



Hidden Acres Summer Camp 2012

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION

Romans 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Camper Check-In

Check-in is at the **Family Life Center** from **3:00-5:00 pm**. Please make every effort to check-in during this time. If you are late, please come to the Welcome Center. If you know in advance that you will be late, please let us know the week before.

Camper Pick-Up

All camps end on Friday with the exception of Week 4, June 24-27, which ends on Wednesday, June 27.

Pick-up time is 3 pm for all camps.

Pick-up will be similar to last year. Each cabin will have an individual cabin award time led by the counselors. Each camper will be individually honored and presented with an official Hidden Acres certificate highlighting their positive qualities along with a t-shirt and cabin photo at no additional charge. We encourage families to come and support their camper during awards. Counselors will accommodate families with multiple children. *Parents will be informed at check-in of awards location.*

Sample Daily Schedule

Times vary depending on age group.

7 am	.....	Rise & Shine
7:45	.....	Flag Raising
8:00	.....	Breakfast
8:30	.....	Cabin Devotions
9:00	.....	Chapel
10:30	.....	Morning Activities
12 pm	.....	Lunch
1:00	.. .	Swimming/Afternoon Activities
5:30	.....	Supper
7:00	.....	All Camp Game
8:30	.....	Chapel
10:00	.....	Cabin Devotions
10:30	.....	Lights Out

Programming

Four primary objectives guide our program development: to discover and meet spiritual needs, to provide experiences unique to camp, to practice Biblical patterns of socializing, and to have a great time! Each camp has their own pastor/speaker who relates the Scripture uniquely during chapel times. Counselors are trained to lead cabin devotional times and guide each of their campers to a greater understanding of God and a closer personal relationship with Him.

Summer Staff

More than 130 young adults serve in staff positions for the summer including counselors, kitchen, maintenance, wranglers, program, and office staff. These young servants come into contact with campers on a daily basis. It is our desire to hire staff who are trustworthy, spiritually mature, and who are positive role models for children. To this end, each staff member has been carefully interviewed individually prior to hiring and have been recommended by four references. Hidden Acres has one of the highest percentages of returning counselors in the state. The counselors are involved in daily Bible study and prayer. Please pray for our summer staff as they minister to your children.

Camper Mail/Photos

You can send mail or bring it to check-in and leave it for us to deliver. Please put your child's full name on it and add their cabin information when you check-in so we can direct it to your camper.

Camper email can be sent by going to www.hiddenacres.bunk1.com. Our pre-approval code is 129459HC. There is a fee of approximately \$1 per email. Bunk1 is available Monday-Thursday. Campers love to receive mail. Check out the photo gallery on this same website.

Camper Phone Calls

Unless there is an emergency, campers will not be able to receive or make any phone calls. **Please do not send cell phones or calling cards with your campers.**

Lost & Found

On the last day of camp, lost and found items can be claimed in the Main Lodge. Hidden Acres is not responsible for misplaced belongings. Any items remaining at the end of the camp season will be given to charity.

Discounts and Refunds

Members from the same family receive discounts in multiples of \$10 after paying full price for their first child. Example: 1st child, full price; 2nd child, \$10 off; 3rd child, \$20 off, up to a maximum of \$50.00 for 6 or more siblings.

The deposit is non-refundable, but it is transferable within the year to another camp or camper. In case of grave illness or death in the family, the fee can be refunded.

Weather

Camp staff monitors the weather at all times and will use the emergency siren, when necessary, to notify staff and campers of threatening weather. During severe weather, campers are taken to a lodge, the Family Life Center, or a basement facility around camp.

Modesty Guidelines

Since we are brothers and sisters in Christ at Hidden Acres, we want to protect each other from stumbling. As a result, we have formed some modesty guidelines we enforce with our staff and campers.

For **girls**, we ask campers to wear tank tops that have straps at least 1.5 inches wide, no halter or cropped tops, and shorts that come past the fingertips when standing. Please, no soffe shorts. We ask campers to wear one-piece swimsuits that do not show the stomach.

For **boys**, we ask campers to wear appropriate clothing. Underwear should not be showing. Those who are going into sixth grade or above should not wear form fitting clothing (such as tight Under Armour) unless a shirt is worn over.

Those who do not follow these guidelines will be taken aside and confidentially asked to change attire. Thank you for your understanding and assistance in creating a place that is truly set apart.

