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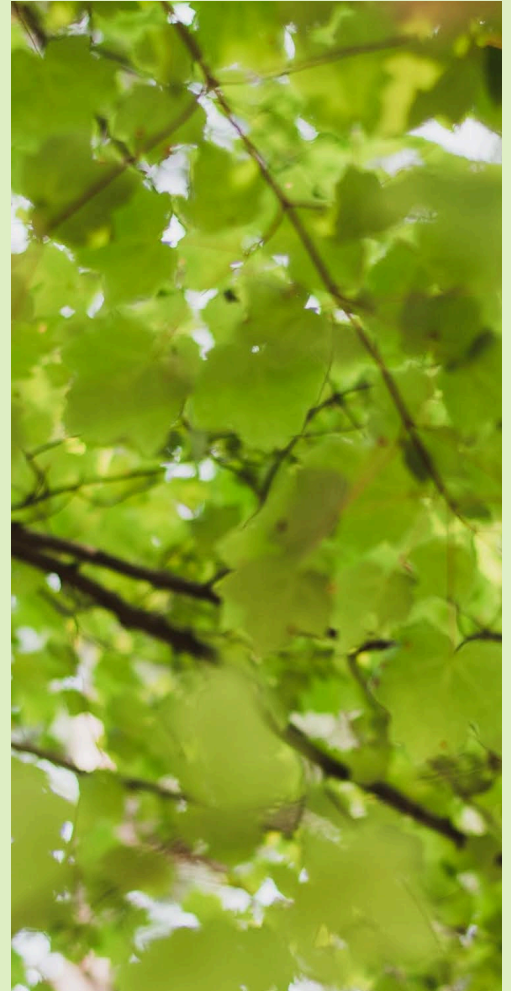
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CROSSWAYS
CAMPING MINISTRIES



WELCOME TO CAMP & Meet the Directors



The staff of Crossways is excited to welcome your camper for 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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WHO WE ARE

Mission

Following Christ's call to cultivate inclusive communities, equip servant leaders, and create formative faith experiences.

Vision

Crossways will establish space and programs for people of diverse ages, abilities, and backgrounds to connect their daily lives with the calling to care for neighbor and creation.

Program Theme: God's Word Comes Near

Throughout the week, we will discover ways God's word comes near to us. Campers will hear how God's word is woven into each of our own stories through Jesus, and they will discover how God can use our shared story to create love and justice in the world.

God's Word Comes Near...

... In Trusting surprises and in learning to look for God's presence as they are out and about in their daily lives.

... In Blessing God chooses and blesses everyone to lead a life of love using our own unique gifts in the world. We are called to say yes to God's blessing.

... In Listening. Campers will discover how God is at work in everyone, especially those we might least expect.

... In Serving. We will find that God can use each of our own gifts to bring love, mercy, and justice to the world.

... In Following. By following God's word to the promise of new life, campers can continue to help write God's story of love and salvation.

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.

Words of Welcome

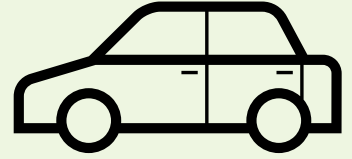
We believe in reflecting and knowing the fullness of God; we must live in a community with all of God's diverse people. We are committed to continued learning, removing barriers, and extending our welcome.

We actively welcome people of all races, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, abilities, and socio-economic statuses to have meaningful roles in our community as campers, staff, and guests.

We are your partner in a safe, positive, camp experience. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your or a loved one's stay at camp. We will work with you to provide the care and accommodations you feel may be necessary to create the best possible experience.



ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE - Check-in & Check-out



We're excited to welcome your camper to a week of adventure at Rib Mountain State Park! Our staff will be ready to greet you each morning and help guide you through check-in. On Monday morning, please allow a few extra minutes as we review paperwork and complete a brief health screening. The rest of the week's check-ins will go much faster!

Where to Go:

Please enter *Rib Mountain State Park* and park near the *Park Office*. Look for the *Friends Gathering Space Building*, our staff will be there to greet you. On the first day, our team will be easy to spot in green shirts labeled "2025 Staff" on the back.

State Park Vehicle Passes:

To drop off or pick up your camper, your vehicle will need a valid Wisconsin State Parks pass.

- If you already have an annual or daily pass, thank you for supporting the parks!
- If you don't, you can purchase a Wisconsin State Parks annual pass for \$28 (good at all state parks for 12 months).
- If you prefer not or are not able to buy a pass, Pine Lake Camp will gladly cover the cost of one pass per family for the week. If your family uses more than one vehicle for drop-off/pick-up, we ask that you cover the cost of additional permits (\$15.50 per vehicle at the reduced household rate).

We appreciate your support in helping make this program run smoothly!

Arrival & Pick-Up Times

Morning Drop-Off:

- Please arrive between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM each day (Monday-Thursday).
- Camp programming begins at 9:00 AM.
- If you arrive before 8:30 AM, our staff may not be quite ready—thanks for your patience!

