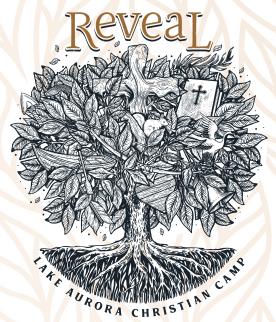




76th Edition of Lake Aurora Summer Camp



"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Romans 1:20 NIV

LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP is owned by 75 independent congregations in central Florida commonly known as Christian Churches/ Churches of Christ. Over 75 years ago it began as a small youth camp on 10 acres and has grown to 85+ acres. It is a 501(c)3 organization providing a year-round center for education, spiritual renewal, relaxation, and recreation through retreats, seminars, conferences, and camps in a Christ-centered atmosphere.

We invite you to join us in our 76th edition of camp!

Summer camp is known for its adventures and personal discovery. In 2022 we hit "Reset" with a chance to start again and move toward the purposes God has for us. This summer we continue our journey to see how God uses His creation, His Word, and those around us to "REVEAL" His will and purpose for us through Jesus. There is no better place than camp experience all His truths firsthand.

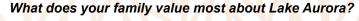
In the camp environment, we teach, explain, demonstrate, and reinforce Biblical truth in fun and memorable ways, no matter the activity. Campers develop physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually in a safe and trusted atmosphere to explore and discover God's plan for their life.

Encourage your camper to come and experience God in a vast, beautiful outdoor setting. Camp nurtures through Christian values that will build independence and reveal God's purpose for their lives while growing lifelong friendships and memories!

As your camper grows, they will continue to make mistakes, and we want to help them understand how God can reveal His purpose for any life to give them hope and a future!

We continue to encourage each family to consider your family's unique health concerns before registering. Deposit may only be refunded if the camper is sick or Lake Aurora cancels the program.





"We have seen positive change in both of our boys and we are thrilled they both grew in their relationship with Jesus Christ."

From a Camper Parent 2022



Residential Camps...

Both campuses experience extraordinary programs specifically designed for each age group, blending creative experiences with traditional camp activities from waterfront to campfires.

Lakeside Campus page 3

While camper groups are in smaller ratios, this program can accommodate up to 144 campers per session. This is a reduction of two beds per unit from previous years. Housing is in lakeview, dorm-style cabins with bunk beds, A/C, and adjacent bathroom. Meals are served in the dining hall.

Hillside Campus page 3

Located on the north side of our campus and housed in four cabins that include bunk beds, A/C, and adjacent bathroom. While camper groups are in smaller ratios, this program can accommodates up to 64 campers per session. This is a reduction of two beds per unit from previous years. Meals are served in the dining hall.

Campuswide page 3

This is a larger version of the regular camp programs utilizing both campuses for housing the same age group and transforming the Dining hall for both meals and worship times. Accommodate 208 campers per session, a reduction of two beds per housing unit.

Specialty Camp page 4

- Camp Friendship...Tailor-made three night camp opportunity to meet the unique needs of individuals with challenged abilities for ages 10 through adult.
- Girls Volleyball Camp... Girls 6th-12th grade combine athletic skill development with spiritual growth and life lessons.



Leadership Training

Camps... page 5
Servant Leadership! Developed for those who want to put their faith in action. These programs take Jesus' servant leader concepts and apply them to life, preparing true servant-leaders for Christ in His church. Big M.A.C. (Maturing As Christians), WHOLE camp, Aquatics Training, and Alpha programs challenge campers to discover the gifts God has given them to serve others. They focus on personal management and service skills which should help give the participant an edge in future life. Everyone in these programs learns to function as a team through a series of work, study, and play activities.

There is an application process for Big MAC WHOLE, and Alpha to help determine if a camper is ready for each program. Applications will be sent after the registration is received in the camp office with payment. Space is limited and the programs fill quickly. The Aquatics program has physical and age prerequisites from the Red Cross that campers need to meet at the start of the camp.

Should a camper not be accepted into a program, the fees can be applied to another program or refunded. Online registration not available for Alpha. Please use paper registration.





