

Summer Camp Important Details

Before Camp

Review Travel Plans and Health Form: Use our secure <u>online portal</u> to make changes to your camper's travel plans and health form.

Finalize Payment: All balances are due one week prior to a camper's arrival. Check our website for your outstanding balance due.

Packing Lists:

Bus Ride Packing List:

- > Lunch or snacks for the trip north
- > Necessary medications (see note on 2nd page)
- Books, fidget devices, electronic diversions to help the bus ride experience.
 (We will check in all electronics (phones, tablets, etc.) as campers move into their cabins.)

What to Bring to Camp:

- Bedding for a twin mattress or a sleeping bag
- > Pillow
- > Towel, washcloth, toiletries
- > Bible, notebook, pen, or pencil
- > Pajamas, underwear, socks
- > Swimsuit, cover-up, sunscreen
- > Everyday clothes (shorts, t-shirts)
- > A pair of closed-toe shoes
- > Long pants, sweatshirt, jacket
- > Rainy-day wear (extra shoes)
- > Water Bottle
- > Spending money for the camp store and handcrafts (You can deposit money before camp on our website)
- > Medications (see note on 2nd page)
- > Chapel clothes (for evening chapel, we ask everyone to clean up and put on clean, casual clothes set aside for chapel)
- > Campout Supplies (for grades 7-9 or 10-12) sleeping bag, flashlight, and insect repellent.

Modesty, Respect, and Courtesy: We have a strong desire to create an environment where everyone behaves in a manner that is respectful of others. We train our staff to be on the lookout for bullying behavior and take such actions seriously. We will also discourage trash talking, flirting, and summer flings. To help form this setting, we aim for clothing that protects everyone's privacy. All undergarments are to remain covered as they move about in our many camp activities. We ask campers to bring clothing such as the following: shorts that cover the upper thigh (can wear spandex underneath running shorts, etc.) shirts that cover the midriff and not low-cut, tank tops that cover bra straps, skirts and dresses that come to the knee or longer, swimsuits that have a modest, one-piece appearance (no bikinis) for girls and swim trunks for guys. We do ask that campers put on a nicer shirt and pants, shorts, skirts, or dress for evening Chapels.

Phones and Screens: We aim to have a screen-free week of fun. Campers will not have access to their phones or electronics while at camp, but stand-alone cameras are welcome.



Other Helpful Information

Contact Information:

Contact Camp Barakel: 989-848-2279

info@CampBarakel.org

www.CampBarakel.org

Contact Your Camper:

Mailing Address: PO Box 159, Fairview MI 48621 Packages (Non-USPS): 1798 Shear Lake Rd, Fairview MI 48621 Camper Email: Visit our website for our free one-way Camper Mail system

Bus Route Information:

South Church, Lansing Mayfair Bible, Flint Meijer, Bay City Monday to Camp (bus departs at): 10:00am 11:45am 12:45pm Saturday from Camp (bus arrives at): 12:30pm 11:15am 10:30am

For complete bus route information - visit <u>www.campbarakel.org/events/summer-bus-schedule</u>

Driving to Camp:

When using a GPS system, please use this address: 1798 Shear Lake Rd, Fairview MI 48621. (You will avoid an adventure in the National Forest.)

Drop Off at Camp: Please plan to drop off your camper between 2:00-2:45pm on arrival day Pick Up from Camp: Please plan to arrive by 8:15am to pick up your camper on departure day

Your Child's Counselor: Did you know that our college-aged summer staff work without a paycheck, serving your camper as volunteers for the summer? To help them with their school bills, we have established an educational assistance fund. Would you like to say thank you by contributing? Donations can be made on our website or checks can be made out to Camp Barakel with "Summer Staff Educational Assistance" in the memo line.

Packing Medications: All medication (including over-the-counter medicine, vitamins, and supplements) must be sent in the original container, clearly marked with your child's name. Pack the medication in your camper's suitcase. It will be collected by our staff during orientation. Remember to update CampDoc with any medication changes that may have occurred since you completed it. If medications, such as an inhaler, might be needed on the bus trip, please hand this to the bus attendant. Luggage is not accessible during the bus ride.

Cancellation: If your camper is unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible. Full refunds are available if we are notified two weeks prior to arrival day. If you have any registration questions, email us at Registrar@CampBarakel.org.

Have a questions that we haven't answered? Check out our website for more information. The Summer FAQ section is especially helpful. Email us at info@CampBarakel.org