



Camp Blodgett Summer Camp 2024 Information

IMPORTANT—PLEASE KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE!

*****Please note: Check-in times at camp in West Olive have changed slightly. See below for more information.*****

START OF CAMP CHECK-IN:

Grand Rapids: "DASH Lot 9" at **250 Seward Ave NW** in Grand Rapids will be the drop-off and pick-up location for bus transportation to camp. *This lot is located next door to our Grand Rapids office.* Please enter at the pink/purple NORTH entrance; there will be camp staff directing you into the lot.

Camper check-in begins at **8:45 am on the first day of your camp session.**

PLEASE NOTE: The bus will depart promptly at **9:30 am.** *If you arrive after the bus has departed, you will be responsible for transporting your child to the camp in West Olive.*

ALSO NOTE: *Camp staff will be wearing Camp Blodgett t-shirts.*

- **Check in all belongings at the luggage station.** *Please make sure your camper's **FULL NAME** is on each piece of luggage, sleeping bags, etc.*
- Check in with camp staff at the check-in table (there will be signs).
- Each camper must check in with the camp Health Officer and receive a required health check by camp staff. This may include a lice check. **All medication must be checked in with the camp Health Officer.**
 - *All medication **must** be in original containers with current and accurate daily dosage clearly indicated. We urge campers to continue their regular medications they take during school. Children are much less stressed at camp when taking their normal medications.*
- **(Grand Rapids Drop Off)** - Campers can wait with their parents and new friends for a short time and will be called to board busses heading out to camp at **9:30am.**

*****West Olive (Camp Blodgett):** 10451 Lakeshore Dr, West Olive, MI 49460

*****Camper check-in takes place from 9:45am – 10:45am at camp. Campers must be checked in no later than 11am (unless otherwise discussed and confirmed with our registrar).*****

END OF CAMP CHECK-OUT and Transportation from Camp to Grand Rapids

Family visits take place on the **last day of camp** from 1:30 until 2:30 pm. *Family members will not be allowed into camp until 1:30pm.* ALL CAMPERS BEING PICKED UP **MUST SIGN OUT** with staff members at a designated table.

PLEASE BE SURE YOU HAVE ALL OF YOUR CAMPER'S BELONGINGS, INCLUDING MEDICATIONS. Campers may leave only with the authorized adults listed on the camper registration form. *If you need to add someone to the list of authorized pick-ups, you can do so in your online account or call/email our office.* If you cannot attend Family Day or pick up your child at camp before the bus leaves at 2:30pm, they will ride the bus back to the Grand Rapids parking lot where you must pick your child up **NO LATER** than 3:30 pm. **Photo ID is required from authorized adults during camper checkout.**

Camp check-out begins at 1:30 PM & Grand Rapids check-out begins at 3:15 PM

Directions

Grand Rapids Check In: From **US-131**, take **Pearl Street exit 85B**, head west on Pearl St, which curves South to become Lake Michigan drive. Turn right onto Seward, and drive to the northern-most end of **Dash Bus Lot 9**.

From I-196, take **Lane Ave exit 76** and turn left (south) onto Lane. Take a left on Bridge Street, and a right onto Seward. The lot is the first city lot entrance on your left. **PLEASE do not park in Camp Blodgett office parking lot.**

Camp Blodgett: Take **Lake Michigan Drive (M-45)** west until it ends at **Lakeshore Drive**. Take a left onto Lakeshore Drive, go one mile and Camp Blodgett will be on the right at 10451 Lakeshore Drive. Camp Blodgett is approximately 30 miles or a 45-minute drive from Grand Rapids.

PLEASE TURN OVER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION!

**All letters sent to campers from home may be sent directly to camp.
Send mail several days before the session begins to ensure delivery
during your camper's session. The address is:**

Camper's Name c/o Camp Blodgett
10451 Lakeshore Dr.
West Olive, MI 49460

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

- Rain jacket or poncho
- Socks, underwear, & weather appropriate clothes for 5 days (shorts, t-shirts, etc.)
- One outfit that can get messy from arts and crafts activities
- Sleeping bag (or sheets & blanket) & pillow
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Shampoo, soap, bath towel
- Book or magazine to read at rest time
- Pajamas
- 2 pairs of long pants
- Sweatshirt or jacket
- Paper, envelopes, & stamps (for letters)
- Tennis shoes
- 1 other pair of shoes (beach/pool shoes)
- Bug spray and sunscreen
- Swimsuit and beach towel

To minimize lost items, do not over pack. Limit items to those listed above. Campers often get their clothes wet and/or dirty at camp - do not send new or valuable items. *We recommend showing your camper what you are packing so they know what they have.* **PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST & LAST NAMES or INITIALS ON ALL CLOTHES/TAGS IN PERMANENT or FABRIC MARKER.**

Camp Blodgett is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property! Anything left at camp will be returned to the Grand Rapids office in the weeks following your child's session. **We are unable to answer questions over the phone regarding missing item.** Please stop by the Grand Rapids office to look through unclaimed items returned from camp. You may call the office first to find out our current office hours. **ALL UNCLAIMED LOST AND FOUND ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY.**

PLEASE DO NOT BRING...



Money, candy or food, radios, handheld video games or any electronics**, cell phones, toys, expensive jewelry or watches, hair dryers, or knives or weapons of **any** kind. If these are seen at Camp they will be collected until the end of the session. Any campers with weapons will be sent home immediately.

We will make an exception for cameras only. However, Camp Blodgett will not be held responsible if the item is stolen, lost, or damaged. **Please label the camera with the camper's first & last name. Please note: children must listen to the counselors/staff at camp regarding the use of the camera (e.g. being asked to put it away, etc.), or they risk it being taken away until the end of their session.

Behavior Policy

Campers are expected to behave appropriately while at camp. The following behaviors may result in a camper being sent home and forfeiting any fees paid: (a) They pose a danger to self or others, (b) They are unwilling or unable to communicate or cooperate in a peer group, (c) They are repeatedly disruptive/disrespectful to peers, staff, or camp as a whole.

**If you have any questions, you can contact our office at
616-949-0780 (ext. 105) or email us at registrar@campblodgett.org**

WE CAN'T WAIT FOR CAMP BLODGETT 2024! WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!