

# Camp Roger Camp Scottie

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Call the office at (616)874-7286





# Camp Scottie

## 2020 Summer Camp Parent Guide Day Camp Information

**Day camp will meet at our Camp Scottie Campus: 8181 Newcosta Road Howard City, MI 49329**

### **PACKING LIST FOR DAY CAMP**

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

#### **Each day, please bring...**

- Backpack or gym bag with...
  - ✓ Sack lunch
  - ✓ Morning & afternoon snack
  - ✓ Water bottle
  - ✓ Sunscreen
  - ✓ Insect repellent (preferably with Deet)
  - ✓ Change of clothes (just in case!)
  - ✓ Plastic bag for wet clothing
- A pair of older tennis shoes or a pair of sandals with back straps; no flip flops please
- Jacket/sweatshirt for cool mornings
- Raincoat or poncho on rainy days
- Towel & Swimsuit (one piece or modest tankini for girls) – Campers will likely swim two of the days, but some additional camp activities may require swimwear.

#### **On Opening Day only...**

- All medications must be brought on Monday with enough for the week. Medication must be in the original container from the pharmacy.

### **THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME**

- All electronics devices (cell phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, electronic games, etc.)
- New or expensive clothing

NOTE: Stay tuned to our daily correspondence for information on anything you may need to bring or leave home on any given day.

### **LOST and FOUND POLICY**

- Please label all your child's items with their full name.
- Items found during the session without a label are brought to the Camp Office, located inside Tamarack Lodge.
- Friday, at the end of the session, lost and found items are placed in a tub and brought back to Camp Roger's Rockford campus. Contact Deb at our main office (616-874-7286) to claim your items.
- Any unclaimed items 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.

### **FRIEND/SIBLING REQUESTS**

At Camp Scottie, campers are placed into co-ed groups before the first day. Friends/siblings who wish to be in the same group must be within one grade of each other. Please note that there are opportunities throughout the day for all children to interact together. Because making new friends is an important goal at Camp Roger, we cannot necessarily honor requests of large groups of campers to be together.

### **PARENT COMMUNICATION THROUGHOUT THE WEEK**

In order to communicate with you during your child's session, regarding program or weather-related changes, we will use the email you provided on your child's registration form, in addition to intermittent paper updates. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

**Meet with a Director:** If you'd like to communicate face-to-face during your child's session, please contact us to set up a meeting with one of our directors immediately following drop-off or before pick-up.

**Photos and videos:** Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to see daily photos and live videos of your child's session. Go to [CampRoger.org/2020summerphotos](http://CampRoger.org/2020summerphotos) for a hub where you'll find helpful links for each session to google photo albums and a summary video on the final day. 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.

## **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 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 on opening day, with enough medication to last the week. Medication must be in the original container from the pharmacy, with the camper's name, prescribing physician's name, medication name and dosage clearly marked on the container. Please do not send more medication than your child will need for the week.
- In accordance with state licensing rules, all camper medications, except rescue inhalers and EpiPens, will be stored in a locked cabinet in the Camp Office.
- The Camp Scottie campus is stocked with bandages, Tylenol/Ibuprofen, and antacids. It is not necessary to send these items along to camp.

As part of your check-in process, a few health questions will be asked. During the week, if your child has a fever or is vomiting, please call us and keep them at home. Your child should be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to camp.

Parents will be contacted by our onsite Health Officer or Program Director with health-related concerns that are important to share (i.e., injury, illness, medication concerns, homesickness, behavioral concerns).

**Please have your child arrive with bug spray already applied each day. Counselors will continue to apply spray as the day goes on.**

## **ACCOUNT BALANCES**

- All accounts must be paid in full by the Monday two weeks before Opening Day of your child's session.
- You may pay your balance before you arrive by mailing in a check to the Rockford address below, calling camp with a credit card number, or using the Return to Pay feature through your online registration account.
- Bus staff will not be able to accept payments. Balances are expected to be paid prior to the session.

## **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 \$40 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: 8:00 am – 8:30 am**

Please double check your reminder email or statement of account to confirm the start date of your child's session. Each day check in/drop off is from 8:00 to 8:30am.

