

# FAMILY EVENTS AT HIDDEN ACRES



## JUST YOU & ME, MOM!

APRIL 19-20, 2024

Moms, are you running out of new ideas for fun, affordable activities with your kids? Do your kids need a fun getaway? If so, consider joining us for Just You & Me, Mom! This overnight event includes fun activities like horse rides, gym time, swimming, ziplining, and s'mores over the fire. At night, break away and have devotions and prayer time with your kids. We provide the housing, meals, and fun so that you can just show up and enjoy the weekend! Don't forget to invite Grandma, too!

## JUST YOU & ME, DAD!

MAY 10-11, 2024

Let Mom have a day to relax during Mother's Day weekend. Dads, bring your sons and daughters out to Hidden Acres for 24 hours of fun activities, crafts, games, swimming, and more. It's a great time for fathers and grandfathers to connect with their children and grandchildren.

## FAMILY CAMPS

MAY 24-27 & AUG 30-SEP 2, 2024

Get away from the day-to-day grind and bring your family for a weekend retreat. Connect through great speakers, worship, games, contests, crafts, swimming, gym time, and delicious food! Consider joining us for a few days of laughter, Biblical instruction, and memory-making fun! These camps fill months in advance, so make sure you register early.

## GRANDPARENTS CAMP

JUNE 24-26, 2024

Grandparents, do you struggle to find time to spend with your grandkids? Or, when you are with them, do you have a difficult time creating new and fun activities that keep them engaged? If so, bring your grandchildren for a three-day camp where you'll have the opportunity to grow together and create memories through chapel time, games, and the beautiful outdoors.

# WORTHY

Revelation 5:9



Hidden Acres  
Summer Camp '24



## HIDDEN ACRES

A PLACE SET APART FOR YOU  
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What is **worthy** of worship?

We're all tempted to worship something: money, comfort, sports, celebrities, friends, family; the list goes on and on. That's because our hearts were made to worship, and they won't rest until they find something **worthy** of praise and adoration.



This summer, we'll discover why the only person **worthy** of your worship is Jesus. He is King, He is God, and by His blood He purchased you for His Father. And one day, every knee will bow down to King Jesus.

Join us this summer to learn why Jesus alone is **worthy**!



**WEEK 5: JUNE 30-JULY 5**

**JUNIOR, 4TH-6TH GRADE**

Residential	\$395
Fishing (boys)	\$465
Horse Camp	\$465
Horse Wilderness (girls)	\$465
Volleyball (girls)	\$465
Wilderness (boys)	\$465

**JUNIOR HIGH, 7TH-8TH GRADE**

Residential	\$395
Airsoft (boys)	\$465
Art (girls)	\$465
Culinary (girls)	\$465
Disc Golf	\$465
Horse Camp (girls)	\$465
Theater	\$465
Volleyball (girls)	\$465
Woodworking (boys)	\$465
Wrangler in Training (girls)	\$465

**WEEKS 5-6: JUNE 30-JULY 12**

**HIGH SCHOOL, 9TH-12TH GRADE**

Assistant Wrangler (girls)	\$495
Timothy Team (T3)	\$495

**WEEK 6: JULY 7-12**

**JUNIOR, 4TH-6TH GRADE**

Residential	\$395
Fishing (boys)	\$465
Horse Camp (girls)	\$465
Horse Wilderness (girls)	\$465
Wilderness (boys)	\$465

**JUNIOR HIGH, 7TH-8TH GRADE**

Residential	\$395
Airsoft (boys)	\$465
Horse Camp (girls)	\$465
Horse Wilderness (girls)	\$465
Wrangler in Training	\$465

**HIGH SCHOOL, 9TH-12TH GRADE**

Barn Crew	\$465
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**WEEKS 6-7: JULY 7-19**

**HIGH SCHOOL, 9TH-12TH GRADE**

Timothy Team (T3)	\$495
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**WEEK 7: JULY 14-19**

**HIGH SCHOOL, 9TH-12TH GRADE**

Residential	\$405
Airsoft (boys)	\$475
Barn Crew (girls)	\$475
Basketball (boys)	\$475
Cross Country	\$475
Culinary (girls)	\$475
Horse Camp (girls)	\$475
Rough Riders (girls)	\$475
Shooting (boys)	\$475



WHAT **GRADE**

DO I CHOOSE?

