

CAMP BLODGETT Summer Camp

IMPORTANT!! KEEP THIS IN A SAFE PLACE

Summer 2019 Camper Check-In & Check-Out Details

Refer to enclosed "Confirmation Information" for dates for your assigned camp session.

START OF CAMP CHECK-IN:

Grand Rapids: "DASH Lot 9" at **250 Seward Ave NW** in Grand Rapids will be the drop-off and pick-up location for bus transportation to camp. *This lot is located next door to our NEW Grand Rapids office.* Please enter at the NORTH entrance; there will be camp staff directing you into the lot beginning at 8:45am. The first 30 minutes in this lot will be free of charge for camp families.

Camper check-in begins at **9:00 am on the first day of your camp session.**

PLEASE NOTE: The bus will depart promptly at 9:30 am. *If you arrive after the bus has departed you will be responsible for transporting your child to the camp in West Olive.*

ALSO NOTE: Camp staff will be wearing Camp Blodgett t-shirts and camp identification badges.

- **Step 1** – Check in all belongings at the luggage station. Please make sure your camper's FULL NAME is on each piece of luggage, including sleeping bags and pillows.
- **Step 2** – Check in with camp staff. There will be one line for boys and one line for girls. Staff will confirm that all required information has been received.
- **Step 3** – Each camper must check in with the camp Health Officer and receive a required health check by camp staff. *All medication must be checked in with the Camp Health Officer.*
 - *All medication **must** be in original containers with current and accurate daily dosage clearly indicated. We urge campers to continue their regular medications they take during school. Children are much less stressed at camp when taking their normal medications.*
- **Step 4 (Grand Rapids Drop Off)** - Campers can wait with their parents and new friends for a short time, and will be called to board busses heading out to camp at 9:30am.

West Olive (Camp Blodgett): 10451 Lakeshore, West Olive, MI 49460

Camper check-in begins at **9:45 am** at the camp. Due to staffing logistics, you cannot check in your camper before this time. *Please have your camper checked in no later than 10:30 am.*

END OF CAMP CHECK OUT and Transportation from Camp to Grand Rapids

Family visits may take place on the **last day of camp** from 1:30 until 2:30 pm. *Family members will not be allowed into camp until 1:30.* Families are invited to camp to see what campers have experienced and enjoy a brief program after which they may take campers home.

ALL CAMPERS BEING PICKED UP MUST SIGN OUT with staff members at a designated table. **PLEASE BE SURE YOU HAVE ALL OF YOUR CAMPER'S BELONGINGS, INCLUDING MEDICATIONS.** PLEASE check the lost and found table in front of the bath house. Campers may leave only with those authorized on the camper registration form. **Authorized adult(s), please be prepared to show photo ID.** If you cannot attend Family Day, your child will ride the bus back to the Grand Rapids where you must pick your child up NO LATER than 3:30 pm. **Photo identification is required when checking out campers.**

Camp check-out begins at **2:00 PM**. Grand Rapids check-out is at **3:30 PM**.

All letters sent to campers from home may be sent directly to camp. Send mail several days before the session begins to ensure delivery during your camper's session. The address is:

Camper's Name c/o Camp Blodgett
10451 Lakeshore Dr.
West Olive, MI 49460

PLEASE TURN OVER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION!

Directions

Grand Rapids Check In: From US-131, take Pearl Street exit 85B, head west on Pearl St, which curves South to become Lake Michigan drive. Turn right onto Seward, and drive to the northern-most end of **Dash Bus Lot 9**. From I-196, take Lane Ave exit 76 and turn left (south) onto Lane. Take a left on Bridge Street, and a right onto Seward. The lot is the first city lot entrance on your left.

Camp Blodgett: Take Lake Michigan Drive (M-45) west until it ends at Lakeshore Drive. Take a left onto Lakeshore Drive, go one mile and Camp Blodgett will be on the right at 10451 Lakeshore Drive. Camp Blodgett is approximately 30 miles or a 45 minute drive from Grand Rapids.

CAMPER CHECKLIST

- Swimsuit and beach towel
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Socks, underwear & weather appropriate clothes for 5 days (shorts, tshirts, etc)
- One outfit that can get messy from arts and crafts activities
- Sleeping bag (or sheets & blanket) & pillow
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Book or magazine to read at rest time
- Pajamas
- 2 pairs of long pants
- Sweatshirt or jacket
- Paper, envelopes & stamps (for letters)
- Shampoo, soap, bath towel
- Tennis shoes
- 1 other pair of shoes (beach/ pool shoes)
- Bug Spray and Sunscreen

To minimize lost items, do not over pack. Limit items to those listed above. Campers often get their clothes wet and or dirty at camp - do not send new or valuable items. *We recommend showing your camper what you are packing so they know what they have.* **PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST & LAST NAMES or INITIALS ON EVERYTHING IN PERMANENT or FABRIC MARKER. Items left at camp will be held in our Grand Rapids office for one week after the camper's session has ended. Anything not claimed by that time will be donated to charity.**

PLEASE DO NOT BRING...



Money, candy or food, radios, handheld video games or any electronics, cell phones, toys, expensive jewelry or watches, hair dryers, or knives or weapons of **any** kind. If these are seen at Camp they will be collected until the end of the session. Any campers with weapons will be sent home immediately.

Camp Blodgett is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property! Anything left at camp will be returned to the Grand Rapids office the week following your child's session. We are unable to answer questions over the phone regarding missing items, please stop in the Grand Rapids office to look through unclaimed items returned from camp. **THINGS NOT CLAIMED BY ONE WEEK AFTER THE END DATE OF YOUR CHILD'S SESSION WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY.**

Behavior Policy

Campers are expected to behave appropriately while at camp. The following behaviors may result in a camper being sent home and forfeiting any fees paid: (a) He/She poses a danger to self or others, (b) He/She is unwilling or unable to communicate or cooperate in a peer group, (c) He/She is repeatedly disruptive or disrespectful to the camp on the whole or with a peer group or with staff.

In case of an emergency where you need to be in touch with or alert camp staff,
our emergency phone number is (616) 402-9755
All calls and messages will be handled in a very timely manner.

WE CAN'T WAIT FOR CAMP BLODGETT 2019! WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!