



Labor Day Family Camp

September 2-5, 2022

Hidden Acres Christian Center
3837 Union Ave | Dayton, IA 50530

Office: (515) 547-2751 | **Critical after-hours need:** (515) 269-2041



Welcome to Labor Day Family Camp!

Questions? Call (515) 547-2751 **Critical after-hours need?** Call (515) 269-2041

Office hours: Friday 4-10p, Saturday 8:30a-8:30p, Sunday 8:30a-6:30p, Monday 8:30-11:30a.

Traditional Camp Rules

- You must wear your wristbands. They tell us that you're registered.
- Quiet hours are 11:00p-7:00a. Be courteous in the evenings, as many families have young kids with early bedtimes. **Do not leave children unattended.**
- Dogs must be on leashes or tied up, and please pick up after them. No pets are allowed in any buildings or cabins, even if they're carried or are in kennels.
- No alcohol is permitted on the grounds at Hidden Acres. Smoking is allowed outdoors, but please extinguish and dispose of used cigarettes properly.
- Please keep all vehicles, including ATVs, on gravel roadways and off hiking trails. Vehicle operators must be **at least 16 years old** with a driver's license.
- Swimsuits must be modest; one piece swimsuits or cover-ups should be worn and only at the pool and lake, not areas like sand volleyball.
- Please do not leave items in the Family Life Center (FLC) locker rooms. Left behind items are collected daily at 11:00p and taken to the office.

Available at the Welcome Center

- **General Information & Help:** We'd love to answer your questions!
- **Lost & Found:** Check the table outside the office if you're missing something.
- **Ice** (\$2/bag), **Nightcrawlers** (\$2/half-dozen), & **Firewood** (\$4/armload)
- **Registration for Labor Day 2023:** Sign up and pay \$50 to hold your spot! We accept registrations Saturday & Sunday 11:00a-1:00p and Monday 8:30-11:30a.
- **F.U.N. Cards:** \$10 each. These punch cards are like money at camp.
- **Free Activity Sign-Ups:** For contests that have limited space.
- **Paid Activity Sign-Ups or Tickets:** All sales are final unless event is cancelled.
 - * **Horse Trail Rides**— ~45 minutes; \$20/person; ages 10+. **Weight limit: 225 lbs.** Wear long pants & close-toed shoes. Meet at the Barn.
 - * **Breakfast Trail Ride or Breakfast Wagon Ride**—Same destination & meal; meet at the Barn for both. **Breakfast Trail Ride:** \$25/person. Same restrictions as trail rides. **Wagon Ride:** \$10/person, no restrictions.
 - * **Lead-Me Horse Rides**—5-10 minute arena rides. \$5/ride; for ages 9 and under. Sign up for a time slot at the office. Rides held at Outdoor Arena.
 - * **Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides**—\$5 per person; ~20 minutes. Ride around Hidden Acres on our draft horse wagon! Meet at the Barn.
 - * **Adventure Activity Tickets**—\$5 per ride; can be used for the Climbing Wall, Zip Line, or Giant Swing. Riders must fit in a harness (smallest size fits ~ 5 year old). **Climbing Wall** weight limit is 50-300 lbs, **Zip Line** is 50-225 lbs. **Giant Swing** has no limit. You can also pay at the event.
 - * **Tower Wristbands**—\$30 per person; these wristbands allow the wearer unlimited climbing, zipping, and swinging all weekend.
 - * **Peach Pack Wagon Rides**—\$5/person. Meet at the Welcome Center for a wagon shuttle & peach pack campfire dessert.
 - * **Border Wagon Tour**—\$3/person. Meet at the Barn for a bumpy, slightly off-road, and fun wagon tour visiting neat areas along the border of camp's property.

Food Options

- **Wristbands & Meal Plans:** Please wear the wristbands from your registration packet. They identify you as registered & tell us if you purchased a meal plan.
- **Snack Shop (FLC):** Open afternoons and evenings—see schedule for hours. Sells candy, soda, ice cream, pretzels, smoothies, shakes, and more.
- **Outdoor Kitchen:** We'll be selling food from the Bunny Aunan Outdoor Kitchen throughout the weekend, including supper deals on Friday, breakfast sandwiches each morning, and lunch deals on Saturday & Sunday afternoons.
- **Pizzas & Wings:** Order Friday 5:00-9:00p and Saturday/Sunday 7:00-9:00p. **Call or text order to 515-269-2041;** pick up at the Dining Hall.
 - * **Pizzas:** \$12/ea for unlimited toppings. Choose from pepperoni, ham, sausage, green pepper, mushroom, black olive, onion, and pineapple.
 - * **Boneless Wings:** \$8 (12 ct), comes with ranch and celery. Sauces: choose from buffalo, honey BBQ, or parmesan garlic.
- **Coffee by the Fire:** Free coffee at The Hangout each morning, 7:00-8:30a.
- **Free Snacks:** We offer one free snack each night! Check schedule for details.
- **Cookies:** For sale all weekend at the Welcome Center. \$10/dozen, \$8 dough.

