

Overnight Camp



Parent Handbook 2024

About the Camp

Dear Parents,

We want to express our sincere gratitude for joining us for CYC's 10-Year Anniversary. We are thrilled to celebrate this significant milestone as we host the anniversary at Our Lady of the Fields Camp. CYC aims to give campers the special opportunity to interact with others across the diocese while participating in activities that will form them into virtuous Catholic leaders in an engaging environment. The purpose of the camp is simple: fun and fellowship with faith. We are thrilled to be utilizing the campgrounds to host activities, such as the ropes course and kayaking, which will allow the children to safely access the lake.

Our camp is staffed with amazing adult volunteers as well as professionally certified staff members. We will have a nurse and camp safety team on-duty throughout all camps to always ensure safety and security on the campgrounds. Our volunteers go through an extensive training orientation to introduce them to the different types of activities the campers will be partaking in, which includes problem-solving, leadership training, and teamwork exercises to ensure our leaders are prepared to handle your campers.

The program is designed with activities, sports, spiritual talks, and of course, food! The campers will receive a traditional meal structure of breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Snacks will also be provided in-between meals. All meals will be catered from an outside venue or made in-house. We are proud to say that CYC is a nut-free camp, and all children with nut allergies can safely consume the meals provided by us.

Finally, our goal at CYC is to combine our faith and culture to bring out the best in your child's experience. Through the grace of God, we hope to build community, camaraderie, and faith. The Chaldean Youth Camp Committee has been working hard in preparation for this year's camp. We are eager to bring Christ to the kids!

Thank you for registering your camper!

– Chaldean Youth Camp Committee

General Information

WHO:

Children entering grades 7 to 10

WHAT:

Chaldean Youth Camp is a summer camp program containing a variety of traditional camp activities such as sports, team building activities, campfire, and indoor games, while at the same time promoting the values and ideals of the Chaldean Catholic Church. The program is designed within the Catholic Church structure giving your child the opportunity to meet new friends within the Chaldean community, while participating in activities that will form them into virtuous Catholic leaders in a fun and engaging environment.

WHERE:

Our Lady of the Fields Camp

Church Side: 1391 Kellogg Road Brighton, MI 48114

Camp Side: 7000 McClements Road Brighton, MI 48114

WHEN:

Girls Overnight Camp: August 5 – 7

Boys Overnight Camp: August 8 – 10

CONTACT US:

Emergency Phone (Selena Cholak): **(248) 707-9854**

Email: Info@ChaldeanYouthCamp.com

Website: www.ChaldeanYouthCamp.com

*Emergency Phone is only to be used during camp hours, on camp days, **for emergency purposes only**. Email inquiries will receive immediate responses. We monitor the email inbox 24/7.

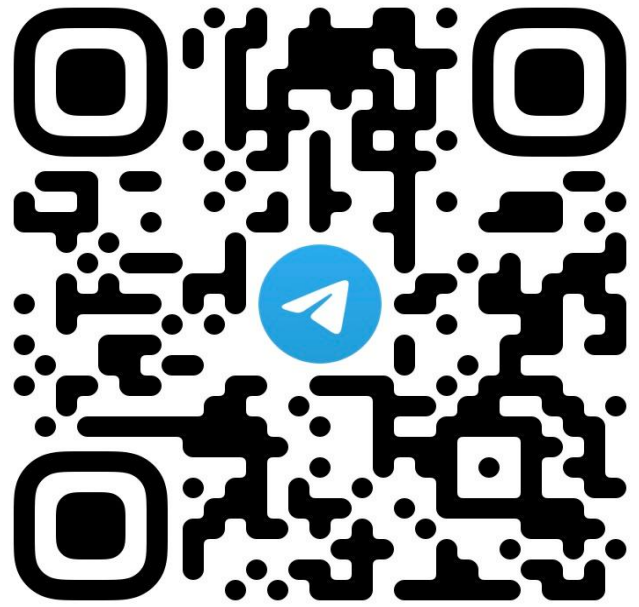
Communication

CYC has implemented a QR code system for parents. Simply scan the QR code to join the chat. This group chat serves as a central hub for communication where you can find important camp updates and schedule changes. Stay informed and connected by regularly checking the group chat.

