

Hidden Valley Day Camp
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Hidden Valley Day Camp 2017

Ages 7 - 14

Don't spend the summer stuck indoors!

Want to spend the summer playing crazy games, experiencing history first-hand, making new friends, exploring the natural world around you and creating memories that will last a lifetime? Then Hidden Valley Day Camp is for you!



At Hidden Valley, we provide campers with a safe environment where they can play and explore the world around them. Activities for 2017 include: crafts, community service, rope tying, talent shows, field trips, group games and literally hundreds more – with new ones being planned each week! And this doesn't even include the special activities that are unique to the weekly theme!

The daily schedule for our Day Camp looks like this:

7:45 a.m.	Check-In / Recreation Time
8:30 a.m.	Activity One
9:20 a.m.	Break
9:30 a.m.	Camper's Choice Activity
10:20 a.m.	Snack Time
10:30 a.m.	Chapel
11:20 a.m.	Break
11:30 p.m.	Lunch / Recreation Time
12:30 p.m.	Phenology
1:00 p.m.	Theme Week Activity
1:50 p.m.	Break
2:00 p.m.	Activity Four
2:50 p.m.	Snack Time
3:00 p.m.	Water Play
3:50 p.m.	Break
4:00 p.m.	Recreation Time
4:45 p.m.	Check-Out



Please note that the schedule is subject to change.

General Information

Pioneers (Ages 7 - 11)

The Pioneers program is geared toward our younger campers. This program will give your child a chance to experience everything that Day Camp has to offer. Groups will be traveling “Round Robin” through activities including: archery, arts and crafts, disc golf, giant slip-and-slide, giant soap bubbles, nature study, stream stomp and so much more!

Settlers (Ages 11 - 14)

The Settlers program is designed with Middle School students in mind. Like the Pioneers, the Settlers will get to experience all that Day Camp has to offer...with a twist! The Settlers will start their week by sitting down with their counselors and picking the activities that they would like to participate in. From there, we will build a schedule that includes as many of their activities as we can fit in!

Please note that on weeks with less enrollment, we reserve the right to combine the programs. (It's hard to play a field game with only eight people.)

Check-In

Check-In begins at 7:45 a.m. each day. Staff will not be available to supervise your child until that time. We thank you for your understanding. We will need an adult to sign in each camper at the start of the day. We apologize, but “walk-ins” are NOT allowed.

Check-Out

Check-Out begins at 4:45 p.m. each day. We do ask that all campers get picked up by no later than 5:15 p.m. If you need to pick up your child earlier, please notify the staff at check-in so that we can have your camper at the church building. We will need an adult who is listed on the Authorized Camper Pick-Up to present a photo ID to sign out campers. **Please note that if the adult is not listed on the Authorized Camper Pick-Up, we cannot release the camper to them!** We apologize, but “walk-outs” are NOT allowed.

Meals / Snacks

All campers are required to provide their own lunch. We have refrigerators available for storage of cold items. We ask that lunches be packed separately from your child's personal gear so that we can keep it in our kitchen facilities until lunchtime. We will provide snacks to campers. If you plan to provide alternative snacks for your child, please let us know that they are available.

Further Information

All campers will receive a Parent Pack upon receipt of their Registration Form and deposit. If you have any other questions, please call the church office at (608) 930 – 4822 or email daycamp@hiddenv.com.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do you allow children younger than seven to attend?

At this time, we cannot allow children younger than seven to attend the Day Camp program due to State of Wisconsin regulations.

Do you go off-site?

Harris Park, the largest of the city parks, is directly across Bennett Road from the church and we usually do at least part of our daily programming there. There is also a stream nearby that we hike to for nature classes. Otherwise, we remain on-site for the rest of the time. If we do schedule a special event (e.g. trip to the city swimming pool) we will notify you at the start of the week.

How do scholarships work?

We have a process for scholarship requests, so please plan ahead. All families requesting a scholarship must completely fill out the application and provide the supporting documentation for us to process your request. Funds are limited and determinations are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

How does payment work?

Payment for each week is due at the beginning of each week. We can accept cash, credit cards or personal checks. If you would like to begin paying for camp earlier, we can set you up with a payment plan that would allow you to pay off the camp fees prior to summer!

