



CAMP LAKEVIEW

2026 Information Packet

Classic Camp & 4th of July



LAKEVIEW MINISTRIES

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Welcome to camp!

The words above are often the first ones a camper hears when they arrive at Lakeview, where our mission is to create a place where every camper is known, loved, and encouraged through Christ-centered experiences of growth, inspiration, and recreation. Thank you for choosing to send your child here— it is a responsibility we don't take lightly.

This packet contains important information to help you feel prepared and confident as your family gets ready for camp. **Please take the time to read through all the information contained here.** Even if you have been to camp before, each summer includes new information.

If you have questions at any point, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are always happy to help! Our **Parent Headquarters** at lakeview.camp/parents is also a great resource.

We are so excited to welcome your family to camp this summer and can't wait to see what God will do.

See you this summer!

In Christ,

Brandon Hall

Camp Lakeview Program Director

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p.s. We will also email you a **Pre-Camp Checklist one month** before the start of your session with helpful reminders and final details to know before leaving for camp. Make sure the email associated with your online account is up to date. 😊

SUNDAY CHECK-IN

Check-in is available from **2:00-3:30 pm EST** on **Sunday** afternoon at the **Dining Hall**. Arrive at any time during this window (you will often find shorter lines when arriving later). Please do not arrive earlier than 2:00 pm. The entire check-in process should take less than 30 minutes.

Make sure to turn RIGHT at the camp entrance to go to the Camp Lakeview side of camp.

When you arrive, you can leave your camper's luggage in the car, only taking **medications** and **mail** to check in. At check-in you will be able to turn in your camper's medications (both prescription and non-prescription), drop off mail, and receive cabin and counselor assignments.

If your camper has special health needs or food needs, you will be able to talk directly with our First-Aid Coordinator and Kitchen staff, respectively. You will also be able to visit the Shirt Shack for camp apparel and SWAG.

After checking in, you will drop your camper off at their cabin. During drop off, you will:

- Meet and talk with your camper's counselor.
- Let the counselor know about any special needs your camper has.
- Fill out a **Check-Out Form** indicating who will be picking up your camper. (If someone other than a parent or guardian is dropping your child off, please provide a signed note indicating who may pick your child up at the end of camp.)
- Help your camper move their luggage in.
- Say goodbye!

When you leave, our staff immediately begin helping your camper connect with their other cabinmates through fun games and get-to-know-you activities. The camp fun has begun!

LATE DROP-OFF AND EARLY PICK-UP

If you need to drop off your camper or pick them up outside of our usual times, please call/email our office ahead of time to let us know.

Late Drop-Off: The cut-off time for late drop-offs on Sunday is **8:15 pm**. After this time you will need to drop your camper off the next morning.

Early Pick-Up: Our early pick-up time on Friday is **10:00 am**. Campers will be in morning Bible Study until this time. Outside of this early pick-up option, you will need to plan on picking your camper up at the normal time.

In general, we do not make exceptions to these times-if you may require a different time, please call us to discuss options.

Gate Access After Hours

For the safety of our campers there are **closed gates** at the entrances to camp. These gates are open during normal check-in and pick-up times. When arriving at camp for a late drop-off or early pick-up, **park at the Welcome Center** (house at the entrance to camp). If after 5:00 pm, follow the instructions on the **gate keypad** to call a staff member to be let in.

FRIDAY PICK-UP

FRIDAY PICK-UP AND ECT TIME

When you arrive on Friday for camper pick-up, head to the **Dining Hall Parking Lot**. The schedule for pick-up day is as follows:

- 2:00-2:35** Closing Campfire (at the Amphitheatre)
- 2:35-3:00** Sign out camper + Pick up luggage
- 3:00-5:30** Experience Camp Together (ECT) Time available for all families
 - *Enjoy Camp Lakeview Activities (Slip n Sliding, Horseback Riding, Zip Lining, etc.)*
 - *Connect with Camp Staff*
 - *Visit the Villages side (Canoeing, Hatchet Throwing, Climbing Tower, etc.)*
 - *Receive Resources to Help Your Family's Faith Growth*
 - *Grab n Go Meal available (eat at camp or take on the road)*
 - *And more...*

All families are encouraged to attend **Closing Campfire**, a time of worship and devotion where we celebrate the week of camp together and pray for the campers as they prepare to head home. Grandparents and other family members are invited to attend as well!

