



## **Welcome to Kids Camp 2024!**

This is a packet of information you will want to know for Kids Camp! The Kids Camp leadership staff wants to encourage you to begin praying for camp if you have not already. By our prayers we usher the presence of God to come and move in a great way at camp. There are a lot of awesome things God wants to do at camp, but He needs our participation according to His will. Please be in the Bible daily and ask 5 people to be praying for you during camp. We get to see what God does in the lives of the kids as well as in our own lives! Our camp mission statement states:

***“Kids Camp exists to SHOW kids Christ, enabling them to KNOW Christ, GROW in Christ, and then GO in Christ.”***

## **Important Dates**

- Wed July 17 | Training in the Chapel | 6:00pm
  - Wed July 24 | Prayer & Fasting for Camp
- Sun August 4 | State of MI Mandatory Training (Childcare provided for volunteer children) | @ Camp

Questions? Call Lexi (616) 261-3751

Sincerely In Christ,

The Kids Camp Leadership Team

### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS:**

Emergency phone calls will be received at Camp Harvest's office:  
847-242-1609

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- *Please be aware that cell phone reception varies*

### **Registration:** Field by the entrance

- **Step 1 - Registration:**
  - 1) All volunteers and campers register
  - 2) Turn in volunteer and camper medical forms
  - 3) Receive your volunteer materials and lanyard
- **Step 2 - Nurses:**
  - All volunteers and campers need to see the nurses.
  - **Medication Policy:** The State of Michigan requires that all prescription medications and over-the-counter medications be in their original bottles with only the amount needed for the camper's length of stay. All prescription bottles should come in a Ziploc bag with the camper's name on it and will be turned in to the Nurses upon arrival.
- **Step 3 - T-Shirts:**
  - All volunteers and campers will receive a free t-shirt

### **Volunteer Training & Childcare:**

- Volunteer training will be in the Chapel and childcare will be in the Cafeteria.

### **Volunteer EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES:**

- **Job Descriptions & Policy & Procedures:**
  - All camp volunteers are required to read their Job Description and Policy & Procedures manual. **This is required by the State of Michigan.** This enables you to be well prepared and helps you **accomplish everything God has planned for you the week of camp!**
- **Camp Facilities & Property:**
  - Destruction of camp facilities and/or property is not permitted. Any damage is to be reported immediately to leadership. If you see campers throwing sticks or stones at camp property or one another please address the issue right away and stop them. It is our job to keep the camp clean and free of trash. This includes cabins, housing areas, and all other facilities and property.

- **Leaving Camp:**
  - Leaving camp disrupts the relationship building process so our camp program does not permit leaving.
- **Visitors are not allowed:**
  - We do background checks on all staff for the safety of our campers, we have no visitation at camp.
- **Behavior & Conduct:**
  - **None of the following will be tolerated by our volunteers or campers:** Pranks or hazing of any kind including pillow fights, bullying, fighting, swearing, questionable language, teasing, coarse joking, or name calling.
  - **We will Speak: Life and Truth! We will speak the word of God!**
- **Cabin & Housing Rules:**
  - No male or females are allowed in the opposite sex cabins/area centers.
  - No food is allowed in the cabins.
  - As a volunteer you are expected to follow the schedule, including lights out. -Volunteers are not to be outside of their cabins after lights out unless it is an emergency.
  - Volunteers and campers are responsible for cleaning their cabins and housing areas before going home. It is helpful to have the campers clean them each day!
- **Weapons & Drugs:**
  - **No weapons of any kind are permitted on camp property.** This includes knives, guns, fireworks, or any other weaponry.
  - No illegal drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, cigars and chewing tobacco are allowed on camp property.
  - All medications and over-the-counter medications must be turned in to the nurses station at registration on Sunday for all volunteers.
- **Relationships:**
  - The following guidelines are for the protection of all volunteers and campers. The six inch rule applies to campers and volunteers of the opposite sex.
  - At camp there will be no cuddling, holding hands, kissing, touching, or any other public displays of affection (PDA). It is understood that there are couples who serve together at camp. However, at camp it is expected that you will refrain from displays of affection. It is required that all counselors and assistant counselors remain with their campers during camp and focus their attention on the kids. Therefore, it is asked that couples do not meet each other until all of the kids have been picked-up by their parents or guardians on Friday morning.
  - Volunteers and campers should not talk about male and female relationships while at camp. We are here to focus our attention on growing in our relationship with God.

**Note:** Campers must not be left alone. All campers must be accompanied by an adult of the same gender at all times. All campers must be in groups of two or more.

