



CROSSWAYS
CAMPING MINISTRIES

Program Guide - Youth Camp & Confirmation Camp



The camps of Crossways are excited to welcome your camper for a week of transformative programming this summer! As we prepare to create a safe, fun, and memorable experience for all our summer guests, we want to share some important details to help your preparation go smoothly. Thank you for making camp at Crossways a priority for your family!

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Arrival & Departure - Check-in & Check-out

Arrival & Departure:

Arrival & Departure specifics vary at each site. Our staff will welcome you and direct you through the process. When your camper arrives at camp they will receive their cabin and cabin leader assignment, check-in with the health coordinator and complete a health screening, then settle into camp. Family members are welcome, but please leave your family pet at home. Crossways staff will check or confirm the status of any unexplained absentee campers after the close of the check-in time.

If you need to arrive later than the scheduled time, please contact your site director in advance. At departure, all campers must sign out with their cabin leaders and will be released only to the persons authorized on the Camper Departure Authorization Form.

Imago Dei Village & Pine Lake Camp:

Check-in at camp will happen from the ease of your vehicle. At Pine Lake Camp, families may choose to view their camper's cabins. For weeklong and session "A" campers, **please arrive between 3PM-4:30PM** on Sunday afternoon. 'B' Session campers should arrive at 11:00AM on Wednesday.

Families picking campers up on Friday are invited to join us for a **picnic lunch at 11:30AM**. Families are invited to join us for **closing worship at 12:15PM** on Friday and lasts about 45 minutes. Campers will be dismissed after the closing program. For 'A' Session programs, campers will be served dinner prior to departure on Tuesday. Closing recap will begin at 6:15PM with departure to follow.

Waypost:

Check-in at Waypost will happen in the Chapel. For weeklong campers, **please arrive between 3:30PM-4:30PM** on Sunday afternoon. 'B' Session campers should arrive at 11:00am on Wednesday.

Please arrive for check-out at 11:30AM on Friday. A picnic lunch for campers and families will be served at 12:15PM followed by 1:00PM Closing Worship and 1:30PM dismissal.

Camper Departure Form:

Camper Authorization Departure Forms must be filled out and turned in by the parent/guardian for every individual camper. This form is available online.

[CrosswaysCamps.org/program-information](https://www.crosswayscamps.org/program-information)

Canteen:

The Canteen (camp store) is open twice a day for campers to purchase drinks, snacks, and clothing. Campers are limited to the number of items they can buy at each canteen time and are not able to keep any food items or cash in their cabins.

During check-in, families will have the opportunity to add money to their canteen card. Money can also be added online, up to 14 days before your arrival day, through your registration account. Balances remaining at the end of the week will be returned to the camper in cash.

Mission Partner:

Each summer Crossways chooses a mission partner to create change and inspire campers. Our campers will learn about this initiative with their cabin groups, discuss ways they can make an impact, and at the end of the week have an opportunity to give generously of their remaining canteen money. It's helpful to talk with your camper in advance!

Directions to Camp:

Directions to camp can be found online at [CrosswaysCamps.org/program-information](https://www.crosswayscamps.org/program-information). These updated directions are especially important for campers attending Pine Lake Camp. Your favorite navigation services may have changed since your last visit, and we want you to arrive without unneeded stress.

A Note About Our No Cell Phone Policy

Our staff can tell you, a rustic camp environment can be hard on technology - water damage, scratches, cracked screens. More importantly after the first day of camp, campers will be so invested in building relationships with other campers, they won't even miss their phones. We understand it is important to be able to contact your camper. Later in this letter you will see how you can contact your camper while they are at camp!

Cancellation Policy

If your camper is no longer able to attend camp, please contact our Registration Manager if more than 48 hours out. In cases of last minute cancellations, within 48 hours, please contact your site directly.

If Crossways is unable to hold your camp program because local/state/federal guidelines have closed or limited access to camp or Crossways determines we're unable to provide a positive and safe experience

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If you are unable to attend because of a medical condition (including COVID-19 quarantine or self-isolation) or a death in the close family,

1. We invite you to convert payments in full or part to a tax-deductible donation to Crossways.
2. We will work to reschedule with you to another time within 12 months of program.
3. If neither option works for you, we will return your payment in full, either in the same method you paid or a voucher good for future Crossways events.

