

Camp Michindoh Outdoor Experience

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW ARE CABIN LEADERS SELECTED?

The Cabin Leaders are selected by school administration and all screening is done by the school.

HOW ARE CABINS ASSIGNED?

Cabins are assigned by the teachers and they typically make sure your child is with at least one friend.

DO GIRLS AND BOYS STAY IN THE SAME AREA?

No. The cabins are divided into two separate areas. One for the girls and one for the boys.

IS THERE SECURITY THAT PATROLS THE AREA AT NIGHT?

There are several resident families that live in different areas of the camp. If someone comes onto the grounds who is not recognized by one of those families, appropriate action is taken. The Outdoor Education School staff also lives on the grounds and helps maintain a secure campground.

WHAT KIND OF DOWN TIME DO THE CAMPERS HAVE?

We will fill their day and allow very little down time. After dinner, the campers have a little time to just hang out in their cabins or play a game as a small group. The general rule is that if the camper is not with an adult, they are in the wrong place.

WHAT TYPES OF MEALS ARE SERVED?

Our meals are served with 6th graders in mind. There is cereal at every breakfast and a fruit and salad bar at every lunch and dinner.

WHAT IF MY CHILD DOES NOT LIKE WHAT IS BEING SERVED OR IS A VEGETARIAN?

If your child does not like what is being served, we can typically find something for them. If your child is a vegetarian, please make sure you inform us so that we have vegetarian options available.

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WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO LABEL THEIR BELONGINGS?

The best thing to do is to write on the tag of the clothing with a permanent marker. For other items, such as cameras, flashlights, etc., please write your student's name with a permanent marker on an area that is visible. If they pack their sleeping bag/blankets in a plastic garbage bag, please make sure that it is clearly labeled and/or decorated so they can locate it easily. Pack an extra bag for them to store their sleeping bag/blankets for the trip home.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE?

The campers wake up at 6:45 a.m. and get ready for the day. They also have to clean their cabins before flag raising at 7:30 a.m. They eat breakfast and then go to two classes before lunch. After lunch at 12:00 p.m. they go to two more classes. After the second class in the afternoon, the campers have afternoon activity time where they pick from a variety of activities led by the staff. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m., followed by an evening program which may include a campfire, relays, Wacky Olympics, skits, or a square dance. Campers return to the cabins at 9:00 p.m. to get ready for bed; lights are out at 10:00 p.m. The Michindoh staff will rove the cabin area around that time to make sure that everyone is safe and quiet for the night.

WHAT TYPES OF CLASSES WILL THEY BE ATTENDING?

The classes are not typical school classes. Teachers pick the classes from a variety of science based and team-building class options. Some of the most commonly picked classes are reptiles and amphibians, aquatic life, L.C.C. (Low challenge course; a team building class), ecosystems, outdoor living skills, mammals, and birds.

WHAT IF MY CHILD TAKES MEDICATION?

Medication **MUST** be in the original container from the pharmacy. Any over-the-counter (OTC) medication must also be in the original container. Please do not send any Aspirin or Tylenol to camp. On the medical form is a spot for any medications to list. If you list it on the form, it must be brought to camp or a doctor's note be included informing the student is not taking it anymore. If additional medication is prescribed after, a doctor's note must also accompany the medication to camp. If you have any further questions, please contact a school administrator.

AS A REMINDER

Children love to get mail. Please send it to: 4545 E. Bacon Rd., Hillsdale, MI 49242. Be sure to put your child's name on the outside of the envelope along with your school name. No faxes, e-mails, or candy.