What if I have to cancel? / What is your refund policy?

All weeks require a \$10.00, nonrefundable deposit. If you cancel at least two weeks prior to your week, we will refund all but the \$10.00 deposit. If you cancel after that time, you may use the funds to pay for another week of camp, instead, if spaces are available or we may issue a refund, less the deposit, if we are able to fill that spot with a camper from our waiting list.

What if there's an emergency?

If your family experiences an emergency, you will be able to contact the Day Camp program and they will prepare your camper for immediate pick-up, if desired. If there is an emergency at Day Camp, our Staff are trained in AED, CPR and First Aid, with some trained in Wilderness First Aid, as well. We practice emergency drills to ensure that we can provide a prompt, effective response. Our first priority is the safety of your children.

What's a waiting list?

To maintain a safe staff-to-camper ratio, each week is limited in the number of campers who can attend. If you register after a week is filled, you will be placed on a waiting list. If a space opens up, your child will be allowed to attend. If not, you will receive a full refund, including the deposit, for that week.

Day Camp Session Information

Camper Program

- Pioneer (Ages 7 – 11) Settler (Ages 11 - 14)

2017 Camper Sessions (Cost is \$115.00 per Session.)

(Please indicate all weeks you would like your child to attend.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> June 5 -- 9 | Summerpalooza! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 12 – 16 | History Alive! Native Americans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 19 – 23 | Knots & Rocks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 26 – 30 | Healthy-U |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 3 – 7 | Holidays |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 10 – 14 | Teambuilding 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 17 – 21 | Orienteering (and Compasses!) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 24 – 28 | TOP SECRET |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 31 – August 4 | Plants & Trees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> August 7 – 11 | “Hooray for Hollywood” |
| <input type="checkbox"/> August 14 – 18 | Water Wars! |

- I would like to donate _____ to the Scholarship Fund.
- Please send me information about the Scholarship Fund.

Registration Information

All campers enrolled in the 2017 Summer Day Camp program must be seven (7) years of age prior to the start of their first week. All spaces are limited and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. A waiting list will begin when the limit is reached. Campers on the waiting list who are not accepted into the program due to attendance numbers will receive a refund of their deposit(s).

Please include a non-refundable deposit of \$10.00 per Day Camp Session selected. Your reservation is not confirmed until we have both your Registration Form and deposit on file. Payment must be made in full prior to the start of each session. We accept cash, personal check and either Mastercard or Visa. We apologize, but there will be a \$20.00 fee for all returned checks and the camper(s) will be removed from the program until payment is received.

**To arrange a payment plan, please contact us at (608) 930 – 4822.
Payments by credit card must be made at the Church Office.**

THEME WEEKS 2017

June 5 – 9: Summerpalooza!

School is out and it's time to kickoff the summer! Come on out to Hidden Valley Day Camp for Summerpalooza and experience all things crazy and fun! This week we will be playing new games, exploring nature, getting soaking wet on a giant slip 'n slide and much more! Start off summer on an exciting note!



June 12 – 16: History Alive! Native Americans

Did you know that Columbus wasn't the first person in North America? (No, not the Vikings either!) Come grow your knowledge as we learn about the first people who lived in our area – the Native Americans! We will discover their culture, play games, go “hunting” and much more! See what life was like before there were highways, stores and cities; when life was about you, your family and the world around you.



June 19 – 23: Knots & Rocks

Did you know that you can hold the weight of a school bus with just your pinky? Get ready to conquer heights and reach for the ceiling... and sky! Join us this week as we master knot tying, learn all about safety equipment, and challenge ourselves to go to new heights (literally!). From climbing on top of crates to scaling a rock face, you will have a blast this week!

June 26 – 30: Healthy-U

Health? Exercise? Why would I want to come to Camp for that? Because we're going to learn how to become healthy "camp style"! From new games and ways to get moving to healthy snacks we're going to make from scratch, this is going to be a week to have fun and eat food! We're even going to give you recipes to take home and try with your family! (This isn't your school's PE class, that's for sure!)

