



# 2017 Reading Camp

An innovative outreach project of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky



**Lutheran Hills — June 11-16 (entering grades 3-4-5-6)**

**Lake Luther — July 16-21 (entering grades 3-4-5-6)**

**Lutherwald — July 30-August 4 (entering grades 3-4-5-6)**

There are children everywhere who are in danger of "at-risk futures" because they are unable to read at a proficient level. Reading Camp Director, Cleo Swager has recruited and organized a group of volunteer professionals who provide reluctant and struggling readers with the opportunity to improve their reading skills.

**READING CAMP** is a true camp experience that doesn't look or feel like school. The setting, approach, and materials are new to the children who participate. Each child receives individual and small group instruction in reading material of their choice and is encouraged to develop a love for the written word. **READING CAMP** is truly a "failure free" experience.

**THE PROGRAM.** Campers use the morning and a session in the afternoon to participate in six learning centers each day. In these centers, the campers participate in various games and activities to build their confidence and skills in several areas. Our small groups and committed staff are able to accommodate various learning styles and ability levels. The rest of the day is filled with fun outdoor camp activities led by college-aged counselors—swimming, canoeing and kayaking, group games, hikes and evening campfire programs. By the end of the week, our goal is to have campers gain confidence in their reading because of the success that they experience at camp.

**SKILLS PRACTICED** and learned during Reading Camp include:

- Phonics
- Decoding / Encoding
- Writing
- Reading Comprehension
- Vocabulary Development
- Reading Strategies

**ELIGIBILITY.** Students having completed 2nd grade and entering grades 3 through 6 and are:

- Reluctant readers
- Struggling with literacy skills
- Not keeping up with their peers
- Recommended by their teachers