### **Opening Day (Monday)**

#### **Opening Day Drop off at Camp Scottie Campus**

- If you arrive earlier than 8:00am, you should wait in your car in the front driveway until we open the gate.
- Please park where directed and head over to Tamarack Lodge to meet the directors and counselors and complete check in.
- Once your child has met his/her counselor, you will say goodbye to your camper, and he/she will join the group in opening morning activities.
- You will have an opportunity to connect with your child's counselor and share any specific things about your child.
- You will also be asked to complete a brief health survey. If your child takes medication you will turn it in at this time. (Please refer to the Health History Forms and Medications section of this Parent Guide for specific instructions.)
- Once this is complete return to your car and head back out the drive you came in on. See you at the end of the day!

#### **Opening Day Drop off at Bus Stops**

- Please be at your designated bus stop at least 5 minutes before scheduled pick up. A bus stop schedule will be sent to you in an email the Tuesday before your session. It will also be available on our website in the spring.
- When the bus arrives to pick up your camper, the driver and second staff member will sign in each camper, tell you about your camper's counselor, and collect any medication that your child needs for the week. (See the Health History Forms and Medications section of this Parent Guide for more details.) You will also complete a brief health survey and verify the persons authorized to pick up your child at the end of the day.
- In order to stay on our tight busing schedule, we will need to keep this process as efficient as possible.

## **ARRIVAL AT CAMP: 8:00 am – 8:30 am (con't)**

### **Non-Opening Day (Tuesday – Friday)**

#### Drop off at Camp Scottie Campus

- If you arrive earlier than 8:00am, you should wait in your car in the front driveway until we open the gate.
- Please drive in to the designated drop off spot and you will be greeted by one of our staff. **Note: Please remain in your car as your campers get out. Campers should stay in their vehicle until greeted.**
- Once all your campers are dropped off please continue around the loop of the drive and head back out the way you came in. See you at the end of the day!

#### Drop off at Bus Stops

- Please be at your designated bus stop at least 5 minutes before scheduled pick up.
- When the bus arrives to pick up your camper the driver and second staff member will sign each camper in.
- In order to stay on our tight busing schedule, we will need to keep this process as efficient as possible.
- If you need to change your bus stop during the week, please contact one of our Day Camp Directors to let them know.

## **LATE ARRIVALS/ABSENCES**

We understand that occasionally a camper family may arrive late due to unforeseen circumstances. If you know you are running late, please call our director's cell phone (listed on the last page) as soon as possible.

### **Late for drop-off at Camp Scottie**

Call the camp director and arrange details for a meeting place upon arrival.

### **Late for bus stop**

Our bus stops at pre-established times and must continue on schedule in order to remain reliable. **We will not hold the bus for your child.** Please call the camp director to determine whether you can drop your child at a different bus stop, or whether you must arrange alternate transportation to the Camp Scottie Campus.

Ultimately, it is your responsibility to transport your child to Camp Scottie or to the bus stop at the designated time.

### **Absences**

If you anticipate your child having to miss certain days of the session due to sports, appointments, or other commitments, we encourage you to choose a different session for him or her to attend. If this is not an option, be advised that session pricing cannot be divided by day. Please contact us at camp if you would like to discuss a potential absence from a session.

## **DEPARTURE FROM CAMP 4:30 pm**

### Pick up at Camp Scottie

Camper pick up is 4:40pm. If arriving before 4:30, please pull into the front drive and wait behind the gate until we open it. Please pull forward to our greeting staff and wait in the car as we bring your camper to you. We ask that you stay in the car to streamline the process. Our staff will help your children to the car, and buckle them in. Any labeled items that are left behind will be gathered and placed on your child's group table and sent home with them the next day. **Campers will only be released to authorized persons based on names provided by the parent/guardian.** Please call the Camp Scottie Director to add authorized names. If another authorized person is picking up your child, please share this procedural information with them.

### Pick up from Bus Stops

Your camper will be dropped off at the designated time of their bus stop. The bus will remain there for 5 minutes and promptly leave for the next stop in order to remain on schedule.

When you pick up your camper please approach the bus, and the staff member will check out your camper(s) when you sign the check-out form. **Campers will only be released to authorized persons based on names provided by the parent/guardian.** Please call the Camp Scottie Director to add authorized names.

If you are not going to make it to the bus stop on time, please call our director and make arrangements to meet at a stop farther down the route.