Free Time Activities

- **BB Guns, Archery, & Disc Golf: *NEW Rules*** Adults may rent a bow & arrows (\$2/hr), a bb gun (\$2/hr), or a set of disc golf discs (\$2/hr). Please only rent one item per family member and return them after one hour so another family may enjoy them. Bows & bb guns may be used at the range near The Hall. The disc golf course also starts in the same area. Rental costs are non-refundable.
- **Ben's Trail:** Hike our new intermediate trail, which begins north of Lechler Lake and ends behind the Treetopper Cabins. Also try the Prayer Tree Maze!
- **Challenge Course:** Try this fun team building exercise! Challenges are found in the wooded area of the Prayer Tree Maze. Head north from the Johnson Lodge on the main Prayer Tree trail and look to the right side of the road. The course is difficult, but work as a team and think outside the box!
- **Cornhole:** Cornhole sets will be on the Game Field all weekend.
- **Family Life Center (FLC):** Snack Shop and Gift Shop are open afternoons and evenings. Building is open 7:00a to midnight each day. The FLC features an open gym, game room, cable TV, swimming pool, and hot tub. Any children swimming **MUST** be supervised by a parent as NO lifeguard is on duty.
- **Game Field:** Located near camp entrance. A box by the volleyball nets has balls & Frisbees. Organize a game of soccer or volleyball (no swimsuits, please).
- **Horse Shoes:** Pits are located near the FLC playground equipment.
- **Human Foosball:** The human foosball structure is located at The Hangout. Grab some friends, split into two teams, and enjoy!
- **Lechler Lake & Jesse's Pond:** Boats may be used for free during daylight hours. Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult as there are no lifeguards on duty. Life jackets **MUST** be worn by children and anyone using the blob. The waterslide at the lake is open Saturday & Sunday from 2:00-4:00p and has a **weight limit** of 250 lbs.
- **Octoball & Carpetball:** Pits & tables located all over camp. Grab friends & play!
- **Purposeful Family Time:** We really want to encourage you to unplug, put down your phones, and spend time together this weekend. We have free nature scavenger hunts & devotion ideas available in the FLC.

Chapel Information

Please join us for our Outdoor Family Chapel while you're here at Family Camp! Kids in grades K-4 can attend our Children's Chapel. The message at each chapel is different, so you'll want to attend all four sessions!

- **Times:** Saturday and Sunday, 9:00a-10:00a and 6:30p-7:30p.
- **Location:** The Outdoor Family Chapel is located south of the FLC. Benches are available but you may also bring lawn chairs and blankets to spread out in the grass around the court if desired. Children's Chapel will have its own speaker and worship experience for grades K-4. It is located in The Hall, which is just west of the FLC.

Chapel Speakers

Outdoor Family Chapel: Speaker Mike Hartwig

Mike and Lee Ann Hartwig have worked with marriages for over 25 years. As the leaders of Marriage Matters®, they have trained hundreds of couples in the principles of a strong marriage.

Mike is currently a Financial Coach who helps couples figure out how protect, grow, and preserve their resources for future generations.

Did you know that money is the number one reason for conflict in marriage? "If you can figure out how to handle your money as a couple, then you are well on your way to having a strong marriage," says Hartwig.

Lee Ann has been teaching kindergarteners for the last 25 years for Des Moines Public Schools. She helps wives understand what it takes to have a healthy, happy marriage. Mike and Lee Ann were awarded the "Iowa Parents of the Year" over the objections of their three grown kids. Mike and Lee Ann have 10 grandkids and have been married 40 years; most of them have been happy!!



Children's Chapel (K-4): Speaker Brien Brough

Brien has a passion for pointing kids to Jesus. He and his family live in Altoona, IA, and he serves as the children's pastor at Grace Church in Des Moines. He has been involved in camp ministry during the past 25 summers and loves watching God work in kids' lives there.

