

CAMPER INFO PACKET - MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP 2024



RESLIFE YOUTH VISION

Every Student Known. Every Student Discipled.

GOAL OF MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

Create an environment for students to ENGAGE in relationships with each other and leaders, to ENCOUNTER God in a life-transforming way and to be EQUIPPED as totally committed followers of Jesus Christ.

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Saturday, July 6, 2024 | Final payment due

Saturday, July 13, 2024 | 1:00PM | Check-In | At Camp Harvest

Tuesday July 16, 2024 | 11:00AM | Pick-Up | At Camp Harvest

Questions? Email or call: youth@reslife.org | (616) 249-3714

Grade Breakdown: Middle School Camp is open to students going into 7th-9th grade in the fall of 2024

Cost: \$350/student (a \$50, non-refundable deposit holds your spot)

Remaining Balances: Due in full on Saturday, July 13. Should you have a balance due, you may still make payments online with your account.

Transportation: Parents/guardians are responsible for transportation TO and FROM Camp. Feel free to independently coordinate carpooling, if necessary.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Emergency phone calls will be received at the Camp Harvest office: (231) 652-8020

For ResLife Youth Staff Contact:

Pastor James Hall (734) 502-2560

Kyme Braam (616) 323-6228

Brittany Kamstra (616) 802-0548

(Please be aware that cell phone reception varies)

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Check In Date/Time: Saturday, July 13, 2024 | 1:00PM

- **Camp Harvest:** 6829 East 72nd Street, Newaygo, MI 49337

Check-In Information:

- Please use the main entrance to Camp Harvest. There will be greeters who will direct you to the designated parking area. Once you have parked, please go to the field to register your child(ren).
- For a faster registration process, please have your camper medical information completely filled out and updated on your online registration form. Please have the medications you bring to camp in a plastic bag and in their original bottles with their name and birthdate on them.
- Campers will select a cabin during the check-in process.
- All camper luggage should be clearly labeled with their first and last name. Luggage is placed on a Camp Harvest trailer and brought down to the cabin area. Having luggage clearly marked will eliminate your campers items being misplaced.
- All campers will receive a free t-shirt.
- Mail is a highlight of a camper's week and is distributed daily. If you would like to bring mail on opening day, we will distribute it on the days you designate. Please mark your mail with your campers name and the respective day in which you would like us to give it to them. We ask that you bring your mail to camp instead of sending it through the postal service.
- Parents may say goodbye and head home after checking in their student. Due to the layout of the camp, parents are unable to accompany their students to their cabin. All students and leaders will be transported to the cabins together at the conclusion of check-in.

PICK-UP INFORMATION

Pick-Up Date/Time: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 | 11:00 AM

- **Camp Harvest:** 6829 East 72nd Street, Newaygo, MI 49337

Check-Out Information:

- Please use the main entrance to Camp Harvest. There will be greeters who will direct you to the designated parking area. Once you have parked, please go to the field to pick-up your child(ren). Campers and luggage will be up at the entrance for the check-out process.
- 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. If you need to edit who is on your authorized pick-up list, [please login to your account](#).
- You must also present a photo ID at check-out.
- Your ID and the verification of your name on the camper authorized 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.
- If your camper brought medications to camp please pick them up from the health officers at check-out.
- 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.

CAMP HARVEST RULES

Boundaries of Camp:

- There are no boys in girls cabins and no girls in guys cabins at any time for any reason.
- Please do not go out of camp by going up Dorothy's Hill – the big wood gate, by leaving the valley, or crossing any fences unless FOR an official activity.
- Only the kitchen staff and cleaning crew are allowed in the kitchen area unless authorized by Kitchen Manager/Head Cooks or Camp Director.
- All maintenance facilities and equipment are for authorized personnel only. Let the staff know if there are maintenance issues or broken items that need attention. The Camp Director must authorize operators of maintenance equipment.
- Do not go in any of the water bodies or water attractions without permission from program staff
- The elevator is off limits to all campers.

