



WELCOME TO DAY CAMP!

Thank you for choosing a Leirikesä day camp!

This letter will give you more information about the camp. You'll learn about how to get to the camp, the camp program, schedules and routines, communication and news from the camp, as well as about the needed equipment and how to pack it.

Read the letter carefully. If you still have unanswered questions after reading the letter, please contact our office.

On the booking service's profile page <https://varaus.leiri.fi/profile/> you can find your own and your child's personal information, the booking confirmation, invoices and camp letters, and the health survey and photograph consent.

See our comprehensive instructions and support pages at www.leiri.fi/ohjeet, where you can find lots of useful info *(in Finnish only)*:

- » [Info and tips for those attending camp](#)
- » [Instructions for using the Booking service and the profile page](#)
- » [Frequently asked questions](#)

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CAMP DATES

You can see the camp dates in the booking confirmation and on the booking service's profile page. **Log in to your profile page at <https://varaus.leiri.fi/profile/>.**

Check your profile page for camp dates and contact information.

ARRIVING AND LEAVING THE CAMP

Camp counsellors are present daily between 8.30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Organized activities take place between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The day ends by 4 p.m. which is when you should leave the camp.

Children may arrive on their own or together with their parent(s). Please note that all campsites do not necessarily have available parking spaces.

As you fill in the health survey, please indicate whether your child can leave the campsite on their own at the end of the day or whether an adult they recognise will pick them up.

Fill in the health survey on the Booking service's profile page at <https://varaus.leiri.fi/profile/>.

DO NOT FORGET TO COMPLETE THE HEALTH SURVEY!

Fill in the health survey on the Booking service's profile page at <https://varaus.leiri.fi/profile/>.

You must complete and save the health survey no later than two (2) weeks before camp starts. You need to fill in the survey even if your child has attended one of our camps before. We delete all health survey data after the camp for data protection purposes.

You must not attend camp if you are ill! Other campers or the staff may get infected by the same illness. If your child falls ill during camp, we will notify their home and the child needs to be picked up and taken home.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

All campers are insured for accidents for the duration of the camp. This is a primary insurance, so the Leirikesä insurance will cover all personal damages should these occur. The insurance does not cover material damages, such as broken glasses or torn clothing, during camp.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION DURING CAMP

Children may take their own mobile phones to camp. However, they are not to be used during organised activities. Normally children get to use their phones for a little while during the day if they so wish.

If you need to tell them something during the camp day, using a text or WhatsApp message works best.

You can find **the camp's telephone number** in the [booking confirmation](#). Please contact the camp number directly if you need to talk to the staff during camp week.

- **The camp number is only valid for the duration of the camp** between 8.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. You can send text messages to this number.

Our **Helsinki office** will answer all the questions you may have before and after the camp. The number for the office is +3589 8865 1280

- The Helsinki office telephone service is open Mon-Thu between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

CAMP INVOICE

You should pay the invoice no later than on the due date indicated in the invoice. All cancellations must be notified as soon as possible to the Leirikesä ry office.

If you are unable to pay the invoice by the due date, please contact the Leirikesä office. We all face financial challenges from time to time. In most cases we can negotiate a more flexible payment schedule or a scheme of payment.

INTERRUPTING CAMP

Sometimes a child's camp needs to be interrupted. There can be many reasons for this, for example:

- the family wants to child to return home
- the child himself/herself wants to go home
- the child falls ill at the camp
- the child bullies or hurts other children
- the child has brought illegal substances with him/her to the camp

In these and other comparable cases, the home will be notified, and the child's guardians must come pick up their child. If the camp is interrupted for these or similar reasons, no refunds will be made.

BENEFIT TO SUPPORT CAMP PAYMENT

Leirikesä grants benefits to help pay for camp to families with financial challenges.

You can apply for a benefit by using the application form on our Web site. It takes about 1–2 weeks (starting from the send date) for us to process the application, and we will notify of a granted benefit with a message to the primary parent's email address.

NOTE! You must pay the camp invoice if the due date comes before the application is processed! If you have already paid the invoice and receive a benefit, we will refund the party who made the payment after making an excess deduction.

