

## LUTHER ROAD AND YOUR CONGREGATION'S NEEDS

The Luther Road Day Camp "Model" serves **youth entering grades 1-6 (maximum 50 campers)** and its program runs from 9:00 am-4:00 pm Monday through Thursday and from 9:00 am-12:00 noon on Friday.

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky (LOMIK) recognizes each congregation is unique, so the Luther Road program is flexible. However, we have found that the "model" works best and our staff come prepared with a program for up to 50 campers in grades 1-6.

Initial scheduling and planning will be conducted between the congregation's local coordinator and LOMIK year-round staff until such time as the summer Luther Road Director comes on board late in the spring.

**The following are some modifications you may wish to consider:**

### **EXTENDED HOURS**

Your church may consider meeting the needs of working parents. Some congregations have provided volunteer or paid adult or mature high school students to watch campers from 7:00-9:00 am and/or 4:00-6:00 pm.

### **TEEN NIGHT**

Another option is to have one evening of fellowship for older middle school and high school youth with the Luther Road staff. One of the great aspects of the Luther Road ministry is that the college-aged staff can connect with and be role models for youth in your church whom they work with throughout the week.

### **PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

While the Luther Road staff do not run a program for children entering kindergarten and younger, a congregation may decide to run a similar program concurrently with the Luther Road Day Camp week. Pre-schoolers with their adult supervisors may be included in the daily good morning God, song time, and campfire each day. However, a pre-school program is run with a separate staff, different hours (usually ending at noon), and requires the congregation to purchase program and arts/crafts materials separately. Pre-school curriculum is available upon request.

### **MORE THAN 50 CAMPERS**

Your Luther Road team comes prepared to manage a program for up to 50 youth, grades 1-6. Should your congregation plan a program with numbers larger than 50, extra help is needed--one "super volunteer" for each extra 10 campers. This "super volunteer," taking a primary role in the program as a "cabin leader," must be over 16 years old and will be trained by and work closely with the Luther Road staff.

### **Daily Newsletter**

We highly recommend the local coordinator find a volunteer to publish a daily newsletter (may be electronic) that goes home with campers to keep parents aware of happenings.