

SUMMER 2026

PROGRAM INFORMATION



FAMILY HANDBOOK

Welcome to camp!

Precious few places exist in our world where young people come alive like they do at camp! At Covenant Point, our goal is to come alongside your child or family and help each one flourish as the whole person God created them to be. We have an incredible array of resources to help us in this special mission: a carefully chosen and thoroughly trained staff, a safe environment — including licensing with the state of Michigan, full accreditation with the American Camp Association, and onsite medical and mental healthcare staff — and a beautiful, rugged outdoor setting in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, complemented by comfortable and modern facilities.

We are grateful for the opportunity to welcome you and your family to Covenant Point this summer. This guidebook is intended to help you and your camper better understand what to expect at camp, get excited for all that is to come, and prepare to have a successful week.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions along the way!

In Christ,

The Covenant Point Staff



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OUR PROGRAMS

Mainland

Mainland camp (about 100 campers per week) is our classic residential program for campers entering 2nd through 12th grades. Campers are assigned cabin groups of approximately 8 and live communally in one of our lodges. They enjoy a wide variety of program options, including extensive waterfront activities, games in the big field, arts and crafts, campfires, chapel, ropes courses, and more.

Island

Island camp (about 32 campers per week) takes place on our private, 8.5-acre wilderness island, located about 1 mile from the shore of our main property. Campers live in yurts, worship daily around a campfire, enjoy meals in the open-air shelter, and are immersed in both community and the natural environment. Island programming includes ropes courses, swings, zipline, sauna, kayaks, games, and more.

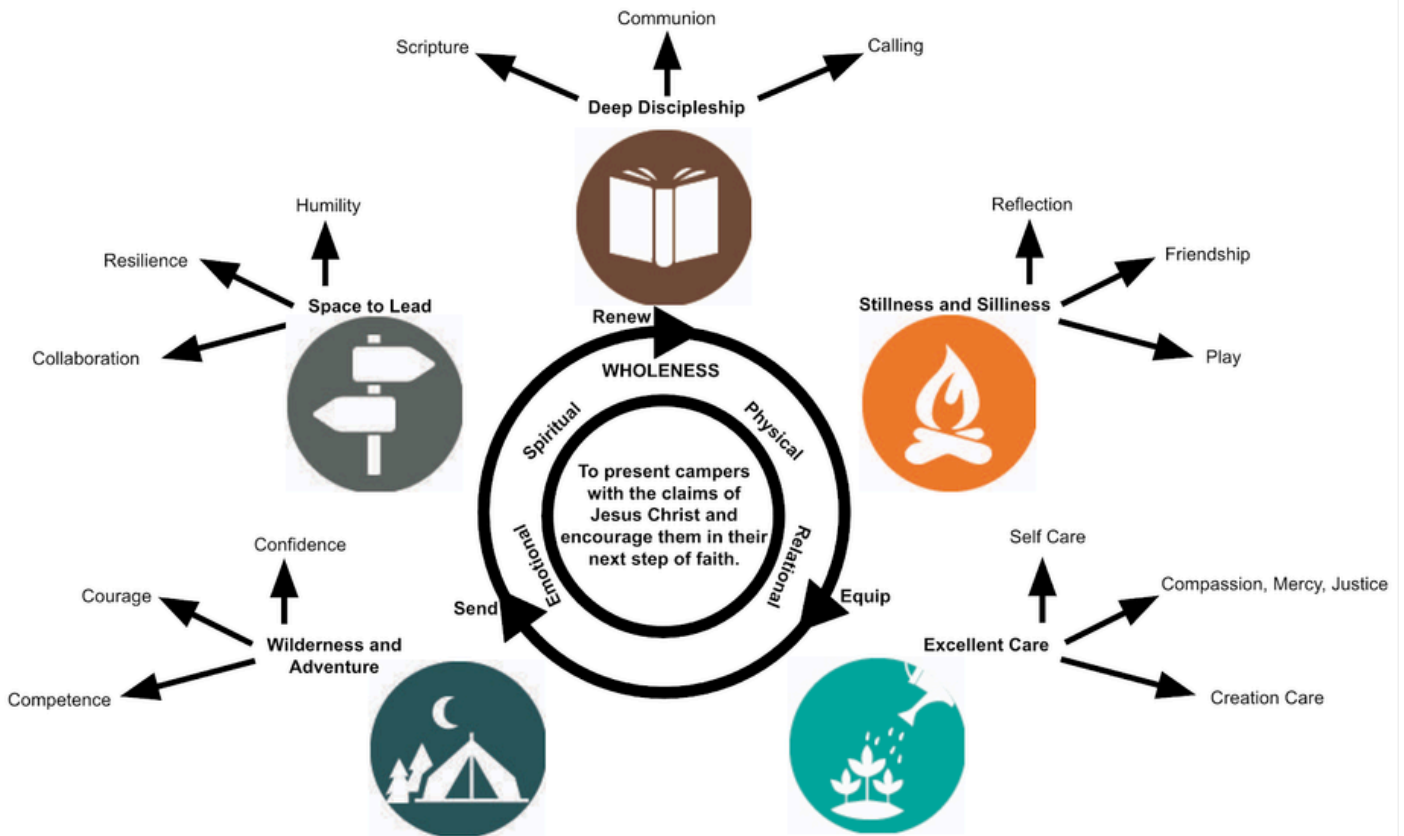
Trips

Wilderness trips offer opportunities for approximately 12 campers per week to encounter God's natural creation through a backcountry adventure, led by our highly-trained guides. Having the lakes and woods of the U.P. and Northern Wisconsin at our doorstep allows us to hike and canoe in beautiful places. Campers learn outdoor living skills, grow in leadership, and forge deep bonds with peers as they journey.

Family

Our commitment to relationships is at the heart of each week of Family Camp. Come to relax, enjoy favorite camp activities, build relationships across generations, experience new challenges, and allow loving staff to look after your children. Our hope is that this can be a safe, relaxing time away for you and your family to connect and grow closer to Christ together.

OUR PROGRAM MODEL



Stillness and Silliness

We craft opportunities to experience joy, build trust, and discover authenticity through both playfulness and through reflection, prayer, and listening.



Deep Discipleship

We seek to serve the Church, always finding ways to encourage campers and staff to discover their next step of faith in Christ, and to connect with their unique call to respond to the hurts in our world.



Wilderness & Adventure

Imagination, child-like faith, and growth is often ignited by time spent in wild places; we value our unique section of God's creation and consider it a privilege to bring others further into it to discover more of themselves and God.



Space to Lead

We are a place of leadership development through doing, trying, succeeding, and sometimes failing within the bounds of a safe and supportive community.



Excellent Care

We care for our campers, staff, and surrounding creation by providing safe spaces to take healthy risks, to explore, to serve, to know and be known.

CAMPER RIGHTS AND CODE OF CONDUCT



Camper Rights

Covenant Point staff will communicate and uphold the following camper rights:

As a camper, you have the right:

1. To be treated with respect and dignity.
2. To tell a staff member if feeling uneasy in any situation.
3. To have privacy when in private areas (ie, bathroom, shower, cabins).
4. To be provided with a safe environment.