Brien enjoys engaging kids in God's Word by using stories, questions, application, and gospel illusions. He is looking forward to helping kids grow in their understanding of God during Family Camp!



Notes

Weekend Schedule

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FLC: Stands for Family Life Center

Friday

- 4:00p-10:00p** **Check-In | Welcome Center:** Receive your registration packet, **sign up for activities**, and ask questions.
- 4:00p** **Photo Scavenger Hunt | Welcome Center:** Grab a scavenger hunt sheet from the office. Contest ends Sunday at 5:00pm. The winner will be posted to Welcome Center door by 8:00pm.
- 4:00p** **Sidewalk Chalk Contest | Welcome Center & Jesse's Pond:** **Pick up chalk in the Welcome Center.** Color a numbered spot at Jesse's Pond, then **sign up back at the office.** Ends Sunday at 5:00pm; winner posted to Welcome Center door by 8:00pm.
- 6:00p-8:00p** **Outdoor Kitchen | The Hangout:** Check out the Bunny Aunan Outdoor Kitchen where we'll sell burger, brat, & hotdog meals.
- 7:00p-7:45p** **Family Relay Games | North Dining Hall Patio:** Join us for some fun family relay games. Winners receive a small prize!
- 7:00p-11:00p** **Snack Shop & Gift Shop Open | FLC:** Purchase gifts & snacks.
- 7:30p-8:30p** **Ice Cream Sundaes | Dining Hall:** Free for all guests.
- 8:00p-9:00p** **Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest | Outside Dining Hall:** Show us your skills and compete for the top prize!
- 8:00p-9:00p** **Family Fun Dodgeball | FLC Gym:** Join us for a game of non-competitive dodgeball as a family!
- 8:00p-10:30p** **Night Giant Swing | Tower Area:** **Tickets (\$5/ride) and Tower Wristbands (\$30/person)** can be purchased at the Welcome Center or at the event. See p.2 for restrictions.
- 8:15p** **Peach Pack Wagon Ride | Welcome Center:** **Sign up at the Welcome Center, \$5/person.** Meet at the Welcome Center for a wagon ride to a scenic campfire & delicious snack.

Saturday

- 7:00a-8:30a** **Sunrise Campfire | The Hangout:** Grab free coffee from the Outdoor Kitchen & enjoy the fire! Toast & breakfast sandwiches for sale for **\$2.00-4.00 each.**
- 8:30a-8:30p** **Office Open | Welcome Center**
- 9:00a-10:00a** **Outdoor Family Chapel | South of FLC:** This chapel session is for all ages and located at the old Pedal Cart area. No nursery provided. Choose a bench or bring your own lawn chairs to spread out in the grass. Each session is a different message!
- 9:00a-10:00a** **Children's Chapel (Grades K-4) | The Hall:** K-4 students can join you at Outdoor Chapel OR attend this fun kid's alternative! Kids will be dismissed from Outdoor Chapel after worship.
- 10:00a-11:00a** **Brunch | Dining Hall:** For those signed up.
- 10:45a & 12:00p** **Horse Trail Ride | Barn:** **Sign-up at Welcome Center, \$20/ride.** **Ages 10+, 225 lb weight limit.** Please arrive 10 minutes early.
- 11:00a-1:00p** **Kids Climbing Wall | FLC Parking Lot:** New portable climbing wall, set up for ages 10 & under. Must weigh 50+ lbs. No charge.
- 11:00a-1:00p** **Labor Day 2023 Registration | Welcome Center:** Stop by the office if you'd like to chat about reserving for Labor Day 2023.
- 11:15a-12:45p** **Lead-Me Horse Rides | Outdoor Arena:** **Sign up & pay** at the Welcome Center, **\$5/ride.** Great for kids age 9 & under!