*Choose the grade your camper enters in the fall of 2024.*

HOW MUCH IS **DUE NOW?**

*\$95 deposit per camper is due when you register*

HOW CAN I **SAVE MONEY?**

*If we receive your registration by March 31st, we'll give you \$20 off per camper.*

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WEEK 1: JUNE 2-7

### JUNIOR, 4TH-6TH GRADE

Residential	\$395
Basketball (boys)	\$465
Horse Camp (girls)	\$465
Horse Wilderness	\$465
Science Camp	\$465
Wilderness (boys)	\$465

### JUNIOR HIGH, 7TH-8TH GRADE

Residential	\$395
Airsoft (boys)	\$465
Basketball (boys)	\$465
Culinary (girls)	\$465
Fishing (boys)	\$465
Horse Camp (girls)	\$465
Horse Wilderness (girls)	\$465
Theater Camp	\$465
Wrangler in Training (girls)	\$465

## WEEKS 1-2: JUNE 2-14

### HIGH SCHOOL, 9TH-12TH GRADE

Assistant Wrangler (girls)	\$495
Timothy Team (T3)	\$495

## WEEK 2: JUNE 9-14

### PRIMARY, 2ND-3RD GRADE

Residential	\$395
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### JUNIOR, 4TH-6TH GRADE

Residential	\$395
Art (girls)	\$465
Fishing (boys)	\$465
Horse Camp (girls)	\$465
Horse Wilderness	\$465
Wilderness (boys)	\$465

## WEEKS 2-3: JUNE 9-21

### HIGH SCHOOL, 9TH-12TH GRADE

Assistant Wrangler (girls)	\$495
Timothy Team (T3)	\$495

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## WEEK 3: JUNE 16-21

### JUNIOR, 4TH-6TH GRADE

Residential	\$395
Fishing (boys)	\$465
Horse Camp (girls)	\$465

### JUNIOR HIGH, 7TH-8TH GRADE

Residential	\$395
Advanced Wilderness (boys)	\$465
Airsoft (boys)	\$465
Horse Camp (girls)	\$465
Horse Wilderness	\$465
Shooting (boys)	\$465
Wrangler in Training (girls)	\$465

## WEEKS 3-4: JUNE 16-26

### HIGH SCHOOL, 9TH-12TH GRADE

Assistant Wrangler (girls)	\$475
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## WEEKS 3-4: JUNE 16-28

### HIGH SCHOOL, 9TH-12TH GRADE

Timothy Team (T3)	\$495
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## WEEK 4: JUNE 23-26

### PRE-PRIMARY, K-1ST GRADE

Residential	\$295
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### PRIMARY, 2ND-3RD GRADE

Residential	\$295
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### JUNIOR, 4TH-6TH GRADE

Horse Camp (girls)	\$345
Horse Wilderness	\$345

### JUNIOR HIGH, 7TH-8TH GRADE

Horse Wilderness (girls)	\$345
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## WEEKS 4-5: JUNE 23-JULY 5

### HIGH SCHOOL, 9TH-12TH GRADE

Assistant Wrangler (girls)	\$495
Timothy Team (T3)	\$495

## OUR LOCATION



Hidden Acres is near Dayton, IA. We're 60 miles northwest of Des Moines or halfway between Fort Dodge & Boone. Our property is adjacent to the Des Moines River.

## FREE TIME ACTIVITIES

The following list encompasses activities available to campers each afternoon and are done as an entire cabin.