CHECKLISTS

#1—CHECK-IN

What you will need during check-in:

- Money for balance due. Cash, check (made out to Hidden Acres), Visa, MasterCard, and Discover are accepted.
- Church voucher (*if applicable*), if we haven't received it already with your registration or directly from your church. *No credit will be given until the voucher has been presented. The full balance will be due if the voucher has not been received.*
- Money for purchase of trail rides (\$15) and airsoft (\$20), if desired.
- Money for crafts, snacks, and offering. For campers in grades K-6, canteen cards can be purchased in increments of \$5, so they do not have to keep cash with them. These cards can be used for anything bought at Hidden Acres or for the offering on the last day of camp. They are **NON-REFUNDABLE**, but can be used at any time of the year or given to a sibling to use at another camp. We encourage parents to help their camper pick out something at the camp store during check-in or at closing instead of giving extra canteen cards for large purchases during the week.
- Prescription medication in original container. See 'Health Information'.

#2—GENERAL PACKING

Please mark *everything* with your camper's name (including luggage).

- Sleeping bag & pillow
- Bible
- Towels & washcloth
- Shampoo & soap
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Comb/brush
- Casual clothes (shorts, shirts, jeans)
- Sweatshirt or light jacket
- Modest swimsuit (1-piece for girls)
- Rain poncho or jacket
- Insect repellent & sunscreen
- Flashlight & batteries
- Tennis shoes & sandals
- Closed-toe shoes & jeans (trail ride)
- Old clothes & shoes for creek walks
These should be old enough to be thrown away if needed.

Campers are not allowed to have **cell phones, computers, mp3 players, CD players, DVD players, or other electronics**. Please keep these items at home or in your vehicle. If campers are found in possession of these items, they will be confiscated and given back on Friday afternoon. Campers are allowed to bring **cameras**, but be aware that they may get damaged. Disposable cameras are recommended.

#3—SPECIALTY CAMPS

- HORSE, WIT, AW: jeans, boots or hard-soled shoes
- SPORTS: appropriate shoes, clothes
- AIRSOFT: long sleeves, if desired
- FISHING: fishing poles, hooks, etc.

HEALTH INFORMATION

Health Forms & Check-In Info

- You probably have given us your child's medical info (allergies, special needs, etc.) when you filled out his or her registration form. If you are not sure, call the camp to see if anything more is needed or ask the nurses during check-in.
- If your child has meds, please bring them in their original container with current information on the label and drop them off with the nurses at check-in. Do not put medication in daily pill boxes. Be sure there is enough for the week.
- If your child has IM or SQ medications, send ALL supplies for the infusion or injections. You must have a written physician order for us to give injectable medications.
- Over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen are supplied by the Health Center. You do not need to send them with your camper.

Medical Staff

During summer camp there will be medical personnel on duty 24 hours a day. If your child becomes seriously ill or injured, you will be notified to discuss the best plan of action.

Homesickness

Definition: "A grieving for the sound, smell, and sensation of home."

Suggestions for parents:

- Talk to your child about homesickness and how it is not an uncommon feeling. Camp is a challenge and it takes people different amounts of time to adjust.
- Encourage him or her to share concerns so you can discuss coping strategies ahead of time.
- Encourage your child to stick camp out. However, it should be noted that a shortened stay at camp is not a failure, but a growing experience!
- Parents will be notified if our nursing staff feels it is necessary.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Camp Office Hours

8 am-7 pm

Mailing Address

3837 Union Ave
Dayton, IA 50530

Phone

515-547-2751

Business Email Only

office@hacamps.org

Camper Email

www.hiddenacres.bunk1.com
Pre-approval code 129459HC.

Camper Mail

Please put your child's full name on mail, and whenever possible, include the cabin name & number to help assure that it will be delivered to the right camper.

Website

www.hacamps.org

DIRECTIONS

Directions from I-35: (from south)

Exit onto Hwy 30 West. Follow to the Ogden exit and take P70 North (right). Head north just over 14 miles and start looking for green road signs that say "Hidden Acres Christian Center." Follow the arrows.

Directions from I-35: (from north)

Exit onto Hwy 175 West. Follow about 30 miles, cross river, then take P70 south (left). Watch for the green road signs that say "Hidden Acres Christian Center." Follow the arrows.

