



# Panther Camp 2021 REGISTRATION FORM

## Great Plains Lutheran High School (Please Note COVID Adjustments)



When: Wednesday evening, June 9, through Saturday morning, June 12

Who: Students entering Grades 8 & 9

What: A GPLHS Experience Camp

Where: At GPLHS, 1200 Luther Ln NE, Watertown, South Dakota

Why: Fellowship, Fun, Worship and Develop Your Gifts and Abilities

How: Read this information, Make your choices, Submit your registration!

### Panther Camp 2021 Summary with COVID Adjustments

Panther Camp 2021 is a GPLHS experience camp for young people who will be interested in fun, getting acquainted or reacquainted with other young Christians, getting to know the GPLHS family, and developing God-given gifts and talents. Whether in worship, Bible study, or other activities, we will strive to honor God with the gifts he has given.

Due to the COVID Pandemic, there are a few adjustments in how Panther Camp will be hosted. As usual, Panther Camp is going to be held on the campus of Great Plains Lutheran High School in Watertown, SD. It will utilize all of the school's facilities, including the dormitory. However, this year, local campers will get to stay at home; longer distance campers will stay in the GPLHS dorm. Both local and dormitory campers will be expected to participate in all of the daily events. We are limiting the number of days of camp to two full days and the amount of campers to those entering the 8th and 9th grades for the 2021-22 school year. Our purpose for our adjustments is concern for the health of everyone involved with Camp and to minimize the possibility of COVID spread and possible contact.

Our fees for each camper remain a nominal \$100. A non-refundable registration fee of \$10 is due May 1. The balance of \$90 is due on or before June 1. Panther Camp will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Many unique features of Panther Camp remain the same. Participants are able to choose from a menu of electives. Campers will be scheduled for three elective sessions, based on their interests and list of preferences. Summaries of all the electives are provided on pages 2 and 3. Please note that electives are offered at specific times, and choices should be made accordingly. In addition to these electives, all campers will get to participate in various general activities. Activities may include off-campus outings (for example, swimming at the lake) and elective field trips. Electives will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Panther Camp is staffed by GPLHS faculty, staff, and coaches with the assistance of GPLHS students and alumni.

### Instructions for Registration

1. Complete a separate registration form for each camper.
2. Be sure all information and signatures are provided.
3. Include a check (payable to GPL Panther Camp) for the \$10 registration fee.  
*Prepayment in full (\$100) is appreciated!*
4. Please include a copy of your health insurance card.
5. Mail or hand deliver registrations to GPLHS, 1200 Luther Ln NE, Watertown, SD 57201
6. A registration confirmation will be sent to you **by email**.

Questions? Contact Pastor Tony Hansen - [thansen@gplhs.org](mailto:thansen@gplhs.org) - 605-886-0672

***Panther Camp 2021 - General Information***

## ***Panther Camp 2021 - Elective Summaries***

### SESSION 1 ELECTIVES

**FOOTBALL** – Instructor: Aaron Schleusener (Session 1)

This elective will allow young people to learn some of the basics of the game of football. Sessions will include basic ball handling skills, basic stance and defensive techniques. Participants will get a chance to try various positions and learn some of the drills the Panther football team uses. There will be several different competitions throughout the week. It should be a fun time for all as we learn a great game! *(Athletic clothing and tennis shoes are required; cleats are extremely helpful if you have them)*

**VOLLEYBALL** – Instructor: Anna Swanson (Session 1)

Participants in volleyball camp can expect to learn and polish their fundamentals of the game, as well as have the opportunity to play and grow alongside—God-willing—their future teammates! Sessions will consist of drills and competitive gameplay to develop and sharpen skills in passing, serving, digging, hitting, blocking, and setting. Proper footwork, movement, positions, and rotation will also be taught, and teamwork and on-court communication will be stressed. *(Athletic clothing and clean court shoes are required for this elective; knee pads are strongly recommended.)*

**CHESS** – Instructors: Gene Jaeger & Colin Jaeger (Session 1)

Do you love to play chess? Do you like to play chess? Do you know how the pieces move, but aren't really sure what to do with them? Do you wish you knew how the pieces moved? Can you beat your mom or dad? Do you want to learn how to beat your mom or dad? If any of these apply to you, join us for GPL Chess! From the basics of piece movement to checkmating strategies, opening theory, sneak attacks, and why pawns are the soul of chess – plus lots of chances to practice what you've learned against other campers and GPL students – this camp has it all! *(Boards, sets, and hopefully clocks provided, or bring your own favorite pieces.)*

**CHINESE** - Instructor: Carina Rahn (Session 1) *(Max Enrollment: 20)*

This elective will introduce campers to some of the food, music, language, and stories of China. The country of China takes up 18% of the world's population and has the second largest economy. It's history goes back 5000 years and has more ethnic groups than any other country in the world. There is so much to learn and enjoy in this elective such as authentic Chinese food and snacks, your first Chinese conversation, a virtual tour of the land and people, and celebrate a little bit of Chinese New Year. This elective will be a way to travel without actually traveling!

