

4-H CAMP KIDWELL RESPITE WEEKENDS 2018

PARENT PACKET

If you have questions, please feel free to contact KJ Kelly directly at 269-521-3559 or at campkidwell@btc-bci.com.

BEFORE ARRIVING AT CAMP

THINGS TO BRING

VERY IMPORTANT Please help your children keep track of their things, by putting initials on the tags of all clothing and on the bottom of other items. It can be very difficult for kiddos to keep things organized, but having initials helps us sort things out!

PACKING LIST

Sleeping bag/bedding	T-shirts	Tennis shoes (required)	Hat
Pillow	Long pants and shirts		Gloves (2 pairs min.)
Toothpaste/toothbrush	Sweatshirts	<u>Winter Weather Gear</u>	Scarf
Soap and shampoo	Undergarments	Boots (required)	Flashlight
Deodorant	Socks (several pairs)	Winter coat	
Towels (at least two)	Shorts	Snow pants	

THINGS NOT TO BRING

Please do not pack items such as food/snacks, money, knives, electronics, fireworks, cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, video games etc. We want the kids to focus on having fun and learning and we cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.

HELPFUL HINTS

Parents can be just as nervous as their children about a prolonged stay away from home. There may be some sadness (homesickness) as a child gets acclimated to being away, but that is perfectly normal. As hard as it may seem, please help your child enjoy their time at camp by keeping a positive attitude and express excitement about camp. We will use skills developed over many years of camp to help your child cope with any homesickness. Please rest assured that if we have any prolonged or overwhelming issues we will contact you.

Campers are NOT allowed to have cell phones and are also NOT allowed to call home. If deemed necessary, a phone call from the camp director to the parent/guardian will be made. Parents are welcome to call (269-521-3559) to check in, as we are happy to check on your children and give updates. **Emergency calls to campers can be made by calling the camp phone: 269-521-3559.**

PICKUP AUTHORIZATION

Any person(s) other than legal parents/guardians who should be authorized to have contact with, check-in on, or pick up a camper must be listed on the Camper Information Form in the Pick-up Authorization section. If anyone needs to be added or taken of the authorization list, please contact our camp director.

NO CONTACT LIST

Any person who should not have contact with a camper MUST be listed on the No Contact List on the Camper Information Form.

PICK UP AND DROP PROCEDURES

CAMPER DROP OFF - FRIDAY @ 7PM

Dinner will **NOT** be served on Friday, please be sure your child(ren) get a meal before arriving at camp. When dropping your child off, you will need verify all your registration and contact information, visit with our nurse and set up a camp store account. Please have all medical information together and organized so it can be easily reviewed. Please be sure medication is in its original containers and you have a list of all details about dosages, when to give and other details.

CAMPER PICK-UP - SUNDAY @ 2PM

After campers are checked-in, Camp Kidwell staff members are responsible for their well-being and providing safe and quality care for our campers is our #1 concern. It is vital campers are released to the appropriate person. At the end of the session campers should be picked up by a parent/guardian listed in their file or an adult listed as authorized on the Camper Information Form. In the case of Unseen circumstances, doctor's appointment, sporting events, etc. camper's parent/guardian should contact the camp director to notify us of details and who will be picking the camper up.

Camper's parent/guardian or authorized person **MUST** sign them out (pick up medication, check lost and found, talk with staff about the campers stay, etc.) with a designated camp staff member before they can leave. **All persons picking up campers will be required to provide a picture ID to pick up a camper.** If for some reason, you are not able to make pick up by the time listed above, please let us know so we can reassure your children that you have not forgotten them.

RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

CAMPER RULES

Below are our camp rules. Please take a moment and look them over and discuss them with your child.

1. Destruction of camp property, buildings, screens, nature, etc. is prohibited.
2. Shoes must be worn at all times. The exceptions to this rule include when in cabins, at swimming, boating, and shower areas.
3. No running allowed unless you're told otherwise.
4. Clean up after yourself and others.
5. Campers must stay within camp boundaries at all times. The waterfront, horse area, archery range, sports field and challenge course areas are off limits unless accompanied by a staff member.
6. Campers should wash their hands after each time they go to the restroom and before each meal.
7. Personal hygiene is very important.
8. Cabins will remain neat and organized:
 - a. Only one radio, playing **appropriate** music, may be played softly in each cabin.
 - b. All beds will be made before breakfast.
 - i. Beds must be made head to toe and at least 30 inches apart
 - c. All wet towels and suits will be hung on the line outside the cabin.
 - d. Cabins will be swept and kept free of cobwebs and dirt.
 - e. Clothes picked up and put away neatly on bed or in suitcase.
9. Fire extinguishers are not to be touched by anyone other than camp staff members.
10. Throwing of stones, sticks, or any other dangerous objects is not allowed.
11. Campers should not go into cabins other than their own, the director's office, maintenance or storage shed.
12. Extra money or valuables should be turned into the camp director. Camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
13. All campers will participate in scheduled activities unless ill or injured.
14. A buddy system should be used at all times. Campers should take a friend with them wherever they go on camp grounds. **Special Note:** To use the restroom during the night wake up a counselor to tell them where you're going and also take a buddy.
15. Do not get into other person's belongings.
16. Smoking, swearing, alcohol, drugs, fighting, and sexual conduct are not allowed.
17. Animals, firearms and other hunting equipment are prohibited. Personal sports equipment must be approved by the camp director.

