



Labor Day Family Camp

August 29 - September 1, 2025

Hidden Acres Christian Center

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Welcome to Labor Day Family Camp!

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

Office hours: Friday 4:00-10:00p, 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. **Please do not leave children unattended.**
- Dogs must be on leashes or tied up, and please pick up after them. No animals 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** & have a driver's license. If your vehicle is too loud, going too fast, or operated by someone too young, our staff will ask you to stop using that vehicle for the weekend.
- Swimsuits must be modest; one-piece swim suits or cover-ups should be worn and should only be visible at the pool and lake, not areas like sand volleyball.
- Please do not leave items in the Family Life Center (FLC) locker rooms. Items are collected daily at 11:00p and taken to the office.

Family Chapel Speaker: Tyler Parson

Tyler Parson was saved by Jesus as a young teen and is passionate about teaching the Bible. Tyler pastors at CrossRidge Church in Ida Grove, IA. He has been married to his wife (Mel) for 20 years and they have three children (Silas, 16; Deacon, 14; and Tabitha, 9). He enjoys his family (including their dog, Bear), music, reading, hiking, traveling, and eating spicy food.



Children's Chapel (Grades 3–6): Brien Brough

Pastor Brien Brough has a passion for pointing kids to Jesus. He serves as the children's pastor at Grace Church in Des Moines. He has been involved in camp ministry for 26 years 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!



There will also be a Children's Chapel for grades K-2 in Lodge 139, taught by Becky Doubleday from First Family Church in Ankeny, IA.

All chapel sessions are held Saturday & Sunday, 9:00-10:00a & 6:30-7:30p. Each message is different, so attend all four!

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 2026:** 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 work like cash at Hidden Acres.
- **Free Activity Sign-ups:** For contests that have limited space.
- **Paid Activity Sign-ups or Tickets:** **All sales are final unless the event is cancelled.**
 - * **Horse Trail Rides**— ~45 minutes; \$25/person; ages 10+. **Weight limit: 225lb.** Wear long pants and close-toed shoes. Meet at the Barn.
 - * **Brunch Trail Ride or Brunch Wagon Ride**—Same destination & meal; meet at the Barn. **Trail Ride:** \$30/person. Same restrictions as trail rides. **Wagon Ride:** \$10/person, no restrictions. Price is \$5 lower for those with brunch meal plan.
 - * **Lead-Me Horse Rides**—5-10 minute arena rides. \$5/ride; for ages 9 & under. Sign up for a time slot at the office. Rides held at the Outdoor Arena.
 - * **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** weight limit 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.
 - * **Cookie Makes**—\$10 per family. Make chocolate chip or monster (peanuts) dough as a family. We'll freeze it for you to take home. At the Dining Hall.
 - * **Peach Pack Wagon Rides**—\$5/person; meet at the Welcome Center for a wagon shuttle & peach pack campfire dessert.
 - * **Campfire Monkey Bread with Kaleb**—\$5/person; meet at the Welcome Center for a wagon shuttle and monkey bread baked over the fire!
 - * **Border Wagon Tour**—\$5/person; meet at the Barn for a bumpy, slightly off-road 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, nachos, smoothies, shakes, & more.
- **Outdoor Kitchen:** We'll sell food from Bunny's Outdoor Kitchen throughout the weekend: breakfast sandwiches in the mornings and meal deals for other shifts.
- **Pizzas & Wings:** Order Friday 5:00-9:00p. **Call or text NAME & ORDER to 515-269-2041**, then pick up and pay at the Dining Hall.
 - * **Pizzas**, \$12 per one-topping pizza. Extra toppings \$1 each. Choices: ham, pepperoni, sausage, gr. pepper, black olive, onion, mushroom, pineapple.
 - * **Boneless Wings**, \$8 (12 ct) and come with homemade ranch & celery. Sauce choices: honey BBQ, parmesan garlic, or buffalo.
- **Coffee by the Campfire:** Free coffee at The Hangout each morning, 7:00-8:30a.
- **Free Snacks:** We offer one free snack each night! Check schedule for details.
- **Bake Sale:** We'll have a bake sale set up in the Dining Hall foyer all weekend!

Weekend Schedule

KEY: Green text in the daily schedule signifies that you need to sign up and/or pay.
FLC stands for Family Life Center. Underlined text signifies a restriction.