Lite Expeditions... page 4

Adventure camps for those that love the great outdoors and wants to "rough it". These programs are based in nearby scrub woods and waterways to awesome state parks

- Voice in the Wilderness... an introduction level for elementary campers to tent camping, wilderness experiences and "old Florida" while listening for the voice of God through nature.
- Canoe Camps... for rustic loving middle school and junior high campers down the Peace River!

The following programs are open to high schoolers entering 9-12th grade as well as those just completing high school.

- A Spiritual Survival Camp...located in a nearby wilderness area, an intense experience developed to challenge and stretch high school campers in their faith and comfort level leaving a lasting impression!
- Smoky Mountain Camp experiences God's Creation while hiking sections of the Appalachian Trial and rafting through the scenic Ocoee National Forest. The trips will be daylong hikes of moderate difficulty through the mountains of North Georgia.

Resident Camps

\$106

\$195

\$342

Lakeside



Camper capacity 144 per program*

Primary - Limited enrollment of 75

1 night camps Session A

Thursday 10:30 am - Friday 4 pm 1,2,3 Grades (**L123a**) June 8-9 Director: J. Littiken

Session B

Thursday 10:30 am - Friday 4 pm 1,2,3 Grades **(L123b)** July 20-21 Director: K. Haskett

2 night camps

Wednesday 4 pm - Friday 4 pm 2,3,4 Grades (**L234**) July 5-7 Director: J. Melenbacher

Elementary

4 night camps Sunday - Thursday

Sunday - Thursday Check-in 4 pm & Check out 10 am

4,5,6 Grades **(L456)** July 16-20 Director: J. Canary/K. Haskett

Hillside @ Campus

Camper capacity 64 per program*

Elementary

4 Night Camps \$34 Sunday 4 pm - Thursday 10 am 3,4,5 Grade (**H345a**) June 11-15

Director: K. Free

3,4,5 Grades (H345b) July 9-13

Director: Williams

4,5,6 Grade **(H456)**Director: L. Spencer



All camps are for the grade entering Fall '2023

Middle School

5 Night Camps

Sunday 4 pm - Friday 2 pm

5,6,7 Grade **(L567)** June 11-16

Director: E. Robinson

6,7,8 Grades **(L678a)** July 9-14

Director: Josh Mocherman

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July 23-28

\$450

6,7,8 Grades (**L678b**) Director: B. Palmer

Campuswide (CW) event - Housed on both Lakeside/Hillside campuses.

6,7,8 Grades (CW678) June 25-30 Director: A. Funes

High School

5 night camp \$461

Sunday 4 pm - Friday 2 pm

9-12 Grade **(CW912)** June 18-23 Director: B. Palmer

Campuswide camp...Conference style programming with all the adventure of the camp environment. We pull out the stops for an unforgettable high school camp experience.

Resident camp programming for both campuses experiences all the fun of summer camp including lakefront swimming, campfires, Bible study, wacky games, small counselor groups, awesome worship, terrific meals, and many outdoor activities on page 6.



"We've had children attending every year but one I believe in the last 23 years. From Campers, Lifeguards, Alphas and Omegas. We can't say enough good things about Lake Aurora!"

Life Expeditions

Wilderness Adventures





Experience God's natural world up close & personal through primitive camping, star strewn nights, campfires, exploring nearby state preserves & waterways to the mountains of north Georgia, learning skills from an era gone by and the friendship of new tent mates!

All programs begin on site and most travel to their destinations beginning on Monday, some on Sunday. Aurora Buck Discounts are available for these programs. Wilderness trips have minimum quotas and are dependent upon environmental conditions. If a program is cancelled full refunds issued.

Voice in the Wilderness \$320

Sunday 4pm - Thursday 10 am 4,5,6 Grades June 4-8 (LEViW 456) Director: Randy Garland

An introduction into primitive tent camping & campfire cooking while living in and exploring a wilderness setting at Lake Kissimmee State Park. Focus on listening to the voice of God while being introduced to experiences such as hiking, canoeing, star gazing, scripture reading, memory verses, devotions and singing around the campfire.

Canoe Camp \$320

Sunday 4 pm - Thursday 10 am

7, 8 & 9 Grades June 25-29 8, 9 & 10 Grades July 23-27 (LEcanoe 7-9 & 8-10) Director: Randy Garland

An amazing four night experience of tent camping, canoeing, & life on the Peace River for both guys and girls.