Camper Code of Conduct

To create an environment of safety, inclusion, health, and dignity for all our campers, the following conduct is expected:

1. **BE SAFE** - Stand up for the physical, social, and emotional safety of yourself and others.
 - Abide by all camp policies and procedures.
 - Do not possess or use prohibited items (cell phones only on bus, no alcohol, drugs, weapons).
 - Follow the rule of 3 at all times: Never be alone with a staff member or another camper in a space that is not within eyesight and earshot of others.
 - Refrain from inappropriate behaviors (unwelcome physical touch, harassment, hazing, pranks, sexual activity, exposure of private body parts, sexual comments).
 - Maintain good nutrition and hydration at camp, and report any health concerns.
 - When changing, remove clothing in private (in the bathroom or under covers).
2. **BE RESPECTFUL** - Be respectful with words and actions toward campers, staff, and camp property.
 - Treat others how they want to be treated.
 - Treat our site and facility with respect.
 - Listen to the direction of counselors, program staff, and other campers.
3. **BE INCLUSIVE** - Include and encourage, especially those who may have a harder time fitting in.
 - Refrain from hurtful comments (put-downs, bullying, name-calling).
 - Engage differences with humility (cultures, needs, backgrounds, beliefs, and physical abilities).
 - Believe the best about others, and seek out help from staff when conflicts arise.
4. **BE OPEN** - Camp is a place where new relationships, ideas, and experiences can grow.
 - Submit all devices to staff at the beginning of the week (cell phones, tablets, smart watches, etc.).
 - Listen and enter into conversations about faith with curiosity and humility.

HELPFUL REMINDERS

To-do Checklist:

- Check to ensure your Camper Information Form and Medical Forms are submitted through your online registration.
 - Please be aware that all medications, including over-the-counter medications, must be turned in to the Health Officer during check-in, in their original containers.
- Add money to your camper's Canteen account. Mainland campers can visit daily throughout the week, while Island and Trips campers can visit at the beginning and end of their weeks. Let the canteen directors know if you'd like to donate remaining funds to our Camper Scholarship Fund!
- Generally, \$30-\$45 is a good amount for a week of camp.
 - Clothing items range from \$15-\$45.
 - Snacks range from \$1-\$3 and campers will visit the canteen about 4 times in a week.
- Be aware of final payments for camp.
 - Full registration balance is due 14 days prior to the first day of the camp session.

Check-in Reminders:

- Check-in begins Sunday at 4:00 pm CDT.
- Bring all medications your camper will need for the week.
- Ensure no nut snacks or nut butter are being brought with your camper to the cabin.
- Visit the Canteen (camp store) if you wish to add money to your camper's account for the week.

Check-out Reminders:

- Check-out begins Friday at 1:00 pm CDT, with our parent meeting happening first at 12:45 pm in our Tabernacle.
- We cannot release campers to any person who isn't designated as a "pickup person" on the camper registration form. Please bring your state ID for checkout verification.
- If pickup plans change, contact our office as soon as possible at 906-265-2117 or at cpbc@cpbc.com.

- Following us on social media will give you a chance to see what your camper has been up to throughout the week. We post daily, swapping between Island and Mainland photos around 8 pm CDT. At the end of the week, each program will also have an album posted on Facebook.
- As well as pictures, each Mainland week of camp will have a video to showcase the week. These will be posted to our Vimeo account.



[Facebook](#)



[Instagram](#)



[Vimeo](#)

TIPS TO HELP CAMPERS SUCCEED

Attending summer camp is not only an awesome experience for the camper, it also involves and impacts the whole family. The summer camp week can hold a variety of different emotions for everyone, and preparing for that week is so important. The anticipation of summer camp can create excitement - it is a new experience filled with new friends, fun activities, exciting games, and a lot of things to learn - but so many unknowns can also cause some jittery nerves. **Here are a few tips for campers and their families to help prepare everyone for a week at camp.**

01 Pack Well and Pack Together

The preparation for camp is exciting! Take a look at the packing list and think through it together. Think about not only the things you need to bring, like gym shoes, a sleeping bag, and clothes, but the things you might want to bring, like a stuffie or pictures of home. Pack everything together so that campers know exactly what they have for the week and how to use it. This will also help them pack up everything at the end of the week without your help. This is also a great time to mark items with the child's name on them (water bottles, towels, shoes, etc.).

02 Practice Camp

Practice makes some of the unknowns of camp less intimidating. Have a trial sleepover at a trusted friend or family member's house, or set up a tent in the living room to get used to sleeping in a new place. Instead of going right to bed at night, practice some flashlight time in the dark with a journal or book.

03 Plan for Anticipated Challenges

Homesickness is a common and sometimes surprising experience for campers. Giving campers tools to tackle those feelings ahead of time may not eliminate those feelings, but can help them resolve them more independently. Pack letter-writing supplies or a journal. Include comfort items or a special item from home. Pack pictures of family or favorite places at home.

04 The Importance of Asking for Help

It is so important that campers know that their counselors and other staff are here to help them whenever they need it. Camp staff will always be around to assist campers with problems, big or small. It is important campers know that staff are safe people to approach and any question is okay.

05 Engage Differences with Humility

Camp is a setting where people of many different cultures, ethnicities, values, abilities, sizes, and preferences come together to form a community focused on growing in Christian faith. God has created us, in all our differences, to reflect God's image, so we celebrate differences! Yet our differences are also where we can get tripped up in how we interact due to assumptions about people. We encourage all our campers to both recognize differences and to seek to be kind and respectful learners as we form a community.

THREE PRE-CAMP CONVERSATIONS

Help prepare your camper for all they will experience at Covenant Point by sharing in a few short conversations and prayers with them.

01 What are you MOST looking forward to at camp?

If new to camp or unsure, here are some possibilities: swimming in Hagerman Lake, tubing behind the boat, sailing on one of our Hobie-Cats, learning archery skills, climbing on our ropes courses, meeting new friends, learning more about God, or seeing God's amazing creation all around us. If returning to camp, ask your camper to share a favorite memory. If you attended camp as a child, share a favorite or significant memory of your own. "But let me run loose and free, celebrating God's great work, every bone in my body laughing, singing, 'God, there's no one like you...' Psalm 35:9 (The Message)

Prayer: Creative God, thank you that _____ gets to go to camp this summer! Please help _____ to make powerful and joyful memories. Give the gift of courage to try new things, invite new relationships, and grow in faith! Amen.

02 What is one goal you could set for your time at camp?

Setting an intention for the week will help your camper enter with anticipation and purpose, making the most of the experience! Some ideas might include: to be brave and try something new or challenging, to be a good cabin mate and friend, to listen to God and to others' stories, to be helpful to my counselor, or to enjoy nature. Consider writing the goal in a journal or a notecard to bring to camp as a reminder of the intention you set. Be sure to ask how they did with their goal after camp! "And for this reason, we make it our goal to please God, whether we are at home or away." 2 Corinthians 5:9 (EHV)

Prayer: Empowering God, please help _____ meet their goal set for camp. Help _____ grow fully into the person that You have created them to be! Amen.