July 3 – 7: Holidays

Let's party! Get ready for a week of celebration as we look into holidays we celebrate throughout the year! Who was Saint Patrick? Where did the Easter Bunny come from? Why do people carve pumpkins on Halloween? Mysteries like this and more will be revealed as we celebrate all week long. With games, activities and history, this will be a week you won't want to miss.



Register for multiple weeks on the same Registration Form and receive a discount! Pay the regular rate for the first week and then receive \$10.00 off for each additional week!

THEME WEEKS 2017



July 10 – 14: Teambuilding 3

Over the years, we have completed great tasks and overcome death-defying odds! We've defeated a Giant Hootenerainataneous, beat the moonball, and made our way through giant spider webs! What will we face next? Come challenge yourself as we revisit some of last year's activities, as well as face new adventures as we work together to cross a raging chocolate river and much more.

July 17 – 21: Orienteering (and Compasses!)

Have you ever gotten lost before? Turned around and confused? Maybe it was in the woods or in a Walmart? Whether you have or haven't, we will teach you ways to NOT get lost and how to find your way back if you are! From learning how to tell directions with a compass to how to read a map, join us as we master the skills of orienteering (and earning candy as we do!)

July 24 – 28: TOP SECRET

We invite you to embark on a mission through our community, to help those in need. Enroll in the secret service, and perform random acts of kindness while remaining completely disguised. Who will you serve? What difference will you make? Are you up for the mission? (Note: we will be off-site working with other groups throughout the week.)

July 31 – August 4: Plants & Trees

How can you tell how old a tree is? Why are leaves green? Is that plant edible? Why are trees important? These questions and more will be answered as we learn about all the beautiful greenery surrounding us. From the plants we eat to the plants we should never touch to the trees that give us shade, we hope you tag along as we learn more about the world around us!

August 7 – 11: "Hooray for Hollywood"

"Lights, camera, action!" This week, we are diving into show biz. With skits, songs, and improv, we will be kissing stage fright goodbye! Come on out for a chance to create your own skits, practice and perform them in a live show for your family and friends at the end of the week! Come be a part of Hidden Valley Day Camp's theater! (Families will be invited in join us for a hot dog roast on Thursday evening.)

August 14 – 18: Water Wars!

It's August. It's hot. It's almost the end of the summer. What should we do? Have a water war, of course! We are ending the summer with a tidal wave! Come get wet as we divide ourselves into teams and try to drench each other all week long. With games and laughter, let's end the summer with water and fun!



Day Camp Registration Form

Camper's Name: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ DOB: _____

Work Phone: _____ Gender: M F

Email: _____

Have you ever been to Hidden Valley before? Yes No

Authorized Camper Pick-Up / Emergency Contact(s):

Parent: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

(If you need to add names at a later date, please contact the Day Camp Director immediately. We cannot check out a camper to anyone not listed above.)

Hold Harmless / Release Form

I indemnify and hold harmless Hidden Valley Community Church, its staff and volunteers from any and all liability, claims, damage, injury or illness sustained by my child. I understand that Hidden Valley Community Church is not responsible for personal property damaged, lost or stolen while camper is participating in camp programs. I also understand that I must retrieve lost items from the camp – a "Lost and Found" area is set up for every week – or that I must pay for the postage to ship the item(s) to me.

I recognize that while every attempt is made to provide reasonable accommodations for children with special needs, Hidden Valley Community Church will not accept children that are (1) unable to take care of personal toileting and basic hygiene, (2) of danger to themselves, (3) of danger to others, or (4) a disruption to the normal activities making it unreasonably difficult for other children to enjoy Camp programs and that any of these reasons will be grounds for dismissal from the program(s). I also agree that I or one of the Emergency Contacts on this form will arrange immediate transportation for my camper if removed from camping programs - including off-camp programs and trips - due to behavior. I understand that Hidden Valley Community Church recommends discussing any special conditions or circumstances involving my child with Staff prior to registration so that I can be advised whether they can make a reasonable accommodation for my child. I understand no refunds will be given for campers removed from program(s) for disciplinary reasons.

My child has permission to leave camp grounds with authorized camp staff for scheduled trips and outings. I give Hidden Valley Community Church permission to use any photos or video taken of me or my child for future promotions or publications.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____