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| 11:15a, 11:45a, & 12:15p | Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides Barn: Sign up at the Welcome Center, \$5/person. Kids 0-2 ride on a lap free. Meet at the Barn. |
| 11:30a & 12:30p | Nature Hikes The Hangout: Free guided hikes! Just show up. |
| 11:30a-5:00p | Snack Shop & Gift Shop Open FLC: Purchase gifts & snacks. |
| 11:45a-12:45p | Pedal Carts Hickory Grove Cabin Area: Take 'em for a spin! |
| 12:00p | Carpetball Tournament Near Outdoor Chapel: Three age brackets: <u>age 9 & under</u> , <u>age 10-14</u> , & <u>age 15 & up</u> . |
| 12:00p-3:00p | Outdoor Kitchen The Hangout: Check out the Bunny Aunan Outdoor Kitchen where we'll sell burger, brat, & hotdog meals. |
| 12:00p-5:00p | Climbing Wall & Zip Line Tower Area: Tickets (\$5/ride) and Tower Wristbands (\$30/person) can be purchased at the Welcome Center or at the event. See p.2 for restrictions. |
| 12:45, 2:00, & 3:15p | Border Wagon Tour Barn: Sign-up at Welcome Center, \$3/person. These wagon tours are bumpy but an awesome way to see and learn about the history of the old logging road, the river outlook, Turkey Ridge, The Mound, & more! |
| 1:00, 2:15, 3:30, & 4:45p | Horse Trail Ride Barn: Sign-up at Welcome Center, \$20/ride. <u>Ages 10+, 225 lb weight limit</u> . Please arrive 10 minutes early. |
| 1:00p-4:00p | Hatchet Throwing The Hangout: Try to stick the target! <u>Must be age 10+; parents MUST be present at lanes for kids under 13.</u> |
| 1:00p-5:00p | Wagon Shuttle Several Stops: FLC, Tower, Lake, Barn, Office |
| 1:00p-5:00p | Crafts Oakdale, Dining Hall: Most items have a small cost . |
| 1:30p-3:30p | Bingo Meriden Dining Room: Come & go as you please. |
| 2:00p-4:00p | Shoot with Buck Badger's Cabin: Shoot historic arms! |
| 2:00p-4:00p | Waterslide Lechler Lake: <u>Weight limit—250 lbs.</u> |
| 2:30p | BB Gun Shooting Contest Archery/BB Gun Range: Two age groups: <u>9 & under</u> and <u>10-14</u> . Must arrive on-time to compete. |
| 2:30p-4:00p | Rope Making Outside FLC: \$2 per rope, pay cash at event . |
| 3:00p | Family Paddle Boat Race Jesse's Pond: Compete with your family to receive the top prize! |
| 3:30p | Pedal Cart Race—Kids Hickory Grove Cabin Area: Two age groups: <u>4-9</u> & <u>10-14</u> . A race for ages 15+ is held tomorrow. |
| 3:30p | Basketball Shootout FLC Gym: How many baskets can you make in one minute? Three age groups: <u>9 & under</u> , <u>10-14</u> , & <u>15+</u> . |
| 5:00p-6:00p | Supper Dining Hall: For those signed up. |
| 6:30p-7:30p | Outdoor Family Chapel South of FLC: Same details as this morning's session but a new message for your family to enjoy! |
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| After Chapel | Kettle Corn FLC Parking Lot: Free snack available until 8:15p. |
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| 8:15p | Sand Volleyball Tournament Outdoor Volleyball Courts: Sign team up at the Welcome Center. Teams of six; <u>ages 12+</u> . |
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Trail: **\$25/person**, ages 10+, 225 lb limit. Departs at 7:00a.
Wagon: **\$10/person**, all ages welcome. Departs at 7:15a.
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| 2:00p-4:00p | Waterslide Lechler Lake: <u>Weight limit—250 lbs.</u> |
| 2:30p-4:30p | Face Painting Welcome Center Porch: Available for free! |
| 3:00p-5:00p | Pedal Carts Hickory Grove Cabin Area: Last time to ride! |
| 4:00p | Family Cardboard Boat Race Jesse's Pond: <u>Sign-up at WC.</u> |
| ~4:30p | Frog Jumping Contest Main Lodge Lawn: Immediately following Cardboard Boat Race. <u>Bring your own frog!</u> |
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| 9:00p | Hatchet Throwing Contest The Hangout: Show up promptly at 9:00p to compete. Winners of head-to-head matches will move on to the next round until one person wins! <u>Ages 13+.</u> |