GOALS(G) AND OUTCOMES(O)

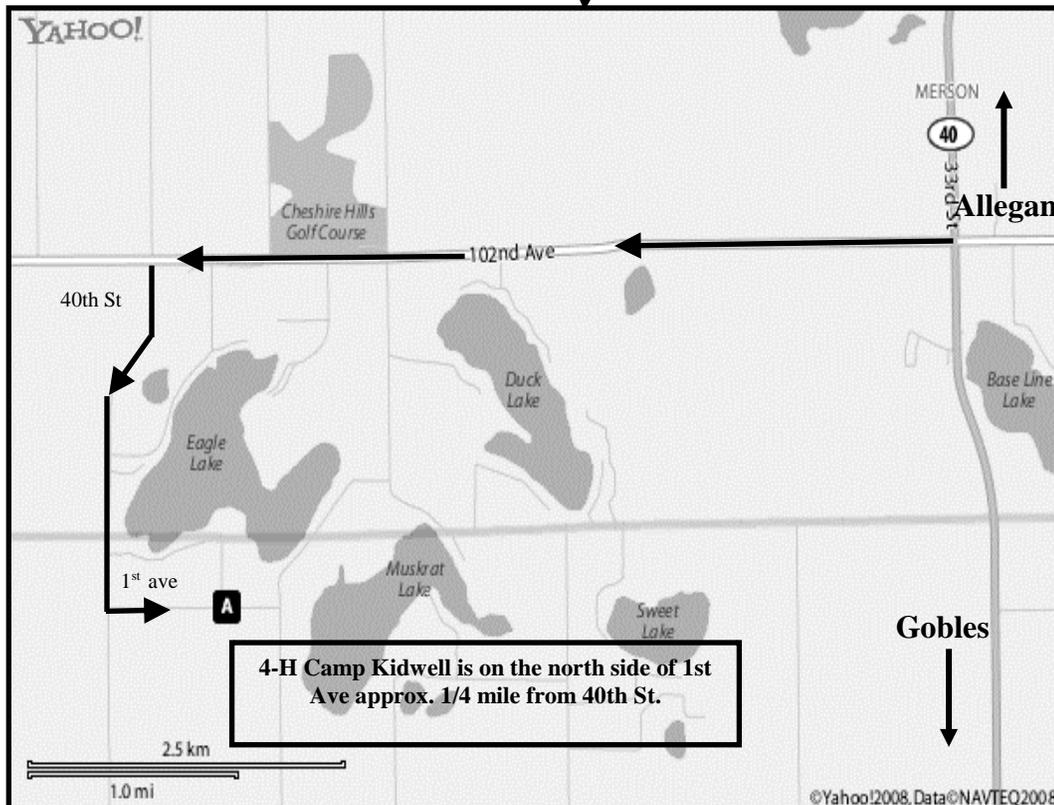
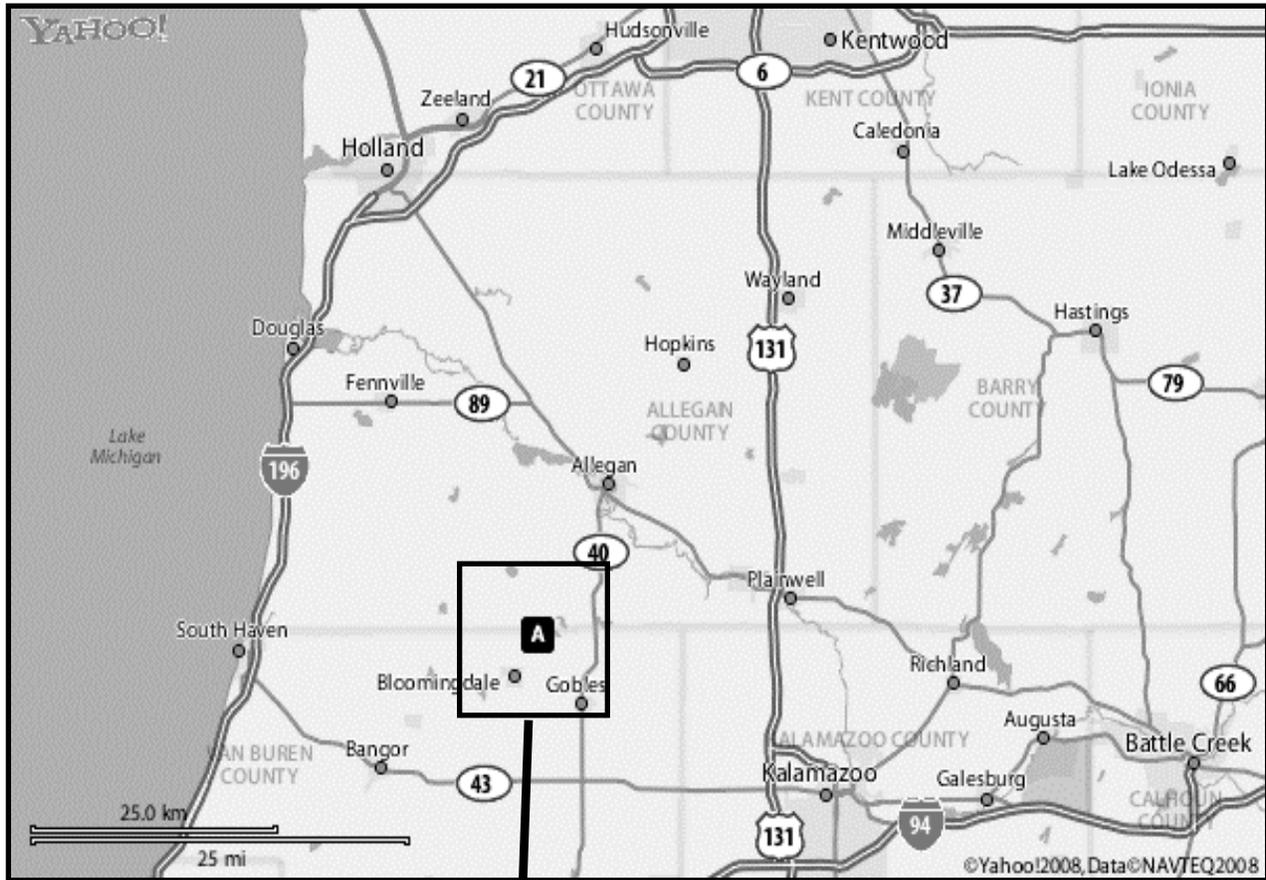
Below are some of the goals and outcomes we hope your child(ren) experience while they are with us.