### SESSION 2 ELECTIVES

**BOYS BASKETBALL** – Instructor: GPLHS Boys Basketball Coach Mike Haugly & Tyler Wahl (Session 2)

This elective will allow campers to learn the basic skills and knowledge used in the game of basketball. Sessions will teach offensive and defensive strategies, allowing time for practice of both. Sessions will also include instruction and activities reinforcing skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and rebounding. Campers will have a chance to apply these skills during scrimmages. Let's play some basketball! *(Athletic clothing and clean court shoes are required for this elective.)*

**ART**— Instructor: Linda Guthmiller (Session 2) *(Max Enrollment: 20)*

During the Renaissance, the wealthy collected possessions of value and interest and placed them in “Curiosity Cabinets” — specially designed wooden boxes with shelves and drawers built to display their collections. In this art section, campers will create their own “curiosity box” using a collage technique known as assemblage. Found objects, cut-outs, photos and a diverse number of materials are assembled in a sculptural, three-dimensional collage centered around a personal theme — something that is meaningful to each camper. We will also learn how to use acrylic paints on canvas for the curiosity box.

*(More 2nd Session Electives and Session 3 Electives on Page 3)*

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SCIENCE - Instructor: Sam Kleinke (Session 2) (*Max Enrollment: 20*)

Forensic Science/Crime Scene Investigations. Learn how scientists are able to use evidence found at a crime scene to solve mysterious events. Discover how to process a crime scene, use lab equipment to analyze the evidence, work collaboratively with a team, and ultimately solve the case!

### **SESSION 3 ELECTIVES**

GIRLS BASKETBALL — Instructor: GPL Girls Coaches Matt Bauer and Aaron Schleusener (Session 3)

This elective will provide players, especially those who want to play on the GPL Girls Basketball Team, with opportunities to learn and practice important fundamental skills and strategies in ball handling, shooting, passing, rebounding, defense and offense. Players will apply these skills in contests and game settings. This is a great opportunity for future Panthers to start learning to play the Panther Way! (Athletic clothing and clean court shoes are required for this elective.)

COOKING — Instructor: Lynn Maertz, (St. Martin's Lutheran School) (Sessions 3) (*Max Enrollment: 12*)

In this session participants will learn/review basic food preparation safety. They will learn and put into practice skills that can be used in a lifetime of cooking as they prepare dishes which they will get to enjoy and upon which they can build their culinary future for years to come. Come learn to cook!

ORAL INTERPRETATION - Instructor: Eric Martens (Session 3)

Explore the art of public speaking and the seven categories of SD Oral Interp. Campers will learn about each category: poetry, duet, readers theatre, oratory, storytelling, serious and humor. As time allows, campers will explore pieces in the categories, practice speaking them, and share them with the other members of the session.

TECHNOLOGY — SCRATCH Instructor: Ryan Rosenthal (Session 2) (*Max Enrollment: 10*)

Have you ever wondered how people program computers to do all those cool things? This elective will introduce you to a simple coding tool called Scratch. Scratch will allow you to get a feel for how computer programming works and the wide variety of things you can do with it. Scratch can be used to program interactive stories, games, and animations — and share creations with others in the online community. Scratch helps young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively — essential skills for life in the 21st century.

### **ELECTIVES BY SESSION**

Session #1 (AM Early)

Football, Volleyball, Chess, Chinese

Session #2 (AM Late)

Boys' Basketball, Art, Science

Session #3 (PM After Lunch)

Girls' Basketball, Cooking, Oral Interp, Science

### **What Do I Do Next?**

- 1) Make a first, second and third choice for each session.
- 2) Enter your choices and alternates on the registration form.
- 3) Choices will be granted based on schedule and space availability.

# Panther Camp 2021 - Need To Know

## Daily Schedule

### Wednesday, June 9

6:00 PM	Registration - Move In - Get Settled
8:30 PM	Introductions – Instructions – Mixer
9:00 PM	Devotion
10:00 PM	In Dorm
10:30 PM	Lights Out

### Saturday, June 12

7:30 AM	Wake Up
7:45 AM	Breakfast
8:15 AM	Clean Up / Breakfast Chores
9:00 AM	Bible Study / Recruitment
10:00 AM	Clean Up of Rooms / Pack Up
11:00 AM	Closing Devotion – Check Out