- \* Visiting the Nature Center
- \* Carpetball, Octoball, 9-Square, crafts
- \* Tower Area: Rock wall, zip line, and giant swing (for grades 4-12)
- \* Family Life Center: Pool, hot tub, gym, game room, snack shop, camp store
- \* BB gun & archery range, mini golf
- \* Lechler Lake: Swimming, blob, water slide, rope swing, boating
- \* Horse Trail Rides (6th-12th grade; added fee; Residential Camp only)



## SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

- \* Bible, notebook, and pen
- \* Casual clothes, underwear, socks, shoes
- \* Old clothes/shoes for creek walks, games
- \* Jacket and sweatshirt for rain and cold
- \* Sleeping bag, pillow, and toiletries
- \* Towels for bathing and swimming
- \* Bug spray, sunscreen, hand sanitizer
- \* Bag for dirty laundry
- \* Flashlight and batteries
- \* Umbrella, rain coat, and/or rain boots
- \* Modest swimsuit for the pool and lake (girls: stomachs covered; boys: no speedos)
- \* Refillable water bottle for proper hydration
- \* Spending money for snack shop, camp store, and crafts
- \* Closed-toe shoes and long pants for horse ride (if participating)
- \* Don't send knives, weapons, fireworks, electronics, snacks, phones

Items needed for specialty camps are listed in their descriptions on pp. 2-7.



## RESIDENTIAL CAMP

Duration: Three or Five days

Grades: K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-6th, 7th-8th, & 9th-12th

Residential Camp is one of our longest-running and most treasured programs. It is the most basic option for your kids, is offered to all grades, and is a great choice for first-time campers. A day in Residential Camp includes chapel services, cabin devotions, games and competitions, and free time with the cabin and counselors. Free time options include the tower area\* (zip line, climbing wall, giant swing), lakefront, Family Life Center (gym & swimming pool), BB guns/archery\*, crafts, and horse rides for 6th grade and up\* (for an added fee). The week for high school students adds seminar speakers and an interactive theme to the standard Residential Camp activities. \*age restrictions apply

### A NOTE ABOUT SPECIALTY CAMPS

Hidden Acres has two types of summer camps: **Residential & Specialty**. The rest of the camps in this book are **Specialty Camps**. On Monday through Thursday, specialty campers participate in a focused activity (airsoft, horses, basketball, etc.) for 2-3 hours. The rest of the time, there will be plenty of opportunities for good old camp fun like swimming, all-camp games, and the tower area. So don't worry - your camper won't be missing out on classic camp activities if they attend a Specialty Camp at Hidden Acres!

## WILDERNESS CAMP

Duration: Five days

Grades: 4th-6th, boys only

Would your son love to spend a week in the wilderness? He'll stay at our wilderness outpost in a cabin or tent and learn about fire building, orienteering, shooting safety, and survival techniques. He will also go hiking with his cabin and use his new skills as they explore together. His counselors will encourage spiritual growth through devotions and chapel, and campers will experience God as nature cries out His praise! If conditions permit, the boys will finish the week with a day kayak trip. If your son likes to be outdoors has an interest in the wilderness, this camp would be a great option. Don't forget to pack sunscreen!

## ADVANCED WILDERNESS CAMP

Duration: Five days

Grades: 7th-8th, boys only

Advanced Wilderness is a specialty camp for young men who love being in God's beautiful creation. This camp is not for the "casual camper." This week will test the skills and endurance of each young man. It will be fun, but it will also be challenging! At the beginning of the week, each camper will be issued a personal tent as well as a day pack. GPS will be used to find supplies, tools, and the day's campsite location. A good amount of hiking can be expected! Each day, campers will learn and practice survival skills to aid them in their outdoor living environment. Most meals will be cooked over the fire. Conditions permitting, campers will finish the week with an overnight kayak trip down the Boone River staying at Bell's Mill campground. Our goal is that campers would learn more about God through chapels and devotions while gaining a greater passion for the outdoors and picking up useful skills for the future. This camp requires a high level of physical endurance. Your son will need to be willing and able to fully engage in all activities. Don't forget to pack sunscreen!