If Crossways is open and hosting guests, but you determine you wish to cancel your camp session:

- With more than 30 days' notice, we will refund all deposits and payments.
- With 15-30 days' notice, all but 50% of your deposit will be refunded.
- If you give less than 15 days' notice, your deposit will be forfeited.
- if you must leave your camp program early for any reason, we are unable to provide a refund.

Payment

Final balance is due 30 days prior to the start of camp session.

Contact With Home

At camp, we create a sacred place apart where campers are removed from distractions of their everyday lives. We focus on developing a close Christian community with those around us. Taking a break from technology is an important and intentional part of creating that community.

We understand that cell phones provide you and your camper with security and comfort of unimpeded contact anytime, anywhere. We're offering some alternative communication to cell phones for you and your camper!

Mail:

There is nothing better than a letter from home when you are away at camp. Please use the addresses at the bottom of the page for postal mail. Please make sure your camper's mail is postmarked by Tuesday if your camper is attending a full week of camp.

You are also welcome to bring letters or a small care package and turn them in at check-in. Staff will give them to your camper throughout the week. Campers can mail letters or postcards out daily from camp so feel free to send pre-addressed, stamped envelopes along to encourage their letter writing home to you, family, and friends.

Email Your Camper:

We offer a one-way email service to connect with your camper during their time at camp. We monitor and print these emails, then deliver them once a day.

Please note that campers are not able to send a return email.

Imago Dei Village - idv.camper@crosswayscamps.org

Pine Lake Camp - plc.camper@crosswayscamps.org

Waypost Camp - wp.camper@crosswayscamps.org

We make our best effort to see that your camper receives their email notes in a timely fashion. Due to camp programming, we cannot guarantee emails will be delivered the same day they are sent.

(Camper's Name) Imago Dei Village W8160 Cloverleaf Lake Rd. Clintonville, WI 54929	(Camper's Name) Pine Lake Camp W5631 Akron Ave. Waupaca, WI 54981	(Camper's Name) Waypost Camp 210608 Crooked Lake Rd. Hatley, WI 54440
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Camp to Home Contact:

We will use phone numbers or emails listed on the health and registration forms in order to contact families if needed throughout the week. In case of severe weather Camp Directors will post updates on Facebook and email families directly as circumstances allow. Communication may be delayed as Camp Directors are needed to tend to camper safety.

Medical Information & Health at Camp

Health Forms are due 2 weeks before your camp start date

Health History Form:

Camper Medical Forms must be completed at least 2 weeks before the start of the camp session. Camper Medical Forms can be accessed in our registration portal at [Crossways.CampBrainRegistration.com](https://www.crossways.org/CampBrainRegistration.com).

Over The Counter Medication:

We stock over the counter medications for cold symptoms, minor aches and pains, etc. We ask that you **do not pack** these medications unless your child uses over the counter medication daily. These medications will also be collected, stored and distributed by the health coordinator.

Medication:

All camper medications should be listed on the Camper Health History Form. Our health coordinators will collect all medications at check-in and are available to discuss any health related questions that you may have. **Medications must be in the original labeled container** with the name of the camper, name of the medication, dosage, frequency of administration, and the method of administration. If the dosage or administration instructions varies from what is listed on the prescription, please include a doctor's note.

Medical Services:

Each site has a Wilderness First Aid trained staff member on-site at all times for health needs and medication distribution. Routine first aid will be provided by the health coordinator or a camp staff member certified in First Aid and CPR as needed. Camp will be in immediate contact with you should there be a serious medical concern, illness, or incident. If medical problems occur, the camps of Crossways use local clinics and hospitals to treat medical conditions or accidents. Medical expenses will be billed to you through these clinics. Crossways does not carry medical coverage for campers.

Food Allergies:

Please list food allergies or special diet accommodations in the Camper Health History Form. In addition, **please call the camp your child will be attending at least two weeks before your child's week of camp to discuss their particular needs with our staff.** Don't hesitate to reach out sooner with any concerns. Campers may arrange to bring special supplemental food items with them, but all food items will be stored in our kitchens and pantries under the guidance of our staff.