03 What is something at camp that you're anxious about?

Encourage an honest conversation about the things your child feels nervous about in coming to camp, while also being excited. Listen and validate their feelings. Problem-solve with them on how they might overcome a fear. "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)

Prayer: Compassionate God, thank you that we can share all our fears and worries with you. Please hear now what _____ is worried about. Help _____ to make friends, stay safe, and have so much fun. We look forward to hearing how you work in _____'s life while at camp! Amen.

GENERAL PACKING INFORMATION

Clothing at Camp

- Clothing choices should not make anyone else feel excluded or uncomfortable. With the desire for all campers to feel welcome, a camper whose attire does not follow these parameters will be asked to change. Please monitor your camper's packing to align with the following:
 - Do not bring clothing, stickers, or imagery that can be divisive, political, offensive, etc. We strive to keep the focus of camp Christ-centered and limit visual messages that are difficult to navigate in a temporary setting like camp.
 - Camp is very active, and often kids play hard and get messy. We recommend athletic shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and gym shoes as perfect camp wear! Clothing should always cover private areas and undergarments.
 - Appropriate swimsuits that cover all private areas must be worn at camp. Due to the high-energy activities at the waterfront (i.e., tubing, banana boating) one-piece swimsuits are recommended for girls and swim trunks for boys.

Do Not Bring

- x *Nut Products of any kind.*
- x *Personal sports equipment (scooters, bikes, etc.).*
- x *Cell Phones, Electronic Devices, or Smartwatches (these are okay for the bus).*
- x *Pets.*
- x *Weapons of any kind (knives, lighters, etc.).*
- x *Fireworks.*
- x *Tobacco, Alcohol, or Drugs.*

Packing Tips

- Label your items. Please write your camper's first and last name where possible.
- Pack with your camper. Help them know what they have, what they can wear, and what they need to bring home.
- Kids play hard at camp. Only send things to camp that you do not mind getting dirty, stained, or possibly lost.
- Adventure activities (such as the high ropes course, zip line, big games, etc.) require gym shoes that are closed-toed and longer shorts or pants. Crocs are not appropriate closed-toed shoes for adventure activities.
- A pillow and sleeping bag are great options for campers. Alternatively, some campers prefer a fitted sheet (twin size) and blanket. Cabins do not have air conditioning, but summers in the Upper Peninsula tend to be warm in the day and cool at night.

CAMPER COMMUNICATION



Camper Cell Phone Policy

Camp is a place to learn and grow! Being unplugged from home - both relationships and regular rhythms - creates a space for campers to make decisions, navigate new relationships, explore their own faith, and grow in their sense of self. With that in mind, cell phones, smartwatches, and other electronic devices are not allowed at camp. Campers will have one opportunity to turn in their devices (for safekeeping, locked away by CP staff) on the first day of camp. Any devices discovered after that point will be understood to indicate a camper's choice not to fully participate in the program and result in a call home.

In the event of a question or emergency, contact us at (906) 265-2117. After business hours, callers are directed to leave a voicemail, which will be accessed as soon as possible the following morning.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

Throughout your camper's week at Covenant Point, our Facebook and Instagram accounts will post pictures from various programs. This is week dependent, but you can expect pictures posted every day, rotating between mainland photos and island photos each day. You will see these posts around 8 pm CDT, as well as the full album from the week, posted on Friday around 5:30 pm CDT.

You are encouraged to communicate with your camper via *letter writing, package sending, and emailing* (campermail@cpbc.com) during their week!

PACKAGES AND MAIL

Mailing Address:
358 W. Hagerman Lake Rd
Iron River, MI 49935

Letters

Mail can be a special touch point for your camper throughout the week. Write to encourage them, share a faith insight, a part of your own faith journey, or just to send news from home. Mail, including letters, envelopes, and emails, may be dropped off at check-in to be delivered to your camper throughout the week, or can be mailed to Covenant Point. If you are dropping off letter(s) at registration, you can label which day(s) you wish to have your camper receive the letter(s). All paper mail (including email) is delivered before or at breakfast each day.

Packages

Care packages from home can also be dropped off at registration during camper drop off to be delivered throughout the week or mailed to Covenant Point. If you are dropping off package(s) at registration, you can label which day(s) you wish to have your camper receive the package(s). Reminders:

1. Covenant Point is completely nut-free!
2. Packages to Island campers containing snacks, candy, etc. (Page 17 for Island Packing List), will be held by staff until the end of the week.
3. Trips campers will not receive packages until their return at the end of the week.
4. If sending a package, consider elements that your camper might be able to share with other cabin mates who may not have received a package.

Emails

Alternatively, we invite you to write to your camper via email. These will be printed and delivered to your camper at breakfast each day. You can email campermail@cpbc.com with your camper's name in the subject line.



BUS INFORMATION

During the summer, a weekly air-conditioned charter bus makes stops in Illinois (Chicago, Elgin, Rockford) and Wisconsin (Madison) to bring campers of all ages to beautiful Hagerman Lake for their week of adventure. A minibus or van may be used for trips that do not meet bus minimums or that exceed bus maximums. The bus ride is a favorite of many campers as it allows them to meet new friends in a safe, exciting atmosphere that is chaperoned by two of our full-time, trained summer staff. In addition to providing supervision, staff lead program activities on the bus that help campers connect with one another. Bus space is limited and is kept on a first-come, first-served basis. We recommend making travel arrangements early.



- Campers should bring enough money for a McDonald's stop each direction.
- 2026 Bus fee is \$175 (round-trip), or \$140 (one-way). This fee includes a \$45.00 non-refundable deposit.

BUS SCHEDULE – Campers arrive at CBPC on Sundays and depart from CBPC on Fridays.

Chicago, IL – Leave Sunday 8 am/Return Friday 9 pm – North Park University Parking Lot – SE corner of Kedzie & Foster Ave.

Elgin, IL – Leave Sunday 9 am/Return Friday 8 pm – Life Storage building parking lot (450 Airport Rd.) behind Holiday Inn – Go north 1/2 mile on Highway 31 off Tollway 90.

Rockford, IL – Leave Sunday 10 am/Return Friday 7 pm – NIU Rockford 8500 E State St, Rockford, IL 61108

Madison, WI – Leave Sunday 11:45 am/Return Friday 5:45 pm – McDonald's @ 4502 E. Washington Ave, Madison, WI 53704

All listed times are approximate. Parents may call Covenant Point on a travel day during transport to verify the bus schedule. (906) 265-2117.

Choose the bus option when you sign up for camp, or if you want to add the bus to an existing summer camp registration at cpbc.campbrainregistration.com.