Afternoon Pick-Up:

- At 4:00 PM, we'll gather for a closing campfire (with or without a fire!).
- Families are welcome to join us at 4:00 PM any day, especially on Thursday for our final campfire.
- Our program ends at 4:30 PM, but we offer extended pick-up until 5:00 PM.
- Please ensure your camper is picked up by 5:00 PM each day.

Our No Phone Philosophy:

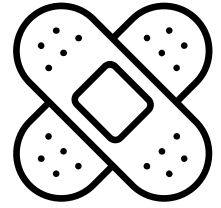
At camp, we create a sacred place apart where campers are removed from distractions of their everyday lives. We focus on developing a close Christian community with those around us. Taking a break from technology is an important and intentional part of creating that community. We are your partner in a safe, positive, camp experience. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

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 or at the end of this document.

CrosswaysCamps.org/program-information

MEDICAL INFORMATION & HEALTH AT CAMP



Please Complete Your Campers Health Form Prior To Program Start

Health History Form:

Camper Medical Forms must be completed before the start of the camp session. Camper Medical Forms can be accessed in our registration portal at [**CrosswaysCamps.org/register**](https://CrosswaysCamps.org/register).

Over The Counter Medication:

Since we are on location, we will stock a simple health kit over-the-counter medications for cold symptoms, minor aches and pains, etc. Because we are not able to bring our full inventory of health supplies and equipment, if a need arises beyond what we're able to provide, you may be asked to pick up your camper early. Please only pack these medications if your child uses them daily. Our staff will collect, store, and distribute them.

Medication:

All camper medications must be listed on the Camper Health History Form. Our staff will collect all medications at check-in and are available to discuss any health-related questions 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.** Please include a doctor's note if the dosage or administration instructions vary from what is listed on the prescription.

Medical Services:

Each site has, at minimum, 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 contact you immediately 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 needs in the Camper Health History Form. In addition, **please call the camp your child will be attending before your child's week of camp to discuss their particular needs with our staff** or reach out sooner with any concerns. Campers may arrange to bring special supplemental food items with them.

NOTIFICATION OF HEALTH TREATMENT

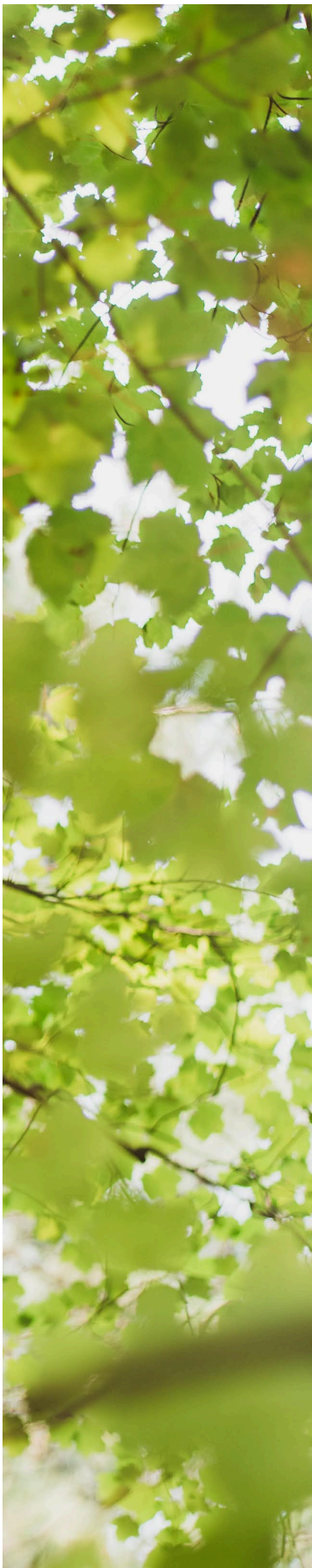
Parents/Guardians will receive a phone call or email for the following:

- camper is vomiting or has diarrhea lasting more than 24 hours
- camper has a sprained or broken limb and is unable to continue with camp activities or requires medical treatment
- 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 emergency situation where an ambulance is called

Parents/guardians are typical not notified for:

- minor cuts or wounds requiring a simple cleaning and bandage
- minor bruises requiring ice and rest

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



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.

- Your camper will experience a week that's all about immersing in nature! We'll explore the park's trails, use natural elements for games, crafts, and learning activities, and encourage campers to create, build, and discover using what the natural world provides.
- Each day will include worship and Bible study led by our caring staff. Rather than instructing, our team is trained to facilitate meaningful conversations where campers can wonder, question, and grow in their faith together.
- Your camper can expect to do plenty of walking, on trails, across grassy areas, and sometimes on uneven ground. Closed-toe shoes are a must to help keep them safe and comfortable as they explore!
- Because Rib Mountain is a public park, we'll be sharing the space with other visitors. Our staff are well-trained in supervising campers in public settings and in responding to any emergencies that may arise.
- Restrooms are available at the Friends Gathering Space and at several points throughout the park. We'll provide a hearty lunch each day along with snacks to keep campers fueled for fun!

