information about Registration Policies and Staffing.**  
 If you are planning to bring anyone who is NOT on your IRS form (ie. friends, guests, young adult children, and/or any “borrowed” children/teens), please **have them fill out *their own* registration form.**

**2.** Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_

**3.**

	Your Family please write out full names	Sex M or F	Age As of Aug. 31, 2009, if under 21	Vegetarian check if yes	Week 1 July 26-August 1	Week 2 August 2-8
1	1st adult					
2	2nd adult					
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
	Additional Guests (will send in their own registration and deposit)					
1						
2						
3						
4						

- If you plan on **bringing any children**, you are **REQUIRED** to have **TWO** responsible adults as part of your family.
- If you need more space than this form provides, please use a separate piece of paper—be sure to include ALL the information listed above for each person you register.

**4. Calculate your Total Registration Fee by following steps “a.-d.” on the opposite side of this page and enter the amount here** → U.S. Dol-

**5. Make a check out to *Laurel Leaf Academy* for your 25% deposit of** → U.S. Dol-

**6.** Any special needs? (see “Registration Policies”): \_\_\_\_\_

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Volunteer job preferences? (see list under “Staffing”): \_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Mail this Registration Form and your Deposit Check to** → 
**Laurel Registrar**  
**P.O. Box 613**  
**Bryn Athyn, PA 19009**

# Laurel Family Camps 2009

## REGISTRATION FORM

**a.** Read the attached information about Registration Policies.

**b.** Calculate the number of Payment Units attending camp from your immediate family based on how old each person will be as of August 31, 2009.

Age	# of People		Payment Units	Total Units
0-3 years		x	0 units (free)	
4-12 years		x	1/2 unit	
13-20 years		x	1 unit	
21+ years		x	1 unit	
<b>Grand Total Units</b>				

**c.** **Figure your total Family Registration fee.** Based on your approximate Family Income and the number of Payment Units (entered above) attending a given week, determine your family's Registration Fee from the table below.

All amounts are in U.S. Dollars

Payment Units	Family Income					
	Up to \$30K	\$30K-\$40K	\$40K-\$50K	\$50K-\$70K	\$70K-\$100K	Over \$100K
up to 1	\$90	\$120	\$160	\$200	\$240	\$260
1.5	\$135	\$180	\$240	\$300	\$360	\$390
2	\$180	\$240	\$320	\$400	\$480	\$520
2.5 or 3	\$225	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$650
3.5 or 4	\$255	\$340	\$460	\$575	\$690	\$750
4.5 or 5	\$285	\$380	\$520	\$650	\$780	\$850
5.5 to 7	\$315	\$420	\$580	\$725	\$870	\$950
over 7	\$345	\$460	\$640	\$800	\$960	\$1050

**d.** Enter the above amount in step "4." of the registration form—this is your **Total Registration Fee**. You are responsible for paying 25% of this total amount upon mailing in your registration. The remaining balance must be paid by the week you are at Laurel Family Camp.

**Mail this Registration Form in with your Deposit Check**

# Laurel Family Camps 2009

## INFORMATION

### Staffing

#### WHO'S THE STAFF? YOU ARE!!!

- We have always said that everyone is on staff at Laurel!
- It'll be up to each and every person to come forward and volunteer for ways to serve the camp.
- What the camp becomes each year depends to a large extent on what the people who come each year actually do.
- Whatever we don't do, doesn't happen, and whatever we do, does!
- That's the beauty of community.
- **First, look at the jobs listed below, and pick out a few that appeal to you.**
- **Second, write down your top preferences under step "6." of the Registration Form for each adult in your family who will be attending camp.**
- Some positions require prior experience and/or skills—you will find these jobs listed in the top left box below. If you are interested in any of these positions, for this year or sometime down the road, please contact us.

#### **PRIOR EXPERIENCE and/or SKILLS REQUIRED**

Mom-Dir  
Pop-Dir  
Teen Director  
Teen Group Leaders  
Adult Group Leaders  
Kitchen Manager  
Cooks  
Music Director  
Bean Counter

#### **PRE-CAMP JOBS (Saturday arrival necessary)**

Camp Opening Assistants (1st week only)  
Recreation Hall Opening (1st week only)  
Opening School Materials Coordinator (1st week only)  
Children's Morning Program Coordinator  
Vespers Babysitter Coordinator  
Morning Babysitter Coordinator  
In-camp Staff Coordinator  
Newcomer Orientation Coordinator  
Name-tag Maker  
Cabin Sign Maker

#### **END-OF-CAMP JOBS**

Camp Closing Coordinator (each week needs one)  
Recreation Hall Closing Coordinator (3rd week only)  
Closing School Materials Coordinator (3rd week only)

#### **MORNING PROGRAM JOBS**

Coffee Coordinator  
Lecture Recorder

#### **FOOD and KITCHEN JOBS**

Assistant Cooks  
Morning Food Buyers  
Afternoon Supply Buyers  
Dishes/Silverware Washer  
Snack Coordinator  
Recycling Coordinator

#### **WORSHIP and VESPERS JOBS**

Musicians  
Altar Set-up and Decoration Coordinator  
Morning Worship Setup Coordinator  
Vespers Setup Coordinator

#### **MAINTENANCE and CLEANING JOBS**

Handyman  
Cleaning Supply Coordinator  
Camp Laundry Coordinator

#### **VARIOUS other IMPORTANT JOBS**

Welcomer (Sundays only)  
Medical Staff  
Morning Bell Ringer  
Craft Materials Organizer  
Fire Builder  
Curfew Manager  
Name-tag Reminder  
T-shirt Salesperson