Camps end Thursdays at 10 am

Special preparation packing list available after registration. First and last nights are spent on the Lake Aurora campus with two nights primitive camping on the banks of the Peace River.

Smoky Mountain Back Pack

Sunday 4pm - Friday 4pm Solution Sunday 4pm - Friday 4pm June 18-23 (LE SMBP 9-12) Director: Randy Garland

A High School experience of day hike backpack trips and whitewater rafting adventure in the mountains of north Georgia and North Carolina. Explore during the day while returning to base camp each afternoon. Top it off with a trip down the Ocoee River with Nantahala Outdoor Center.

Spiritual Survival Camp \$426

Sunday 4pm - Friday 4pm
Grades 9 thru 12

(LESurv 912)

July 9-14

Director: Randy Garland

A unique and popular adventure, come experience primitive tent camping & campfire cooking while living in and exploring a wilderness setting. Spiritual principles are explored while learning compass/navigation skills, knots, & fire/shelter building. A rugged experience for spiritual growth, adventure, & lifelong benefits.

Program capacity is 10-18 campers per session Go online today and register early!



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Specialty Camps...

Girls Volleyball Camp \$342

Sunday 4pm - Thursday 10 am
Grades 6 thru 12 July 16-20
(SP VolleyballGirls) - All things Volleyball
Director: Johnson

A five day, four night adventure of learning strategies and extensive play opportunities all while applying biblical principles. Comfortable cabin housing and meals in dining hall. Ends 10 am Thursday.

Please note: Online registration opens in February

Register Online today!

Camp Friendship

Removing barriers to great experiences.

Wednesday 4 pm - Friday 4 pm Age 10 thru Adult w/self help skills July 5-7 Dir: Kim Meeks

Camp Friendship is planned especially for those with developmental and physical disabilities. Campers, each accompanied by a "special friend," will have opportunity to participate in a wide variety of experiences, including worship, Bible study, crafts, swimming, hayride and much more.

Separate registration application is required and is available at lakeaurora.org to download/print.

\$195



🚁 Leadership Training 💫



Servant Leadership

Aquatics Training

Red Cross Lifeguard* Age 15 and up May 30-June 3

Director: Lake Aurora Staff TUESDAY 4 pm - Saturday 12 pm

You will be trained for leadership at the waterfront through Red Cross lifeguard training. Encounter Christ-like staff, specific waterfront training and inspiring small groups. Specifically for those considering earning lifeguard certification.

Participants must be 15 years old by 5/30/23 and successfully complete a pre-course session of: a). Swim 500 yds continuously using breast stroke, crawl, & sidestroke. b) Tread water for 2 min. using legs only. c) Submerge to a depth of 7 ft, retrieve a 10 lb brick & return to surface. d) Swim 25 yds from shallow to deep, retrieve 10 lb brick, return to shallow end.

*This is a blended learning experience through Red Cross. Online classes and tests must be completed prior to arrival on campus. Two year certification as Lifeguarding + Waterfront including First-Aid & CPR.

WHOLE

Wilderness Hands-On Leadership Experience **Application Fee:**

Friday 3 pm - Thursday 4 pm

Grades 9-12 June 2-8 Dir: Randy Garland

Participants will ideally have completed previous Lake Aurora leadership camps or be highly recommended. Leadership and teamwork principles then focus toward service working with Voice in the Wilderness campers in meal prep, lessons and wilderness acitivities.

Space in this camp is limited.

Requirements: Application and recommendation



Maturing As Christians

\$450

Sunday 4 pm - Friday 2 pm Grades 8 & 9 June 4-9

Director: Josh Fell

In today's world, character is hard to find. Here you will find the true meaning of integrity, servanthood, respect, kindness, & gratitude. Specifically for those upper middle school campers that are serious about becoming a leader for Jesus Christ. This program sets the foundation for our leadership programs and there is an application process as not all that apply are accepted. Campers experience awesome Bible studies, incredible service opportunities, and radical waterfront fun.

