

SUMMER CAMP 2023

FIELD GUIDE

DEPARTURE AND RETURN

Departure Date: Monday, June 19

Departing from: Gospel City Church (52277 Hickory Road, Granger, IN 46530)

Check-in Time: 7:30am

Departure Time: 8:00am

Return Date: Friday, June 23

Return Time: 4:00pm (approximate)

Transportation: All students will ride on coach buses driven by professional drivers

WHAT TO PACK:

Bedroll:

Sleeping bag

Pillow

Sheets

**We discourage campers from packing these items in a plastic garbage bag. Instead, we prefer that they purchase a nylon drawstring laundry bag.*

Suitcase/duffel bag containing:

Toiletries

Towels (1-2 for beach and bath)

One-piece modest swimsuit

Clothing for 5 days

2 pairs of shoes

Sweatshirt or jacket

Rain gear (poncho)

A cheap watch

Sunscreen

Insect repellent

Flashlight

Plastic bag for wet/dirty clothing

Optional: camera, rainy day cabin games/activities

Backpack containing:

Bible

Pen

Snacks for bus ride (lunch provided at camp)



Dress code guidelines:

Everyone: no shirts that depict or display violence; no exposed undergarments; no see-through clothing

Girls: Shorts should be fingertip length; No revealing tank tops; No bikinis

Boys: Shorts should be fingertip length; No speedo bathing suits

WHAT NOT TO PACK

-  Cell phones
-  Electronics

Please leave all electronics including cell phones at home. It is recommended that you write your name on your belongings. Camp Harvest and Gospel City Church are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

CANTEEN

The Canteen is the camp store. Campers can purchase soda, snacks, T-shirts (under \$25), sweatshirts (under \$40). An average amount spent by students on snacks is \$20-\$25/week, and anywhere up to \$100 if they plan to buy camp merchandise. Kids can bring cash/credit card, or choose to have money put on their account (during the last step of the online registration process). Records will be kept as purchases are made. Canteen balances are not refundable. The exception to this is if you placed a larger amount expecting to purchase apparel that wasn't available. In this case, these amounts will be refunded.

CAMP FACILITIES

Cabins: Campers will bunk in cabins that sleep 10-16 people. There will be an adult in each cabin with the campers. There are two separate cabin areas at the camp: one for boys and one for girls.

Bathhouses: Each cabin area has a bathhouse with restrooms and hot showers.

Dining Hall: All meals are served in the dining hall prepared by the Camp Harvest kitchen staff. Wonderful, hearty meals with a variety of choices are served for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Alternate food is available for campers who cannot eat from the planned menu.

CAMP SAFETY

Camper safety is the main priority at Camp Harvest. We are regulated by the State of Michigan Residential Camp Board and are inspected on a regular basis.

Water safety is our greatest concern, and we take every precaution to assure the well-being of the campers around the water. Camp Harvest provides lifeguard/CPR training for all of the full-time summer staff, as well as many of the volunteer counselors who serve a week at camp.

Every staff member and all campers receive waterfront safety instructions and participate in a waterfront drill every week to prepare them in the event of an actual emergency.

Although we take all precautions to assure safety, unfortunately, accidents happen. We have systems set in place to handle all levels of medical needs.

CAMP NURSE

Camp Harvest provides a registered nurse for every week of summer camp along with an aide. All camper medication must be turned in to the camp nurse who will dispense meds and provide basic medical care. These nurses volunteer and use their vacation time to serve at Camp Harvest and we deeply appreciate them. If you are an RN, nurse practitioner, or a physician and would like to help out for a week at Camp Harvest, please contact us at campharvest@cultivateministry.org.

If a camper's injury requires a doctor's visit or emergency room care, the hospital is a short drive from the camp property. If the injury requires immediate medical treatment, the Croton Fire Department/EMS service is only minutes from the camp property.

ALLERGIES

We will work with children with food allergies. Some of this is addressed during the registration process. But you can e-mail campharvest@cultivateministry.org with your child's special dietary needs and we will contact you to discuss. Our kitchen staff will have some typical alternatives, and you are also welcome to send up food with your child.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

The Camp Harvest daytime phone number is (847) 242-1609. Communication between campers and parents is not allowed during a camp week except in the case of an emergency.

CAN I SEND MY STUDENT MAIL?

Unfortunately, Camp Harvest does not receive/distribute mailed camper letters in a timely fashion.

Our recommendation is that you pack prewritten letters in your student's bag/luggage.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS

More questions about Camp Harvest:

Contact the Camp Registration Staff at campharvest@cultivateministry.org or call (847) 242-1609.

Email Brent Thomas if you still have any more questions: Brent Thomas / bthomas@mygospelcity.org