The bus will leave Camp Scottie at the same time each day in an effort to keep to the bus stop schedule. Please know that your child's safety is our first concern and traffic conditions may alter the schedule.

## **QUESTIONS BIG OR SMALL**

Please visit our website at [CampRoger.org](http://CampRoger.org) for more information. Also, feel free to call our main office at Camp Roger. We'd love to hear from you and help ensure that your child has an amazing summer with us. If you have an immediate need, please call our camp director or program director.

**Camp Director** – Matt Zwiep

Phone: (616)648-7159 Email: [matt@camproger.org](mailto:matt@camproger.org)

**Program Director** – Michelle Padilla

Phone: (708)601-9884 Email: [michelle@camproger.org](mailto:michelle@camproger.org)

**Camp Scottie Phone:** (231)937-7999

(available during summer session only)

**Note:** We will answer our cell phones and emails until 7:00 pm and will check any messages and emails by 7:00 am the next day to be sure we can connect on any emergent needs.



# Camp Roger

## 2020 Summer Camp Parent Guide Overnight Camp Information

### PACKING LIST FOR OVERNIGHT CAMP

- Clothing for sunny, rainy and cool days (don't take your best)
- Swimsuit (one piece or modest tankini for girls)
- A pair of older tennis shoes and a pair of sandals (preferably with back straps)
- Raincoat or poncho
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Toiletry articles
- Towel for swimming, towel for showering
- All medications must be brought in the original container from the pharmacy

#### Recommended or Optional:

- A twin size fitted sheet to cover the mattress and a blanket
- Bible
- Sunscreen
- Flashlight
- Water bottle
- Insect repellent
- A book or quiet activity for bunk time
- Supplies to write home (stationary, envelopes, stamps)

### THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME

- All electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, electronic games, smart watches, etc.)
- Alarm clocks, fans, etc.
- Cosmetics, hairdryers, etc.
- New or expensive clothing
- Food, gum and candy
- Over-the-counter medications (The camp nurse will have this available on site)

**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 on cabin porches and then collected 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, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>), 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 added to your account when you register online.

The store deposit will be used by campers during the session to purchase one candy per day, postage, and postcards. 8-Day campers may also purchase water bottles and bandanas from the store. The campers make their choices from their cabins each night. Campwear and souvenirs will be available to purchase during drop off and pick up times when parents/guardians are present.

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 and EpiPens, 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 of the importance of using sunscreen, showers and bug spray.

## **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. We partner with Remedy Lice Boutique in West Michigan for pre-camp screenings at a reduced price.),
- 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 during 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 and collect 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.** Each day, emails are printed off before noon and handed out during after lunch during bunk time. We usually do not distribute emails on closing day of sessions. Use our online form at [CampRoger.org/email-camper](http://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 and an unplugged environment, 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 stationery 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 or include potential allergens.

**Photos and videos:** Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to see daily photos and live videos of your child's session. Go to [CampRoger.org/2020summerphotos](http://CampRoger.org/2020summerphotos) for a hub where you'll find helpful links for each session to google photo albums, a summary video on the final day, and a link for camper email. 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](http://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!





# Camp Roger

## 2020 Summer Camp Parent Guide Wilderness Trip Information

### PACKING LIST

- Quick-drying clothing for sunny, rainy, and cool days (preferably not cotton)
- Lightweight **long** sleeve shirt and **long** pants (quick drying – **not jeans or cotton**) for bug protection
- Socks (preferably quick drying)
- Swimsuit (one piece or modest tankini for girls)
- A supportive, broken-in pair of tennis shoes for hiking
- Raincoat or poncho (light raincoat is advised)
- A **warm, lightweight, and quick-drying** sleeping bag (Be sure your bag easily stuffs to a small size)
- Two** large (at least 24 oz. each) water bottles
- Toiletry articles
- Insect repellent (2 cans/bottles)
- Prescription medications (must be brought in the original container from the pharmacy)
- Campers who use prescribed inhalers or EpiPens should bring **two** inhalers on the trip

#### Optional:

- Hiking boots (tennis shoes are enough if they are comfortable and supportive)
- Sandals with back straps or water shoes
- A brimmed hat for sun (head nets may be provided)
- Camp Roger provides backpacks, but if you have your own you may bring it.
- Sunscreen
- Bible
- Lightweight flashlight or headlamp
- A lightweight quick drying towel or chamois and a regular towel for back at camp
- If a pillow is desired, it must be a small travel pillow
- If a sleeping pad is desired, bring a lightweight one
- Digital Camera