BUS SAFETY

Missed Connections

- Problems with meeting drop-off or pick-up times? Let us know ASAP (906) 265-2117.
- On the to camp trip, the bus will wait for a camper at a stop for no more than 15 minutes beyond the scheduled pick-up time.
- On the return trip, if a parent or other pick-up person is not at the stop when the bus arrives, the bus will wait for 15 minutes beyond the scheduled return time, or the actual bus arrival time - whichever is later. If a camper is not picked up, the bus counselors will call Covenant Point to report that the pick-up person is not there. The bus will then continue on to Chicago with the camper. There, the bus counselors will continue to supervise the camper until pick-up arrangements have been made. Any lodging or meal costs incurred will be charged to the camper's family or guardians.

Safety Procedures

- Parents must check their camper in with the bus counselors before departing from their drop-off spot.
- Once on the bus, the camper must remain on the bus during the loading process; after the camper has departed the bus, they must remain away from the bus.
- The bus will remain in the parking lot away from traffic patterns for loading and unloading safety.
- In the event of an emergency, all campers will follow the direction of the counselors. Parents will be notified of any changes in stop locations or times.
- Campers will be released from the bus one by one, only to authorized adults – verified by the camper and staff, as indicated on the camper's registration form. *Adults designated on the "Camper Release Form" for pickup must show a state identification in order for us to release your camper.* This is part of our child protection plan, in compliance with camp licensing rules.
- Covenant Point is a nut-free environment, which also includes the bus trip to and from camp. This is to ensure the safety of all campers who are severely allergic to any nut product. Checking ingredients in the items sent with your child and keeping all nut products off the bus and out of camp is important to the health of all campers.



MAINLAND LINGO

Canteen - Camp store and game room located under the dining hall

Tabernacle (The Tab) - The oldest building at camp (1930), where we gather for chapel.

First Word - All campers and staff meet at the cross/firepit area before breakfast to start our day with a brief, staff member-led morning Bible reading, reflection, and prayer.

Walk Partners - After lunch, campers are paired up with a cabin-mate to walk and discuss several prompted questions - one silly, one about themselves, and one about faith.

Low Elements - Adventurous and challenging team-building activities for cabin groups.

Track & Trail (TNT) - Our high ropes course located in the Back 40

Back 40 - 40+ acres of property across the road from our main property.

Free Time - Time to choose what activities you want to do!

Tents - The big white tents are used for camper dining, as well as camper check-in.

Chapel - Worship, with a mix of both silly and quiet songs, a message from the pastor of the week, Bible reading, and other rituals that help campers learn of God's love.

Devos - Daily cabin-group Bible study and conversation to continue learning after chapel.

Quiet Time - Daily solo time for reflection, stillness, and journaling, guided by counselors.

The Cross - An outdoor, amphitheater-style meeting space behind our meal tents to sing songs, share stories, enjoy our opening and closing campfires.

MAINLAND PACKING LIST

Bedding:

- Blankets and sheets (standard twin size) or sleeping bag
- Pillow and pillow case

Clothes: (Pack for varying weather conditions)

- Underwear
- Socks
- Shorts
- T-shirts/Tops
- Pants/J Jeans
- Swimsuit
- Closed Toe Gym Shoes
- Flip Flops/Sandals
- Jackets/Sweatshirts
- Rain Gear
- Pajamas

Other:

- Bible
- Pen/Pencil
- Paper/Notebook
- Flashlight (with extra batteries)
- Toiletry Items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.)
- Towels (bath and swimming)
- Medications (given to nurse at check-in including over the counter medications, in original containers)
- Water Bottle (Label with name)
- Small Backpack
- Sunscreen/Bug Repellent

Optional:

- Camera
- Hat
- Small Fan (battery operated)
- Water Shoes for waterfront time
- Fishing pole/tackle (no MI fishing license needed for those 16 and under)
- Money to put into canteen - camp merchandise, mission project, snacks, \$4 per ski boat ride.
(See page 6 for more information)

What not to bring:

- x Nut Products of any kind
- x Personal sports equipment (scooters, bikes, etc.)
- x Cell Phones, Electronic Devices or Smartwatches
- x Pets
- x Weapons of any kind (Knives, lighters, etc.)
- x Fireworks
- x Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs



ISLAND LINGO

Dark Side / Light Side - The dark side of the Island's thick canopy of hemlock trees allows less light to come in, while the light side has a brighter feel with younger trees.

Dark Side Shelter - Kitchen, dining room, and gathering space in inclement weather.

Fire Circles - Gathering spots for morning and evening chapel.

Yurt - Cozy, cylindrical Island sleeping structures, outfitted with bunkbeds for eight campers and one counselor.

Dark Side Amphitheater - Down by the water, and great for watching sunsets!

Light Side Shelter - Smaller shelter used for crafting, hanging out, and outfitting for kayaking adventures.

The Trinity, Playpen, High Wild Woozy, and Zipline - High ropes course elements on the Island for high adventures, team-building, challenge, and memories!

Walk Partners - An opportunity after lunch to talk to someone new with some silly, interesting, and faith-based questions while enjoying a walk around the Island.

ISLAND PACKING LIST

Bedding:

- Blankets and Sheets (standard twin size) or Sleeping Bag
- Pillow and Pillow Case

Clothes: (Pack for diverse weather)

- Underwear
- Socks
- Shorts
- T-shirts/Tops
- Pants/Jeans
- Swimsuit
- Closed Toed Shoes/Gym Shoes
- Flip Flops/Sandals
- Water Shoes for waterfront time
- Jackets/Sweatshirts
- Rain gear
- Pajamas

Other:

- Bible
- Pen/Pencil
- Paper/Notebook
- Flashlight (with extra batteries)
- Toiletry Items (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush)
- Towels (bath and swimming)
- Medications (given to nurse at check-in including over the counter medications, in original containers)
- Water Bottle (Label with name)
- Small Backpack
- Sunscreen/Bug Repellent (non-aresol)

Optional:

- Camera
- Hat
- Small Fan (battery operated)
- Hammock
- Fishing pole / tackle (MI fishing license NOT needed for those 16 and under)
- Money to put into canteen - camp merchandise, (first or last day)
(See page 6 for more information)

What not to bring:

- x Snacks/Food/Candy
- x Watches
- x Mirrors or Cosmetics
- x Pop-culture Magazines
- x Nut Products of any kind
- x Personal sports equipment (scooters, bikes, etc.)
- x Cell Phones, Electronic Devices, or Smartwatches
- x Pets
- x Weapons of any kind (knives, lighters, etc.)
- x Fireworks
- x Tobacco, Alcohol or Drugs

