



***Northwest Indiana's only summer day camp  
designed for kids of all abilities!***



**2022**

## **Camper/Parent Guidebook**

### **SUMMER DAY CAMP FOR SCHOOL-AGED KIDS**

Week 1	June 6-10	Science Rocks!
Week 2	June 13-17	Lakeside Explorers
Week 3	June 20-24	Amazing Artists
Week 4	June 27-July 1	Animal Adventures
Week 5*	July 5-8 (*4 days)	Team Lakeside
Week 6	July 11-15	Imagination Station
Week 7	July 18-22	Splash Camp
Week 8	July 25-29	Hats Off to Camp!



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I fully believe in the magic of camp! I've happily spent the last nine summers as a camp director. Last summer, I had the opportunity of working with Opportunity Enterprises as they offered an all abilities summer day camp (pilot) for school-aged kids at OE Lakeside. It was a great success and I was honored to be a part of it.

Opportunity Enterprises' vision of a fully integrated community becomes a reality in their efforts to develop a summer day camp experience for kids of all abilities. I am excited to be a part of the OE team as we head into our inaugural summer of Camp Lakeside Summer Day Camp! Northwest Indiana's only summer day camp designed for kids of all abilities.

## **Welcome to Camp Lakeside!**

We are delighted to have your child join us. Together, we'll explore, learn, and grow while making new friends and having fun! Our goal is to provide your child with the best summer day camp experience in a safe environment. As our weekly camp themes rotate and bring new and exciting experiences, core activities will remain the same allowing your child to develop strength in life skills, social skills, educational activities, and more!

Our dedicated staff goes through extensive training to be well suited to care for children of all abilities and to ensure each child has an awesome camp experience. Campers are assigned to a counselor for the entire week and with our additional educators, our staff to camper ratio is 1:3.

Please review the guidebook and discuss the rules, regulations, and important information with your child. It is very important to understand Camp Lakeside policies and procedures so that everyone can have the most rewarding camp experience.

Should you have questions or concerns, please give us a call. We're looking forward to an amazing summer day camp and we're excited to have your child with us!

Sincerely,  
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# COMMUNICATION

## Contacting Camp Staff

Please contact our Camp Lakeside Director, Nichole Schaefer-Murray, with any questions or concerns. If you require contact with other camp staff, our Camp Director will provide means for further communication.

You may also visit our website, Facebook page, or contact Opportunity Enterprises (OE) for information regarding Camp Lakeside.

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## Follow Us!

You can find camp updates, activities, and pictures posted on Facebook and Instagram weekly. Stay in the loop on all of the fun we're having throughout the week!

To access photos of your camper, visit CampLakeside.org. While we want to share photos of your child in action, we ask that you be mindful of the privacy of the other campers when sharing photos.

Camp Lakeside and Opportunity Enterprises will not use any photos in promoting services without a publicity release. Camp Lakeside and Opportunity Enterprises are not responsible for photos publicly shared by others attending camp.

## Contacting Your Child at Camp

To contact your child at camp, please call us at 219-464-0242, and a camp staff member will relay the message to your child. We kindly ask that you limit your calls to urgent matters only. Campers are not allowed to bring/use cell phones at camp. Prohibiting cell phone use allows campers to stay focused on camp activities. We greatly appreciate your cooperation on cell phone usage.

## Weekly Camp Announcements

Important camp updates and information will be sent via text messages and emails, in addition to our weekly camp newsletter.

## Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, 911 will be called first. After calling 911, a phone call to the parent/guardian will be made to provide all of the necessary information regarding the incident.



# CAMP LAKESIDE MISSION



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## Camp Lakeside Mission

Our mission is to create an inclusive, safe, and fun experience for campers of all abilities.

## Camp Lakeside Motto

“One for all and all for one!”

## Our Vision

It is the vision of Opportunity Enterprises to create a fully integrated community where life for persons with developmental disabilities is valuable, purposeful, and fulfilling.

## Our Mission

Opportunity Enterprises works to maximize self-sufficiency and enrich the quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

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## CAMP LAKESIDE OVERVIEW

### Programs, Eligibility, Dates, and Hours of Operation

Camp Lakeside provides a traditional day camp setting on a 158-acre property located on Lake Eliza at 32 S Fish Lake Rd in Valparaiso, IN. Day camp runs Monday - Friday, from 9am- 3pm for school-aged kids of all abilities. That's right - Camp Lakeside is a place where kids with AND without disabilities experience camp TOGETHER!