Following Closing Campfire, you will sign out your camper with their counselor. **Please have a Photo ID ready to show when you sign out.** If you are unable to attend Closing Campfire, please plan to sign your camper out at 2:35 pm on Friday.

If this afternoon time is not possible for you, please call our office to discuss a later pick-up time.

After sign-out, you are invited to stay and enjoy camp together as a family during **ECT Time**. Staff will be spread out throughout camp, allowing families and campers to explore camp and enjoy fun activities. While you don't have to stick around (you can stay as long or as little as you like), ECT Time is a chance to:

- **Experience what your camper loved**
- **Meet people your camper connected with**
- **Receive encouragement and support as a parent**
- **Linger in good memories before heading home**

We hope you have a blast, and that this time is an awesome way to end the week AND allows you a meaningful glimpse into the memories and stories from your child's time at camp. See you on Friday!



PRE-CAMP TO DO LIST

Do the following **TWO WEEKS** before the start of your session to help the check-in process go as smoothly as possible. The following items can all be done by logging into your online account and selecting the “Update Info” button next to your camper’s name to navigate to their online dashboard.

1. **MAKE SURE CONTACT INFO IS CORRECT:** Go to the “Contacts” section and make sure email and phone information is correct for each camper. **Each year, incorrect contact info prevents us from getting in touch with families about urgent issues, so please double-check that everything is correct!**
2. **PAY YOUR BALANCE:** Click the “Make a Payment” button to pay your balance. Final payment is due TWO WEEKS before the start of the camp session. **Campers who do not pay in full by this deadline will be removed from the program if we receive no response in our attempts to contact.**
3. **FINALIZE CABIN MATE REQUESTS:** Go to the “Optional Items” section to update or change your camper’s cabin mate requests. Coordinate with friends to make sure each camper has requested the same group of friends so no “chains” are formed. We HIGHLY suggest only requesting a single buddy to avoid many potential issues – our staff will help your camper connect and make friends with others from the moment they arrive!
4. **ADD CANTEEN MONEY:** Go to the “Financial” section and add money to your camper’s canteen account for their week of camp. **\$20-30** is the recommended amount. This money is **NOT** able to be used for the Shirt Shack; it is just for snacks and drinks from the Canteen.
5. **ADD CAMPER MEDICATIONS:** Navigate to the “Medical” section and add any medications (prescription, OTC, vitamins, lotions, drops) your camper is bringing to camp with them. You cannot delete added items so please only add medications once you are sure you will be bringing them to camp.

HOW WE CARE FOR CAMPERS

We recognize what a big step it is to entrust the care of your child to someone else. It's a responsibility we take incredibly seriously. While the occasional cut, bump, bruise, or illness is inevitable in the "outdoor playground" environment of camp, we strive to care for each camper as if they were truly our own. We also seek to communicate promptly with you about any major issue impacting the well-being of your camper so that you stay informed and involved.

Medical Care

Our First Aid Coordinator (certified in First Aid/CPR) is onsite at all times and provides routine first aid care and medication to campers in coordination with an on-call pediatrician who provides treatment plans for camp injuries and illnesses.

We stock common over the counter (OTC) medications for use if needed. Scheduled medications are passed out by the First Aid Coordinator at mealtimes, afternoon canteen, and evening canteen each day. If your camper needs to receive medication at a time not covered by one of these periods, we will arrange that as well.

Parent Notification of Health Treatment

If your camper ever experiences a serious medical concern, illness, or incident requiring outside treatment, we will always contact you. We will also notify you if your camper has an illness lasting over 4 hours, experiences an injury that impacts their ability to participate in normal camp activities, or causes us to consult our on-call physician.

