



Summer Camp Guide

WELCOME

Camp is a life-changing experience that you cannot find anywhere else. Camp combines a unique atmosphere away from “normal” life and gives every camper the opportunity to build lifelong friendships, and experience God and His creation in a fresh way every single day. The pairing of exciting activities, games, relationships, and biblical truth is the formula that makes camp a life-changing experience.

Here at Warner Camp, it is our mission to transform lives into the image of Christ and help foster that life change. We have been blessed to watch God work here in this way over the last 130 years. We take full advantage of the uniqueness of our camp to show each camper how much God truly loves them. We have crafted our Summer Camps to provide a safe, uplifting, and authentic experience for each camper that sets foot here. In this packet you will find all the information you need as you prepare to send your child to Warner Camp. If after reading through this, you still have questions, please feel free to reach out to us. We'll do whatever we can to make this a life changing experience!

CAMP PHILOSOPHY

Warner Camp offers an unforgettable experience for kids young and old through a variety of programs and activities, with top-of-the-line facilities and qualified staff committed to the enjoyment and safety of all our campers. Warner Camp has been a safe, caring, and exciting place to camp for over 130 years. Warner Camp is devoted to being a ministry through which God is transforming lives into the image of Christ through Youth Camps by proclaiming and demonstrating the truth of the Bible as God's Word and Jesus Christ as the one and only Lord and Savior, nurturing faith in Jesus Christ through Evangelism and Discipleship and providing opportunities to sense God's Glory, Wonder, and Creation in our unique atmosphere. In alignment with our Mission, Vision, Values, and Statement of Faith, Warner Camp welcomes campers of all faiths, as well as no faith at all. We don't require, assume, or expect that all campers are Christians or come from Christian families. Our hope is to simply be like Jesus to everyone who comes to camp so their lives may be transformed into the Image of Christ.

OUR STAFF

Our staff is here for you! At Warner Camp, our team is the key to our ministry. That is why we travel to some of the best Christian colleges throughout the Midwest to find our summer staff. Each summer staff member must complete our interest form, written application, personal interview, and criminal background checks. Our summer staff also go through two weeks of intensive training in vision and ministry of Warner Camp prior to the beginning of the summer camp program.

YOUR ONLINE UltraCamp ACCOUNT

To manage camp registration, every camper and family has an online account through UltraCamp, which is our online camp software. You can log in using the email address associated with your account. Once you've logged in to your account, you can make payments, make reservations, request a cabinmate, and complete the required forms. If you have questions about your online account or run into issues, you can call our office at (269) 434-6844. We would love to help you.



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CABIN ASSIGNMENTS

In alignment with the Warner Camp Statement of Faith, campers are assigned into girls' and boys' cabins that align with their biological sex at birth. If your camper would like to have a friend in the same cabin, please be sure you make that request during registration. We will do our best to pair your child with one specified bunk mate whenever possible. If your camper has more than one cabinmate, we can not guarantee we can put all of them together but will try our best. There is a bunk mate request form that can be filled out upon signing up for camp. To request a cabinmate:

- Please Log-in to your UltraCamp Account
- Select the Camper and Register for a camp session.
- Under Additional Information while registering for camp, please fill out the cabinmate Request.

CAMPER MAIL & PACKAGES

At registration there will be an area for you to fill out a postcard note of encouragement or to leave other mail that will be delivered to your camper each day during the week of camp. This is optional for all parents and is a service we provide free of charge. If you or other friends/family members want to send mail to your camper you can do so throughout the week as all major package/delivery companies (USPS/UPS/FEDEX) service Warner Camp. Mail and packages will be delivered to the campers daily. Campers can also send mail home! If your camper desires to write letters home, **please send pre-stamped and pre-addressed envelopes** with them to camp. The camp's address is as shown below.

- **Warner Camp (Campers Name) 60 55th Street, Grand Junction, MI 59056**

CAMPER EMAIL

You can also send emails to your camper that we will print and deliver to your camper each day. If you would like to send emails this is a service that you must sign-up for through your UltraCamp account (*a fee is required for this service*). Here is how it works:

- Log in to your "online account"
- Select a camper that you would like to email.
- Click "additional options".
- Select "email a camper" and purchase email credits if needed.
- Type a Message and then "Send Message".

VISITING

We ask that parents and family refrain from visiting camp during the week. We strongly encourage you to send letters, emails, and packages! Parents are invited to tour the facilities and meet the staff on Opening and Closing Days only. If you need to schedule an early pick-up for sports, appointments, or other family matters please contact our office at 269-434-6844 so we can arrange the details. In order to protect our campers, staff, and campus please call ahead and be sure to check in at the camp office when you arrive.