Friday

- 4:00-10:00p** **Check-in | Welcome Center:** Receive your registration packet, sign up for activities, and ask questions.
- 4:00p** **Smoked Meat Contest | Your Housing & Airnasium:** Compete in this fun contest! If you haven't signed up, stop by the office to register. You provide all your own ingredients and supplies. Prepare a smoked pork, beef, or chicken dish at your site or outside your lodging. Deliver a sample to the Airnasium between 4:45 & 5:00p on Sunday for judging. Winners announced at Sunday night's chapel service!
- 4:00p** **Sidewalk Chalk Contest | Welcome Center:** Pick up chalk in the Welcome Center. Color a numbered spot near the Salvation Bell (west of the Welcome Center), then sign up back at the office. Ends Sunday at 5:00p. Winner posted at office by 8:00p.
- 6:00-8:00p** **Outdoor Kitchen | The Hangout:** Check out the Bunny Aunan Outdoor Kitchen selling burgers, brats, hotdogs, fries, & curds!
- 7:00-11:00p** **Snack Shop & Gift Shop Open | FLC:** Purchase gifts & snacks.
- 7:30-8:30p** **Ice Cream Sundaes | Dining Hall:** Free for all registered guests.
- 7:30-8:30p** **Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest | Dining Hall Foyer:** Show us your skills and compete for a prize!
- 8:00-9:00p** **Family Fun Dodgeball | FLC Gym:** Join us for a game of non-competitive dodgeball as a family!
- 8:00-10:30p** **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. 3 for restrictions.
- 8:15p & 9:00p** **Peach Pack Wagon Ride | Welcome Center:** Sign up at the Welcome Center, \$5/person. Meet at the Welcome Center for a wagon ride to enjoy a campfire and cook a delicious snack.

Saturday

- 7:00-8:30a** **Outdoor Kitchen & Sunrise Campfire | The Hangout:** Grab free coffee or buy breakfast sandwiches for \$3.00-\$5.00 each.
- 8:30a-8:30p** **Office Open | Welcome Center**
- 9:00-10:00a** **Family Chapel #1 (Families of Faith) | The Airnasium:** This session is for all ages. No child care provided. You can bring lawn chairs and sit outside, if desired. Each session is a different message!
- 9:00-10:00a** **Children's Chapel (Grades K to 6) | Two Locations:** Optional chapel for children. Grades K-2 will have a blast with Becky Doubleday at Lodge 139. Grades 3-6 can head to The Hall for a fun lesson with Pastor Brien Brough.
- 10:00-11:00a** **Brunch | Dining Hall:** For those who signed up.
- 10:45a & 12:00p** **Horse Trail Ride | Barn:** Sign up at Welcome Center, \$25/ride. Ages 10+, 225 lb weight limit. Please arrive 10 minutes early.
- 11:00a-12:30p** **Face Painting | Snack Shop Patio—FLC:** Available free of charge.
- 11:00a-1:00p** **Labor Day 2026 Registration | OUTSIDE Welcome Center:** Stop outside the office to sign up for Labor Day 2026.
- 11:15a-12:45p** **Lead-Me Horse Rides | Outdoor Arena:** Sign up and pay at the Welcome Center, \$5/ride. Great for kids age 9 & under!