Camp Lakeside Office Hours:	Monday-Friday	8am-4pm
Camp Hours, June 6-July 29:	Monday-Friday	7am-6pm

Day camp runs for 8 weeks from June 6-July 29. Each camp session lasts for one week. Campers can attend as many sessions as they like, and register for camp one full week at a time for up to 8 weeks.

For campers who need to arrive early or stay late, extended morning and evening hours are available at an additional rate. Campers register for extended hours individually and by the week.

#### Early Bird Camp Hours

Monday - Friday  
Partial Time: 8-9am  
Full Time: 7-9am

#### Night Owl Camp Hours

Monday - Friday  
Partial Time: 3-5pm  
Full Time: 3-6pm

Camp Lakeside is open to school-aged youth of all abilities. Campers with intellectual disabilities or cognitive delays will be placed in appropriate groups based on safety and level of experience with respect for all of our campers. Please contact us with any specific needs or concerns you may have at 219-464-0242.

# CAMP LAKESIDE MAP



# 2022 CAMP LAKESIDE WEEKLY

## Science Rocks!

### **WEEK 1: June 6-10** **Curiosity becomes knowledge!**

Join us for a week filled with science-based activities. We'll focus on fun while experimenting and investigating. Campers will discover that science rocks!

## Team Lakeside

### **WEEK 5: July 5-8**

\*4 days of camp

#### **GO, TEAM!**

Campers participate in our real & silly Olympic Games. We'll spend the week cheering on our teams and competing for the fun of the games. Go Team Lakeside!

## Lakeside Explorers

### **WEEK 2: June 13-17** **Let's explore the world!**

Explore different cultures from around the world. We'll sample the foods, music, and games that children around the world enjoy during their holiday celebrations.

## Imagination Station

### **WEEK 6: July 11-15** **Imaginations run wild!**

Writing plays, creating movies or games... imaginations run wild! An end-of-the-week performance will showcase our talents. Bravo campers!

## Amazing Artists

### **WEEK 3: June 20-24** **Express your creativity!**

Craft rich experiences through creating art and connecting with others as we share what we see. Kids will proudly wear their tie-dye t-shirt creations all summer!

## Splash Camp

### **WEEK 7: July 18-22** **Splash on!**

Campers enjoy a week of water-based activities. Squirt guns, water games, and even water wars will make a big splash of fun for everyone.

## Animal Adventures

### **WEEK 4: June 27-July 1** **Explore nature and wildlife!**

Explore and learn about nature and wildlife. Meet some adorable, fuzzy creatures, too.

## Hats Off to Camp

### **WEEK 8: July 25-29** **Let's celebrate camp!**

Lakeside will party with games, karaoke, and everything fun as we celebrate our favorite camp memories with each other.

### **Weekly Tuition: \$200**

Campers receive one complimentary camp t-shirt per summer. Additional t-shirts are available for purchase.

A detailed schedule of activities is planned for every week at Camp Lakeside. Activities include art, STEM, archery, gardening, nature exploration, games, life skill & social development, community service, and much more. Activities within these areas change weekly in accordance with our weekly theme.

***\*50% deposit due upon registration.***

***The remaining 50% balance of each camp is due the week prior to the start of that camp.***

# REGISTRATION

## Registration Procedures

Registration for all programs can be completed online at [CampLakeside.org](http://CampLakeside.org).

Each camp session is one week, Monday-Friday. Please register separately for each week. Registration will close the Wednesday prior to each camp week.

All necessary forms must be completed and submitted during the online registration process.

## Payment Policy

Payment can be made online using a credit card or electronic check.

A 50% deposit is required for each camp week at the time of registration with the balance due one week prior to the first day of each camp. If payment is not received one week prior, the camper's spot is subject to cancellation.

**Returned checks will be assessed a \$20 fee.**

**Weekly Tuition: \$200**

## Refund Policy

Refunds must be requested two weeks prior to the start of the camp week you are canceling. Please note that all cancellations result in a 75% refund of camp tuition.

This policy is not negotiable. Refunds will not be issued if requested less than two weeks in advance as adequate time is needed to fill the spot.

Any changes to the camp week in which your camper is enrolled must be requested at least two weeks prior to the intended camp week. There is a **\$15 fee for switching camp dates**. Please contact the Camp Director at 219-464-0242 to make any changes or to request a refund.