Communal Health Policies

Campers will complete a brief health screen during check-in. **If your camper has had a fever within the past 24 hours (or is currently sick) they can NOT check in until they are symptom-free for 24 hours.** During camp, campers with a fever lasting for more than 4 hours, suffering from vomiting, or suffering from diarrhea will need to head home for the well-being of themselves and their fellow cabin mates. [Make sure to have a pick-up plan in place if your camper needs to go home early.](#)

Food Allergy Needs

Please make sure any food allergies are added to the "Medical" section of your online account. We are able to provide alternative food options for **Dairy, Egg, Gluten, and Nut** allergies. For more extensive allergies, we recommend you bring supplemental food items to camp. Our kitchen staff is able to help prepare any supplemental items brought for campers. For more details on our food allergy procedures, go to lakeview.camp/food.

If you need to talk through more details about your camper's food needs, please reach out to our kitchen team (food@lakeview.camp) **at least TWO WEEKS** in advance of your session. We can also provide a **menu** for your time at camp to help you better plan and prepare.

Special Accommodations

We strive to provide a positive and memorable experience for all campers. If your child may need specific accommodations for their camp week, please contact our office so that we can work together to create a plan to provide a positive camp experience for your child.

COMMUNICATING WITH CAMPERS

Mail:

During the check-in process you can drop off letters and packages with any of our staff to be delivered during the week. Please label mail with your child's **Full Name + Day of Week (to deliver)**. Regular mail can be sent to the following address:

(Camper's Name) (Cabin*)
Camp Lakeview
13500 W. Lake Road
Seymour, IN 47274

**You will receive this information at check-in. If other family members are going to be sending mail to your camper, remember to share the CABIN name with them as well!*

Email:

You can send your camper an email. Our staff print out emails daily at 11:00 am and deliver them at lunch. Go to lakeview.camp/email to send your message. Campers are allowed to e-mail messages out during their afternoon free time but will need to know an email address to send to. [If you don't hear from your camper, please know it's because they're too busy having fun!](#)

Phone:

In general, campers are not able to call home during the week. We will always contact you if there is a significant issue regarding your camper, and also get in touch if a camper specifically requests to call home. **Please do NOT send a cell phone "just in case"**; campers are not allowed to have cell phones, and it will be held in our office until Friday pick-up.

Here is how you can call us during the camp week:

Office Number: **812-342-4815**

Office staff on duty: **8:30 am to 5:00 pm (M-F)**
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Sunday)*

**If it is before/after hours or on the weekend and you have an urgent issue, our answering system provides an emergency call number to get in touch with a staff member.*

If returning a phone call about a camper question or issue, it is best to wait until **after 10:00 am** (if possible) as before this time our program staff are engaged in leading morning Bible study.

Meals & Snacks

We serve child-friendly meals such as chicken nuggets, spaghetti, hamburgers, and pizza. Cereal is always available at breakfast and PB&J at lunch and dinner. Fruit is also available at each meal. In addition to main meals, campers have an afternoon and evening canteen time where they can purchase snacks from the camp canteen.

Campers may bring their own snacks to camp, provided the following requirements are met:

- **Must fit in a 1 gallon bag or tub (due to limited storage space)**
- **Must be single-serve or resealable (to limit mess)**
- **NO items that contain peanuts or tree nuts**
- **NO energy drinks allowed**

Snacks are stored in a communal space at their cabin. Due to the camp schedule, campers will mainly have access to personal snacks during FOB time and afternoon free time. They may also get snacks during canteen time with permission from their counselor.

Canteen and Shirt Shack

Campers visit the **Canteen** each afternoon and evening where they can purchase snack and drink items. A canteen account is set up for each camper and purchases are deducted from the account. You can add money for this purpose through the “Financial” section of your online account. (Please do so BEFORE the camp session starts.) [We recommend depositing between \\$20-30 for your camper.](#) Most items are \$1 and campers are limited to three items per visit.