- G- Provide a unique, exciting, fun-filled and growing experience to all campers.**
 - O- Campers learn personal strengths and weaknesses, and how to use them.
- G- Convey to each camper the feeling that they are unique and a worthwhile human being.**
 - O- Campers become more confident and outgoing and are able to express themselves more clearly.
- G- Each camper is a winner if they do the best they can with the abilities they have.**
 - O- Campers develop willingness to try new things.
- G- Provide experiences that allow for cooperation with others, a close relationship with campers and staff members.**
 - O- Campers develop a healthy respect and interaction level with campers and adults.
- G- Provide a caring community in which campers and staff work together and enjoy each new day and experience.**
 - O- Campers show concern for others and willingness to help each other solve problems.
- G- Expose campers to activities with which they may not be familiar.**
 - O- Campers develop interest in new activities.
- G- Offer individual, small group, and large group activities, which are skillfully taught and thoroughly organized.**
 - O- Campers demonstrate ability to be productive members of any size group.
- G- Challenge children to treat each other with respect and promote positive communication skills.**
 - O- Campers think before acting and work through issues in positive and appropriate means.
- G- Provide challenging co-educational experiences, promoting a positive feeling between boys and girls.**
 - O- Campers demonstrate positive, meaningful relationships with members of the opposite sex.
- G- Maintain and build meaningful 4-H Camp Kidwell traditions through songs, activities, and camping.**
 - O- Campers want to become members of staff and continue to share the positive experience that camp provides.
- G- Provide a quality overall program in which campers and families are excited about and want to return.**
 - O- Campers will want to return year after year.

DIRECTIONS TO 4-H CAMP KIDWELL

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From North and East

At the corner of M-40 and 102nd Ave, go west on 102nd Ave to 40th St. Go south on 40th St. to 1st Ave. turn east on 1st Ave. 4-H Camp Kidwell will be on the north side of 1st Ave about 1/4 of a mile from 40th St.

From South and West

Turn north on CR 665 from M-43, follow CR 665 through Bloomingdale to CR 390, turn East on CR 390. Follow CR 390 to 40th St, turn north on 40th St. Follow 40th St. to 1st Ave, and turn east. 4-H Camp Kidwell will be on the north side of 1st Ave about 1/4 of a mile from 40th St.