11:45a-12:45p	Pedal Carts Hickory Grove Cabin Area: Take 'em for a spin!
12:00p	Carpetball Tournament Near Airnasium: Three age brackets: <u>age 9 & under</u> , <u>age 10-14</u> , & <u>age 15 & up</u> .
12:00-4:00p	Crafts Craft Room & Fireside Room, Main Lodge: Most items have a small fee, but coloring is free!
12:00-5:00p	Climbing Wall & Zip Line Tower Area: <u>Tickets (\$5/ride) and Tower Wristbands (\$30/person)</u> can be purchased at the Welcome Center or at the event. <u>See p. 3 for restrictions.</u>
12:00p-5:00p	Kids Climbing Wall Tower Area: Portable climbing wall, set up for ages 10 & under. Must weigh 50+ lbs. Free! No charge.
12:30 & 2:30p	Border Wagon Tour Barn: <u>Sign up at the Welcome Center, \$5/person.</u> Learn about the history of Hidden Acres!
12:30p-4:30p	Snack Shop & Gift Shop Open FLC: Purchase gifts & snacks.
1:00p	Cookie Make Albert City Room, Dining Hall: Make cookie dough as a family. <u>Sign up at the Welcome Center, \$10/family.</u>
1:00, 2:15, 3:30p	Horse Trail Ride Barn: <u>Sign up at Welcome Center, \$25/ride.</u> <u>Ages 10+, 225 lb weight limit.</u> Please arrive 10 minutes early.
1:00-3:00p	Outdoor Kitchen The Hangout: Check out the Bunny Aunan Outdoor Kitchen selling burgers, brats, hotdogs, fries, & curds!
1:00-4:00p	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>
1:00-5:00p	Wagon Shuttle Stops at: FLC, Tower, Lake, Barn, Office, Johnson Lodge. Look for "Shuttle Stop" signs and wait for the wagon.
2:00-4:00p	Bingo Pliner Room, Dining Hall: Come and go as you please.
2:00-4:00p	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.
2:30-4:00p	Rope Making Outside FLC: \$2 per rope, <u>pay cash at the event.</u>
2:30-5:00p	*NEW* Disc Golf Competition Disc Golf Course near The Hall: Registration for this 9-Hole Disc Golf Singles Competition opens at 2:30p and the competition begins at 3:00p. This event is beginner friendly and runs through the free U-Disc App. We suggest bringing your own discs as we only have a limited number of used discs available at the Welcome Center.
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>
5:00-6:00p	Supper Dining Hall: For those who signed up.
6:30-7:30p	Family Chapel #2 (Families of Prayer) The Airnasium: Same details as this morning, but each session is a different message!
6:30-7:30p	Children's Chapel Lodge 139 (K-2) & Hall (3-6)
After Chapel	Kettle Corn Near Airnasium: Free snack available until 8:15p.
8:00-10:30p	Night Giant Swing Tower Area: <u>Tickets (\$5/ride) and Tower Wristbands (\$30/person)</u> can be purchased at the Welcome Center or at the event. <u>See p. 3 for restrictions.</u>
8:00-11:00p	Snack Shop & Gift Shop Open FLC: Purchase gifts & snacks.
8:15p & 9:00p	Peach Pack Wagon Ride Welcome Center: <u>Sign up at the Welcome Center, \$5/person.</u> Meet at the Welcome Center.
8:15p & 9:00p	Campfire Monkey Bread w/Kaleb Welcome Center: <u>Sign up at the Welcome Center, \$5/person.</u> Meet at the Welcome Center.
8:15p	Great Tic-Tac-Toe Race FLC Gym: Race to get three in a row! Teams of up to 6 people. <u>Sign up at the Welcome Center.</u>
8:30p	Archery Tag Tournament FLC Gym: <u>Sign team up at the Welcome Center.</u> Team\$may have up to 7 people; <u>ages 10+.</u>

Sunday

7:00-8:30a	Outdoor Kitchen & Sunrise Campfire The Hangout: Grab free coffee or buy breakfast sandwiches for \$3.00-\$5.00 each .
8:00a	Horse Trail Ride Barn: Sign up at Welcome Center, \$25/ride. Ages 10+, 225 lb weight limit. Please arrive 10 minutes early.
8:30a-6:30p	Office Open Welcome Center
9:00-10:00a	Family Chapel #3 (Families of Love) The Airnasium: This session is for all ages. No child care provided. You can bring lawn chairs and sit outside, if desired. Each session is a different message!
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10:00/10:15a	Brunch Trail/Wagon Ride Barn: A meal cooked over the fire with two different ways to get there! Sign up at Welcome Center. Trail: \$30/person, ages 10+, 225 lb limit. Departs at 10:00a. Wagon: \$10/person, all ages. Departs at 10:15a. Prices are \$5 less for those with a brunch meal plan.
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12:30-4:30p	Snack Shop & Gift Shop Open FLC: Purchase gifts & snacks.
12:45p	Minnow Race FLC Back Patio (by Pool): All children welcome.
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2:00p	Horse Shoe Contest FLC Playground Area: Ages 25 & up.
2:00-4:00p	Bingo Pliner Room, Dining Hall: Come and go as you please.
2:00-4:00p	Waterslide Lechler Lake: Weight limit—250 lbs.
3:00-4:00p	Pedal Carts Hickory Grove Cabin Area: Last time to ride!
4:00p	Family Cardboard Boat Race Jesse's Pond: Sign up at WC.