Extra Money (Summer Mission Project)

At their final canteen time campers are given the choice to receive a REFUND or DONATE leftover money to our **Summer Mission Project**. [Talk with your camper ahead of time about what you want them to do with their leftover money.](#) Our Summer Mission Project goes to support Lakeview alumni serving in global missions – each summer we try to raise \$5,000. It’s a great way for campers to put their faith in action and see how God can use small gifts to grow his Kingdom!

Shirt Shack

The **Shirt Shack** is ONLY open during check-in on Sunday and pick-up on Friday. Campers (and family members) can purchase a shirt, sweatshirt, or souvenir during these times. [Money deposited into your camper’s canteen account can NOT be used to pay for Shirt Shack items.](#)

Camp Pictures

We take pictures throughout the camp week and post them on Waldo Photos, accessible at lakeview.camp/waldo. We aim to upload photos **Monday–Thursday**, but this may vary due to technology issues or staff availability. [Photos are NOT typically taken on Fridays;](#) we use this day to create a Memory Video for campers to enjoy from their week of camp. We also post pics, videos, updates and more to our **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages, so make sure to follow!

Homesickness

Homesickness is a very normal part of the camp experience, especially when children are away from home and familiar routines for the first time. You can set your child up for success before camp by doing the following:

- Speak positively about camp before arrival. *“You will love camp – there’s something for everyone to enjoy!”*
- Express confidence in your child’s ability to handle new experience. *“You’ve got this!”*
- Involve them in packing so they know where their belongings are.
- Pack a “comfort item” such as a stuffed animal or picture of family.
- Remind your child that they can tell their counselor about ANYTHING they need help with during the week-their counselor wants to support them!
- *(During camp)* Send an email to your camper each day – focus on encouraging them and speaking positively of the camp experience. Avoid phrases like “I miss you so much” or speaking of fun/special things that are happening at home without them.

Please do not tell your child they can call home or be picked up early if they feel homesick, as this can make these feelings harder to overcome. If your child is nervous, reassure them they can email home while at camp or ask their counselor for help.

Our staff is trained to recognize and support campers who are feeling homesick with care and encouragement. In most cases, homesickness passes quickly as campers settle in, gain confidence, and enjoy the fun of camp. We will always communicate with you if your camper is experiencing homesickness to the point that it is noticeably impacting their camp experience.

CAMPER AND PARENT EXPECTATIONS

Camper Behavior Expectations

We are committed to creating a safe, welcoming, and Christ-centered environment where every camper is treated with dignity and respect. As a result, we teach and expect campers to treat others, staff, and camp property with care and kindness, reflecting Christ's call to love one another.

Campers are taught basic rules and expectations on the very first day of camp. When behavioral issues arise, we respond with correction paired with compassion. Campers are given opportunities to apologize, make amends, and start fresh. Our response to most issues includes such things as brief reminders/warnings, one-on-one conversations, or the temporary loss of privileges.

While we lead with grace, we also maintain clear boundaries to ensure the safety and well-being of the entire camp community. **If your camper has behavioral issues that are severe or persistent, we will contact you.** Behaviors that are unsafe, disrespectful, or disruptive may result in your camper being sent home early.

Before camp, **please talk with your camper about your expectations and camp's expectations for their behavior at camp.** It is also helpful to discuss how even at camp there may be kids who behave inappropriately and mess up. If they encounter someone else behaving inappropriately, the best thing they can do is tell a staff member to help make sure it is known and addressed.

Cell Phone/Electronic Free Environment

Campers are NOT allowed to bring cell phones or other electronics to camp. Camp is a technology-free oasis in a noisy and stressful world. We believe strongly in the value of showing campers how to build real connections with each other and enjoy life together WITHOUT technology. **Please do NOT pack a cell phone for your camper**-cell phones brought to camp will be confiscated and can be picked up by parents on Friday. If you are concerned about getting in touch with your camper, contact our office before camp so we can create a plan together.

