Welcome

Welcome to Camp Tecumseh Day Camp 2014! I hope that you and your child are as excited about this summer as we here at camp are!

Included in this guide are some important pieces of information as you are planning for your time at camp. Please take a look at this booklet and hold on to it for reference throughout the summer. **Even if you have been to Day Camp in the past, please take the time to read through this as some things have changed.**

This summer is sure to be lots of fun. Once again, we have an outstanding staff of counselors hired. We are bringing back some of the great games and activities from past summers, and adding in some new ones. Your child will have numerous opportunities to make new friends, try new experiences, and learn new things.

During the months leading up to summer as well as during your child's time here at camp, please let me know if I can help to answer any questions that you might have. I can be reached by phone at 765-564-2898 x378 or by email at jordans@camptecumseh.org. During the summer-time, I am generally not at my desk during the day as I am out with the campers, but feel free to leave a message and I will return it at the end of the day. We have also revised our website to better serve you and answer questions. You can find that at **www.camptecumseh.org/daycamp.**

If you have any questions about registration, payment or camperships, you can talk with Stacey Seeger, Day Camp Registrar. Please call the office or send her an email at staceys@camptecumseh.org.

I hope to meet you at the **Day Camp Open House on Sunday, April 13th** or at Thursday Night Family Night during your child's week here at camp!

Sincerely,

What to Bring

Back Pack- All items on this list should be packed in a back pack.

Sack Lunch—Please bring your lunch in a brown or white paper bag with your child's first and last name clearly written on the front. We will refrigerate the lunch bag when your child arrives at camp. Large cooler-type lunch boxes are heavier and use a lot of space in our limited cooler space.

Bathing Suit & Towel—Make sure to pack the swimsuit and towel in a plastic bag. It is also a good idea to mark the child's first and last name on both the towel and suit. We also ask that swimsuits be modest for both boys and girls.

Swim Goggles/ Ear Plugs—If your child prefers swim goggles or ear plugs for lessons, make sure to pack them as we do not have extras here at camp. Goggles cannot cover nose or mouth. ***Please label the goggles with your child's name.***

Sunscreen—Our counselors will remind campers to apply and assist them with their sunscreen. Make sure to match the SPF with your child's needs.

Water Bottle—Active campers get thirsty and need refreshment often, so make sure that this comes along with them.

Rain Coat/Light Jacket—Even if it looks like a beautiful sunny day when you drop your child off, there really is no telling with Indiana weather.

A Great Attitude—If your child arrives at camp with a great attitude and is looking forward to having fun, he/she is likely going to have a great time!

Daily Schedule

9:30	Campers Arrive
10:00	Day Camp Chapel
10:20	Activity Period 1
11:00	Activity Period 2
11:45	Lunch
12:30	Activity Period 3/ Pool Time
2:30	Group Games
2:45	Daily Wrap-up
3:00	Campers Depart

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Drop Off & Pick Up

For drop off and pick up, we will be utilizing our Day Camp Entrance. Instead of taking the entrance down to the River Village, all Day Campers should go one entrance further to the "***Day Camp Entrance***". Please follow the signs down to the new parking lot area. On Monday mornings, you will be able to continue through the parking lot and you will be directed out to the Day Camp site for drop off. Starting Monday afternoon and every day after, you will park in the Day Camp parking lot and your child's counselors will be there waiting for you.

Drop off is from 9:30-9:50 am and pick up is from 3:00-3:20 pm. Please do not drop off before or pick up after these times. If you are running late and must drop off after 9:50, please go to the River Village parking lot and check in at the office. One of our staff will then pick your child up. The same goes for early pick up. If you are running late for either drop off or pick up, please give our office a call. We do ask that for the safety of everyone at camp you do not drive through camp except for Monday mornings. Please also observe our in-camp speed limit of ***10 MPH***.

Each Monday, you will be asked to fill out a transportation form stating who is to pick up your child each day. If at any time there is a change in transportation arrangements, you must provide a written note to camp IN ADVANCE stating the change. Remember that your child must be picked up by an adult (18 or over). Your child will not be released to someone other than those listed on the transportation form. You will need to sign your camper out with his/her counselor every afternoon. Please be prepared to show ID if it is your first time picking up. We appreciate your cooperation in helping to keep all of our kids safe.

Forms

Please make sure to turn in your child's **Health and Confidential Forms 15 days prior** to the start of your camp session. Please do not forget to include the date of your child's last Tetanus Vaccine. Include any and all allergies, special needs, and concerns.

Day Camp Bus

The Day Camp bus runs on a tight schedule and will arrive promptly at the specified pick up & drop off locations. Please make sure to arrive at the site on time/early. Our bus cannot wait for late campers or parents. For afternoon pick-up, you will have to sign your child out from the bus. Please encourage your child to stay with the counselors until they have been signed out.

Bus Schedule

Carroll County (Week 1, 3, 5, 7)	Pick Up/Drop Off
Camden ELC	8:55/3:55
Flora (Old Elementary)	9:05/3:40
Delphi Elementary	9:20/3:30
Monroe Street Gym	9:30/3:20
1st Assembly of God	9:35/3:15
White County (Week 2, 4, 6)	
Meadowlawn Elementary	8:55/3:25
Oaklawn Elementary	9:05/3:30
Woodlawn Elementary	9:15/3:40
Reynolds (St. Joe's)	9:30/3:55
Frontier Elementary	9:40/4:10

Swim Time

Day Campers at Camp Tecumseh get the opportunity for free swim as well as swim lessons every day of camp. Mondays will consist of a swim check by the aquatic staff, placing the camper in a swim group appropriate to his/her own abilities. Campers will receive a wristband indicating their swim group. **Please have your child keep this swim band on throughout the week.** This allows our staff and lifeguards to easily identify swimmers. Campers will have the opportunity to retest throughout the week if they so desire.
Tuesday through Friday swim time will consist of 30 minutes of instructional swim and 30 minutes of free swim. If you have any questions or concerns about swimming or your child's swim level, please feel free to contact Jordan Seeger, Day Camp Director.

Family Night and Stay Over

Thursday Night 6:30pm Kampen Lodge

Every **Thursday** during Day Camp, we host a **Family Night Dessert Carry-In**. The **Night starts at 6:30 pm** and is generally hosted in **Kampen Lodge** (see the weekly handouts for exact location). The night includes songs, skits, a picture slideshow, delicious desserts, and a chance for your child to introduce you to his/her counselor and give you a little experience of camp. All camper families are invited to attend and bring a dessert to share.

We also offer a **Thursday night stay over** option for those campers between the **ages of 8-12**. Those campers who would like to (and sign up to) stay overnight on Thursday night will spend the evening with the counselors and other kids and enjoy a campfire, games and activities and then Breakfast on Friday Morning. See the weekly handouts for more information.

Horseback Riding

During your child's week(s) at Day Camp, he/she will have the opportunity to ride a horse in the River Village riding ring. A counselor will lead your child's horse around the ring while the camper enjoys the ride. **In order to ride, your child must be wearing long pants and close-toed shoes** (no sandals or aqua shoes). Due to safety regulations, no camper will be allowed to ride without proper attire. Campers will have time to change into riding gear just prior to their trail ride. Helmets will be provided and required for horseback riding. Your child will receive a note reminding you when to send pants/close-toed shoes.