Monday

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| 7:00a | Timber Trot 5K Run/Walk Game Field: Check-in after 7:00a, race starts at 8:00a. Start/Finish on the game field by the camp entrance. Last minute registrations welcome. <u>\$25/person.</u> |
| 7:00a-8:30a | Sunrise Campfire The Hangout: Grab free coffee from the Outdoor Kitchen & enjoy the fire! Toast & breakfast sandwiches for sale for <u>\$2.00-4.00 each.</u> |
| 8:30a-11:30a | Office Open Welcome Center: Don't forget to reserve for next Labor Day Family Camp! |
| 9:00a-10:00a | Camp Q & A The Hangout: Meet with our Executive Director, Steve, to ask questions about Hidden Acres and see what's coming next! |
| 10:00a | Room Check Out: <u>There's no rush to leave camp, but please check out of your room by 11:00a & leave the door open.</u> |
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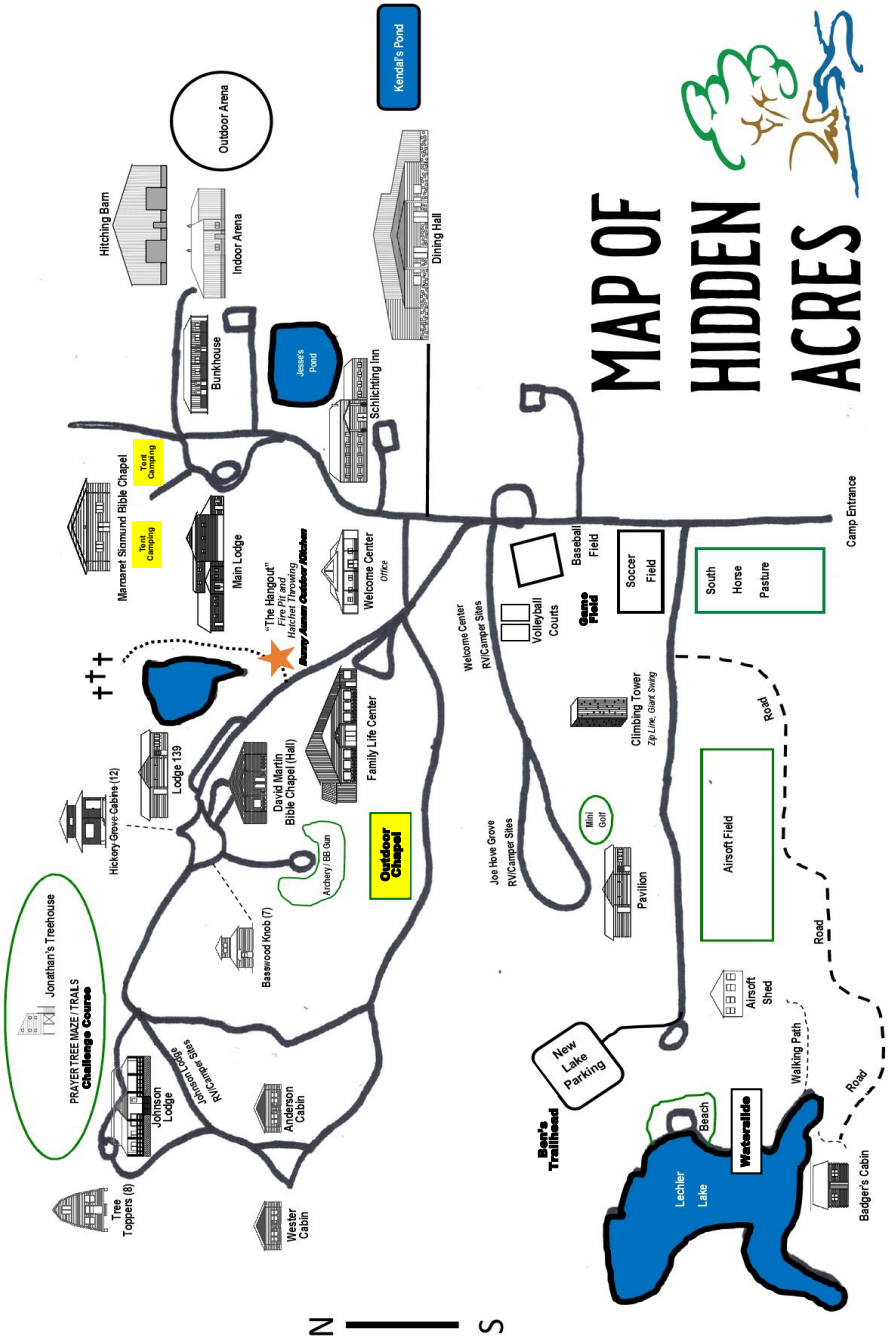


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