



Camp Roger

2026 Summer Camp Guide Wilderness Trip Information

PACKING LIST

- Quick-drying clothing for sunny, rainy, and cool days (preferably not cotton)
- Lightweight **long** sleeve shirt and **long** pants (quick drying – **not jeans or cotton**) for bug protection
- Socks (preferably quick drying)
- Swimsuit (modest)
- A supportive, broken-in pair of tennis shoes for hiking
- Sandals or Crocs with back straps or water shoes
- Raincoat or poncho (light raincoat is advised)
- A **warm, lightweight, and quick-drying** sleeping bag (Be sure your bag easily stuffs to a small size)
- Two** large (at least 24 oz. each) water bottles
- Toiletry articles (small travel sizes)
- Insect repellent (2 cans/bottles)
- Sunscreen
- Prescription medications (must be brought in the original container from the pharmacy)
- Campers who use prescribed inhalers or EpiPens should bring **two** inhalers on the trip

Optional:

- Hiking boots (tennis shoes are enough if they are comfortable and supportive)
- A brimmed hat for sun
- Camp Roger provides backpacks, but if you have your own you can bring it
- Bible
- Lightweight flashlight or headlamp
- A lightweight quick drying towel or chamois and a regular towel for back at camp
- Pillow for at camp and, if a pillow is desired while away from camp, it must be a small travel pillow
- If a sleeping pad is desired, bring a lightweight one
- Digital Camera (not a cellphone camera)

For Voyagers Only:

- Khaki shorts for back at camp to be worn on opening/closing days with camp-provided Staff shirt
- Extra clothes to stay at camp for 4-Day Session
- A watch to use in camp during 4-Day Session
- A small day pack to carry around during 4-Day Session for water bottle, notes, etc.

DO NOT PACK (LEAVE THESE AT HOME)

- Cell phones and other electronic devices (tablets, Kindles, electronic games, etc.) *See Communication Policy, pg 3*
- Cosmetics, hairdryers, etc.
- New or expensive clothing
- Food, gum and candy
- Over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol and Ibuprofen (Trip leaders will have these on hand as needed)
- Alcohol, drugs, and cigarettes (including e-cigs) are prohibited

PACKING TIPS: You will be carrying your personal items with you for extended times while hiking. This is helpful to keep in mind while packing. This may involve borrowing or buying gear that you may not already own. Proper equipment can make the difference between a miserable camp experience and a comfortable, happy one. It is essential that you follow these equipment/packing guidelines. Camp Roger will provide backpacks, tents, and cooking equipment. If you have trouble procuring any of the packing list items, please call Camp Roger at 616-874-7286 for assistance. We do not want this to be a barrier for anyone.

LOST AND FOUND POLICY

- Please label all your child's items with their name.
- At the end of the session, lost and found items are collected and stored.
- 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 the fall and then donated.
- Camp Roger is not responsible for your camper's lost or forgotten items.

CAMPER STORE MONEY

Wilderness trip campers do not need to deposit money in a camper store account. Voyager campers may bring along a little pocket money for snacks on the van rides to and from their destination, but not a lot is needed.

Campwear will be available to purchase at the Camp Roger camp store (located in the Lodge) at pick-up time. All major credit cards are accepted.

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.
- Each Wilderness Trip is staffed with a counselor who is Lifeguard/CPR and Wilderness First Aid Certified.
- 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.
- All medications will be kept in the first aid kit with the counselor when off site. The first aid kit is stocked with ample over-the-counter medications, first aid supplies and a backup Epi-pen. The counselors are responsible for all medication administration when out of camp. They are given specific instructions and med administration sheets from the nurse. The counselors are also given copies of the camper's health history forms and discuss each camper's specific medical needs with the nurse prior to leaving camp. The nurse is available by cell phone 24 hours a day for consultation as needed for out-of-camp trips.

Counselors will contact camp directors at least once per trip to touch base.

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 your [online registration account](#), 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.)

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 Camp Roger

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:

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| 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 move in.
6. Camp staff will direct you on how to turn in medications to the nurse and exit camp property.

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:

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| 2 WEEKS OR MORE before session start | \$25 cancellation fee per camper registration |
| 3-14 DAYS before session starts | Loss of \$50 deposit per camper registration |
| 72 HOURS OR LESS before session starts | 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.

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.

Because the Pioneer and Voyager trips are mostly off Camp Roger's property, missing a day or two is not an option. Also, for Voyagers, being present for the full 4-Day Session as a Voyager counselor is a very important part of the experience. If you anticipate your child having to leave early, please consider another session.

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 Camp Roger

- Enter camp via the Belding Road entrance by our blue acorn sign.
- Camper pickup is 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 email kelsey@camproger.org 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.

Voyager campers are encouraged to stay until 11:45am to say goodbye to all the campers in their cabins and wrap up their experience with their Voyager Trip leaders. We encourage you to pick them up at 11:45am to give them the full counselor experience.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CAMPER

Due to the nature of these trips, campers will not be able to receive daily mail. Campers may receive mail when they return to Camp.

There are multiple ways in which you can communicate to your camper while they are away from home:

- **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 and wilderness trip.
- **Send them an email.** Use our online form at camproger.org/2026summerphotos. Camper emails are printed off at Camp Roger before noon each day and kept until the trip returns.

COMMUNICATION POLICY

Campers do not have access to computers or phones during their stay. The camp experience is designed to encourage and promote independence and community in an unplugged environment; therefore, phone calls are not permitted. Wilderness Trip leaders will contact camp directors at least one time on the trip and if there are 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.

PHOTOS will be added to our website after the trip; however, our photographer will need a few days to get these from the trip leaders. Links to each session's album can be found at CampRoger.org/2026summerphotos. You can also follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

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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