

Welcome to Kids Camp!

We hope that your child is excited and ready for an awesome week of experiences with Jesus, friends, and fun activities at camp! The kids camp staff is ecstatic, desiring to follow the will of God. The Holy Spirit is going to move and do great things in their life. In this packet there are materials that you will need to prepare well for camp.

Included:

- Check-In & Pick-Up Instructions
- Directions to Camp & Camp Map
- The Packing List & General Rules

Information to Know:

- All remaining balances are due in full by **Monday, July 17, 2023**.
- Every camper must have a camper medical form on file with a parent/guardian signature. Please have this form completely filled out, and ready to hand in on the first day of camp at registration! If you need this form, there is a link in your camper's registration confirmation email, otherwise please go to www.reslife.org/camp to print the form. Thank you for your attention to this detail. You may pick up a copy of this document in the ResKids office as well.
- Please check your child(ren) for head lice and nits 2 weeks before leaving to come to camp. If head lice and/or nits are found, this will allow adequate time for treatment to take place so that the child is able to attend camp.
- If you have a child who occasionally or regularly wets the bed at night, please bring pull-ups for them. The nurses can keep these in the nurses station if you would like. The nurses can also distribute them to the camper for privacy purposes if you prefer. By being prepared and having these supplies on hand, we can eliminate embarrassment if the child does have an accident while at camp.
- The parent/guardian is responsible for transportation. This includes to and from kids camp.

If you have any questions or concerns please call the ResKids office at 616-261-3751. The Kids Camp leadership team looks forward to seeing you at Kids Camp!

Sincerely in Christ,
Kids Camp Leadership Team

CHECK-IN: DATE & TIME

Monday, July 24, 2023 1:30PM - 2:30PM

Entrance & Parking: Please use the main entrance to Camp Ao-Wa-Kiya! There is a map of the camp and directions to the camp included in this packet. There will be greeters who will open the gates no later than 1:00PM. They will direct you to the correct parking area. Once you have parked, please go to the camp gym to register your child(ren). If you have any questions regarding the location of the gym, please refer to the camp map or ask the attendants who will be in the parking lot when you arrive at camp. For a faster registration process, please have your camper medical form completely filled out and ready to turn in. Please have the medications you bring to camp in a plastic bag and in their original bottles with their name and birthdate on them. All camp balances need to be paid in full by **July 17, 2022**. Once you have gone through the registration process, you, your child(ren), and all luggage can be brought to the cabin. *Note: Only the camper and one parent need to go through the registration process. Your family and luggage may want to wait in the main parking lot while you go through registration.*

CHECK-IN STEPS:

Please read the step-by-step check-in process!

Step 1 - Welcome - Camper changes (pick up authorizations) and camper medical forms.

Step 2 - Registration - Every camper must first register before receiving their boarding pass

Step 3 - Nurses Station - All medications, including over-the-counter medications, must be given to the nurses at registration. Please bring these to camp in a plastic bag and in their original bottles with their name and birthdate on them.

Step 4 - T-Shirts - Every camper will receive a free t-shirt!

Step 5 - Mail can be dropped off in the tubs in the gym.

Step 6 - Go to your cabin! - Please take your campers and all luggage to the cabin right after registration. Thank you!

CENTER/CABIN ARRIVAL:

At each cabin you will be greeted by your camper's counselor! Please have your camper's boarding pass ready to show them. The boarding pass needs to be given to the counselor in the cabin. Once this has been done, you can unload the luggage and say your goodbyes. Once you have said goodbye, you can go back to the parking lot and head home.

If you do not have a Boarding Pass, you will be asked to go back to registration

PICK-UP: DATE & TIME - You must have a photo ID for verification!

Friday, July 28, 2023 9:30AM - 10:00AM

Please use the main entrance to camp Ao-Wa-Kiya. Please refer to the camp map and directions. There will be greeters who will open the gate at 9:00AM. They will direct you to the correct parking lot. Once you have parked, please go to the camp gym to check out your camper and to receive your camper release pass.

Note: Your camper's luggage will be with them in the cabin! All medications need to be picked up from the nurses in the gym.

PICK-UP STEPS:

If you will be picking up your child(ren) from camp, you must be listed as an authorized pick-up or an alternate pick-up person. You must also present a photo ID at pick-up. The following steps will take place before any camper is released to go home.

Step 1 - Photo ID and Verification - Your ID and the verification of your name on the camper release list will be checked. If your name is not listed as an authorized pick-up or alternate pickup person we may not release the camper to you and you will not receive a camper release card. The staff will need to call the parent/guardian listed on the camper application for permission of the camper release, which can take a while. Please have your ID ready and please make sure your name is listed.

Step 2 - Camper Release Card - Anyone who is picking up a camper from their cabin needs to have a camper release card. The camper release card has the camper's name and cabin listed on it. You will use this card to pick-up your camper.

Step 3 - Medications - If your camper brought medications to camp, please pick them up from the nurses in the gym.

Step 4 - Camper Release - When you arrive at the cabin, please give the counselor your camper release card. You will be asked to sign the cabin release sheet. By signing this sheet, it signifies that the camper is now in your care.

CAMPER PACKING LIST:

Please label all belongings with your child's first and last name. As well as a phone number for Bibles, notebooks, and other belongings you would like to be contacted about if lost.

WHAT TO PACK:

Campers do not need dress clothes, but they should have a wide variety of casual attire including jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. for warm days and cool nights.