## Notification of Registration Changes

Parents/guardians are responsible for notifying the Camp Director of changes in current information after registration is completed. This includes address, phone number, health status, adults authorized for pick up, etc.

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# CAMP STAFF AND CREWS

## Division of Crews

Each camper will be assigned to a counselor and crew for the entire week with a 5:1 camper-to-counselor ratio.

Crews are divided by age and abide by ratios set forth by the American Camp Association. Campers will participate in all activities throughout the week with their crew and assigned counselor. Each crew will have a color and each member of the crew will receive a bandana in that color.

## Special Requests

We understand that campers may want to be paired with siblings, friends, etc. Please notify us of these requests during registration. We will do our best to accommodate special requests, however, the best scenario for everyone will take precedence.

## Counselors

Counselors are college-aged individuals or older who have gone through background checks, extensive training and hold CPR and First Aid certifications.

Many of our counselors have worked at summer camp previously. These are hard-working, responsible, and fun individuals who take on the very special task of being a summer camp counselor.

## Additional Camp Staff

Additional staff include a Camp Director, Direct Service Providers (DSP's), and multiple educators, who are all an integral part of every camper's experience. These staff run fun, educational sessions in the areas of art, STEM, archery, nature, gardening, and life skill and character development. The additional staff brings our camper-to-staff ratio down to 3:1!

# ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

## Overview

At Camp Lakeside, campers stay active from arrival to departure. It's very important to be on time, so your camper doesn't miss out on one minute of FUN! Campers may be traveling to other destinations on the property for scheduled activities, so punctuality is important. If campers need to be dropped off late, or picked up early, please call us at 219-464-0242 to work out arrangements.

If you will be late picking up your child, notify us as soon as possible at 219-464-0242. If you are late and do not contact us, we will call you. If we cannot reach you, we will call the listed emergency contacts.

If your child is not picked up by 3:15pm, a late charge of \$1 per minute will be applied. If we cannot reach you or your listed emergency contacts within 30 minutes, the local police will be contacted.

If there are individuals who are not authorized to pick up your child, please make sure you document their name(s) during the registration process or notify us immediately.

Your child can be dropped off 15 minutes prior to the start of camp, but not earlier than 15 minutes.

## Day Camp Drop-off and Pick-up Procedure

Follow signs on S. Fish Lake Rd. to the designated drop-off and pick-up location. Following COVID protocol, parents/guardians will stay in their vehicles. Staff will assist children to and from vehicles.

## Early Bird and Night Owl Drop-off and Pick-up Procedure

Please follow designated Early Bird camp or Night Owl camp signs on S Fish Lake Rd. and park your car in the parking lot. Then, please knock on door #3 and staff will greet you and assist with your camper.

## Absences

If your child will be absent for any reason, please contact camp staff immediately at 219-464-0242. As a reminder, we must receive a two-week notice to refund tuition for illness, absences, or vacations. 75% of tuition will be refunded with a two-week notice. Missed camp days, regardless of reason, cannot be transferred to another camp week.



# CAMP PREPAREDNESS

## Camp Attire

Camp Lakeside is an outdoor camp. Your child should wear weather-appropriate clothes. Clothes may get dirty and wet. For your child's protection, closed-toe shoes must be worn at all times. Gym shoes, hats, jackets, or sweatshirts are strongly encouraged. Advance preparation can help keep your child comfortable and safe when unpredictable weather occurs. Bring an extra set of clothes in your bag or backpack, please label them so they do not get lost.

## Sunscreen and Bug Spray

Campers will be outdoors all week. While we make many efforts to provide shade, campers will be exposed to the sun and environment. Sunscreen and bug spray will help protect our campers.

Please apply sunscreen and bug spray to your child prior to arrival at camp and explain the importance to them. Campers may bring their own sunscreen and bug spray to camp to reapply throughout the day. Camp staff is available to help, if necessary.

## Water

### THE KEY TO A HAPPY CAMPER... WATER!

Water is crucial, we cannot stress that enough. We'll remind campers throughout the day to drink water. Being properly hydrated is the best way to combat the summer heat. PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD TO CAMP WITH A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE DAILY!

We have water stations throughout camp to refill water bottles. If your camper does not have a water bottle, we will provide one. Please encourage your child to drink water throughout the evening too.

## Lunch

Please send your camper with lunch Monday - Thursday. Pizza from Gelsosomo's will be provided on Fridays!