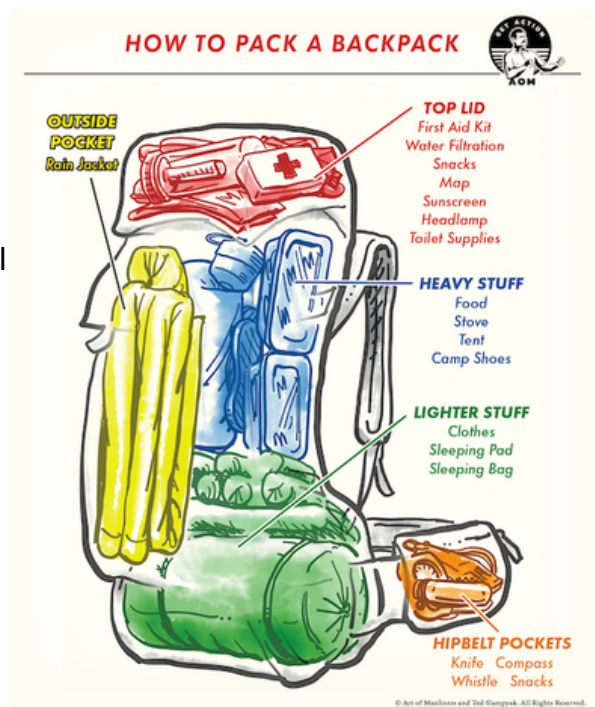


TRIPS BASICS

Backpacking

Our backpacking trippers will be carrying all necessary items to camp in their bags. Shared amongst the group, each person will have their own personal belongings as well as communal materials (cooking supplies, safety, fire supplies, etc.) to make everyone's load more even.

Trip guides will give an orientation and direction on packing to learn everything you will have and keep track of throughout the trip. This will be done on the first night and morning before the trip.



Canoeing

Our canoeing trippers will carry all of their supplies in the canoes. They will be able to bring a big cooler for cold items, then a separate bag for dry items. The majority of the trip will be in the water, paddling, so trippers will need to ensure their belongings are properly secured.

Trip guides will give an orientation and provide much direction on packing, covering the different supplies you will need and where to store them. This will be done on the first night and the morning before the trip.

TRIPS (BACKPACKING) PACKING LIST

Clothes:

- Hard-soled, ankle-high hiking boots (break in well before arriving at camp)
- 2 t-shirts or sun shirts (tank tops may rub on the backpack)
- 4 pairs of underwear
- 2 pairs of wool (preferred) or 4 pairs of cotton socks
- 1 warm fleece or wool long sleeve layer (not cotton)
- 1 pair of hiking pants and 1 pair of quick-dry shorts
- 1 pair of comfortable pants to sleep in and change into at campsite (not cotton)
- 1 bandana / buff to wear around neck or head for bug / sun protection
- Waterproof rain jacket and pants
- Swimsuit (modest) and small towel
- 1 pair of comfortable shoes or sandals for campsite
- **BACK AT CPBC** → pajamas, 1-2 clean outfits, shower stuff, pillow!!

Other:

- 1 plastic or lightweight water bottle
- Small Bible and pen/pencil in Ziploc bag
- Sunglasses and a brimmed hat
- Sunscreen, bug repellent, SPF lip balm
- Headlamp or flashlight (with batteries)
- Toiletry Items - toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, baby/body wipes (Ziploc Bag)
- Tampons / Pads for women
- 6 or 7 ½ gallon Ziploc bags (for clothes)
- Spending money if you wish to get snacks on the drive or at CPBC canteen

Bedding:

- Nylon “mummy style” sleeping bag with stuff sack: must be warm, lightweight and packable (4- 5 pounds max, must fit into stuff sack 10 x 20 max) 20 degree F rating

What not to bring

- x Nut Products of any kind
- x Snacks/Food/Candy
- x Electronics
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- x Cell Phones, Electronic Devices or Smartwatches
- x Pets
- x Weapons of any kind (Knives, lighters, etc.)
- x Fireworks
- x Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs

Optional:

- Camera (In Ziploc bag)
- Hat
- Small Fan (battery operated)
- Water Shoes for waterfront time
- Fishing pole / tackle (no MI fishing license needed for those 16 and under)
- Money to put into CPBC canteen - camp merchandise, (first or last day).
(See page 6 for more information)

Tips for Backpacking Trips!

Trip campers should bring a range of clothes for warm days and cool nights. The Trip campers are outside the entire week, so adequate clothing is important for cold or rainy days (check the forecast for the week).

Our Trip program is designed to encourage campers to participate in the experience of community and adventure with the basic essentials. Please do not pack electronic devices, watches, candy/junk food, mirrors, cosmetics, or pop-culture reading material. Cell phones may be used during travel for those riding the bus. Cell phones and the above items will be packed away on the first night and returned at the end of the week.

The packing list above is the recommended items for the trip. Please do not feel the need to purchase a lot of expensive equipment. Many items can be borrowed if not already owned. Tents, 2/3 length “ridge rest” sleeping pads, hiking backpacks, and cooking equipment will be provided. Your first night at camp, prior to launching, we will unpack our bags and repack them into the backpacks that we provide for you, and split up communal gear amongst the group. Your luggage and unnecessary items (including phones and electronics) will be stored safely at camp for the time we are on trail.

TRIPS (CANOEING) PACKING LIST

Clothes:

- Water shoes or old tennis shoes to wear in river, Keens, or sandals with straps (NO crocs or flip-flops, can come off and float downstream)
- 1 pair of tennis shoes or sandals to keep dry for the campsite
- 2 t-shirts and 4-5 pairs of underwear
- 2-4 pairs of warm socks
- 1 warm fleece or wool long sleeve layer (not cotton)
- Waterproof rain jacket and pants
- 1 loose fitting pants for campsite (no cotton or jeans)
- 2 pairs of quick-drying shorts
- something to wear to sleep
- Swimsuit (modest) and small towel
- *BACK AT CPBC* → pajamas, 1-2 clean outfits, shower stuff, pillow!!

Other:

- Water bottle
- Small Bible and pen/pencil in Ziploc bag
- Sunglasses and a brimmed hat
- Sunscreen, bug repellent, SPF lip balm
- Headlamp or flashlight (with batteries)
- Toiletry Items - toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, baby/body wipes (Ziploc Bag)
- Tampons / Pads for women
- 6 or 7 ½ gallon Ziploc bags (for clothes)
- Spending money if you wish to get snacks on drive or at CPBC canteen

Bedding:

- Nylon “mummy style” sleeping bag with stuff sack: must be warm, lightweight and packable (4- 5 pounds max, must fit into stuff sack 10 x 20 max) 20 degree F rating

What not to bring

- x Nut Products of any kind
- x Snacks/Food/Candy
- x Electronics
- x Watches
- x Mirrors or Cosmetics
- x Pop-culture Magazines
- x Personal sports equipment (scooters, bikes, etc.)
- x Cell Phones, Electronic Devices or Smartwatches
- x Pets
- x Weapons of any kind (Knives, lighters, etc.)
- x Fireworks
- x Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs

Optional:

- Camera (In Ziploc bag)
- Hat
- Small Fan (battery operated)
- Water Shoes for waterfront time
- Fishing pole / tackle (no MI fishing license needed for those 16 and under)
- Money to put into CPBC canteen - camp merchandise, (first or last day).
(See page 6 for more information)

Tips for Trips!

Canoe trip campers should bring a range of clothes for warm days and cool nights. The Trip campers are outside the entire week, so adequate clothing is important for cold or rainy days (check the forecast for the week).

