



Family Week Vacation Planning Guide

We are excited to welcome you to Camp Arcadia, a place where you can live in community with other Christians and find renewal in spirit, mind and body as you are surrounded by God's creation. Below are answers to frequently asked questions about Camp that will help you prepare for your stay.



Arriving at Camp

Directions: Arcadia, Michigan is located on Highway M-22 that runs north/south between Manistee and Frankfort along Lake Michigan. From M-22 turn west onto Oak Street, the northernmost street, and drive to the end of the street where you will see the camp sign, turnaround, and parking area.

Check-In: Camp Arcadia is on EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME. Rooms are available at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. From 4:00-6:00pm, staff will be in the turnaround to greet you, inform you of your room assignment, and help you move in. The office will also be open at that time for check-in. If you arrive prior to 4:00 p.m., you may use the Wigwam, patio, or beach until your room is ready. Dinner

is served at 6:00 p.m. If you arrive after 6:00 p.m., please join us in the dining room; the office will be open for registrations after dinner.

What to Expect

What to Wear: An outdoor lakefront setting with the likelihood of warm days (80°), cool nights (50°) and the possibility of a rainy morning suggest your clothing needs. Dress at Camp Arcadia is casual. You will want a warm jacket, and most likely both shorts and pants. Some guests enjoy the option of "dressing up" for Friday night's candlelight dinner and worship.

Lodging & Meals: As a guest of the Inn, you will be staying in one of the 40 historic rooms, each equipped with a sink. There are shared baths and showers down the hallways. Six rooms have private baths. Most rooms have a queen and a bunk bed, or a queen and a double bed. Rooms are provided with bedding; fresh bath towels and washcloths are available daily; you will want to bring your own beach towels and hand towels.

Teen boys (15 or older) have the option of being housed in a dormitory room in the Assembly and teen girls (15 or older) are allowed to share rooms in the Inn if space allows. Children 14 and under generally share rooms with their parents. We have 18-month size pack-n-plays, as well as high chairs and booster seats in the dining room for toddlers. Please bring your own crib bedding.

Cottage guests have access to a kitchenette, dining area, living area, and private bathroom space in each cottage. Linens are provided, as well as fresh towels daily. Cottage guests eat all meals in the Inn dining room.

Meals are served family style in the Inn's dining room: breakfast at 8:30 A.M., lunch at 12:30 P.M. and dinner at 6:00 P.M. Some days during the week, meals are served in a buffet. Vegetarian and gluten-free meal options are available, and kid's meals are available for dinner. High chairs and booster seats are available in the dining room. Please contact the office if you have any special dietary restrictions or needs.

Programming: Camp Arcadia's program is planned but optional. Each morning we offer a Bible study conducted by the Dean (a Lutheran pastor) for the week. Children and teens have separate morning programming led by the staff. Childcare for those under age three is provided in our Nursery.

Recreation and tournaments are planned for the rest of the day. Softball, volleyball, tennis, soccer, hikes, and craft projects are favorite activities. In sunny weather the beach is the main attraction for all ages. Kayaks and paddleboards are available for use along the shoreline, weather permitting. Playground equipment is located on the beach. Lake Michigan water temperature is often between 60°-65°.

Evening activities may include a staff “talent” show, square dance, trivia, campfire sing-along, outdoor worship, inter-generational outdoor games and a carnival. To participate in the carnival, you may bring booth-type carnival games from home or create one while at camp. Bring your creative ideas! At the end of the week, there is the traditional camper talent show (acts limited to five minutes!) Bring your musical instrument, magic act, skit or costume!

Facilities: Camp Arcadia has two tennis courts, a basketball court, four shuffleboard courts, and a softball/soccer field. There are also nature trails that wind through our forested 110 acres.

Coin-operated laundry facilities for guests are located in the basement of the Wigwam. Laundry detergent is provided; there is also an iron and ironing board and a clothesline located behind the Inn.

The Wigwam houses Camp’s office and the Trading Post, an ice cream shop with popcorn, snacks, and pop, and gift shop where you can purchase camp apparel and other merchandise. Prices for snacks range from \$0.75 to \$3.00 while prices for merchandise range from \$2.00 to \$50.00. The Round-Up is also in the Wigwam. Here, you can find a variety of indoor recreation opportunities including a piano, ping-pong, foosball, billiards, table shuffleboard and mini-bowling. Games, puzzles, cards, TV and books are also available.

The Craft Shop offers opportunities for guests of all ages to create artistic projects such as tie-dye shirts, candles, painted rocks, regatta boats, and jewelry.

Community Living Guidelines

Our buildings are smoke-free.

Please do not bring pets to Camp Arcadia.

Parents or guardians are responsible for the supervision of their children during the day and for nighttime bed checks. Consideration for other guests suggests that 'quiet' be observed between 11:30 P.M. and 6:30 A.M.

The dining room meals are also our community gathering times. We ask that you keep your children seated until after the closing prayer and announcements.

We ask that bikes and roller blades only be used on Cottage Colony and village roads, not on central camp patio and sidewalks, please. Bike racks are provided at the turnaround.

Please note that there is no Wi-Fi at Camp Arcadia. There are places in town that do offer free Wi-Fi.

Packing List

Suggested items to make your stay at camp even more perfect:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable drying rack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible, notepaper, & pen | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camera | <input type="checkbox"/> Sailboat, Windsurfer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alarm clock | <input type="checkbox"/> Beach chairs & beach toys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facial tissues | <input type="checkbox"/> Beach towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Umbrella & rain gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Small fan for hot/humid days |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking or tennis shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Extension cord |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Books, Needlework | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand towels (towels & washcloths are provided) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scrabble, Cards, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery monitor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses, sunscreen | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bathrobe & slippers (for walking to/from communal bathrooms) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower essentials (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jacket, sweatshirt, shorts, & jeans | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area rug | |

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