If your camper does not have a lunch, we will provide one, and bill you accordingly. We encourage healthy food choices for lunch. Campers are very active, nutritious food will provide fuel for energy throughout the day. We encourage the use of reusable containers, recycling, and composting in the spirit of environmental stewardship.

## Snacks

Campers are allowed snacks throughout the day for extra nourishment. We encourage campers to pack extra snacks, in addition to their lunch to maintain energy throughout the day.

## Checklist of Items to Bring

- Dress appropriately for outdoor adventure
- Pack a change of clothes
- Pack a nutritious lunch & extra snacks
- Wear closed-toe shoes that can get dirty
- Bring a rain jacket and/or sweatshirt
- Wear a hat and/or sunglasses
- Bring a reusable water bottle
- Wear/bring insect repellent
- Wear/bring sunscreen
- Bring a backpack to hold your belongings

## Personal Belongings

**Please label your belongings.** Camp Lakeside and Opportunity Enterprises are not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen, or damaged.

Please do not send your child with any valuable, personal items. Valuable items should stay at home.

Each crew will have a table in their camp clubhouse. Campers within each crew may leave their belongings for the day if desired. Please be advised this area may be unattended at times.

## Checklist of Items to Leave at Home

- Money and any other valuables
- Phones and/or other electronic equipment
- Toys
- Weapons (play or real, including pocket knives)
- Fireworks
- Matches and/or lighters

## Lost & Found Items

Every effort will be made to return labeled items to their owner. Unlabeled items will be placed in our lost and found wagon. This wagon will be out during drop-off and pick-up on occasion each week. If your child has lost belongings, please check the wagon.

All items left in the lost and found wagon at the end of the summer will be donated to local charities. Camp Lakeside and Opportunity Enterprises are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items.

# A WEEK AT SUMMER DAY CAMP

Camp Lakeside hosts a new adventure through our weekly themes. Every week includes individual life skill development & team building activities, games, STEM, arts & crafts, archery, nature hikes & exploration, gardening, pontoon rides, community service opportunities, finale events, and much more! Daily schedules vary by crew, but all campers participate in all weekly scheduled activities by the end of each week.

## Typical Weekly Schedule

Time/Day	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9am-9:30am	Team Crew	Team Crew	Recess	Recess	Recess
9:30am-10am		Exploration 1	Theme	STEM 2	Camp Week Flashback
10am-10:30am	Opening Ceremony				
10:30am-11am	Team Crew	Art 1	Games 2	Art 2	Camp Spirit
11am-11:30am	Lunch				
11:30am-12pm	Garden	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12pm-12:30pm		Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
12:30pm-1pm	Give Back	STEM 1	Music	Challenge Hour	Finale Event
1pm-1:30pm					
1:30pm-2pm	Games 1	Archery 1	Exploration 2	Archery 2	
2pm-2:30pm					Closing Ceremony
2:30pm-3pm	Daily Debrief	Daily Debrief	Daily Debrief	Daily Debrief	Daily Debrief

# ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Each camp session has a theme with core principles and goals incorporated throughout. Specific activities in each of the categories below, change weekly.

**Archery:** Twice weekly, campers learn and practice archery with trained facilitators at the archery range.

**Art:** Twice weekly, campers learn about art while completing different theme-related projects.

**Camp Spirit:** On Friday, campers will reflect on camp, celebrate with friends, sign each other's shirts & bandanas, prepare to perform at closing ceremony, and break up your flag amongst their crew members.

**Camp Week Flashback:** Revisit your favorite parts of the week!

**Challenge Hour:** Fun activities and challenges to build self confidence, character, and social skills.

**Closing Ceremony:** An all-camp event on Friday as a special close to the week. It includes activities and ceremonies led by the Camp Director.

**Daily Debrief:** At the end of each day we come together to check in with other crew, and share our experiences.

**Exploration:** Twice weekly, campers will explore nature and animals of Lakeside! They will hike, dig, and enjoy the lake.

**Finale:** A huge all-camp event on Friday in accordance with the weekly theme.

**Games:** Twice weekly, campers play sports and games of all kinds!

**Garden:** Campers enjoy hands-on educational experiences including planting, picking, and eating what they have grown.

**Give Back:** Campers participate in community service projects and learn the importance of helping.

**Lunch:** From 11:30am-12pm in each crew's clubhouse. Campers are responsible for clean up prior to dismissal and composting and recycling are encouraged.