- Pajamas, underwear, and an abundance of socks
- Warm jacket, hat, and a raincoat is good to have
- Modest one-piece swimsuit or tankini, beach towel, and sunscreen
- Two pairs of shoes (one pair that can get wet and one closed-toe)
- Flip Flops (can be worn in showers)
- Towel, washcloth, toiletries, and a comb or brush
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag and/or twin bedding
- Pull-ups - We will be very discreet about this. (The nurses can keep them in the nurses station if you prefer)
- Bible, notebook, and pen
- Long pants
- Disposable cameras are optional but nice to have!
- Bug spray and sunscreen
- Backpack
- Water Shoes

WHAT IS REQUIRED:

- Water Bottle
- Flashlight

WHAT IS NOT ALLOWED:

- Food (this includes candy)
- Candy received in the mail
- Valuables
- Over-the-counter medications - We do have a supply of medications at camp, but if you have a particular brand you prefer to use, please send them to camp with your camper in a Ziploc bag with the child's first and

last name on the medication/bag. These must be given to the nurses at check-in on the first day of camp. Medications of any kind are not allowed in the cabin.

- Money
- Radios, gaming devices, or iPods
- Cell phones

IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES:

Emergency phone calls will be received at Camp Ao-Wa-Kiya at 231-861-2466. We will receive messages on this phone once a day from the camp office. You may also try our cell phones, however reception is not the best. Pastor Jesse Cabrera (616) 405-4252 or Lexi Schutter (616) 430-3166.

CAMPER MAIL (We strongly suggest you bring your mail with you to camp)

Mail is a highlight of a camper's week and is distributed daily! Please bring your child's mail with you on the first day of camp to registration check-in, there will be tubs separated by the days of the week that you can put the mail in. If you would like the mail to be separated by the days of the week, please write the day you would like it to be given on the envelope. We highly recommend that you bring your mail to camp! Or, if you prefer to send mail, please send it no later than Wednesday and include the following information in the mailing address: (No candy in the mail please)

Camp Ao-Wa-Kiya
Campers First and Last Name
Cabin Name
8401 Thomas Pike
Shelby, MI 4945

GENERAL CAMP RULES:

Building relationships between campers and staff is one of the kids camp primary goals. For this reason, kids camp will enforce the following policies:

1. Campers can not leave the camp during the week unless authorized by the kids camp leadership team.
2. Camp does not have visiting periods for family or friends since the sessions are short.
 - a. The state of Michigan mandates that anyone on camp property is required to have a completed volunteer application and a background check.
3. Homesickness is a normal reaction to a new environment and camp staff are trained in dealing with homesickness.
 - a. Phone calls to and from camp can exaggerate homesickness and therefore we do not allow campers access to the phones. The kids camp leadership staff will contact you in case of an emergency or if your child is struggling.
4. Radios, iPods, electronic games, cell phones, and like items are not permitted and will be held by the kids camp leadership staff and returned at the end of the week.
5. Camp Dress Code:
 - a. Modest clothing - No improper wording or graphics
 - b. Long shorts - no short-shorts
 - c. T-shirts with sleeves - no string tank tops, midriff shirts, muscle shirts, etc.
 - d. Modest 1-piece swimsuit or tankini
 - e. Safe footwear - 2 pairs
 - f. Flip flops are helpful in the shower
 - g. Water shoes are helpful for aquatic activities

Behavioral/Non-Behavioral Dismissal Policy:

The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss/send home a camper who, in his/her opinion, is jeopardizing the safety and/or rights of others, or rejected the reasonable authority and rules of camp. Grounds for sending home a camper include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Fighting, verbal assaults, and any form of violence directed at campers or staff.
- A disregard for camp policies, rules, other campers, and staff. Examples: profanity and direct disobedience.
- Behavior which negatively affects the experience of other campers: taunting, bullying, not respecting the rights of others, difficulty relating to peers and authority figures.
- Vandalism. Financial restitution will be required.
- The use or possession of tobacco products, alcohol, drugs, and/or weapons.
- Camper unable to care for personal hygiene.
- Prolonged one-on-one care of a camper due to emotional health, homesickness, physically unable to keep up with daily schedule due to medical or non-medical reasons.

The kids camp leadership staff will treat each camper with love and respect. They will work diligently with the camper and the parent to avoid discipline problems. However, sometimes problems do occur and warrant parental involvement and/or dismissal from camp.

Camp AO-WA-KIYA 8401

W. Thomas Pike (Rd.) Shelby, MI
49455

Phone# (231) 861-2466

*****PLEASE DO NOT TRUST YOUR GPS. USE THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS*****

Take I-96 West toward Muskegon.

Merge onto US-31 North via Exit 1B toward Ludington

Take exit 140 for M-20/Stony Lake Rd toward New Era

Turn left onto MI-20 / W. Stony Lake RD.

Continue to follow W. Stony Lake Rd until it dead-ends at Scenic Drive.

Turn right onto Scenic Dr / CR-B15 (Stony Lake will soon be on your right.)

Continue on Scenic Dr. (and pass W. Thomas Road) to W. Stone Road.

Turn right onto W. Stone Road (and continue to 28th Ave.)

Turn right onto S. 28th Ave (you will see a Camp AWK sign)

S. 28th Ave turns slightly right and becomes W. Thomas Pike (follow the road until you see the camp sign.)