Behavior: Respect Each Other:

- **Respect the property of others** - just as you wouldn't want someone to touch your stuff or invade your privacy, please respect their things as well:
 - If it is not yours don't touch it
 - No one is to "raid" cabins,
- **Build others up** - we should avoid tearing others down with our words or actions and never put them in any dangerous/uncomfortable situation not of their choosing.
 - No pranks
 - No dare games
 - No games involving punishments

These are not played here at Camp Harvest and are a violation of state law
- **No weapons of any kind** - Some maybe non-obvious examples include airsoft guns, pocket knives, homemade spears, utility knives, razor blades, etc.
- **Keep your hands to yourself** – Some maybe non-obvious examples include wrestling, horseplay, towel popping, hazing activities of any kind, even threats of harm.
- **Respect the Camp property** - Please stop kids from drawing, writing or carving on camp buildings, equipment or natural surroundings.
- **See Something, Say Something.** Silent bystanders are also guilty.
- **Be on time to meals** - Our kitchen staff does their absolute best to accommodate the program timeline, but we need to show up on time!
- **Cabin time/Quiet time at 11:00 pm** - We have a noise ordinance with the city and would like to remain great neighbors. Please help your kids understand the need to quiet down at 11pm. Also, the goal of camp is compromised by kids falling asleep during the program, so encourage adequate sleep.

General Safety:

- **Shoes and shirts are required at all times.** For safety reasons shoes must always be worn by everyone around the Camp including going to and from the waterfront, unless for program reasons as directed by the Camp Director. For high adventure activities, and most large group games, closed-toed shoes are recommended (i.e., zipline, obstacle course).
- **Campers should not keep food in cabins.** The food will attract animals and insects. This can cause a safety problem for people in the cabin.
- **Do not block exits** of cabins or buildings for any reason
- **Candles or open flames are not allowed** in any accommodation at Camp. This includes the use of "PIC" insect repellent coils unless they are contained in an approved non-combustible container.
- **Everyone will wear an identifiable marker** to show that they are someone who is approved to be on campus:
 - All authorized campers will wear colored wristbands.
 - All Ministry Leaders, Cabin Leaders, and other full week church volunteers who have been screened and approved prior to arrival will wear their lanyard or other identifying marker at all times.
 - All Camp Staff will wear their staff apparel at all times.
 - Leaders, parents or other members visiting camp must check in with the Camp Director or Lead Health Officer and receive a visitor's badge and be escorted by a screened and approved chaperone while on campus.
 - If you see anyone without one of these markers, please bring it to the attention of a camp staff member immediately.
- **Siesta Fiesta** - Camp Harvest highly recommends a 1-hour break directly after lunch. All campers and cabin leaders spend this quiet time in their respective cabins. We have found that the fruit abounds when campers get adequate rest. This quiet break midday helps avoid many behavior issues with problematic campers who just need a few minutes to reset.

Not Allowed at Camp:

- No alcohol, nicotine or drugs of any kind
- No pornography of any kind
- No weapons of any kind
- No electronic media

Please turn anything in- there is a grace period though day one dinner.

CAMPER PACKING LIST

Camp Harvest provides food and lodging for you while you are at camp. You will share a cabin with your small group and share bathroom facilities with the campers as well. You will have a bunk in the cabin.

Please mark all luggage with your name. Also, label all belongings with your first and last name. These simple measures will help prevent items from getting lost or misplaced.

WHAT TO PACK

- Sleeping bag or other bedding
 - Pillow
 - Towels
 - Toiletries
 - Clothes for warm & cool weather
 - Athletic shoes/2 pair
 - Hat
 - Swimsuit (modest, lined, one piece)
 - Boots & Rain Gear
 - Jacket, sweater, fleece
 - Alarm clock
 - Watch
 - Flashlight
 - Bible and Devotional materials
 - Insect Repellent
 - Sunscreen
 - Water bottle (with your name on it!)
 - Backpack or a beach bag
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WHAT IS NOT ALLOWED

- Alcohol, nicotine or drugs of any kind
- Pornography of any kind
- Weapons of any kind
- Electronic media
- Over-the-counter medications (If you have particular brands you use, please check them in with the health officers when you arrive). *No meds of any kind are allowed in the cabin.*

MAP OF CAMP HARVEST