#### **For Voyagers Only:**

- Khaki or navy shorts for back at camp to be worn on opening/closing days with Staff shirt
- Extra clothes to stay at camp for 4-Day Session

**IMPORTANT:** Proper equipment can make the difference between a miserable camp experience and a comfortable, happy one. It is essential that you follow these equipment/packing guidelines. This may involve borrowing or buying gear that you may not already own. If you have trouble procuring this gear, please call Camp Roger at 616-874-7286 for assistance.

### THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME

- All electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, electronic games, etc.)
- Cosmetics, hairdryers, etc.
- New or expensive clothing
- Food, gum and candy
- Over-the-counter medications (Trip leaders will have these on hand as needed)
- Alcohol, drugs, and cigarettes (including e-cigs) are prohibited

### LOST and FOUND POLICY

- Please label all your child's items with their full name.
- At the end of the session, lost and found items are placed near the cabin porches and then collected 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.

### 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.

### CAMP STORE MONEY

Wilderness trip campers do not need to deposit money in a camp store account. Voyager campers may bring along a little pocket money for snacks on the van rides to and from their destination, but not a lot is needed. They may visit the camp store for campwear/souvenirs on drop off and pick up day.

## **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.
- All medications will be kept in the first aid kit with the counselor when off site. The first aid kit is stocked with ample over-the-counter medications, first aid supplies and a backup Epi-pen. The counselors are responsible for all medication administration when out of camp. They are given specific instructions and med administration sheets from the nurse. The counselors are also given copies of the camper's health history forms and discusses each camper's specific medical needs with the nurse prior to leaving camp. The nurse is available by cell phone 24 hours a day for consultation as needed for out of camp trips.
- Wilderness Trip leaders will contact camp directors at least once per trip to touch base.
- Each Wilderness Trip is staffed with a counselor who is Lifeguard/CPR and Wilderness First Aid Certified.

## **CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY**

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## **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. We request that Pioneer and Voyager campers arrive as close to 12:45/1:00 as possible to maximize the group's trip planning time. 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 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. We partner with Remedy Lice Boutique in West Michigan for pre-camp screenings at a reduced price.),
- Moving in to the Yurt (Pioneer girls), the Rustic Cabin (Pioneer boys), or the Lodge Basement (Voyagers), and meeting your counselors and trip mates,
- Checking in at the Lodge (this may include paying balances, 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.

Because the Pioneer and Voyager trips are mostly off Camp Roger's property, missing a day or two due to such things as sports or tryouts, etc. is not an option. Also for Voyagers, being present for the full 4-Day Session as a Voyager counselor is a very important part of the experience. If you anticipate your child having to leave early, please consider another 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.

Voyager counselors are encouraged to stay until 10:30am to say goodbye to all the campers in their cabins and wrap up their experience with their Voyager Trip leaders. We encourage you to pick them up at 10:30am to give them the full counselor experience.

## **KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CAMPER**

Due to the nature of these trips, campers will not be able to receive daily mail. Pioneer River/South campers might receive mail halfway through their trip and then on their return to camp. Pioneer North campers receive mail on the second to last day of the session when they return to camp. Voyagers receive mail when they return to camp and then during the 4-Day Session.

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.
- **Send them an email.** Camper emails are printed off at Camp Roger before noon each day and kept until the trip returns. Use our online form at [CampRoger.org/email-camper](http://CampRoger.org/email-camper).
- **Fax a letter to your camper.** Our fax number is 616-874-5734. Please include the camper's full name.
- **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.

Campers do not have access to computers or phones during their stay. Because the camp experience is designed to encourage and promote independence and an unplugged environment, phone calls are not permitted. Wilderness Trip leaders will be able to contact camp directors if there are any concerns that might be important to share (severe homesickness, injury, illness, behavioral concerns).

**Photos** will be added to our website after the trip; however, our photographer will need a few days to get these from the trip leaders. Go to [CampRoger.org/2020summerphotos](http://CampRoger.org/2020summerphotos) for a link to the google photo album.

## **Campus Map**

### **Questions?**

Please visit our website at **[CampRoger.org](http://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!