Cancellations and Refunds

If you need to cancel, please call or email our office to do so. A refund will be granted 14 days prior to the start of your session for **all but \$25** of your deposit. No refunds will be granted within 14 days of the start of your session, except in cases of **illness, injury, or family emergencies**. If a camper needs to go home early due to a family emergency, illness, or other extenuating circumstances, contact our office to discuss a potential refund.

Please call us as soon as you know you will not be attending your session! Many sessions have a waitlist, and the sooner we know of a cancellation, the more likely we will be able to move someone off the waitlist.

PACKING LIST

WHAT TO BRING

Be sure to clearly label your camper's items, especially towels, shirt, water bottles, and Bible!

CLOTHING

- Closed-Toe Shoes (required for certain camp activities)
- Shower Sandals
- T-shirts
- Shorts
- Socks
- Underwear
- Pajamas
- Pants/Sweatpants
- Sweatshirt
- Rain Jacket
- Swimsuit*

CABIN ITEMS

- Sleeping Bag + Twin Sheets/Blanket
- Pillow
- Bath towel
- Beach towel
- Toiletries (Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothbrush & toothpaste)
- Comb/hairbrush
- Personal hygiene items
- Toiletry Bag
- Laundry Bag

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Bible
- Water Bottle
- Flashlight
- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Hat
- Backpack
- Shower Travel Bag
- Small Storage Organizer (for use in cabin with items)
- Notebook, Pen
- Snacks (follow our rules!)
- Camera
- Book

Please avoid **bikini-style swimsuits, single-piece suits with large cutouts, or speedos/swim briefs. Tankinis are allowed if they cover the midriff. Campers with swimsuits that do not meet these requirements will be asked to wear a shirt or shorts over top.*

Other Tips:

- Consider packings outfits in gallon zip lock bags to make it easier for younger campers to keep track of what's been worn.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

In general, avoid packing anything that is too valuable or sentimental – it is very easy for items to get dirty, damaged, or lost at camp.

To promote safety and minimize distractions in our active camp setting, campers should avoid bringing the following items:

- **Avoid shirts or shorts that expose the belly, buttocks, or chest when moving/stretching**
- **Avoid clothing with potentially offensive language or graphics**

Campers wearing problematic clothing will be discreetly asked to change.

Additionally, the following items are strictly prohibited at camp. If found, they will be held by camp staff and can be picked up by parents at the end of the session:

- **Cell phones, tablets, or other electronic devices**
- **Weapons (including pocket knives)**
- **Fire starters (including lighters, matches, fireworks, etc.)**
- **Illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, vaping products**
- **Energy drinks**

Do you offer any financial assistance?

If finances are a little tight for camp this year, go to lakeview.camp/financialaid to apply for a camp scholarship. The scholarship application period is **February 9-March 9**.

What if my camper doesn't make any friends?

Helping campers connect with each other is something we're really good at. Our staff help kids start connecting the moment they arrive at their cabin on Sunday and focus on it all week long. Whether your camper is shy, outgoing, loud, weird, sensitive, nervous, or anywhere in between, our staff are going to work very hard to help them find their place at camp!

How do you hire your staff?

Our staff are carefully selected through a thorough process that includes a written application, references, background check, and personal interview. Each year, we receive more applicants than available positions, allowing us to hire only the strongest candidates. Once hired, staff complete two weeks of intensive training covering safety, emergency procedures, activity leadership, camper care, and more. In a typical summer, over 75% of our staff are returning or have previously volunteered at camp, creating a team that is both passionate and experienced.

Where do campers sleep?

Your camper will sleep in a cabin that has bunk beds and is air conditioned. All cabins are separated by gender. Campers share a common bathroom/shower area located by the cabin. Our college-aged counselors and high school-aged junior counselors stay in the cabins with the campers so that they are supervised 24/7. View pictures of our cabins at lakeview.camp/facilities.

When will I know my camper's cabin mates?