PHONE CALLS

Due to the volume of campers, Warner Camp doesn't permit campers to make or receive phone calls. However, there may be circumstances where our Leadership Staff or Health Officer may reach out to you about your camper. To be sure you recognize a call from us our **main office number is (269)-434-6844.**



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Packing INFORMATION

We suggest that you **label each item with your camper's name**, and have your camper involved in the packing process so that they know what belongs to them. It is a good idea to send old clothes they recognize as their own, not a lot of new ones they won't remember belonging to them. Leave expensive clothing and valuables at home and try to pack light! Label each bag with the Camper's Name, and how many bags they have (1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3, etc.). Cabin Leaders will do their best to help your camper keep up with their belongings. However, we cannot be responsible for lost items. Please consider this when making decisions of what to pack for camp.

Packing List

<p>CLOTHING~</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Casual clothing for the outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts (mid-thigh is minimum length) <input type="checkbox"/> Shirts (no tank tops, spaghetti straps, bare mid-riffs, or open backs) <input type="checkbox"/> Jeans or long pants for colder weather <input type="checkbox"/> Socks, underwear, etc <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit (Females - no mid-riff showing Males - no speedos) <input type="checkbox"/> Warm jacket or sweatshirts <input type="checkbox"/> Light rain jacket or ponchos <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs of shoes (athletic) <input type="checkbox"/> Flip flops or sandals <p>SLEEPING~</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag and pillow <input type="checkbox"/> If bedwetting is an issue: send sheets and blankets rather than a sleeping bag. Our laundry facilities cannot wash sleeping bags. Also, include a spare set so that the bedding can be replaced while being washed. <p>PERSONAL ITEMS~</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush/toothpaste <input type="checkbox"/> Bath towel & washcloth <input type="checkbox"/> Beachtowel <input type="checkbox"/> Soap/shampoo/Hairbrush <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent/sunscreen <input type="checkbox"/> Deorderant 	<p>OTHER~</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Small Backpack/Daypack <input type="checkbox"/> Beach towel <input type="checkbox"/> Bible/Notebook/Pen <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle <input type="checkbox"/> Dirty clothes bag <p>OPTIONAL~</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Camera (phones will not be allowed during camp) <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight <input type="checkbox"/> Journal <input type="checkbox"/> Stamped & pre-addressed envelopes
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Swimwear Guidelines- Swimwear should provide adequate coverage, fasten securely, and be designed for active wear. Campers wearing inappropriate swimwear will be asked to change.



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WHAT NOT TO BRING

Cell phones will not be allowed at camp under any circumstances. , Video players, music devices, computers, electronic games, pets, fireworks, money, or food of any kind “unless part of a special diet” and, any items of value. Warner Camp is not responsible for lost or damaged items. If these items are found to be with a camper they will be removed and returned at the end of camp.

POSSESSION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM CAMP: Intoxicants, tobacco products, marijuana, or drugs, matches or lighters, knives (including pocketknives), or weapons of any kind.

Note: because our desire is to provide a safe environment for every camper who visits the Warner Camp, we reserve the right to search the luggage and/or belongings of individual campers.

MORE ABOUT CELL PHONES & MUSIC PLAYERS

We know that many campers and parents would like to stay connected during camp. However, we also believe that parents are sending their child to camp to experience something outside of the ordinary. In order to do this effectively, it's imperative that kids have time free from the distractions of phones and other media sources. Cell phones and music players prove to be VERY problematic and disruptive at camp by drawing campers away from what is happening around them. We want to give all campers a break from “normal” and encourage them to unplug and connect with their Cabin Leaders and cabin mates. We want to encourage all campers to grow in their independence and be immersed in the camp experience free of digital distractions while at Warner. Any cell phones, music players, or other electronic devices brought to camp will be held by the Program Director or Camp Director until the end of the camp week and then returned.

FOOD & CANDY

Unless part of a special diet, outside food and candy are not allowed to be brought to Warner Camp. With the increase of significant food allergies for some of our campers as well as critters and insects searching for food, we ask all campers to avoid bringing any outside food into their cabins. Campers will have an opportunity to purchase snacks from the camp store and can keep them in their cabin if they are **unopened**. All opened candy and food must be consumed outside of the cabin or discarded before entering housing facilities. If you have special dietary needs, these items can be turned into the camp registration team when you arrive to camp.