**Music:** Singing, dancing, performing, making music and instruments, and learning all about its many forms.

**Opening Ceremony:** Monday kickoff to the camp week. An all-camp event that includes introductions, activities, ceremonies, and an overview of camp rules, structure, and schedule led by the Camp Director.

**Recess:** Free time for campers throughout the week. Counselors supervise and lead various activities during this time.

**STEM:** Twice weekly, campers participate in hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math projects. We love to do egg drops, newspaper forts, and other fun experiments!

**Team Crew:** First thing Monday morning crew introductions, name games, and team building activities help campers ease into the camp environment and getting to know each other. Activities are led by each crew counselor.

**Theme:** A weekly rotation that provides a chance to focus on the weekly theme through theme-based activities.

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## EARLY BIRD AND NIGHT OWL CAMPS

### Overview

During Early Bird and Night Owl camps, campers will extend the hours of camp fun! Early Bird and Night Owl camps operate in the same facilities, with the same staff, and under the same policies and procedures as day camp. Snacks are provided at both.

### Eligibility, Hours, and Fees

Campers must be enrolled in day camp to be eligible for Early Bird and Night Owl camps. Campers enroll in extended camp hours by the week. Rates listed below are weekly rates. Early Bird and Night Owl camps can be registered for individually. Different hour options are available to best accommodate your needs.

#### Early Bird Hours M-F

Partial	8am-9am	\$14
Full	7am-9am	\$28

#### Night Owl Hours M-F

Partial	3pm-5pm	\$28
Full	3pm-6pm	\$42

To drop off or pick up your child, follow designated Early Bird and Night Owl camp signs on S. Fish Lake Rd. and park your car in the parking lot. Please knock on the door and staff will assist.

# ACCOMMODATIONS & ACCESSIBILITY

While our entire property is not fully ADA accessible, we design all of our activities to be fun and engaging for every camper. Accommodations of all types may be possible to ensure a positive experience for everyone. If your child(ren) will require accommodations for any reason, please let us know during your registration. Our goal is for all of our campers to participate in a fantastic summer camp.

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## MEDICAL INFORMATION

### Health Policy

Please keep your child home if they show any of the following signs, symptoms, or illnesses:

- Conjunctivitis (pink eye) or discharge from the eye
- Fever within the last 24 hours over 100.4°
- Vomiting, diarrhea, or an upset stomach within the last 24 hours
- Signs of general fatigue or discomfort
- Any form of skin rash
- Head lice
- Chronic cough or runny nose/discharge
- Sore throat accompanied with a fever

Before returning to camp, please consult a physician to determine if your child's symptoms are contagious and follow proper treatment protocols. A doctor's note may be required upon returning.

Children being treated with antibiotics may not return to camp until they have been using the medication for a 24-hour period and/or the danger of infecting others has passed.

Notify the Camp Director immediately if your child has been exposed to or has a communicable disease.

If a child exhibits any of the listed signs, symptoms, or illnesses or is feeling ill for longer than 30 minutes, staff will contact the parent/guardian for pick up. Campers will be taken to the infirmary and made as comfortable as possible until a parent/guardian can pick them up. They should be picked up within one hour. Emergency contacts will be notified if a parent/guardian cannot be reached.

### Injuries

At Camp Lakeside, we make every effort to create a safe environment for everyone. Camp staff are certified in adult & child CPR/AED and First Aid. In the event of minor injuries, first aid will be administered to your child. Minor scrapes and bumps will be reported to the parent/guardian on an accident/incident report.

If necessary, 911 will be called and emergency medical care will be deferred to medical personnel.

The parent/guardian will be called and notified immediately after 911. Staff will let the parent/guardian know if their child was transported by an emergency vehicle to the hospital or needs to be picked up from camp. Emergency contacts will be called if a parent/guardian cannot be reached. A camp staff member will accompany your child and remain with them until a parent/guardian arrives should transportation to the hospital be necessary.

Campers who are unable to attend camp due to an illness or injury will not receive a refund for the days missed unless a two week notice is given (i.e. for a surgery). Camp days that are missed cannot be transferred to another camp week.

## **Medication Policy**

### **These policies apply to campers and camp staff.**

In order to provide care, we need to be aware of your child's health history, including allergies and/or medications. Please document this information during registration on your camp account. Our medication policy applies to both prescription and non-prescription medications.

If your child requires medication during camp, you must provide authorization during registration on your camp account. Verbal permission from parents is not sufficient, we must have a medication authorization documented.

Any medication brought to camp must be in its original container clearly marked with the child's first and last name, and specific dosage instructions.