Cabin assignments are made the week before each session, with campers grouped by similar age. For privacy reasons, cabin assignments are NOT shared before Sunday check-in. If you're nervous about friend requests, know that we fulfill all friend requests that meet our requirements. (See these requirements at lakeview.camp/friends.) If we anticipate a problem fulfilling a request, we will reach out to you before camp to discuss.

What if there's a concern involving my camper during camp?

We know sending your child to camp is a big step for parents. We care for each kid at camp as if they were our own, and each camper has multiple people checking in with them each day. If any known issue occurs that significantly impacts your child's camp experience, we will **always** contact you. Our goal with parent communication is simple: no surprises at Friday pick-up.

What if my camper is a first-time camper?

If this is your camper's first time at camp, they're in good company – every year around 25% of our campers are new! With clear routines, caring adults, and a strong focus on community, first-time campers are able to quickly gain confidence and end up having an experience they're proud of and excited to repeat.

To view additional FAQ's, visit lakeview.camp/summerfaqs.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this packet!

Now all that's left is to begin counting down the days until what we hope will be one of the most meaningful weeks of your camper's summer.

One month before your session begins, we'll email you a **Pre-Camp Checklist** with final reminders and details as you prepare to arrive at camp. As you get ready, we hope you'll share in our excitement for what God will do through your child's camp experience.

Camp is a *sacred playground*—a place where joy, play, faith, and growth come together. Through adventure, relationships, and intentional spiritual rhythms, campers are invited to explore who they are, who God is, and how they belong in His story. It's in the laughter, the challenges, and the quiet moments that lasting faith and confidence take root.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or thoughts—we're grateful to partner with you in this experience.

We can't wait to see you at camp!

In Christ,

Brandon Hall

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P.S. If you want to stay connected with the latest camp news, sign up for the **Lakeview Insider**, our monthly e-newsletter. Each month includes an encouraging devotion, camp news and updates, and stories of God at work. You can sign up at lakeview.camp/news.





