



RESPITE CAMP DETAILS

<u>CAMP SESSION</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>	<u>CAMP SESSION</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
Feb. Respite Weekend	2/7 @ 7pm	2/9 @ noon	Sept. Respite Weekend	9/26 @ 7pm	9/28 @ noon
March Respite Weekend	3/14 @ 7pm	3/16 @ noon	Oct. Respite Weekend	10/17 @ 7pm	10/19 @ noon
April Respite Weekend	4/11 @ 7pm	4/13 @ noon	Nov. Respite Weekend	11/7 @ 7pm	11/9 @ noon
May Respite Weekend	5/9 @ 7pm	5/11 @ noon			

ARRIVAL AND PICKUP DETAILS

ARRIVAL: Fridays @ 7pm

- Please do not arrive before 7pm.
- Staff members will greet you in the parking area, please stay in your car until a staff member greets you.
- You will receive directions about how to proceed through check-in from the staff member who greets you.
- Please do not hesitate to ask questions...our first priority is the safety of our campers and making sure the parents have all the information they need is part of that process.
- You will need to visit a few different areas during check-in.
 - General registration - review contact information, pay balances, etc
 - Camp Store
 - Health Officer - If medicine is being checked in or if there are health concerns we need to be aware of to ensure your camper's safety and enjoyment during their stay with us!
 - Meet your counselors and unload campers' belongings.
 - Parents and campers say their goodbyes. **We do NOT serve dinner Friday evening, please be sure your camper has dinner before arrival.**

PICKUP: Sundays @ noon

- Campers will be engaged in activities but will be packed and ready for you when you arrive.
- All campers **MUST BE SIGNED OUT.**
 - Only individuals listed as authorized pick-ups on your online account will be allowed to pick up campers.
 - If changes need to be made to your authorized pick up list, please do so online and contact our office.
 - For the safety of our campers, if an individual arrives to pick up a camper that is not listed on the authorized person list (this includes parents who have not been added) the camper **WILL NOT** be released.
 - Photo ID is required for us to release a camper.
 - We will share successes and any areas of concern at signout.
 - Medications and personal belongings will be returned at signout.

PACKING DETAILS

- **THIS CAN'T BE EMPHASIZED ENOUGH!!!! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO PUT INITIALS ON ALL OF YOUR CAMPERS BELONGINGS!!!**
 - We want all campers to go home with their belongings...*I promise!!!*
 - Believe it or not, campers are messy when they are having fun and learning to be independent!!!! There is a 100% chance belongings **WILL** get mixed up or misplaced. Let me repeat...there is 100% chance belongings will get mixed up or misplaced! *By all means though, if you have a way to stop this, please contact us! We are all ears!!!!*
 - It isn't 100% that things will get back to you, even with initials!!! However, there is a significantly higher chance for if there are initials on them.
 - After each session (even after staff members holding items up and asking who things belong to as well as having a lost and found table for campers to look through) we have **MULTIPLE** articles of clothing, water bottles, and other personal belongings that never find a home. Please help us be sure your camper takes their belongings home!
- Please be sure to check the weather forecasted for the time when your camper is with us and provide the appropriate and adequate clothing. If a camper does not have the appropriate clothing it makes it nearly impossible for them to have an enjoyable experience.
- Having a bag for dirty/used clothes to go in, is very important. Please send a separate bag/container for this **AND** practice using this with your camper. Please do not assume they know and will just use it.

- Please send personal care items in a separate container, bag, or even a ziplock bag(think some sort of toiletry bag, we aren't asking you to buy a specific toiletry bag, just something to keep them together and organized. And again, please show them what should be in the bag, how to use it and practice with them. Many campers "lose" their soap, toothpaste, toothbrush etc, simply because they can't carry all of those things in their two hands, while talking to friends, being excited about what they did at camp today or what they WILL do tomorrow.

PACKING LIST

- **Bedding**
 - Sleeping bag/sheets & blanket(mattresses are twin XL)
 - Special Comfort Items
IE: stuffed animal, Stuffys, picture, etc
 - Pillow
- **Personal Hygiene**
 - Toothbrush
 - Soap
 - Deodorant
 - Toothpaste
 - Shampoo
 - Towels – At least 2
- **Clothing**
 - Undergarments
 - Long sleeve shirts
 - Socks (you can't pack too many socks)
 - Pajamas
 - Shorts
 - Swimsuit
 - Long pants (required)
 - Tennis shoes (required)
 - T-shirts
 - Slippers (for inside cabin if desired)
 - Sweatshirt
 - Sandals (for shower if desired)
- **Personal Care Supplies**
 - Water Bottle
 - Insect repellent
 - Flashlight
 - Sunscreen
- **Winter Weather Gear**

Please be sure your child(ren) is prepared for cold weather! Their experience will be directly affected if they do not have the appropriate gear to stay warm.

 - Winter coat
 - Gloves (2 pairs min.)
 - Boots
 - Tennis shoes (very helpful to keep the lodge from getting wet and muddy)
 - Snow pants
 - Slippers(very helpful in the winter months to keep the cabins from getting wet/muddy)
 - Winter Hat
 - Scarf(if desired)

It is very important to us that you as the parent are completely comfortable with your Camp Kidwell experience. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any question/concern or if you need more information.

You can contact us call at (269)521-3559 or email

Our director, KJ Kelly, at kj@campkidwell.org,

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THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING



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Our Motto: teaching young people skills for life in a safe, fun and loving environment.

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