All medications must be given directly to camp staff by a parent/guardian. Campers cannot possess their own medications, with the exception of inhalers.

In cases where campers require Epipens, insulin, or inhalers, the counselor will carry them and ensure they remain with the child while at camp. All other medications will be stored in a secure place accessible by the Camp Director.

Medications are normally dispensed at lunch or kept for emergency needs. All medication administration will be recorded and any unused medications will be returned directly to a parent/guardian. Unused and unclaimed medications will be properly disposed of at the end of summer.

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# **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

## **Emergency Procedures**

Camp staff is trained on the proper procedures to take in the event of an emergency as outlined by Camp Lakeside's Emergency Action Plan (EAP).

Camp staff carry cell phones at all times for camp communication only. The Camp Director will notify all camp staff in the event of inclement weather or an emergency, and camp staff will then carry out the proper procedures as necessary.

During rain or storms, activities will be modified and held inside shelters. Your child may return home wet and muddy on these days! In the event of severe weather, natural disaster, or any other life threatening event, campers and staff report to our on-site safe shelters in accordance with the EAP. The Camp Director will contact parents/guardians, as necessary, after all of the proper precautions have been taken to assure safety.

## **Covid Policy**

Please visit [CampLakeside.org](http://CampLakeside.org) to review our Covid policy.

# CAMPER BEHAVIOR POLICY

It is our goal to provide each camper and staff member a safe, positive, and enriching environment. We strive toward cooperative behavior and a cohesive environment.

To participate at Camp Lakeside, campers and staff are expected to abide by the Give Me Five Pledge and Rings. Please help us prepare for the best camp experience by explaining these expectations to your child and discussing any concerns with our Camp Director.

## Camp Lakeside Give Me Five Pledge:

**ACT** – Behave in a safe and positive manner to ensure a safe and fun camp experience for everyone.

**STAY** – Stay with your crew and participate fully unless given permission by your counselor to do otherwise. Always stay with a buddy!

**CHOOSE** – Choose kindness and respect in all words and actions towards staff, campers, and property.

**LOOK** – Be responsible for your personal belongings and for the area around you. Clean up messes, throw away garbage, and practice good stewardship at Camp Lakeside!

**LISTEN** – Listen to others. Follow all rules and directions from staff. Be respectful to the thoughts and feelings of fellow campers.

**GIVE 5** – Abide by the Camp Lakeside Give Me 5 pledge: be prepared, try new things, meet new people, take positive risks, and have fun!

Each crew of campers will further develop the pledge by creating their own Give Me 5 Crew Pledge. This provides an opportunity for campers to work together in specifically defining acceptable behavior while creating their own set of expectations, rules, and consequences.

All campers deserve a positive camp experience. If your child is experiencing anything of concern; please notify the Camp Director immediately, so that we may address the situation in an appropriate and timely manner. Likewise, staff will notify parents/guardians of emerging difficulties or concerns and ask for assistance in behavior management.

## Behavior Consequences Policy

Campers must display acceptable behavior and be accountable for their actions. Redirection of a child's behavior and use of the crew pledge will be the first form of correction used.

If problems persist and further discipline is required, the following steps will take effect:

1. Verbal warning; discussion of the situation and desired behavior goals using the "Behavior Awareness and Redirection Model" with their counselor.
2. Mild punishment such as time-out, withholding of privileges, or removal from activities.
3. Written "Camper Behavior Contract" will be completed between the camper and camp staff to outline desired behavior goals and outcomes. A copy will be shared with parents/guardians.
4. Conference with the camper, parents/guardians, and staff will be held.
5. Suspension or expulsion from camp.

Vandalism charges incurred by campers will go to the camper involved and to their parents/guardians. Please notify the camp director in any instances of vandalism.

Parents/guardians and campers are expected to know and understand camp behavior policies.

Camp Lakeside aims to promote respect for each other and our camp facility. It is our hope that with clear expectations, there will be minimal need for disciplinary measures.

Remember, these policies are to protect your children. We trust that everyone will help ensure that these policies are carried out so that we can have an amazing summer at Camp Lakeside!



**Summer has never looked brighter.**

**When your child comes home  
dirty, tired, and with fun stories to share...  
we have fulfilled our duties at Camp Lakeside!**

Please contact the Camp Director with any remaining questions  
at 219-464-0242 or visit [CampLakeside@oppent.org](mailto:CampLakeside@oppent.org)

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