DETAILS & EXPECTATIONS



Cancellation Policy

If your camper can no longer attend camp, please contact Crossways 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

- or -

*If you are unable to attend because of a medical condition
(including COVID-19 quarantine or self-isolation) or a death in 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 the program.
3. If neither option works for you, we will return your payment in full, using the same method you paid or a voucher 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.

Final Payment

Final balance is due 1 week before the start of your camp session. Payments can be made online by logging into your account at [**CrosswaysCamps.org/register**](https://CrosswaysCamps.org/register).

Camper Behavior Expectations

At Crossways Camps, we prioritize meeting each camper's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. We set clear, age-appropriate boundaries to ensure a positive camp experience for everyone. If a camper's behavior needs addressing, we handle it promptly and without physical punishment or withholding basic necessities. Instead, our staff use positive methods to encourage good behavior and foster communication and cooperation among campers. However, if a camper's behavior persists and disrupts the camp or poses harm to themselves, others, or property, the Camp Director may decide that they need to leave the program early. If this were to occur, the Camp Director would be in contact with the family, and they would be expected to pick up campers promptly and will not receive a refund on tuition.



PACKING LIST

Our Day Campers will have a designated space to leave a backpack or small bag while onsite each day. Please don't hesitate to send an extra pair of clothes, shoes, or items your camper may need. We will set up a basecamp for the group.

Please Pack

- ☐ Bible
- ☐ A Beach Towel
- ☐ Tennis Shoes / Close Toe Shoes
- ☐ Sweatshirt / 2nd Layer
- ☐ An Extra Change of Clothes (T-shirt & Shorts)
- ☐ Rain Gear
- ☐ Bug Spray & Sunscreen
- ☐ Medications in Original Containers
- ☐ Water Bottle

Consider packing in a backpack that your camper can keep with them, and a separate bag for backup items that can remain at the Friends Gathering Building.

A Note About Rain:

Please know that we plan to be outside rain or shine, making the most of the beautiful natural setting. We encourage campers to wear and/or bring clothing that's ready for the elements—rain jackets, sturdy shoes, and anything else that will help them stay comfortable and happy outdoors. A change of dry clothes is always a great idea too!

In the event of storms or dangerous weather, we will adjust our plans to keep everyone safe and move programming indoors if needed. Thank you for helping your camper come prepared for an adventurous week!

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!)

Paperwork:

- ☐ **Camper Authorization & Departure Form**
- ☐ **General Health Form** must be completed online prior to program start at CrosswaysCamps.org/register

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



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Camper Suports & Accommodations

We celebrate our campers for who God created them to be! Your camper will be a known and valued member of our community, where their individual gifts have a place to shine. Working alongside families, we hope to prepare a safe and positive camp experience for all participants. We invite you to review Options and Tools Available for All Campers, Options and Tools Available by Advanced Request, and Supports Beyond What We Can Accommodate.

[View Camper Supports & Accommodations Here](#)

Health & Safety Care for Minors

At Crossways Camps, we prioritize meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of each camper. We plan, prepare, and train for emergencies, camper health care, and caring for the wellbeing of each camper.

[View Health & Safety / Care for Minors Here](#)

Summer Staff

Our exceptional Young Adult Summer Staff make the magic of camp come to life. They come from various backgrounds and experiences and bring a range of gifts! They work as a team to complement each other's skills. We value your trust in our team, and take our professional jobs seriously.

[View Summer Staff Here](#)

☐ Imago Dei Village☐ Pine Lake☐ Waypost

Week of: _____

CAMPER DEPARTURE AUTHORIZATION FORM

PLEASE BRING THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOU AT CHECK IN

Crossways requires that each youth camper (campers who drive their own vehicle to camp and have made prior arrangements with the Camp Director and campers being picked up by their own parent or guardian) must have a complete Camper Departure Authorization Form on file and signed by a parent/guardian. In the event you're unable to provide this information by the deadline requested, we will accept departure forms at check in.

Campers will only be released to the person(s) listed on this form.

_____ is authorized to be picked up by

Full Camper Name

the following individuals:

_____ Name	_____ Relationship to Camper	_____ Phone Number
_____ Name	_____ Relationship to Camper	_____ Phone Number
_____ Name	_____ Relationship to Camper	_____ Phone Number
_____ Name	_____ Relationship to Camper	_____ Phone Number

on _____ at _____
Date Time

Departure time (after Closing Celebrations) for youth camp: Friday at 1pm after 12:15 Closing Worship for Full Week, Pioneer B & Pathfinder B sessions
Tuesday 7pm after 6:15 Closing Worship for Pioneer A & Pathfinder A sessions

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Campers are encouraged to stay for the entire camp experience. If an early departure is required, please provide complete information below.

Early Departure:

*Fill out if camper is returning to camp:

_____ Date	_____ Time	_____ *Date	_____ *Time
_____ Reason			

By the following individuals:

_____ Name	_____ Relationship to Camper	_____ Phone Number
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-----FILLED OUT WITH CROSSWAYS STAFF MEMBER UPON DEPARTURE-----



Picked up by (Signature) _____ on (Date) _____ Staff initials/date: _____