Requirements:

1. Application process 2. Two references.

loha Program Grades 9-12

Application Fee:

\$75

(transferable if not selected)

Intern in vital support positions (kitchen help, dishwasher, assistants, grounds work) for summer camp in two week sessions. Limited to 12 campers per session. These are intense leadership development programs designed to instill in the participants the servant leader principles taught by Jesus. They will focus on time management and service skills which should help to give the participant an edge in future life. Everyone in these programs learns to function as a team through a series of work, study, and play activities.

Applications will be sent after the registration is received in the camp office with payment. Each session is for two weeks and earns the participant a camp scholarship for one week of camp. Highly recommended for campers to experience a Big MAC session prior to Alpha. Indicate a 1st & 2nd choice of sessions. Programs fill quickly.

B: June 18-30 **A:** June 4-16 C: July 5-14 * **D**: July 16-28

*Alpha C is a shortened session and earned scholarship is reduced.



Dear Parents,





Thank you for considering sending your child to a Christian camp, and particularly to Lake Aurora. Since you are taking into account our programs, we want to help you understand who we are and how we operate.

Lake Aurora is owned and operated by non-denominational Christian churches in central Florida. These churches furnish over 400 volunteers each summer to staff our programs. Lake Aurora also has a year-round professional staff who trains and orchestrates these volunteer workers. Our counselors and staff use a variety of methods to communicate spiritual truths including devotions, skits, teachable moments, interactive Bible studies, exploration of age appropriate social issues and campfires.

The health and safety of your child is important to us and we work hard to make our campus and programs safe. We make every effort to meet or exceed state and industry standards. Obviously there is always the chance for injury or illness to occur, so we do our best to be prepared for emergencies. As we continue to navigate viruses, we are doing our best to follow the recommendations of the ACA Camp Field Guide to reduce the spread of any contagious variant.

We are a camp who specializes in teaching Christian values and concepts. Thus, it is not unusual for campers to become motivated to make life decisions while at camp — often it is the decision to embrace Christianity. We do not promote any denomination, but counsel straight from the Bible.

Being a Christian camp does not mean that only Christians can attend. It does mean that Christian values are taught here, and that we are connected strongly with church programming. Lake Aurora attempts to blend the goals of the church, the parents, and the child into a unified program. We provide Bible based study and worship, we help the child discover appropriate responses to many social and family issues, and we provide an atmosphere of controlled fun.

Our fees are based on our actual costs — we are a not-for-profit ministry. Available through our supporting churches are "Aurora Bucks" (discounts) on select camp programs. The camp office can direct you to the church nearest you. Other scholarship programs may also be available from most churches. We do not want any camper to miss camp for financial reasons, so if you have need of financial assistance please call for a Lake Aurora Campership Application.

Most children have wonderful experiences at camp. That is our goal for your child. Thanks for giving us the chance to partner with you to provide your child with a fun, safe, and experiential learning adventure. Yours in Christian camping,

For Lakeside and Hillside, no day is typical, but it might look something like this...

7:45 am Breakfast 8:30 Cabin Cleanup 9 Personal Devotions 9:30 Activity Period 1 Activity Period 2 10:30 12 pm Lunch 12:30 Program Option 2 Activity Period 3 Canteen 3 Activity Period 4

4 Activity Period 5 5:30 Dinner

6:30

Activity Period 6

Vespers

Evening Fun (Skits, Talent, etc.) Canteen

Campfire

Lights out (Varies with age)

Sample only -- times/options may vary

On Site Activity Options:

- Swimming
- Archery
- Leathercrafts
- Canoe/Paddleboat
- Bible Study Nature Center
- Field Games
- Ropes Course*
- Climbing Tower/Zip* Life Application
- Pedal Carts Zoom Floom

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Double Zipline*

- Giant's Swing*
- Sand Volleyball
- Pole Fishing
- Social Issue
- Service Projects
- Banana Sled*
- Tubing'
- Roller Racers
- Game Room
- 18 Hole Disc Golf
- Gaga Ball
- Canopy High Ropes

* Dependent on age requirements. i.e. Blob & Banana begin at the 4,5,6 grade camps. Zipline at 5,6,7 grade.



The Lake Aurora





To create the most rewarding

Atmosphere

for everyone at camp, the following criteria listed below, will be expected from each camper...

Attitude ~ Christian conduct and character is expected at all times.

Time ~ You will be expected to follow the schedule.