Copies of all forms can be found on our website

www.CrosswaysCamps.org

Rights & Dignity Statement

Crossways Camping Ministries respects the rights and dignity of every participant, volunteer, and staff member. We create a place of acceptance and belonging for people of different backgrounds and abilities, and promote a community of equals, where every member is respected.

Special Programs

All camp programs and activities are designed to enhance the camper experience. We seek to challenge each individual to grow personally and as part of our community. Some of these programs involve giving campers an opportunity to step outside of their comfort zone.

Archery (Waypost Only)

All campers will have the opportunity to participate in archery. Participants will be fitted with an armguard. Our certified staff will instruct and enforce safety protocol.

Bike Trips

Bike trips are for middle school and high school campers off-site on quiet country and lake community roads. Our bikes are maintained regularly. Before each trip campers are properly fitted with a helmet and are instructed on safety procedures. Two staff, trained in leading bike trips, participate in every trip. On all trips a staff member carries a first aid kit as well as a cell phone to ensure contact with appropriate authorities in the event of an emergency.

Canoe Trips (Imago Dei Village Only)

Middle school and high school campers are able to participate in canoe trips on a river near the camp. For these trips campers are transported to and from camp in camp vehicles. Prior to each trip, campers are taught basic canoe skills and are outfitted properly with paddles and personal flotation devices. Trips are led by trained lifeguards and at least 2 trip-trained staff. On all trips a staff member carries a first aid kit as well as a cell phone to ensure contact with appropriate authorities in the event of an emergency.

Climbing Wall (Imago Dei Village Only)

Upper elementary, middle school, and high school campers will have the opportunity to climb our rock wall. Each camper is fitted with a safety harness and helmet for their climb. Our certified staff instructs all campers in safety procedures before their climb and guide campers safely through each climb from start to finish.

Notification of Health Treatment

Parents/guardians will receive a phone call or email from the Camp Director or Health Coordinator for the following:

- camper is vomiting or has diarrhea lasting more than 24 hours
- camper has a severely sprained limb and is unable to continue with normal camp activities
- camper has a headache that cannot be controlled within 24 hours
- anytime we suspect a communicable disease requiring medical treatment like strep throat or chicken pox, any broken limb
- any emergency situation where an ambulance is called

Parents/guardians are not notified for

- minor cuts or wounds requiring a simple cleaning and bandage
- minor bruises requiring ice and rest
- headache, vomiting, or diarrhea lasting less than 24 hours.

You will receive a note upon camper pick-up listing any medical treatment administered to your child during the course of their session.

Packing List

- Bible
- Sleeping Bag & Pillow
- Towels (Bath, Washcloth, & Beach)
- Personal Toiletries (Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothbrush, Etc.)
- Tennis Shoes
- Swimsuit
- Water Shoes (or sandals) for walking to the waterfront - Flip flops are not allowed except in the shower. All sandals must have a backstrap and be securely attached to the whole foot.
- Long Pants & Sweatshirt
- T-shirts & Shorts
- Pajamas
- Jacket
- Underwear & Socks
- Rain Gear
- Non-Aerosol Bug Spray & Sunscreen
- Medications in Original Containers
- Water Bottle

Crossways is not liable for the damage or loss of any personal property.

Paperwork:

- Camper Authorization & Departure Form
- General Health Form must be completed online at least 2 weeks prior to program start at Crossways.CampBrainRegistration.com*

Optional Items:

- Camera (No Camera Phones)
- Stationary, stamps, envelopes
- Sunglasses
- Flashlight
- Your Fun Mug (Returning Imago Dei Village Campers)
- Money for the Camp Store & Mission Project Offering

Please Do Not Bring:

- Cell Phone
- Personal Electronic Devices (video games, computers, eReaders)
- Personal Sports Equipment
- Alcohol, Drugs (including tobacco products and vapes)
- Weapons of any kind, including pocket knives
- Fireworks
- Pets
- Hair Dryers, Curling Irons, Excessive Toiletries
- Gum, Candy, Snacks (we try to prevent woodsy critters from joining the cabin groups!)
- Vehicles (Campers driving themselves must make prior arrangements with Camp Director)