



Camp Roger

2026 Summer Camp Guide Overnight Camp Information

**Please label your child's items
clearly with first and last name.**

- *Thank you*

PACKING LIST FOR OVERNIGHT CAMP

- ☐ Clothing for sunny, rainy and cool days (don't take your best – clothes will get dirty)
- ☐ Swimsuit (modest)
- ☐ A pair of older tennis shoes for games and hiking *and* a pair of sandals or Crocs (preferably with back straps)
- ☐ Raincoat or poncho
- ☐ Sleeping bag and pillow (bunkbeds are twin size)
- ☐ Toiletry articles
- ☐ Two towels (for swimming; for showering)
- ☐ All medications and supplements must be brought in the original container from the pharmacy and dropped off to the nurse (they cannot be stored in cabins)

Recommended or Optional:

- ☐ A twin size fitted sheet to cover the mattress and a blanket/stuffed animal
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ A book or quiet activity for daily bunk time
- ☐ Supplies to write home (stationary, addressed envelopes, stamps)

DO NOT PACK (LEAVE THESE AT HOME)

- × Cell phones or other electronic devices (tablets, Kindles, electronic games, smart watches, etc.) *See Communication Policy, pg 3*
- × Alarm clocks, fans, etc. (each cabin has a fan and a clock)
- × Cosmetics, hairdryers, etc.
- × New or expensive clothing
- × Food, gum and candy
- × Over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol and Ibuprofen (The camp nurse will have these available on site)

ARRIVAL AT CAMP: 9:30am – 10:45am

A "Getting Ready for Camp" email will be sent 7-10 days before the start of the session and will include our most updated arrival procedures. Please double check your statement of account to confirm the start date of your child's session. Our staggered check-in is from 9:30 to 10:45am. Checking in, parking, and camper health screening could take 20 to 30 minutes. **Your account should be paid, and your health forms turned in ahead of time.** We have a strict lice and nit-free policy. We request that all campers be checked/treated for lice prior to arrival. (This can be done at home, or we recommend Remedy Lice Boutique in West Michigan for pre-camp screenings and treatment.)

Drop off at Overnight Camp

Enter camp via the Belding Road entrance by our blue acorn sign. Parents/guardians are asked to arrive at staggered times alphabetically by last name:

9:30 am	A-F
9:50 am	G-L
10:10 am	M-R
10:30 am	S-Z

If you arrive earlier than 9:30am, wait in your car until we open the gate. (Traffic is one way, and the other entrance will be closed.)

1. You will be greeted by the camp director who will review the check-in process with you.
2. Campers will receive their cabin and counselor assignments.
3. A brief health screening of your child will ask about their current health including symptoms in the last 48 hours.
4. You will be directed where to park and unload your vehicle.
5. Drop-off adults can help campers unpack and settle into their cabin bunk area.
6. Camp staff will direct you on how to turn in medications to the nurse, drop off letters to your camper, and exit camp property.

LATE ARRIVALS/ABSENCES/EARLY DEPARTURES

We understand that occasionally a camper family may arrive late due to unforeseen circumstances. If you know you are running late, please call camp as soon as possible. If you anticipate arrival conflicts due to work schedules, please make plans for someone else to drop off your child or choose a different session.

Much happens in the first few hours of camp and regardless of your camper's comfort level with camp, there are multiple implications for late arrivals. Late arrivals due to health issues or family emergencies will be accommodated as best we can.

If a camper needs to leave camp for any unforeseen reason, camp staff will contact parents/guardians informing them of our policies based on each unique circumstance.

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HEALTH HISTORY FORMS AND MEDICATIONS

- Beginning in May, a link to complete an online health history form will be made available through your online registration login.
- All health history forms **must be completed prior to your child's arrival** at camp. If you registered online prior to May, you would receive an email notifying you when the online form is available. If you have any questions, please call the camp office at 616-874-7286.
- If there are any changes to be made to a submitted health form, email the registrar (krista@camproger.org) to request that your form be reopened.
- All prescription medications, herbal supplements (including melatonin), and vitamins must be brought to camp in the **original container**, or we will not be able to administer them. The camper's name, prescribing physician's name, medication name and dosage should be clearly marked on the container.
- In accordance with state licensing rules, all camper medications, except rescue inhalers and EpiPens, will be stored in the Health Center.
- The Health Center is stocked with bandages, Tylenol/Ibuprofen, cough and cold remedies, and other over-the-counter medicines (not supplements). If is not necessary to send these items along to camp.
- Parents/guardians will be contacted by our onsite registered nurse with health-related concerns that are important to share (ie, injury, illness, medication concerns).
- Parents/guardians will be contacted by our directors, head counselors or on-site social worker with questions or concerns related to homesickness, disabilities/accommodations, or behavioral concerns.

Cabin counselors will check in with campers frequently to remind them of the importance of using sunscreen and bug spray. Campers will be given multiple opportunities a day to shower.

CABINMATE REQUESTS

At Camp Roger, campers are grouped in cabins by gender and grade. Campers are welcome to request one to two cabinmates. As long as cabinmate requests are **within two grades of each other** (for example, 1st & 3rd or 4th & 6th), they will be placed in the same cabin. Cabinmates should request each other. Please be aware that the older child may be placed with younger campers. Because making new friends is an important goal at Camp Roger, we cannot necessarily honor requests of large groups of campers to be together. For campers who do not request cabinmates, we take care to assign them to cabins in which there are other campers who have not requested cabinmates as well.