Missing ~ You will not be permitted to leave the grounds except for scheduled excursions.

On & Off ~ Your clothing should be of a modest nature. The standards of the world are not the standards of Lake Aurora. This especially includes swimsuits. If clothing is inappropriate or immodest, you may be asked to change.

Sckness ~ All sickness and accidents must be reported to your counselor or infirmary promptly. Lake Aurora has a modest accident insurance policy covering each camper.

Promotion ~ Shirts and clothing promoting alcohol/ tobacco products, suggestive statements, grotesque scenes, or graphics not consistent with a Christian environment may not be worn or displayed. This includes vehicles.

ealthy ~ Tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and illegal items & other such products are not permitted.

ducation & Electronics ~ To maximize the camper experience -- DO NOT BRING cell phones, handheld gaming devices, WiFi enabled devices including, smart watches, ipods, tablets, etc. Prank related items are not allowed.

Rights ~ While at camp your rights will be determined by The Golden Rule of Christ. Christianity is and always has been a religion that was based on one "denying ones self". This principle will affect what you say, what you do, what is expected of you, & what you can expect from others.

Imergency ~ For the benefit of the camper, telephone usage will be for emergency use only. Campers should plan to communicate with their parents & friends by writing. **Do not bring cell phones.** If brought, they will be stored in the Director's possession for the duration of the program.

What to Bring...

Registrations will be confirmed by the camp.

Helpful links on our website:

Click on Summer Camp and select from the top menu bar for these options:

- What to bring link will have packing list and Check in brochures to guide you through check in day and check out procedures.
- The Prepared Parent link will answer a lot of questions about camp life.
- Healthy Camp to help prepare healthwise.

Items coming to camp that are not permissible may be "held" by the camp staff until the end of the program for safe keeping. Cell phones are NOT permitted for campers.

Values from the perspective of a Christian are taught and practiced here. Therefore, in swimming, if modesty is questioned, a dark colored t-shirt should be worn over the swimsuit. At all other times, clothing of both males and females should remain modest and decent. If clothing is inappropriate, the camper may be asked to change. Remember, the standards of the world are not the standards at Lake Aurora. Review the "criteria" for camp atmosphere to the left.

Water Safety...

Whenever swimming and boating activities are open, certified lifeguards are on duty. Boaters must wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets (provided). Personal safety and the proper use of the equipment is emphasized at all times. Power boat water sports adhere to industry wide safety standards. As a progression of activities available to campers, the "Blob"& "Banana" are options for 4th grade and up. The youngest camp programs experiencing these water sports begin where 4th graders are the youngest campers in the program.









info@lakeaurora.org

Registration Tips

Camps are for the grade ENTERING in the fall of 2023. Correct grade group is required.

Fast and Easy Online Option:



- Previous Camper parents: If you forgot your username and password, follow online instructions or contact techsupport@ lakeaurora.org.
- Have all necessary payment and medical information readily accessible before starting.
- Deposit is required to reserve a space but you may log in and continue to make payments prior to camp.
- 2023 Church group reservation available.
 A church pays a deposit on the number of spaces needed. A link is sent to families to complete information. Church responsible for tuition. Unused group registrations canceled 45 days out from program start date.

Scan to Register Online



Express Check-in...Camp fee paid in full 3 days prior to check in. Express Check-in campers go straight to housing assignment area. Campers with any "balance due" must check-in at the Ministry Center Office prior to getting in line for housing assignment.

Please register camper for grade entering in the Fall. Camp Codes: letter stands for the campus and numbers indicate grade entering. (L123 - Lakeside 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade)

A deposit (portion of total fee) must accompany registration. "Aurora Buck" discount coupon may not be used as a deposit. Outstanding balance is due at check-in. Deposits are not transferable or refundable unless a waitlist. All but the deposit is refundable if requested two weeks in advance. Exceptions include illness or symptoms that develop up to three days prior to camp program.

Reveal

To see God's creation is to see/reveal God. "But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind." Job 12:7-10

Our Goal..

To make the camper aware that their whole life is lived before God, giving them biblical principles and a chance to practice them in a safe environment.

Open Admission...

Acceptance and participation in the Lake Aurora programs are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap.

Important Points...