BOYS OVERNIGHT CHAT



GIRLS OVERNIGHT CHAT



Drop-off and Pick-up

Location: Eastern Catholic Re-Evangelization Center (ECRC)

Crossroads: Maple (15 mile) & Inkster

4875 W Maple Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

Drop-off:

Girls Overnight: Monday, August 5th @ 1:00 PM

Boys Overnight: Thursday, August 8th @ 1:00 PM

Pick-up:

Girls Overnight: Wednesday, August 7th @ 4:00 PM

Boys Overnight: Saturday, August 10th @ 4:00 PM

Remember to be **ON TIME**. The bus will depart without your child. Upon your arrival, expect a formal check-in and luggage inventory/screening in the church hall. Please remain with your child until the check-in process has been completed. Please also remember to bring a valid form of school identification to verify your child's grade. Failure to provide valid identification or providing a false grade is grounds for refusal into the camp. (You may take a picture of the identification on your phone to display for verification purposes.)

There will be a quick, formal check-out. Upon bus arrival, please allow staff to check out campers from the bus. Before leaving, please ensure your child has all their belongings. If not, notify one of the camp counselors before you leave. All unclaimed items are collected the following day and given to charity organizations. Chaldean Youth Camp is not responsible for any lost items; therefore, it is the parent's responsibility to label a camper's belongings and to refrain from packing expensive clothing or items.

Camper Dress Code

At Chaldean Youth Camp, we take our dress code seriously. Any camper who chooses to violate the dress code will be asked to change their clothing or will be required to wear camp-issued clothing. This policy stems from our goal of creating a positive environment that reflects our Christian identity while providing our youth the liberty of dressing modestly.

- Shorts must follow the “finger-tip length” rule. A camper should be able to stand straight, arms by their side, and not have their fingertips reach past their shorts. Ex: Basketball shorts.
- Gym shoes must be worn. No other shoes are permitted (exceptions apply for showering and beach areas).
- All female swimsuits must be a one-piece, and all swimsuits must be modest.

*The following clothing items are **not permitted**:*

- Sleeveless Shirts (tank top, spaghetti straps, tube tops, etc.).
- Any clothes that display any vulgar messages or profanity.
 - Flip flops, crocks, etc. are limited.
- Female swimsuit two-pieces/immodest swimsuits.
 - Any tight clothing (ex. leggings).
- All types of jewelry (including smart watches).

Note: Camp is not responsible for any lost jewelry.

Note: Your child will receive a camp t-shirt upon arrival (complimentary with registration) and will be expected to change into it before boarding the bus for the camp.

What to Bring

The following is a complete list of all the items a camper will need for their overnight stay. Chaldean Youth Camp does not provide laundry service. Please label your child's belongings to prevent them from being lost. Pack the following items in one large duffel bag as luggage is not permitted on the bus due to room constraints. Please also note that all baggage and personal belongings are subject to search at any point during the camp.

- 1 blanket
- 1 pillow
- 1 twin size sheet and covers (or sleeping bag)
- 1 pair of flip-flops
- 1 pair of tennis/gym shoes
- Multiple pairs of socks
- Multiple pairs of underwear
- Multiple pairs of shorts and t-shirts
- A modest swimsuit (females must wear a one-piece swimsuit)
- 2 pairs of pajamas
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)
- 3 towels
- 1 light jacket
- Hat or sun visor
- 1 reusable water bottle

List of Prohibited Items

To provide a safe environment for all of our campers, we ask for your cooperation in keeping harmful items away from our camp. Upon arrival, a staff member will go through an inventory of your child's items. This will ensure each camper returns home with all their belongings. Counselors will also take the necessary precautions regarding items that are prohibited.

- Cell phones
- Smart watches
- Cameras
- Tablets or other smart devices
- Any food or drinks
- Walkie-talkies
- Jewelry
- Any compressed spray bottles (Deodorant, Body Spray, etc.)
- Laser pointer devices
- Inappropriate books and magazines*
- Cigarettes or other tobacco products*
- Electronic cigarettes or vape products*
- Any type of illicit drug or paraphernalia*
- Any type of weapon*

If a camper is found in possession of any item indicated with an asterisk (*), camp staff reserves the right to call the authorities and will call parents to arrange an early departure for the camper. If a camper is found with any of the other items, camp staff will take away these items and keep them until departure.