You can apply for a benefit at www.leiri.fi/stipendi

SOCIAL MEDIA AND TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS AT CAMP

During camp, children may be photographed and videoed for the primary use in Leirikesä social media (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and so on). We may also use the photos in marketing future camps in, for instance, brochures.

Use the Booking service's [profile page](#) to give or refuse your consent to having your child photographed. It's also a good idea to discuss taking photos at home in line with the above.

DAY CAMP PROGRAMME

At day camp, we explore interesting places nearby, cook meals on a portable cooker, play games, do woodwork and other handicrafts, and enjoy our holidays in the company of good friends! Of course, the day also includes some free time.

There are about 25 children and three counsellors at the camp. The group will be the same for the whole duration of the camp. All friends will be placed in the same group. The attendees will be about 7–10 years of age.

DAILY PROGRAMME AND TIMES

Here you can see an indicative schedule for camps:

8.30–9.00 a.m.	arrival to camp
9.00 a.m.	camp day starts
9.30–11.00 a.m.	activities
11.00 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	preparing lunch, eating, doing the dishes
12.30–2.00 p.m.	activities
2.00–2.30 p.m.	afternoon snack
2.30–3.45 p.m.	activities
3.45–4.00 p.m.	closing session
4.00 p.m.	camp ends - time to go home!

MEALS

Campers make their own meals every day using a portable cooker. Camp counsellors help and oversee the cooking activities. The day also includes an afternoon snack.

In case your child has special dietary requirements, it is essential that you notify us of this in the [health survey](#) **a minimum of two (2) weeks in advance before camp starts** so that we can take this into account in the best possible way. Please be specific in describing the special dietary requirements (for instance, whether the child is allergic to fresh or cooked tomatoes).

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU TO CAMP

At camp, we spend as much time outdoors as possible so take the season and weather forecast into account and bring **outdoor clothing** that enable you to run and play but also sit still. Bring along enough **warm clothes**. Good-quality **shoes** and **head-gear** are also part of required camp equipment. When indoors, we'll be **in our stockinged feet or use indoor shoes**.

Include **a drinks container, hand sanitiser, handkerchief/tissues, and extra clothes** in your backpack. Most campsites provide a place for you to keep your **waterproof clothes** during the camp week. Check with the camp staff directly on the first day of camp to hear if this is possible.

At camp we eat outdoors as meals are cooked using a portable cooker. Have your **eating utensils** (plastic plate, mug, fork, spoon) with you in your backpack! We rinse the utensils at camp, but you should wash them carefully once you get home.

PACKING TIPS

Check the weather forecast and pack accordingly! Don't forget to pack enough warm clothing and equipment.

- **If you take your phone or other electrical devices with you, you are doing so at your own risk.** At camp, electronic equipment may break or be lost. Leirikesä will not compensate for any damaged equipment.

- **It is a good idea to include your child's name in every piece of clothing and equipment.** This will make returning them easier. Leirikesä will not compensate for any items lost or broken at camp.

It is not always a good idea to buy new items or equipment for the camper. If possible, see if you can borrow some items from your friends, relatives, or neighbours - at least for the first camp or two.

As camp ends, check once more that all items have safely returned home.

LIST OF EQUIPMENT

INCLUDE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN EACH PIECE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT!

Backpacks and bags

- backpack for your extra clothes and other equipment to bring to camp and carry around with you during the day

- swimsuit and towel
- indoor footwear (socks will do as well)

Clothes

- outdoor clothes for changing weather conditions and good shoes. We spend as much time outdoors as possible at the camp.
- rainwear
- warm, long-sleeved shirt

Personal hygiene items

- hand sanitiser for your personal use
- handkerchief/tissues

Eating utensils

- plastic plate and mug
- fork and spoon

LOST PROPERTY

If you notice anything missing after camp, contact us immediately at camp or at our Helsinki office by phone or by email.

Soon after camp ends, all lost property is delivered to Lost & Found International, Helsinki office in Vallila (www.loytotavara.net or tel. +358 600 41006, 1.98–3.56€/min+local network charge).

SEE YOU AT CAMP!