Register Earlyl

Many camps fill quickly. We encourage you to register early and online. Registrations cannot be taken over the phone and a deposit is needed to reserve a "spot".

If finances are an issue, please initially contact your local church for available assistance through an 'Aurora Buck' and/ or camper scholarship. "Aurora Bucks" are not limited to church members but are encouraged for free distribution to community. Lake Aurora has limited assistance available through Campership applications "Scholarship Fund". Contact our Campership Coordinator at 863.696.1102 or info@lakeaurora.org.

Register online at lakeaurora.org.

Campership..

It is our policy to not turn someone away because of finances, but expenses and costs still exist. Therefore, individuals and churches are encouraged to sponsor children to camp who otherwise could not afford the opportunity of attending a program. Please consider a gift for "campership" to help fund camp for those that request help.

If assistance is needed for your camper, please contact the camp office for a campership request. Campership for one program per camper per summer.

Pre-Ordered T-shirts...

Purchase the 2023 camp shirt for \$15 with your registration until June 1. Available in the camp store as supplies last. Pick up ordered camp shirt on check-in day. Please label shirts immediately upon pick up. We can not replace lost shirts..



Group Photos...

Purchase an 8x12 photo of the entire group program your camper attends. Includes campers and counselors for their program. §6 a photo.

"What I value most is... I attended camp there 25 years ago, It means a lot that my grandkids can experience the same great camp that I love and trust."

2022 Parent



- ➡ Waiting lists are based on the date that registrations are received in the CAMP office whether by mail or online.
- ⇒ "Walk-ons" may not be accepted due to full programs! PLEASE -- Do not bring a "walk-on" camper to check-in.
- ➡ Confirmations by email or postal mail. Check in day information available online. Special at home heath pre-screening requested.
- □ CHECK OUT TIMES vary.
 See program time frames.



Prepayment of optional items are for your convenience. They are also available for purchase at check in and check out while supplies last. Camp shirt is available for pre-sale until June 1.

Hillside and Lakeside fees include a \$5 'Store Card' except when using Group Registration.. See "The Prepared Parent" online for more details.

Check IN: for most camps

4-5 pm except... **Primary Camps -**

L123a, L123b Check-in - 10:30 am

Note

Check OUT: for 5 night camps Lakeside/Hillside 2 pm

Special Check out times:

Grade groups 1,2,3 & 2,3,4 = 4 pm Grade groups 3,4,5 & 4,5,6 = 10 am Canoe Trips/Voice in Wilderness = 10 am

"Amazing Experience...

The counselors where amazing, my son had Christian and my daughter had Becca and they bragged all the way home about how much fun they had." Parent on Google Review

Mail Call...



Campers look forward to receiving mail. "Mail Call" silliness varies with each program. E-mails are delivered to counselors and not through "mail call". Due to the nature of retrieval, e-mails are not considered private. Please do not send shaving cream, silly string, water balloons & other "prank" related items. As an option, consider "The Wrinkled Egg" for great "care packages". Check out the link on our webpage. Or check out our camp store on check-in day for Lake Aurora "goodies" that may be left at the camp office for delivery on the desired day.

Include the following information on all mail: Camper Name

Program & Cabin Name Lake Aurora Christian Camp 237 Golden Bough Road Lake Wales, FL 33898-9410

Online Photos

One way e-mails and photos are available thru "Bunk1" on the parent portal or by downloading the app. Parents must grant access for guests. Provided by an outside service so there is an additional charge for emails and downloads.

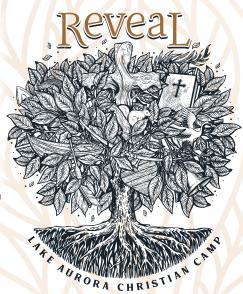


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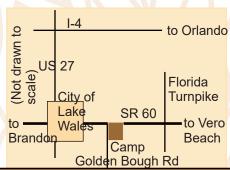






Directions

Lake Aurora is located just south of S.R. 60, about 8 miles east of U.S. 27 or 40 miles west of the Turnpike. It is on Golden Bough Road, a paved road turning south off S.R. 60. A camp sign is on the SE corner of Golden Bough and S.R. 60, and the Shell Gas Station is on the SW corner.













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