## WRANGLER IN TRAINING CAMP (WIT)

Duration: Five days

Grades: 7th-8th\*

A step above Horse Camp, Wrangler in Training offers more involvement in daily barn activities and is designed for future Assistant Wranglers or Wranglers. Campers are more involved in morning chores, grooming, and tacking. They will enjoy group riding lessons, scenic trail rides, and barn time learning about safety, horse care, and equine terminology. During the week, barn staff will correlate spiritual truths with horsemanship. Campers must have attended one of our "Horse Camps" before attending Wrangler in Training Camp. \*Boys must attend during Week 6.

## HIGH SCHOOL HORSE CAMP

Duration: Five days

Grades: 9th-12th, girls only

This camp is for high school girls who just love riding horses! Campers will have time each day to participate in fun arena classes and trail rides. A highlight of the week will be a Sunset S'more Ride (weather permitting). All skill levels are welcome, but some previous experience around horses is recommended. Campers will also participate in camp activities like chapel, devotions, and games.

## ROUGH RIDERS CAMP

Duration: Five days

Grades: 9th-12th, girls only

Rough Riders Camp is for high school girls looking for challenging trail rides and arena classes. Rough Riders MUST have advanced riding skills. Campers will practice serpentine patterns, rodeo events, and riding on our winding ravine trails. These girls will have the opportunity to ride at a nearby rodeo arena (schedule and weather permitting). Campers will participate in other camp activities like chapel, devotions, and games.

## BARN CREW CAMP

Duration: Five days

Grades: 9th-12th\*

Barn Crew is a service camp for students who love spending time at the barn. Campers will help tack horses, do chores, and assist with the daily barn activities. They will also enjoy more advanced trail rides and riding lessons. This camp includes hard work that requires a servant's heart. Campers need to have either attended our Wrangler In Training camp, Assistant Wrangler camp, or have a lot of horse experience. Our barn staff will use the summer theme to correlate spiritual truths with horsemanship, and the daily schedule will include chapel, devotions, and classic camp fun.

\*Boys interested in this camp must attend during Week 6.

## ASSISTANT WRANGLER CAMP

Duration: Ten or twelve days

Grades: 9th-12th, girls only

Assistant Wrangler (AW) Camp is a service camp for high school girls who have attended Wrangler In Training, Barn Crew, or who have a lot of horse experience. AW's will help prepare the horses for the day, which includes grooming, tacking, and morning chores. They will spend time shadowing the barn staff as they teach basic horsemanship to younger campers. AW Camp is hard work and requires a servant's heart, but campers will also get to enjoy more advanced trail rides and riding lessons. Barn staff will spend time correlating spiritual truth with horsemanship. AW's will also get to participate in chapel sessions and cabin devotions.



# HORSE CAMPS

## HORSE CAMPER:

PACK JEANS AND CLOSE-TOE SHOES OR BOOTS

### JUNIOR HORSE CAMP

*Duration: Three or five days*

*Grades: 4th-6th\**

Formerly known as Saddle Up, Junior Horse Camp is our introductory horse camp for students who have little to no experience around horses. Campers will be taught basic horsemanship skills. They will enjoy group riding lessons in an arena and scenic trails. They will have barn time where they learn about safety, horse care, grooming, and tacking. Throughout the week, the barn staff will correlate spiritual truths with horsemanship. In addition to their time in the barn, campers will participate in other camp activities like chapel, devotions, and games.

*\*Boys interested in this camp must attend during Week 5.*

### JR. HIGH HORSE CAMP

*Duration: Five days*

**NEW!**

*Grades: 7th-8th, girls only*

Junior High Horse Camp is our introductory horse camp for junior high girls who have little to no experience around horses. Campers will be taught basic horsemanship skills. They will enjoy group riding lessons in an arena, scenic trail rides, and barn time where they learn about safety, horse care, grooming, and tacking. Throughout the week, the barn staff will correlate spiritual truths with horsemanship. In addition to their time in the barn, campers will participate in other camp activities like chapel, devotions, and games.