Note: Anything not listed under the "What to Bring" section should not be brought to camp. Please only pack the necessary items for camp, as all other items are subject to removal before boarding the bus.

Additional Information

Medications

If your child takes medicine, please make sure they have enough for the stay. Please ensure the following:

- I. All medication is in its original packaging.
- II. Medication is labeled with the camper's name.
- III. Physician instructions must be included with dosage.
- IV. Medication is placed in a plastic bag and labeled with your child's name.

All medications will be kept with the camp nurse; the camp nurse is responsible for administering medication at the proper time. Emergency medication will also be administered at the discretion of the camp nurse.

Allergies

If your child has allergies, please indicate this on their registration form. If these allergies are food-related and require dietary restrictions, please indicate that as well. We will meet your child's dietary needs for all meals, and their counselors will be notified of any allergies they have.

Checking-Out Early

If you need to check-out your child earlier than the end of the session, please let the camp director know upon registration or drop-off. When registering your child, please provide the name of the person you authorize staff to release your child to in the emergency contact area of the form. We will not release your child to anyone whose name is not listed on your child's registration form. Note: No camper is allowed to leave campgrounds unless the release form is signed.

Contacting your Child

At Chaldean Youth Camp, we don't encourage campers calling parents. Only in the case of an emergency do we allow campers to call parents. If you wish to call and check on your child, please send us an email at info@chaldeanyouthcamp.com and we will contact you when your child has available time to speak with you; do not use the emergency contact number. If you do have an emergency and need to contact your child, please use the listed emergency contact number above.

Group Requests

We apologize in advance, but due to the large number of campers, we cannot make accommodations for specific campers. Please note, once camper groups are set, we cannot change them the day of the camp. We ask that you refrain from arguing with our check-in staff as they will be unable to change groups.

Food and Drinks

Food, snacks, and all types of beverages are prohibited. All food at the camp is supervised due to campers who have food allergies. Chaldean Youth Camp will provide your child with a typical meal schedule of breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Snacks and drinks will be provided throughout the day between meals. The meals provided at the camp will be prepared fresh in the camp's kitchen by our wonderful kitchen staff! We are also proud to say that we are a nut-free camp, ensuring that your camper will not come into contact with any food that contains nuts. For any type of dietary concerns, please ensure to note this information on your child's registration form. We will accommodate any type of dietary regulations which your child is medically required to adhere to.

Grade Verification

Please note that for verification reasons, proof of your child's grade is required at the check-in process. Failure to provide valid proof of your child's grade is grounds for refusal into the camp. Due to the large number of people who want to register their children and the limited amount of space we have, we are only permitted to admit campers of the specified grade for our overnight camps. Valid forms of identification include any type of school identification card, school enrollment paperwork, or online school portal access proving their current grade. Failure to provide a valid form of identification is grounds for refusal into the camp. (You may take a picture of the identification on your phone to display for verification purposes.) **No exceptions will be made.**

Transportation Policy

Safety Rules

1. Passengers should always remain seated with their hands and arms inside the bus.
2. Food and drinks are not permitted on the bus.
3. Noise level should be such as to not distract the driver. There should be no throwing of objects or other disruptive behavior on the bus.
4. The campers are transported only in the part of a vehicle that is designed by the manufacturer for passenger transportation, and the number of passengers shall not exceed the manufacturer's rated capacity for the vehicle.
5. All the children must be seated and must wear seat belts where available.
6. There should be no horseplay or obnoxious noise of any kind on the bus.
7. Campers may not stand up while the bus is in motion.

Vehicle Supervision

No vehicle will ever transport campers with less than two staff members on board. At least one staff member will always be trained in First Aid, CPR, and handling of accidents involving blood-borne pathogens. One person will always have telephone instructions for reaching camp. A staff member aboard the vehicle will be one who is trained in handling campers, managing behavior, and enforcing safety rules.