LOST & FOUND

Parents are urged to label all clothing and personal items with a permanent marker. There will be a lost and found table at the closing ceremony of each camp week and parents are encouraged to check this table as well as their campers' cabin for lost items. If a lost item cannot be located, please fill out a lost and found slip (located at the closing ceremony or in the Camp Store) and our staff will seek to locate and return that item to you. **Parents will be responsible for the cost (Shipping and Handling) of mailing any items home.** Any underwear and socks left at camp are disposed of. At the end of each camping season, any remaining items, are donated to a local resale shops.

EMERGENCIES

In case of an emergency at camp, parents will be notified immediately. But if an emergency arises at home, we ask that parents call the **Camp Office at (269)434-6844** to leave an emergency message and a Warner Camp Leadership Staff Member will return your call. Warner Camp staff will gladly assist you and your camper in every situation.



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DIRECTIONS, ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Please use the google maps link below to determine the best directions from your locations. The camp is located at 60 55th Street, Grand Junction, MI 49056. Our camp office phone number is 269.434.6844

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ARRIVAL

Start of Camp: All camp registration opens Sunday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Please do not arrive before 3:30 PM) unless otherwise noted. *Opening day times may vary for some of our Camps. You will receive alternate information regarding those camps.*

Opening Day is an exciting time for everyone! When you arrive, please follow the flags and signs that will guide you to the commons area where registration is set up. There you will be greeted by a staff member who will give you a flyer that will guide you through our registration process. The check-in process will begin promptly at 4:00 P.M. For campers with medication our Health Officer will have a table set up at registration and all camper medication (both prescription and over the counter) will need to be checked-in to the health officer. Please see the medication section below for more detailed information. Cabin Assignments will also be provided upon check-in. Summer staff will be waiting to welcome you to camp and help you get to your cabins!

DEPARTURE

Closing day: Friday 11:30 - 12:00 Noon. Please do not arrive before 11:00 am.

****Closing day times vary for some of our camps. You will receive alternate information regarding this.***

There will be a short closing program that begins Friday morning at 11:00 in The Tabernacle that will wrap up the camp week before picking up your camper. Campers will be packed and ready to go before the ceremony begins.

ADDING PEOPLE TO THE AUTHORIZED PICK UP LIST

You can add people to your campers authorized pick up list at any time before the day of check-out. We encourage parents to add as many family and friends to their authorized pick up list in the event they are not able to arrive at camp to pick up their camper. If a person comes to pick up a camper and is not on the authorized list, campers **will not** be released to them until we speak to the primary parent or guardian on the campers UltraCamp Account. Here is how you can add people to your authorized pick-up list:

- **Log in to your UltraCamp Account.**
- **On your account homepage click on the “Pickup Authorization” tab.**
- **Click on “Add/Edit Pickup Authorization”**
- **Click “Add” and enter the contact information of the person(s) you are adding to your authorized list.**
- **Select “Save” and the added person(s) will now appear on your authorized pick list for your camper.**



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HEALTH FORM

We are required by the State of Michigan to have a health form on file for each camper. Parents can complete the online Health Form by logging in to their online UltraCamp account and looking under the "Forms" tab. **Health forms should be completed before arriving at camp.**

MEDICATIONS

All camper and Cabin Leader medications must be turned in to the Health Officer. **Camper medications must be in the original container with dosage and frequency clearly marked.** Camper's medications shall be turned in during registration. All medications should match those listed on the campers' Health Form. If a Health Form was not completed prior to registration parents will be asked to complete a paper Health Form before turning in any medication. **You can save a great deal of time at registration by having the Health Form completed BEFORE arriving to camp.** All medications will be distributed by the Health Officer, or other qualified personnel under the direction of the Health Officer. A written record of medication administration shall be kept for each camper with prescription medications. The Health Officer is responsible for keeping all medications under locked storage (unless the prescription indicates otherwise) and the Health Officer is on call 24 hours each day while camp is in session.

