



Camp Roger

2019 Summer Camp Parent Guide

Overnight Camp Information

PACKING LIST FOR OVERNIGHT CAMP

- Swimsuit (one piece or modest tankini for girls)
- Rain coat or poncho
- A pair of older tennis shoes and a pair of sandals (preferably with back straps)
- Clothing for sunny, rainy and cool days (don't take your best)
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- A twin size fitted sheet to cover the mattress and a blanket
- Bible
- Sunscreen
- Flashlight
- Water bottle
- Insect repellent
- Toiletry articles
- Towel for swimming, towel for showering
- A book or quiet activity for bunk time
- Supplies to write home (stationary, envelopes, stamps)
- All medications must be brought in the original container from the pharmacy

THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME

- All electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, electronic games, smart watches, etc.)
- Cosmetics, hairdryers, etc.
- New or expensive clothing
- Food, gum and candy
- Over-the-counter medications

**Please label your child's items
clearly with first and last name.**

- Thank you

LOST and FOUND POLICY

- Please label all your child's items with their full name.
- Items found during the session are brought to the dining room each day for claiming.
- At the end of the session, lost and found items are placed in a tub up by the Lodge. You may check this before you leave.
- Any items left after campers leave will be held until the fall. Please call camp as soon as you realize you have a missing item. If we are able to locate the item(s), we will make arrangements with you for returning the item(s).
- All items left after September will be donated to a charitable organization.

CABINMATE REQUESTS

At Camp Roger, campers are grouped in cabins by gender and grade. Campers are welcome to request one to two cabinmates. As long as cabinmate requests are within two grades of each other (for example, 1st-3rd or 4th-6th), they will be placed in the same cabin. Cabinmates should request each other. Please be aware that the older child may be placed with younger campers. Because making new friends is an important goal at Camp Roger, we cannot necessarily honor requests of large groups of campers to be together. For campers who do not request cabinmates, we take care to assign them to cabins in which there are other campers who have not requested cabinmates as well.

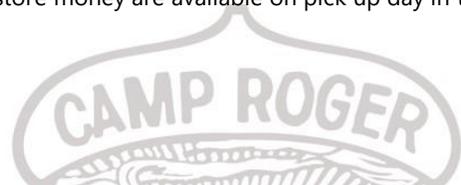
CAMP STORE MONEY

A camp store deposit of \$5 per 4-Day session and \$15 per 8-Day session is recommended. These charges will automatically be charged to your account when you register online.

During the session, 4-Day campers may purchase one candy per day, postage, and postcards. 8-Day campers may purchase one candy per day, postage/postcards, water bottles and bandanas from the store. The campers make their choices from their cabins each night. Campers may physically go to the store for campwear and souvenirs on drop off and pick up days with an adult.

There may also be an opportunity for campers who are at camp on a Sunday to make a collection donation toward the camper financial aid fund. This will come out of their camp store account.

Refunds of unspent store money are available on pick up day in the Lodge.



HEALTH HISTORY FORMS AND MEDICATIONS

- Beginning in May, a link to complete an online health history form will be made available through your online registration login. (If you did not register online, you will still be able to complete the online health history form.)
- All health history forms must be completed prior to your child's arrival at camp. If you registered online prior to May, you will receive an email notifying you when the online form is available. If you have any questions, please call the camp office at 616-874-7286.
- If there are any changes to be made to a submitted health form, please call the camp office to request that your form be reopened.
- All prescription medications, herbal supplements, and vitamins must be brought to camp in the original container from the pharmacy. The camper's name, prescribing physician's name, medication name and dosage should be clearly marked on the container.
- In accordance with state licensing rules, all camper medications, except rescue inhalers, will be stored in the Health Center.
- The Health Center is stocked with bandages, Tylenol/Ibuprofen, cough and cold remedies, and other over-the-counter medicines. If is not necessary to send these items along to camp.
- Parents will be contacted by our onsite nurse with health-related concerns that are important to share (ie, injury, illness, medication concerns, homesickness, behavioral concerns).
- Cabin counselors will check in with campers frequently to remind them how important utilizing sunscreen, showers and bug spray is.

ACCOUNT BALANCES

- All accounts must be paid in full by the opening day of the session.
- You may pay your balance before you arrive by mailing in a check, calling camp with a credit card number, or using the Return to Pay feature through your online registration account. Registrars will be available in the lodge during check-in to assist with any final payments.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

If you cancel your child's registration 14 or more days before the beginning of the session, a cancellation fee of \$25 will be assessed and all other payment will be refunded. If you cancel less than 14 days before your child's session of camp, a fee of the minimum \$100 deposit will be assessed, and any other payment made will be refunded. Exceptions are only for medical reasons, family emergencies, or death in the family. In such case, only the \$25 cancellation fee will be assessed.