Our Trip program is designed to encourage campers to participate in the experience of the community and adventure with the basic essentials. Please do not pack electronic devices, watches, candy/junk food, mirrors, cosmetics, or pop-culture reading material. Cell phones may be used during travel for those riding the bus. Cell phones and the above items will be packed away on the first night and returned at the end of the week.

The packing list above is the recommended items for the trip. Please do not feel the need to purchase a lot of expensive equipment. Many items can be borrowed if not already owned. Tents, 2/3 length “ridge rest” sleeping pads, dry-bags, Duluth packs, and cooking equipment will be provided. Your first night at camp, prior to launching, we will unpack our bags and repack our gear into the dry bags that we provide for you, and split up communal gear and sleeping bags amongst Duluth packs. Your luggage, a clean outfit (for when we return to camp), and unnecessary items (including phones and electronics) will be stored safely at camp for the time we are on the river.

MAINLAND, ISLAND, & TRIPS CHECK-IN

Upon Arrival:

- Staff will be ready to greet and direct in their CPBC staff shirt!
- Once the bell rings and registration begins, check in at the big white tent under your camper's program, Mainland, Island, or Trips. There, you will:
 - Confirm details for who will be picking up your camper.
 - Drop off any pre-written mail at the registration table for distribution throughout the week.
 - Receive your departure slip to give to your camper's counselor to officially drop your camper off.
- Check in at the small white tent with the health officer to drop off any medications (in original containers) or discuss any medical details.
- Check in at your camper's program area (Mainland, Island, or Trips). See map for details.
- Get to know your camper's leadership staff, counselors, and fellow campers.
- Visit the Canteen to deposit funds for the week (See page 6 for more information).
- Campers will take their "Swim Challenge" either Sunday night or Monday (A swimming assessment required by law, to better match camper swimming abilities with water activities).
- When you are ready to depart from camp, head to your camper's cabin, hand the "departure slip" to your camper's counselor to officially drop your camper off. Covenant Point staff do not assume responsibility for your camper until receipt of the departure slip.
- Once your camper has been fully checked in and is with their counselor, you can say your good-byes!
- Please depart from the grounds no later than 5:15 pm on day of arrival.
- **Campers arriving by bus will be guided by staff through this same process.**

**Check-in begins at
4:00 pm CDT every
Sunday**



MAINLAND, ISLAND, & TRIPS CHECK-IN



Welcome to Covenant Point!

1. Drop off luggage at designated spots

2. Register at the big tent

3. Drop off all meds at the small tent

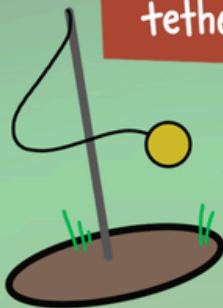


4.

Mainland campers go to cabin info table near the tetherball pole

Island campers meet at the waterfront

Trip campers meet at the camp van



Deposit funds only on dining hall front porch.
Deposit and shop downstairs in canteen!



Questions? Ask anyone in a staff shirt!

MAINLAND, ISLAND & TRIPS CHECK-IN

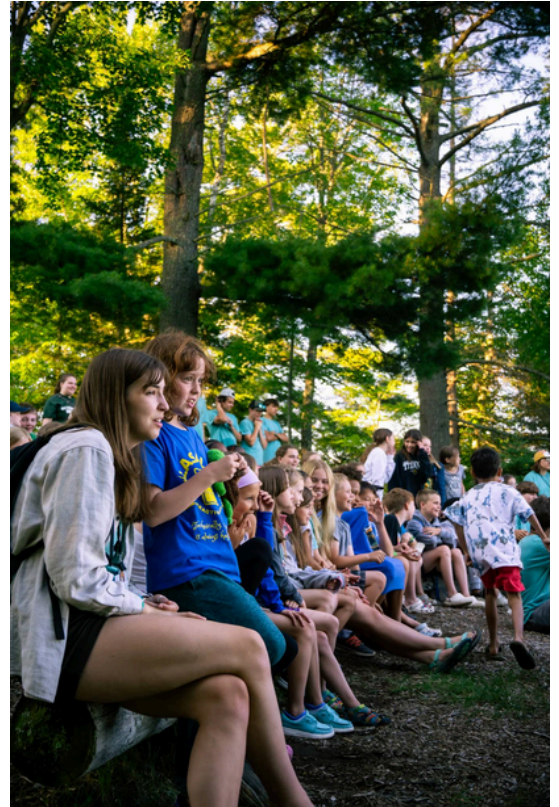
Lodging

Covenant Point offers quality facilities for all programs at camp. Mainland lodges are equipped with bunk beds and attached bathrooms. Island yurts include bunk beds, with vault toilet facilities nearby. Trips tents provide lightweight, basic protection from the elements, designed to be carried in your camper's pack.

The Canteen

Prior to camp (recommended) or at check-in, you will have the opportunity to deposit money in your camper's canteen account. Mainland campers will have the opportunity to visit the canteen daily, while Island and Trips campers will have the opportunity at the beginning and end of the week.

The store carries candy, snacks, drinks, souvenirs, and clothing. Limits on candy and soda consumption are imposed.



Medications

- All medications must be given to the Health Officer at check-in and must be in original containers with instructions.
- All medications will be administered and documented by Covenant Point's onsite health officer, or authorized Covenant Point staff - under the supervision of the health officer.
- Medication must be current; expired medications cannot be accepted.
- Campers may not keep any medications (except epipens) on their person or in their belongings (including over the counter meds).
- Please do not bring nonprescription medications (vitamins, fluoride pills, etc.) that are not essential for maintaining your child's health while at camp.
- If your child uses an inhaler, please send two inhalers to camp, if possible. One will be kept at the health center and one will be carried with the counselor throughout the week. Both inhalers need to be labeled with the camper's name directly on the inhaler.
- Epinephrine delivery systems (Epi-pens, AuviQ, etc) must be current and labeled directly on the pen with your camper's name.

MAINLAND, ISLAND & TRIPS CHECK-OUT

Camper Pick-up Process:

1. Please arrive promptly at 1:00 pm CDT on Friday with a parent meeting in the Tab prior at 12:45 pm.
2. Join us for the **Parent / Caregiver Session** in the Tabernacle for a brief session with our executive director. This 15-minute talk is designed to help you 1) get to know camp leadership, 2) better understand our philosophy of ministry, 3) learn more about what your camper experienced while at camp, and 4) become equipped with tools to help nurture your camper's faith formation. ***New this year, we will also be sharing a video version of this talk via email for those campers traveling home by bus.
3. Following the session, parents and caregivers will be dismissed to the check-out station in the big field. **Authorized adults only (whose name is listed on the camper's registration as a designated adult), who show state identification, will be given a camper release sticker and the remaining medications.**
4. Take your release sticker to your child's Mainland cabin, Islander area, or Trips area. Your camper will be released to you only when our staff has received their release sticker.
5. Check the camp lost and found table for any items that may have gone missing during the week. (See page 34 for lost and found details)
6. Stop by the Canteen on your way out for some snacks for the road or camp merchandise.