### Thursday and Friday, June 10 -11

7:30 AM	Wake Up
7:45 AM	Breakfast
8:15 AM	Clean Up – Chores
8:35 AM	Bible Study (All Campers)
9:15 AM	Session #1
10:45 AM	Session #2
12:30 PM	Lunch – Chores
1:30 PM	Session #3
3:00 PM	Free Time
3:30 PM	Swimming – Field Trips, Etc.
5:30 PM	Clean Up – Rest Up
6:00 PM	Supper
6:30 PM	Chores – Free Time
7:30 PM	Panther Olympics
8:45 PM	Snack - Devotion - Singing
10:00 PM	In Dorm
10:30 PM	Lights Out

## IMPORTANT Notes

1. COVID 19 Safety: For the protection and safety of everyone involved and to slow the spread of the coronavirus, all campers, GPLHS Faculty, Staff and Counselors will be required to wear face coverings while indoors in the classroom building, in the dormitory commons, and while riding in school vehicles. Face coverings may be removed when involved with physically active electives, outside school buildings, and in individual dormitory rooms. Practicing social distancing and hand washing and sanitizing is highly encouraged.
2. Panther Camp is an active/interactive experience. One vital part of camp is getting enough rest. If you do not intend to respect and follow the 10:30 p.m. lights out/quiet time, please do not register!
3. All campers are expected to participate in all activities organized for the entire group.
4. Campers are not allowed to leave campus unless on a planned and supervised group outing.
5. Phones. All cell phones / smart phones will be assigned a special “pocket in the dorm” for safe keeping and to minimize distractions. Campers will be able to use their phones during free time and the supper ‘hour,’ but will remain in the pockets otherwise. In case of emergencies during other parts of the day, parents may contact our staff and the staff will contact your camper: Dorm 605-886-7432 ext. 1, Pastor Hansen 605-880-5792, Pastor Maertz 605-868-2414, the GPLHS School office 605-886-0672 (business hours).
6. Please do not arrive before 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9.
7. Do not plan to leave before 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 12.
8. All campers must check out with camp staff before departure.
9. PLEASE BRING...Your Bible; pen or pencil; folder for handouts; pillow, bedding (including mattress pad) /sleeping bag, towels, washcloths, and toiletries; alarm clock (not cell phone), small fan (optional), suitable clothes for camp and athletics, swim suit, jacket; insect repellent, sunscreen, and medications. Note: camp staff will not administer any over the counter medications. All prescription medications must be turned in to camp staff with written instructions for their administration.
10. DO NOT BRING... Anything illegal such as weapons, illegal substances, matches, lighters or fireworks. Leave at home your radios, large fans (our dorm is air-conditioned), extra food, or cash. (You will not need cash while at camp.)
11. Panther Camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
12. We will all act like Christians at all times and treat each other with love and respect. If and when discipline needs to be administered, it may include a possible trip home—at any time.

# Panther Camp 2021 - Registration Form

Please use a separate form for **EACH** camper. Fill in ALL Information. Copy as necessary.

NAME OF CAMPER: \_\_\_\_\_

MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE NEXT YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

T-SHIRT SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_ YM \_\_\_\_\_ YL \_\_\_\_\_ AS \_\_\_\_\_ AM \_\_\_\_\_ AL \_\_\_\_\_ AXL \_\_\_\_\_ AXXL

**Local Camper:** Check this box if you are a local camper.

**Longer Distance Camper:** Check this box if you live a longer distance from GPLHS and will be staying in the dorm.

(Longer Distance Camper Only - If needed) Roommate preference: \_\_\_\_\_

*You may list one person. Be sure that person also lists you. Requests will be honored as needed and when possible.*

In case of emergency, parent(s) work or cell numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact(s)** if parent or guardian cannot be reached. Please list name, relationship and phone number:

① \_\_\_\_\_ ② \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Location of Home Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

## Elective Choices - Please see the list of elective options for each session on page 3

	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
Session #1	_____	_____	_____
Session #2	_____	_____	_____
Session #3	_____	_____	_____

## Camper Health Information, Consent & Release, and Understanding

Please list any health concerns or physical restrictions camp staff should be aware of. It is assumed that those registering for athletic camps are able to fully participate in these camps.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The camper named above has my permission to engage in all camp activities except those listed above. I understand that there is inherent risk of accident or injury in all activities. In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby authorize the directors of Panther Camp to act for me according to their best judgment in any situation requiring medical attention. All liabilities for accidents or injuries will be assumed by me, the parent or guardian. I release Panther Camp and other sponsoring agencies, their volunteers and staff from all liability for any damage, injury, or loss associated with Panther Camp.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a copy of your health insurance card with your registration.

### CAMPER Understanding, Acknowledgement and Signature

I (camper) have read, understand and agree to the "Important Notes" on pg. 4 of this Panther Camp Registration:

\_\_\_\_\_ (camper signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

## Payment

Please make checks payable to GPL Panther Camp

A non-refundable fee of \$10 is due with this registration by May 1. The balance of \$90 is due on or before June 1.

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Balance due: \_\_\_\_\_