ARRIVAL AT CAMP: 12:45pm – 2:00pm

Please double check your reminder email or statement of account to confirm the start date of your child's session. Check in is from 12:45 to 2:00pm. If you arrive earlier than 12:45pm, you should wait in your car in the front driveway. The back gate will be closed. Checking in, parking, and moving your child into the cabin could take 45 to 60 minutes. Having your account and camp store deposits paid and your health forms turned in ahead of time will help in making the process go more quickly.

The check in process will include:

- Being greeted by the camp director in the front drive,
- Parking your vehicle (staff will assist you),
- A brief health screening of your child, which includes a lice check (Please allow us full access to the child's hair by removing braids, etc. We also recommend checking, and treating your child if necessary, prior to arrival.),
- Receiving your child's cabin assignment,
- Meeting your child's counselor and cabinmates and moving into his/her cabin,
- Checking in at the Lodge (this may include paying balances, making store deposits, meeting the nurse and dropping off medications and/or health history forms),
- Visiting the camp store in the Lodge to purchase campwear and souvenirs. The store will also be open on pick up day.

LATE ARRIVALS/ABSENCES/EARLY DEPARTURES

We understand that occasionally a camper family may arrive late due to unforeseen circumstances. If you know you are running late, please call camp as soon as possible. If you anticipate arrival conflicts due to work schedules, please make plans for someone else to drop off your child or choose a different session. Much happens in the first few hours of camp and regardless of your camper's comfort level with camp, there are multiple implications for late arrivals. Late arrivals due to health issues or family emergencies will be accommodated as best we can.

If you anticipate your child having to miss certain days of the session due to sports or other commitments or having to leave early, we ask you to choose a different session for them to attend. Having campers coming and going can be very disruptive, not only to your child, but also to other campers. Please contact one of our directors (Kelsey or Doug) at camp if you would like to discuss a potential absence from a session.



DEPARTURE FROM CAMP 9:30-10:30am

Camper pick up is from 9:30 to 10:30am. Once again, please check your reminder email or statement of account to see when the last day of the session is. If arriving before 9:30am, please wait in your car in the front drive. When the gate opens, please park where directed and go to your child's cabin. Be sure to check for all your child's belongings and check the lost and found tub by the Lodge. Come on in to the Lodge and shop the camp store for campwear and souvenirs. Refunds of unspent store money are also available in the Lodge or may be left as a donation to the Acorn Fund (camper financial aid fund).

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CAMPER

There are multiple ways in which you can communicate with your camper while they are away from home:

- **Bring a letter.** There will be a box at check in in the Lodge on opening day of the session. Feel free to drop off letters to your child ahead of time with the Registrars. Please include the camper's full name, cabin, and day to be delivered on. This will ensure that they will be received as sometimes letters will be delayed in the mail and arrive after your child has gone home. **We strongly encourage NOT mailing letters during 4-Day sessions for this reason.**
- **Send them an email.** Camper emails are printed off before lunch each day and handed out during their bunk time after lunch. Please visit our website and use the online form at CampRoger.org/email-camper.
- **Fax a letter to your camper.** Our fax number is 616-874-5734. Please include the camper's first and last name and their cabin name if you know it.
- **Mail them a letter.** Please include the child's first and last name and their cabin name if you know it. Send to Camp Roger, 8356 Belding Rd, Rockford, MI 49341. Please send early in the session to ensure the camper will receive the mail while at camp.

Campers do not have access to computers or phones during their stay. Because the camp experience is designed to encourage and promote independence, phone calls are not typically permitted. Camp staff will be quick to call and inform parents of any concerns that might be important to share (severe homesickness, injury, illness, behavioral concerns).

You may send along stationary and stamps for your child to write you letters during their stay. **Please DO NOT send your child food/treats or packages during the session.** While these are fun for your child to get, packages can be disruptive in a cabin and cause problems amongst campers.

Photos and blogs: Photos and staff blog entries are added to our website daily. Go to CampRoger.org, visit the Sessions page and click Experience to view cabin pictures and activity photos and to hear about what is going on each day at camp. While it is our goal to showcase a variety of the activities happening at camp, please understand that we are not able to photograph every camper each day of the session.

Campus Map

Questions?

Please visit our website at CampRoger.org for more information or call us at 616.874.7286.

No question is too small, and we love to serve our families each day. Thank you from all of us at camp!