~4:30p	Frog Jumping Contest Main Lodge Lawn: Immediately following Cardboard Boat Race. Bring your own frog!
4:45-5:00p	Smoked Meat Contest The Airnasium: Contest entrance must drop their submission off at The Airnasium between 4:45p & 5:00p. Judging will begin at 5:00p. Guests are welcome to watch!
5:00-6:00p	BBQ Supper Dining Hall: For those who signed up.
6:30-7:30p	Family Chapel #4 (Families on Mission) The Airnasium: Same details as this morning, but each session is a different message!
6:30-7:30p	Children's Chapel Lodge 139 (K-2) & Hall (3-6)
After Chapel	Campfire & S'mores The Hangout: Free! Available until 9:00p.
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8:15p	Indoor Volleyball Tournament FLC Gym: Sign up at Welcome Center. Teams of six, <u>ages 12+.</u>
8:30p	Hatchet Throwing Contest The Hangout: Contest begins at promptly at 8:30p. Winners of head-to-head matches will move on to the next round until one person wins! <u>Must be age 13+.</u>

Monday

7:00-8:30a	Outdoor Kitchen & Sunrise Campfire The Hangout: Grab free coffee or buy breakfast sandwiches for \$3.00-\$5.00 each.
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 camp entrance. Last-minute registrations welcome. \$25/person.
8:30a	Camp Q&A The Hangout: Meet with our Executive Director, Steve Pinkley, to ask questions about Hidden Acres and see what's coming next.
8:30-11:30a	Office Open Welcome Center: Don't forget to reserve for next Labor Day!
10:00-11:00a	Brunch Dining Hall: For those who signed up.
11:00a	Room Check-Out: There's no rush to leave camp, but please check out of your room by 11:00a and leave the door open.
11:00a-1:00p	Snack Shop & Gift Shop Open FLC: Purchase gifts & snacks.



Session 1: Families of Faith (Sat. AM)

Breakout Discussion:

1. List the “blessings” believers in Christ receive according to Ephesians 1:4-14.
2. Which of these blessings are an encouragement to you right now?
3. Do you ever feel like you aren’t good enough or don’t have what it takes in life?
4. How might the truths of these Bible verses help you when you feel like you haven’t got what it takes?
5. Have you personally placed your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?

Session 2: Families of Prayer (Sat. PM)

Breakout Discussion:

1. How are you like your father?
2. In what ways would you like to be more like your Heavenly Father?
3. Share about a home repair or renovation project that you've experienced. How is that a helpful picture of what the Holy Spirit wants to do in you?
4. What are of your life do you need power to be more like Jesus? Pray for that for each other.
5. Have you personally embraced your Heavenly Father's purpose to know Christ and grow in Him?

Session 3: Families of Love (Sun. AM)

Breakout Discussion:

1. Name one way that God might be calling you to better live as someone who knows him personally.
2. What do you find harder: "putting off the old" (Ephesians 4:22) or "putting on the new" (Ephesians 4:24)?
3. Evaluate your walk and talk based on Ephesians 4:25-32. What do you need to "put off?" What do you need to "put on?"
4. List the different roles in life from Ephesians 5:15-6:9.
5. What is one way God might be calling you to more faithfully love others in your role(s) in life?

Session 4: Families on Mission (Sun. PM)

Breakout Discussion:

1. What do you know about the spiritual forces of evil (Ephesians 6:12)?
2. Which spiritual tactic is most effective against you: deception, division, distraction, or destruction?
3. Re-read Ephesians 6:13-17. What piece of armor is a challenge for you to put on? Which piece of armor are you most familiar with putting on?
4. How can you better employ the weapon of God's Word (Ephesians 6:17)?
5. This passage concludes with prayer (Ephesians 6:18-20). Take turns praying for each other. Pray specifically for one way you would like God to work in your life, your family, your church, and your community.

Free Time Suggestions

- **Animal Farm:** Visit our cute farm animals at the Barn this weekend! We have goats, sheep, pigs, and mini horses!
- **BB Guns, Archery, & Disc Golf:** ***NEW Rules*** Adults may rent from the Welcome Center a bow, a bb gun, or a set of disc golf discs for \$2/hour. Please only rent one item per family member and return them after one hour. The disc golf course and bb/archery range are located near the Hall. Fees non-refundable.
- **Ben's Trail:** Hike our intermediate trail, which begins north of Lechler Lake and ends at the Prayer Tree Cross. Also check out the Prayer Tree Maze!
- **Challenge Course:** Try this fun team building exercise! Challenges are located in the wooded area of the Prayer Tree Maze (north of Johnson Lodge). The course is difficult, but work as a team and think outside the box!
- **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 court has balls & Frisbees. Organize a game of soccer or volleyball (no swim suits, 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 play!
- **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.
- **Maze Table:** This new activity requires teamwork and is near the FLC parking lot.
- **Mini-golf:** Equipment is in a rack on a tree by the Pavilion.
- **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 nature scavenger hunts and free devotion ideas available in the Welcome Center.
- **Wagon Hoops:** Check out this fun basketball shooting activity at The Hangout!



Thank you Manson Red Power Case Dealer for providing us a new tractor for the next year! Look for it this weekend!

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Team