### HORSE WILDERNESS CAMP

*Duration: Three or five days*

*Grades: 4th-6th & 7th-8th*

Horse Wilderness is perfect for campers who love horses and the outdoors! Campers will stay at our horse wilderness outposts in platform tents. During the week, they will be involved in wilderness activities like fire starting and outdoor cooking. At the barn, campers will learn basic horsemanship. They will enjoy group riding lessons, scenic trail rides, and barn time where they will learn about safety, horse care, grooming, and tacking. Throughout the week, the barn staff will correlate spiritual truths with horsemanship. In addition to their time in the barn, campers will participate in other camp activities like chapel, devotions, and games.

### FISHING CAMP

*Duration: Five days*

*Grades: 4th-6th & 7th-8th, boys only*

Does your son love to fish or want to learn how to fish? In Fishing Camp, your son will learn basic fishing skills like tying lures and baiting. He will learn when to change rigs for different species and situations. Campers and their counselors will fish at Hidden Acres and in a variety of local public fishing areas. Each cabin will set aside time for daily devotions, chapel time, and classic camp fun. All fishing campers should bring their own fishing pole, hooks, and simple tackle. This camp will require more physical endurance than other camp options. Your son will need to be willing and able to fully engage in the activities as described. Don't forget to pack sunscreen!

### SHOOTING CAMP

*Duration: Five days*

*Grades: 7th-8th & 9th-12th, boys only*

Ready, aim, fire! While your son is at Shooting Camp, our instructors will share the joy of shooting modern guns, historic guns, and bows, all while teaching proper technique, handling, and safety. Throughout the week we'll host shooting contests to allow campers to test their new skills. Counselors will hold daily devotions and teach campers about Christ and His role in their lives. Campers will also get to participate in other camp activities like chapel and games.

If your son is looking to learn about firearms and bows in a safe and fun environment, consider signing him up for Shooting Camp! Hidden Acres will provide all necessary equipment, including eye and ear protection.

### AIRSOFT CAMP

*Duration: Five days*

*Grades: 7th-8th & 9th-12th, boys only*

In Airsoft Camp, your son will engage in strategic battles using airsoft guns designed to shoot small, plastic BBs. There are a variety of guns to choose from and several different games to play. Free time, chapel, and devotions are part of the daily schedule, too.

Campers should pack long-sleeved shirts and long pants. They may also pack camouflage gear, if desired. Hidden Acres will provide airsoft guns and protective gear, but campers are welcome to bring their own.

### WOODWORKING CAMP

*Duration: Five days*

*Grades: 7th-8th, boys only*

At Woodworking Camp, your son will take raw, natural resources and turn them into a useful household item. Campers will learn how to mill lumber and use the necessary carpentry tools to make something they can keep for a very long time. They will also learn life-long lessons about God in their daily chapel sessions and cabin devotions. Skilled volunteers will teach safety and skill as campers put God-given resources to good use. If your son enjoys creating and tinkering, we highly suggest sending him to Woodworking Camp!

## BASKETBALL CAMP

Duration: Five days

Grades: 4th-6th, 7th-8th, & 9th-12th, boys only

Basketball Camp has been part of our summer program for over 30 years, and coach Bob Berggren has served with us the entire time. Coach Bob and his sons will work with campers - through drills, scrimmages, and competitive games - in order to create a fun yet challenging environment. Time in the gym will be Christ-centered as campers develop the gifts God has given them. Campers will also participate in cabin devotions and chapel services.

Your son should bring his own appropriate basketball attire, including tennis shoes or basketball shoes. Do not bring short shorts or spandex.

## VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Duration: Five days

Grades: 4th-6th & 7th-8th, girls only

Volleyball Camp is a great way for your daughter to practice and improve her skills or to learn a new sport. Our experienced coaches have a passion for training young girls to be great players. Coaches will lead campers through drills, scrimmages, games, and more, focusing on taking them to a new skill level. There will still be time each day for chapel, cabin devotions, and classic camp fun.

Campers should bring their own knee pads. Spandex and short shorts are not allowed, and sports bras must be covered.

## DISC GOLF CAMP

Duration: Five days

Grades: 7th-8th



Our newest summer camp program! This outdoor sport is fun for all ages and has gained a lot of popularity over the last several years. Campers in Disc Golf Camp will receive a brand new set of custom-stamped discs with the Hidden Acres logo. They are also welcome to bring their own discs, but please make sure they are labeled with their name. Campers will spend their time at camp working on the fundamentals of the sport. During their stay here they will also take short day trips to local courses and practice their new skills. With daily chapel sessions and cabin devotions, this camp will combine spiritual growth with a fun outdoor sport.

## CROSS COUNTRY CAMP

Duration: Five days

Grades: 9th-12th

At Cross Country Camp, your son or daughter will improve his or her long-distance running skills with practices designed to build mental toughness and physical endurance. This is an opportunity for your camper to enjoy God's creation as he or she runs throughout our grounds and surrounding areas. Our coaches will teach about all aspects of cross country running, including training techniques, nutrition, and mental toughness. Campers should bring their own running shoes. Also, girls must cover their sports bras, boys must wear shirts while running, and short shorts and tight spandex activewear are not allowed. Campers will also participate in classic camp activities like chapel, cabin devotions, and games.

## ART CAMP

Duration: Five days

Grades: 4th-6th & 7th-8th, girls only

In Art Camp, your daughter will be encouraged to use her artistic ability to paint, draw, and create, all while learning about our Creator through chapel sessions and cabin devotions! Campers will leave with works of art to share and display at home. Our art instructor has a talent for encouraging the blossoming artist or the camper who is exploring their creative side and various art forms for the first time.

## SCIENCE CAMP

Duration: Five days

Grades: 4th-6th grade

Choose this program and your children will have a blast! Our trained instructor will fill each day with hands-on science projects, science-themed devotions, science-based games, and discussion questions to help campers grow closer to God through their shared love of science. Campers will encounter Christ in a unique way by studying the amazing world He has given us to enjoy.

## CULINARY CAMP

Duration: Five days

Grades: 7th-8th & 9th-12th, girls only

Has your daughter always wanted to learn about cooking and baking? In Culinary Camp she will spend time learning great recipes, exploring different types of cooking and baking, and learning about long-term food storage methods. Campers will leave with a Hidden Acres cookbook so they can enjoy making camp food for your family at home! Culinary campers will also participate in other camp activities like chapel, cabin devotions, and games.

## THEATER CAMP

Duration: Five days

Grades: 7th-8th

At Theater Camp, your son or daughter will have a blast diving into the basics of acting. As they laugh their way through theater games, campers will learn about voice, character, expression, and the process of stage production. They will rehearse a short, one-act play about our summer camp theme and perform the play for other campers. Whether your child was born for the stage and has theater experience or he or she is a beginner, Theater Camp will be a great opportunity for all campers to learn, laugh, and grow in confidence. All Theater campers will also participate in other camp activities like chapel, devotions, and games.

## THE TIMOTHY TEAM (T3)

Duration: Twelve days

Grades: 9th-12th

The Timothy Team (T3) is a two-week, service-oriented camp where high school students serve Hidden Acres through cleaning and mealtime assistance. T3 campers will have special study time, worship, and group devotions geared toward fostering spiritual growth. Along with learning about and practicing servanthood and discipleship, campers will have the chance to ride horses, swim in the lake and pool, and visit the climbing wall area. This camp is perfect for high school students interested in serving in a camp environment for two weeks!