**Check-out is at
1:00 pm CDT every
Friday, beginning with a
parent / caregiver
session at 1:00 pm.**



LIFE AT CAMP

Meals

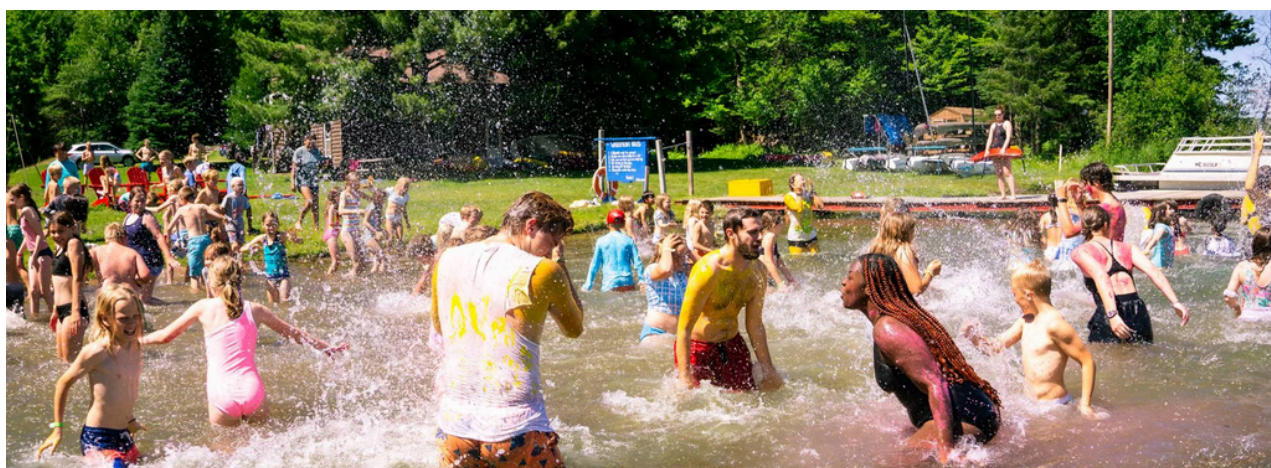
The food at Covenant Point is central to the camp experience. Each meal is lovingly prepared (mostly from scratch) by our chef, assistant cooks, and the summer kitchen crew. Each menu is reviewed by a local dietitian to ensure that campers receive adequate nutrition, and meals for those with dietary restrictions are carefully prepared to ensure the safety of each camper. Meals on our Island are prepared in our Mainland kitchen and shipped twice daily to Islanders, who participate in the service and cleanup process. Trippers also have a hands-on experience with meals, assisting the cooking process over a fire or by backpacking stove. Meals on trail are designed to be delicious, while also being packable, and nourishing.

Special Nutritional Needs

Our chef receives all allergy and dietary restriction information from registration forms and ensures that each meal is prepared so that a camper with special food needs is well-fed, safe, and cared for at each meal. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us with any special concerns or questions: bonnie@cpbc.com. It is very important that we have your campers' dietary needs long before their arrival at camp to ensure we have the correct foods to support their needs!

Special Medical Needs

Campers with special medical needs should contact our office at 906-265-2117 to discuss the level of medical care required and what we are able to accommodate at camp. In consultation with the parents, CPBC staff and camp physician will make a determination on our ability and staffing support required to meet the camper's medical needs prior to enrollment.



SAFETY AT CAMP



Licensing and Accreditation

The safety and wellbeing of our campers is our greatest priority. Covenant Point complies with a robust set of standards to maintain our license with the state of Michigan to operate in good standing as a youth and children's camp site and program. Additionally, Covenant Point annually meets or exceeds 300+ standards to achieve accreditation with the American Camp Association - the camping industry's highest most comprehensive accountability benchmark for camper wellness, programming, food service, staffing, and risk management.

Staff Hiring, Certifications and Supervision

All staff at Covenant Point undergo a rigorous hiring process prior to training. Applications, interviews, references, and background checks are thoroughly vetted to ensure we are hiring a team that is comprised of people who are safe, mature, and active in Christian faith. All staff are accountable to supervisors throughout the summer, who provide ongoing oversight of their performance, providing feedback, and support.

Staff Training for Camper Care

Once hired, staff undergo 2-3 weeks of training in a broad range of areas, (skills certifications, risk management, child development, medical care, spiritual formation, child protection, and emergency action plans), to both provide excellent care for our campers and to create an engaging program. During training, our staff are equipped with industry-best-practice policies and procedures to follow, as well as guided role-play and rehearsals to become proficient with the management of challenging issues such as: bullying, mental health concerns, medical emergencies, and severe weather.



SUMMER THEME

Come to the Table

The Bible is full of stories about meals! Eating, for Jesus, was a way of revealing the heart of God to others and bringing the Kingdom of God to Earth. Around the table, Jesus told the truth, welcomed the outcast, healed the broken, restored the sinner, and taught his disciples what it meant to love and serve. This summer, our hope is to enter into these stories with our campers and learn about Jesus' way of service, inclusion, restoration, presence, and unity. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in..." Matthew 25:35. Watch for daily emails with more information to follow along at home!



Daily Faith Practices at Camp

Each day, we will explore Jesus' life and teachings through songs, Bible reading, and a message at chapel. Following chapel, campers will gather in cabin groups for Bible study and conversation. In the evenings, campers will join again with their counselor and cabin mates for quiet time reflection and journaling about their day and learnings. Other faith practices are woven throughout the day, and become part of life at camp: a morning "First Word" devotional, post-lunch walk partners, and mealtime prayer.

Global Mission Partnership

Each summer, through our global camp project, campers will have a chance to learn more about how God is at work through the Church in places and cultures different than our own. This summer, we invite campers to learn about and participate in giving financially from their canteen fund toward "The Gift of Goats" project in Haiti and India.



FAITH FORMATION AT HOME

Parents, We're With You!

One of the most important factors determining if a young person will continue practicing faith throughout their adult life is if faith conversations and practices took place in the home. Camp is vital and connection to a church is vital, but nothing is more powerfully formative for your child than *you*: your own personal faith journey, and the regular incorporation of faith practices into your family's life. This can feel overwhelming, but even small steps can have a huge impact! Consider mealtime prayer, reading a Bible verse together around the table, participating in a service activity in your community together, and having open conversations about faith. Your camper will have experienced this all week, so it's a great time to start a new practice in the home!

A New Practice to Try at Home: Walk Partners

Each day at camp, we invite campers to pair up with another camper from their cabin or group for about 10 minutes of walking and talking. The goal is to help each one foster relationships that are rooted in Christ by learning to share in conversations about life and faith with their peers. A leader shares three questions:

- 1) ICEBREAKER: a question that is silly or fun. Example: If you could have one superpower, what would it be?
- 2) REFLECTION: a question that asks the camper to reflect on life and share a bit deeper about themselves. Example: What is one tradition from your family or culture that you really like?
- 3) FAITH: a question that invites reflection about God, a passage in the Bible, about how we live out our faith, what we sense God is teaching us these days, or about what we might wonder or struggle with in terms of our faith. Example: What is one of Jesus' miracles that you wish you could have seen - and why? Or, Why do you think forgiveness is such a big theme in the Bible? Why is it so important to God?