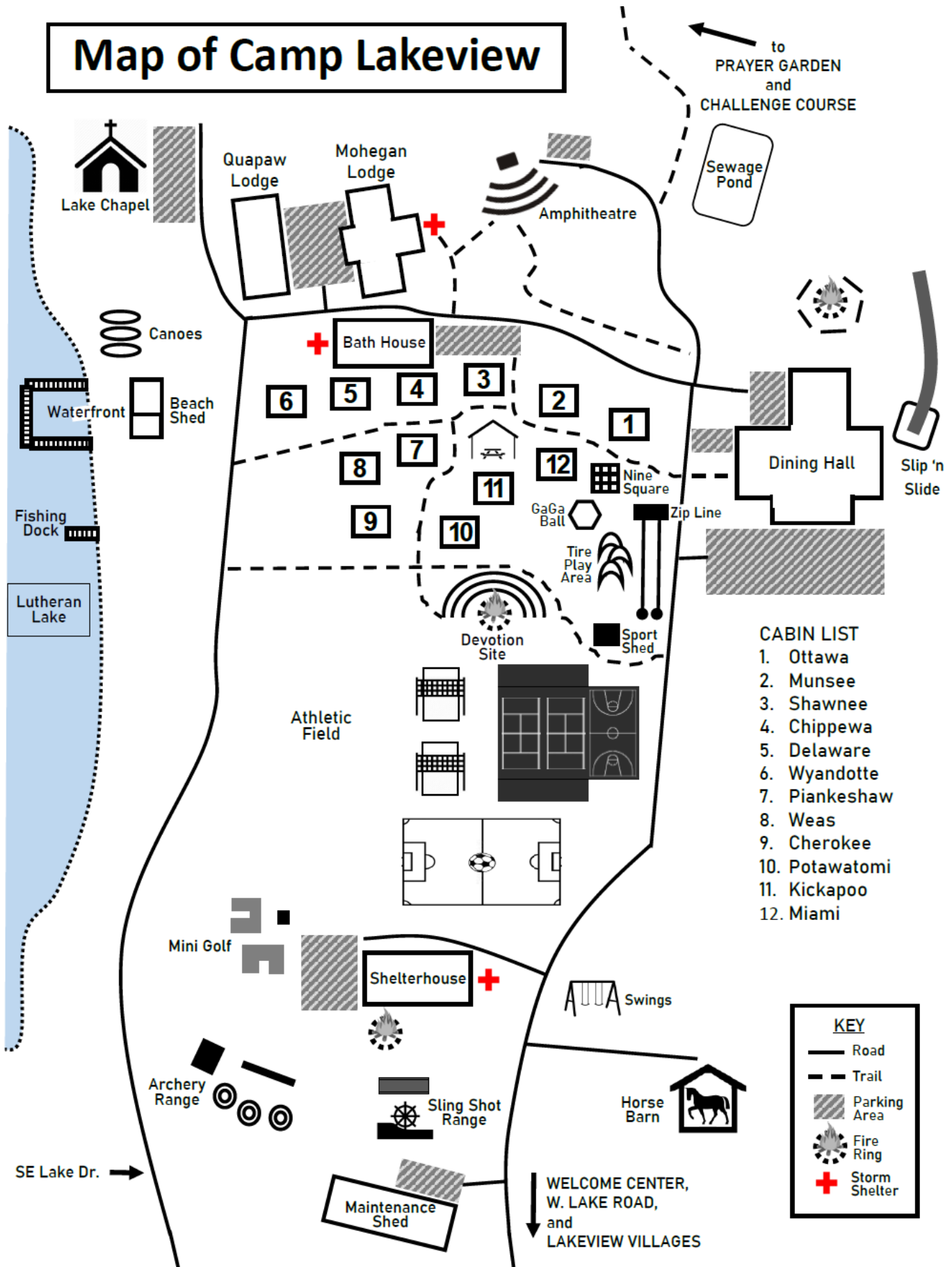
Classic Camp Sample Schedule

7:30	Rise and shine!
8:00	Breakfast
8:45	Cabin Clean Up
9:00	Large Group Bible Study Opening
9:30	Small Group Bible Study
10:00	Activity Period #1
11:00	Activity Period #2
12:00	Lunch
12:45	F.O.B. (Flat on Bunk) Time
1:45	Activity Period #3
2:45	Canteen
3:30	Activity Period #4
4:15	Free Time
5:15	Supper
6:00	Cabin Activity
7:00	All Camp Game
8:00	Canteen
8:45	Campfire Devotions
9:30	Get Ready for Bed
10:00	Cabin Devotions
10:30	Lights Out

Activities include:

- Archery/Slingshot Range
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Crafts
- Creek Stomping
- Disc Golf
- Field Games
- Game Room
- Horseback Riding
- Mini Golf
- Slip n Slide
- Swimming
- Team Building
- Zip Lining

Map of Camp Lakeview



CABIN LIST

1. Ottawa
2. Munsee
3. Shawnee
4. Chippewa
5. Delaware
6. Wyandotte
7. Piankeshaw
8. Weas
9. Cherokee
10. Potawatomi
11. Kickapoo
12. Miami

KEY

- Road
- Trail
- Parking Area
- Fire Ring
- Storm Shelter

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

(Lakeview Ministries, 13500 W. Lake Rd, Seymour, IN 47274)

From I-65 take the Ogilville exit (Exit 64). Go WEST on SR 58 for 8 miles. At Waymansville, turn sharp right (look for the giant “Lakeview Ministries” sign) onto 930 S (also called “W Lake Rd”). Go 1.5 miles on W Lake Rd until you come to the camp entrance.

If arriving at camp for check-in, head to the side of camp where your program is taking place. All other guests and visitors should park and check-in at the **Welcome Center.**

- **Camp Lakeview side:** Turn RIGHT
- **Lakeview Villages side:** Turn LEFT
- **Welcome Center/Main Office:** Turn RIGHT
(This is the house immediately at the entrance by the large Camp Lakeview sign.)