BEHAVIORAL MEDICATIONS

We want your camper to be successful at camp. While we think of camp being a fun and relaxing time, it's important to remember that campers are learning new skills, having lots of new social interactions, and need to concentrate on instructions from cabin leaders, not only in the cabin but during activities as well. **We are requiring all campers who normally take psychotropic medications and are in long-term psychotropic therapy to not have elective interruption of their medicines while at camp (aka Med Holiday).**

ILLNESS POLICY

It is our policy to ask all parents to keep home any camper who exhibits any of the following symptoms: diarrhea, severe coughing, difficult or rapid breathing, yellowish skin or eyes, pinkeye/conjunctivitis, vomiting, contagious rashes, unidentifiable rashes, fever (over 100 degrees orally or 101 degrees rectally) and head lice or nits. Accordingly, we **reserve the right to contact a parent or emergency contact to have the child picked up if he/she** exhibits any of these symptoms. We also utilize a "24-hour fever-free policy." This policy mandates that any child sent home with a fever (see above) cannot be readmitted to camp within 24 hours.

Please understand that these policies exist to protect your children. We thank you for your cooperation in this area. Campers who are sick and are potentially contagious will need to leave camp in order to help us ensure the health and safety of our camp community. If you have any questions regarding the health of your child before coming to camp, please feel free to contact the Program Director at 231-796-7669 or email programdirector@WarnerCampranch.com.



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HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

We are required by the State of Michigan to screen all campers for good health prior to admission to camp. We request that no campers come to camp ill or with any contagious conditions. Campers need to be fever-free for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medicine. In addition, if a camper has lice within the last seven days, the camper may be allowed to attend camp with proof of certification from a licensed lice treatment facility approved by Warner Camp as well as a negative screening from our health team. Campers who are sick and are potentially contagious will need to leave camp in order to help us ensure the health and safety of our camp community. If you have any questions regarding the health of your child before coming to camp, please feel free to contact the Program Director at 269-434-6844 or email mary@warnercamp.com

MONEY & CAMP STORE

Campers do not carry cash! Money can be deposited into their Camp Store accounts before camp (via UltraCamp) or parents can add money at registration before dropping campers off in their cabins. Camper nametags include a unique barcode linked to their store account which allows them to purchase items. Lose a nametag? Don't worry, our store staff can find your account using campers' last names. This system allows campers not to have to carry cash, eliminates the possibility of theft, and simplifies the process for our store. Campers may purchase store items or donate to our camper scholarship fund from their account. You can add to your camper's store money account during the week through your UltraCamp account, via phone, or with a check.

BIRTHDAYS

Many Campers celebrate their birthday while they are at Warner Camp! Just let us know at registration and on the camper's birthday, they are recognized and sung to in front of the entire camp at either lunch or dinner. If you want to leave items with our staff to help celebrate your camper's big day, please leave only non-food items to help us avoid any possible food allergies.

LAUNDRY

Laundry facilities are not available for camper use at Warner Camp. In case of an emergency, we will certainly work to meet the camper's needs.

DISCIPLINE

Camp rules are designed to enhance the happiness and safety of all campers. A leadership staff member will contact parents to let them know if there is a significant or ongoing behavioral problem. Children who do not demonstrate appropriate behavior, in the judgment of the Directors, will be sent home. Early dismissal from camp will not warrant the refund of fees.

HOMESICKNESS

Homesickness among campers is common, especially for first-time campers. Parents can help the adjustment of their campers by leaving them on a positive note. Make sure to set your camper up for success by letting them know you expect them to have fun. Help them to set some goals for camp (meeting people, learning something new, etc.) before you leave and be enthusiastic about their time at camp. "Child Sick" parents often lead to homesick campers.



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It is best not to promise a camper they can come home if they don't like camp. Warner Camp Staff is well trained to help campers adjust to camp by immediately involving them in team building and fun activities. Parental support and encouragement are critical to the happiness of the child. *Warner Camp has an extremely high success rate of working with campers when parents work with us.* A Leadership staff member will contact the parents if a child is homesick to let them know that we are working through the challenge. Homesickness is common but is usually short-lived due to all the fun people and activities at Warner Camp!

Refund / Cancellation Policy

If you have a question or concern about payment, please feel welcome to call us at (269)434-6844. If for some reason you need to cancel attending camp please be aware of the below cancellation fee schedule. If for unforeseen reasons Warner Camp is forced to cancel any camp you are registered for, you will have the option to roll over your balance to a future Warner Camp event, donate it to Warner Camp, or receive a full refund.

Please note that a \$50 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration and your full Summer Camp balance is **due 1 month prior** to the camp session you are registered for.

CANCELLATION FEE SCHEDULE:

- Cancellations made prior to 30 days from the start of the registered camp week all funds (less the deposit) are fully refundable.
- Cancellations made up to 14 days prior to the start of the registered camp week is forfeiture of 50% of the camp fee(s)
- Cancellations made inside 14 days to the start of the registered camp week is forfeiture of the full camp fee(s).

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