Find a time that's good for a regular, brief walk and see if you and your family can develop a new faith practice in your life together!

AN ECOLOGY OF FAITH FORMATION

Faith formation happens best when multiple integrated and supporting contexts are working together to help a child grow. **Camp** creates a temporary and sacred space for transformation and equipping, but it exists to support the permanent sacred spaces of **church** and **home** - where long-term belonging, serving, nurturing, and mentoring can take place. If you don't have a local faith community, consider seeking one to support you and your family in your journey! Covenant Point is part of the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church. Follow the links to learn more!



FAMILIES PROVIDE

- Parent modeling
- Daily faith conversations
- Daily support and care
- Worldview formation
- Commitment to a local church community
- Daily faith habits such as prayer and bible reading
- Formal and informal instruction on Scripture and doctrine



CHURCHES PROVIDE

- Instruction on central beliefs and doctrines of faith
- Bible teaching
- Intergenerational faith community
- Opportunities to serve local community
- Non family Christian mentors and models
- Consistent community experiences
- Support and care
- Rituals and liturgies
- Christian peers and friends



CAMPS PROVIDE

- Temporary, full immersion in Christian community
- Significant experiences and encounters with God
- Opportunities to lead
- Development of resilience and perseverance
- "Near-peer" mentors and guides
- Bible teaching and exploration
- Exposure to Christian peers from other backgrounds
- Introduction to new habits and rhythms
- Opportunities and invitations to take ownership of faith

FAMILY CAMP PACKING LIST

Bedding:

- Blankets and Sheets (standard twin size) or Sleeping Bag
- Pillow and Pillow Case

Clothes: (Pack for diverse weather)

- Warm jacket or sweater
- Several changes of clothing for (Buggy, cold, hot weather). We host one fancier dinner for adults for the week, sometimes participants enjoy having a slightly dressier option for that night, but not necessary
- Swimsuit (modest design)
- Walking/running shoes (closed-toed)
- Water shoes, sandals (not flip flops)
- Rain Gear

Other:

- Required Medications (In original containers)
- Bible
- Pen/Pencil
- Paper/Notebook
- Flashlight (with extra batteries)
- Toiletry Items (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush)
- Towels (bath and swimming)
- Water Bottle (Label with name)
- Small Backpack
- Sunscreen/Bug Repellent

Optional:

- Camera
- Hat
- Small Fan (battery operated)
- Water Shoes for waterfront time
- Fishing pole/tackle (no MI fishing license needed for those 16 and under)
- \$20-\$50 for camp clothing merchandise, money for mission project donation, canteen snacks, ski boat activities (\$4 per tube ride). Children can be limited on spending for family tab in the canteen, if desired
- Optional for adults, something a little nicer to wear for a special adult dinner

What not to bring

- x Nut Products of any kind
- x Personal sports equipment (scooters, bikes, etc.)
- x Unnecessary Electronics
- x Pets
- x Weapons of any kind (Knives, lighters, etc.)
- x Fireworks
- x Alcohol or drugs

FAMILY CAMP CHECK-IN

Check-in begins at 4:00 pm CDT every Sunday.

Checklist:

- Leave luggage in your car,
- Check in at the tent under the sign labeled Family Camp.
- Find out your cabin assignment
- Get back in your car, and you can drive up to your cabin to unload all your belongings.



Details

After you drop off your belongings and settle into your cabin, you should meet your hosts if you didn't before settling. Your hosts will be hanging out with you and your family throughout the week and are your go-to people for questions or concerns. Through meals, family group activities, and more, your host will serve as another member of your family!

Purpose

Our commitment to relationships is at the heart of each week of Family Camp. Come to relax, enjoy favorite camp activities, experience new challenges, allow loving staff to look after your children, and grow closer in faith with your own family. Our hope is that this can be a safe, relaxing time away for you and your family to connect and grow closer to Christ together.

FAMILY CAMP CHECK-IN

Cabins

Covenant Point offers quality facilities for all programs at camp. Our overnight cabins are equipped with attached bathrooms, and twin size bunk beds with spring mattresses.

Canteen

Throughout the week, staff will maintain a tab for each family in the canteen so members can come and buy items. Children can be given limits on spending if desired. Balances are due at the end of the week, along with any outstanding camper fees. The canteen carries candy, snacks, drinks, merchandise, and clothing.

Medications

- Our Health Officer of the week will be staying with their family in the infirmary.
- All medications can remain with the adults in your family, in your own cabin.
- Feel free to utilize the Health Officer for any health concerns or questions throughout the week regarding you or anyone in your family!



LIFE AT FAMILY CAMP

Meals

The food at Covenant Point is central to the camp experience. Each meal is lovingly prepared (mostly from scratch) by our chef, assistant cooks and the summer kitchen crew. While maintaining stringent ServeSafe, State of Michigan and ACA kitchen regulations, our talented kitchen staff prepares meals to meet the utmost standards of deliciousness. Each menu is reviewed by a local dietitian to ensure that campers receive adequate nutrition, and meals for those with dietary restrictions are carefully prepared to ensure the safety of each camper. Don't leave camp without having our famous baked oatmeal and homemade Point pizza, singing one of our camp graces, or poking your head in the kitchen to thank those who serve so selflessly to provide each visitor with good food and a smile.

Special Nutritional And Medical Needs

Our head cook receives all allergy and dietary restriction information from registration forms and ensures that each meal is prepared so that a camper with special food needs is well-fed, safe, and cared for at each meal. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us with any special concerns or questions: bonnie@cpbc.com. Campers with special medical needs should contact our office at 906-265-2117 to discuss the level of medical care required and able to accommodate at camp. In consultation with the parents, CPBC staff, and camp physician will make a determination on our ability and staffing support required to meet the camper's medical needs prior to enrollment.

Technology

Throughout the summer, we don't allow our youth campers to use technology. Phones, smart watches, and tablets are taken at the beginning of the week. This is to give them the opportunity to be fully immersed in their week here at camp, and they are great at embracing the screen-free week.

The same rules are encouraged but not enforced during family camp. We ask, however, that families both 1) recognize that the "unplugged" nature of the experience is one of the things that makes camp, camp, 2) respect other families in their desire to remain unplugged for the week. WiFi is available upon request.

FAMILY CAMP CHECK-OUT

Check-out is at
1:00 pm CDT every
Friday.

Checklist:

- Checkout begins after lunch.
- Feel free to drive your car to your cabin to pack up.
- Submit payment for any outstanding balances.
- Say goodbyes to camp friends!



Lost and Found

If one of your items is missing, please check the lost and found table prior to departure. If the items are found after your departure, they can be returned via mail (shipping reimbursement is required).

At the end of the summer season, unclaimed items are donated to a local charity.