ACCOUNT BALANCES

- Full payment for your camper's session is due TWO WEEKS prior to the start of their session. If full payment has not been received two weeks prior to the start of their session, their registration will be subject to cancellation.
- You may pay your balance by using the return to pay feature through the [online registration system](#), calling the camp office (616-874-7286) with a credit card number, or mailing in a check to Camp Roger, 8356 Belding Road, Rockford, MI 49341. (Checks should be mailed three weeks prior to the start of the session.)

CAMPER STORE MONEY

A camper store account of \$8 per 4-Day session, \$12 per 5-Day session, and \$14 per 6-Day session will automatically be added to your account when you register online.

The store account will be used by the camper during the session to purchase one candy per day, one special camp item (see below), postage, and postcards. Campers make their choices from their cabins each day.

Overnight campers will choose one Camp Roger souvenir while at camp for their session. The money remaining in their account after getting candy, postage and postcards for the session will go toward funding the cost of the souvenir. Available items may be a hat, pennant, water bottle, journal/notebook, etc.

Campwear will be available to purchase at the end of your camper's session during pick-up in our camp store (located in the Lodge). All major credit cards are accepted.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

If your child cannot attend their registered camp session, please email the registrar at krista@camproger.org or call the camp office at 616-874-7286. Prompt notification is appreciated and may allow for another camper to register.

Cancellations made:

2 WEEKS OR MORE before session start	\$25 cancellation fee per camper registration
3-14 DAYS before session start	Loss of \$50 deposit per camper registration
72 HOURS OR LESS before session start	No refund (exceptions only for medical/family emergencies in conversation with camp director)

Any remaining payments will be refunded back to the credit card(s) used for deposits and/or payments. Sessions can be switched at no cost as openings allow.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CAMPER

There are multiple ways in which you can communicate to your camper while they are at Camp:

- **Bring a letter.** There will be a basket at check-in along the drive out of camp on opening day of the session. Feel free to drop off letters to your child ahead of time. Please include the camper's full name, cabin, and day to be delivered on.
- **Send them an email.** Use our online form at camproger.org/2026summerphotos. Each day, emails are printed off before noon and handed out after lunch during bunk time. We usually do not distribute emails on the closing day of sessions.
- **Mail them a letter.** Please include the child's first and last name and their cabin name if you know it. Send to Camp Roger, 8356 Belding Rd, Rockford, MI 49341. Please send early in the session to ensure the camper will receive the mail while at camp. We strongly encourage NOT mailing letters during 4-Day sessions due to the short delivery time. (Note: Letters received after your child leaves camp will be held in the camp office for two weeks.)

You may send along stationery and stamps for your child to write you letters during their stay. We recommend helping your child address their mail so that it gets delivered correctly.

Please DO NOT send your child food/treats or packages during the session. While these are fun for your child to get, packages can be disruptive in a cabin and cause problems amongst campers or include potential allergens.

COMMUNICATION POLICY

Campers do not have access to computers or phones during their stay, and they may not bring them to camp. The camp experience is designed to encourage and promote independence and community in an unplugged environment; therefore, phone calls are not permitted. Camp staff will be quick to call and inform parents/guardians of any concerns that are important to share (illness, severe homesickness, injury, behavioral concerns). Staff will keep camper medical, health and personal information private from other campers and parents/guardians unless expressed permission is given. All drop-off adults will be given the Director's cell phone number. The Director can be reached for updates by text.

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

Go to CampRoger.org/2026summerphotos for a hub where you will find helpful links for each session's photo album, videos, and a link for camper email. While it is our goal to showcase a variety of the activities happening at camp, please understand that we are not able to photograph every camper each day of the session. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to see daily photos and video clips of your child's session.

LOST AND FOUND POLICY

- Items found during the session are brought to the dining area each day for claiming.
- At the end of the session, lost and found items are placed on cabin porches.
- A link to our online Lost and Found Inquiry form is on our website. Please let us know as soon as you realize you have a missing item. If we can locate the item, we will hold it until you can arrange to pick it up. Unclaimed items will be held until fall and then donated.
- Camp Roger is not responsible for your camper's lost or forgotten items.

DEPARTURE FROM CAMP 11:15am-12:00pm

Once again, please check your reminder email or statement of account to see when the last day of the session is.

Pick up at Overnight Camp

- Enter camp via the Belding Road entrance by our blue acorn sign.
- Camper pickup is from 11:15am to noon. If arriving before 11:15am, please wait behind the gate until we open it.
- When the gate opens, please drive where directed and we will help you find your camper's cabin building.
- Campers will only be released to authorized persons based on names provided by the parent/guardian. Please call the camp office to add authorized names. If another authorized person is picking up your child, please share this procedural information with them.
- Camp Roger clothing items will be available for purchase only during camper pick-up time.

QUESTIONS?

Please visit our website at CampRoger.org for more information or give us a call. No question is too small, and we love to serve our families each day. Thank you from all of us at Camp!

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