- **Safety:**
  - Always keep your eyes out for safety and be aware of potential problems. We want to ensure the physical, emotional, and spiritual safety of each other and every camper.
  - Footwear & T-Shirts: Because of the uncertainty of the terrain in which we walk at camp, tennis shoes are best. When traveling from activity to activity, including water activities, proper footwear and t-shirts must be worn at all times. For aquatic activities water shoes are highly recommended!
  - Travel: Stay together as a cabin group at all times. Do not allow campers to travel ahead of your group. Always maintain visual contact with campers. Campers may not travel anywhere without supervision. All campers must travel in groups of two or more.
- **Cell Phones & Calls & Electronics:**
  - **Volunteers, you are not permitted to use cell phones for calls, texting, or internet/social networking.** It is prohibited except for emergencies or situations that have been pre-authorized by our kids camp leadership staff. It is recognized that there are exceptional situations where outside communication is necessary. It is asked that you make arrangements with your family and/or business prior to arriving at camp so that they will understand that you are not available. **A camper should never see you on your cell phone.**
  - **Campers are not allowed to call home.** If there is a camper with homesickness and you are not able to get them through it, please contact the Camp Supervisor.
  - **Campers are not allowed to use cell phones, radios, gaming devices,** or any other form of cell phone or electronic at camp. If you see a camper with one you are expected to take it and give it to the Kids Camp Leadership Staff. It will be given back to them when they leave camp.
- **Dress Code:**
  - The following guidelines are for all volunteers and campers and will be enforced by the Kids Camp Leadership Staff. If there is a volunteer or camper who is inappropriately dressed, it will be handled discreetly. Please bring modest clothing and follow the guidelines below.
    1. **It is required** that everyone wear shoes and t-shirts when walking around camp (including travel to and from all aquatic activities.) Bring safe footwear. Tennis shoes are highly recommended.
    2. Clothing may not have inappropriate wording or graphics. Jeans or shorts are not to have inappropriate tears/holes. Short shorts are not permitted, please know you will be asked to change. Thin leggings and Yoga/Work out pants are not permitted. Tank tops, muscle shirts, cut-off or midriff t-shirts, etc. are not allowed. All shirts, for both boys and girls, must have sleeves.
- **Swimsuit Dress Code:**

- **All females: modest 1-piece swimsuits or tankini** - Swimsuits that are cut low in the chest area, have a deep cut in the back, or are high in the legs in front will have to wear a shirt over top.
  - **All males:** Swimsuit trunks or shorts - If you have a suit that falls below your natural waistline, you are required to wear a belt. Everyone is required to wear a t-shirt and shoes when traveling from activity to activity or around camp.
- **Chapel Rules:**
  - Use the bathroom before coming to chapel
  - Counselors line up with your cabin group in a nice straight line. Be an example to the campers (No running, yelling, shouting, clowning around, or jumping/climbing on the stage).
  - Counselors and campers must sit together as a cabin group. All volunteers and campers are asked to participate in the praise and worship.
  - Altar Call: Sit quietly during altar call and use soft voices. At least one counselor must always be with the campers in the seating areas. All ministry time should be handled in the following order: Females with females and males with males (camper and volunteer).
  - Note: Not all campers will be able to participate in the chapel games. Counselors please let the campers know this.
- **Dining Hall Rules:**
  - Eat at assigned table.
  - Counselors must always eat with their cabin group.
  - Campers must eat the main course first, then dessert. Set the example!
  - Drink a full glass of water before having juice. Required for everyone.
  - No pounding on tables, running, yelling or shouting
  - Non-Counselor volunteers, please use discretion when deciding to eat.
  - No one is permitted in the dining hall unless it's meal time.
  - No one is permitted in the kitchen.
  - Food is not allowed to be brought into cabins.

## **Volunteer PACKING LIST** (Please clearly label all belongings)

1. Dress clothes are not needed but a wide range of casual attire should be packed including: jeans, long shorts, t-shirts with sleeves, sweatshirts, etc.
2. Pajamas, underwear, and an abundance of socks
3. Warm jacket, hat, and a raincoat is good to have
4. Modest one-piece swimsuit or tankini, beach towel, and sunscreen
5. Shoes (one pair that can get wet)
6. Flip Flops (to wear in showers)
7. Towel, washcloth, toiletries and a comb or brush
8. Pillow
9. Sleeping bag and/or twin bedding
10. Bible, notebook, and pen
11. Bug spray and sunscreen is optional but nice to have
12. Backpack is helpful
13. CD players are allowed ONLY Christian music may be played.
14. Fan if desired
15. Water shoes
16. Watch and alarm
17. If you prefer to use a particular brand of over-the-counter medication you can bring that with you; however, the nurses station will have over-the-counter medications for your use.

### **WHAT IS REQUIRED**

1. Water Bottle
2. Flashlight

### **WHAT IS NOT ALLOWED**

1. Food (Candy Included)
2. Valuables
3. Gaming devices

### **HELPFUL IDEAS**

1. Frisbees, footballs, etc.
2. Rain poncho
3. Games/cards

### **SUPPLY IDEAS**

Listed here are some ideas that counselors have used in the past as a means of creating cabin unity within your group.

You may consider bringing: markers/paper, decorations, nail polish (girls only), camouflage, matching hats, prayer box, bunk name tags, cards for your cabin to share phone numbers, etc.

### **EXTRAS**

If you have extra of the following around the house, please consider bringing them in case kids forget: Flashlight, batteries, backpack, water bottles, garbage bags for dirty clothes, sun block 40+, bug spray, shampoo & conditioner, kleenex, soap, extra pillow, blanket. There will be extra of these upon request in the Res Kids office at camp if needed, as well.

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