

# East Bay Camp

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## Camper/Parent Information Sheet

### WELCOME TO EAST BAY!

Can you believe that summer is just around the corner? We are busy making plans and getting excited about your arrival. While you are at camp you will have the opportunity for swimming, hiking, archery, games, and campfires. You will spend your week connecting with new friends, growing new skills, diving into learning about God, and experiencing creation. We can't wait to see you!

This information letter answers questions that campers' parents most often ask. If you need more information, please contact the East Bay Camp Office 309-365-7531 or email [eastbay@igrc.org](mailto:eastbay@igrc.org)

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Save Your Confirmation Letter For:

- How to get additional camp information
- Beginning/ending dates/times of camp
- Record of payment (please direct questions to the Camping & Retreat office at 309-365-7531)

#### Contacting your camper:

*We strongly discourage phone calls to the camper. Letters are much better for your camper's morale.*

Camper's Name  
Camp Name and/or Number  
East Bay Camp & Retreat  
24248 Ron Smith Mem. Hwy.  
Hudson, IL 61748

**There will have place to drop off mail to the camper on the first day of camp at the registration table.** Please indicate the day you would like the mail handed out.

### CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

In all cases, an attempt will be made to reschedule a camper into another week of camp. If cancellation before May 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 the register can be refunded less the deposit amount of \$50.00 In situations that arise after May 1<sup>st</sup>, the parent or guardian of the camper must submit a request for cancellation in writing to the Camping Office at [camping@igrc.org](mailto:camping@igrc.org). Refunds for health reasons are available upon request. Full

refunds will not be made after the start of camp.

### ALL-IN-ONE HEALTH AND PERMISSION FORM

Campers will not be permitted to attend camp without a properly signed All-in-One Health and Permission Form. The camp Health Services staff will make every effort to reach the parent/guardian in the event of an emergency. However, there are occasions when immediate medical treatment is necessary. The "All-in-One Health and Permission Form" gives the camp permission to pursue this treatment.

Families attending Family Camp need to complete a registration/all-in-one health and permission form for each family member.

### DIETARY NEEDS

Please include any dietary needs on the Health Form when you registered your camper. You may go back into the registration form and update your camper's information. If you have a specific concern, please call the camp directly.

### GIFT SHOP SIGN UP

**Overnight Campers** will have the opportunity to visit our gift shop to purchase snacks, souvenirs, etc. Money will be collected at the registration drop off. Checks can be made to East Bay Camp, or we will except cash, we will not be able to take Credit Cards at the registration drop off. Any unused money will be refunded at the end of camp or can be donated to the camp scholarship fund.

**Day Campers** will have an opportunity to go to the Gift Shop with their adults on Friday after pickup.

### INSURANCE

A letter detailing our insurance policy is included Parents Handbook and will be emailed 2-3 weeks before camp starts. If you have further questions, please consult the Camping & Retreat Ministries Office at 309-365-7531. If your insurance coverage changes between registration and camp, please let the leadership know at time of check-in. If you have no insurance, please state, "We have no health insurance".

## THINGS TO BRING

While theft is not usually a problem, campers should not bring valuables to camp. **Please label all items!!**

### What to Bring (all programs)

- Swimsuits (modest)
- Towel for swim time
- Sandals (to be worn in the shower/pool/beach)
- 2 pairs of closed toed shoes – One pair that can get muddy & wet
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Medication (in the original bottle- not a pill sorter)
- Sunscreen: High SPF (we prefer spray on if possible)
- Bible
- Rain jacket
- Insect repellent

### Day Camp Specific

- A change of clothes
- Bedding and Pillow for Quite Hour

### Overnight Camp Specific

- Bedding and Pillow (either a sleeping bag, or twin sized sheets and blanket)
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothbrush/paste)
- Towels/Washcloth: 2
- T-shirts
- Shorts (modest)
- Jeans/long pants
- Underwear
- Socks
- Pajamas
- One set of warm clothing in case it gets cold
- Laundry bag
- Flashlight or Headlamp
- Pencils/pens
- Large plastic trash bag (for wet items on last day)

### What NOT to Bring

- Pets
- Alcohol/Tobacco/Vapes/Cannabis products/Drugs of any kind
- Weapons (guns, knives, small fireworks, etc.)
- Money (Money can be turned in at registration for use in the gift shop)
- Chewing gum or Candy (it attracts insects and animals)
- Clothing supporting drugs/alcohol/inappropriate behavior
- Tight tank tops or tank tops with large arm holes cut out
- Skimpy swimsuits
- **Cell phone, smart watch, or other electronic devices (this helps you have the best experience of all things camp, live in Christian community, and learn about God without distractions)**

**We will hold onto the following upon learning of them.**

Anything on the What NOT to Bring list along with keys of any camper who drives themselves to camp.

**Whatever you wear, it needs to cover all private areas/underwear.** This includes items so ripped that private areas or underwear are showing, both because of wear/tear and fashion. **It needs to be appropriate for the activity.** This means that shorts need to be longer to protect legs while hiking. Swimsuits need to not move much when you jump, dive, and play

### DIRECTIONS TO EAST BAY

➤ **From Veterans Parkway (Bloomington):** Go north. Take Springfield South Lane but do not get on I-55. Continue north on Pipeline Rd. (County Rd. 31). This road will come to at T. Turn right. This will become Ron Smith Memorial HWY. You will see signs for East Bay Camp.

➤ **From I-55 South:** Take Lexington exit #178. Turn right at end of exit ramp and go west 6 miles. Turn left onto Ron Smith Memorial HWY (County Rd. 63), go 1 mile to camp.

➤ **From I-55 North or I-74:** Take exit I-39 north to Rockford. On I-39 take the Lake Bloomington Road exit #8 and turn right at end of exit ramp. Follow Lake Bloomington Road to 4-way stop and turn left. Drive around the lake and over the dam. Turn right onto Ron Smith Memorial HWY (County Road 63).

➤ **From I-39 South:** Take Lake Bloomington Road exit #8 and turn left at the end of the exit ramp. Continue with directions from I-55 North.

**Possession or use of the following by any camper will result in immediate dismissal from camp, and the proper authorities will be notified: alcohol, illegal drugs, cannabis products, weapons, fireworks. NO refunds will be given in such situations.**