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**Camper
Informational Packet**

2026 for accepted campers
and peer model campers



Hooray!

First things first.

We're uber excited your camper will be joining us this year! Maybe this is your camper's first time or perhaps your camper has returned many a times. Either way, HOORAY!

Goodness and belonging awaits.

Details matter.

You know this all too well. Not having clear details can make or break an experience. We want this to go as smoothly as feasible for everyone involved (you, your camper, our staff, and each volunteer). Because of this, please, please please be sure to read through this packet thoroughly, prepare your camper in advance for the experience, ask as many questions as needed, and provide as many details to our staff as warranted.

This is a big deal.

Sending your child away to an overnight camp is a lofty decision. We're honored you believe in our mission and trust in our staff. We take our responsibility very seriously and very much to heart. Immense kudos to all parents and guardians for taking this leap, knowing the importance of gaining skills of independence, self-esteem, recreation, social connections, and self-awareness.



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Next Steps

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Confirm Acceptance of the Slot.

When you received notification that a slot is (or slots are) being held for your camper, you were asked to officially confirm acceptance. Please do this ASAP. To accept a camper or peer slot, click [HERE](#). To accept a slot for the alumni camp, click [HERE](#).

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Bookmark this helpful webpage.

Bookmark the "Get Ready for Camp" webpage that is full o' helpful details for you and your camper. Click [HERE](#) or visit <https://campencourage.org/get-ready-for-camp>.

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Return to CampBrain.

Please return and log in into your CampBrain account (click [HERE](#) or cut and paste this into your browser's URL: <https://campencourage.campbrainregistration.com>). Once there, please:

- upload a recent **photo** to your camper's profile, This is helpful to reference as we capture photos and also crucial when administering medications
- upload any **supporting documents** (IEP, BIP, PBSP, financial verification) *if applicable*
- pay your camper's remaining **tuition** balance unless a payment plan has been arranged

The above items are due three weeks prior to the first day of each camp session. Should you need any assistance, please read through the helpful tips **[ON THIS DOCUMENT](#)** or contact Aimee at agorow@campencourage.org or 816.830.7171.

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Complete the Form Required by the Campgrounds.

We rent the lovely campgrounds of Heartland Center and Tall Oaks and it is required that all user groups have each participant complete a Release of Liability and Health Information. Be sure to complete this prior to arriving at camp to expedite your check in process.

Heartland: Please click [HERE](#) to complete the online form. If your camper is over the age of 18 (and you do not have guardianship), they may sign for themselves.

Tall Oaks: Please click [HERE](#) to complete the online form. If your camper is over the age of 18 (and you do not have guardianship), they may sign for themselves.

If someone other than a parent or guardian is dropping off the camper, the form **MUST** be submitted by a parent or guardian prior to arrival.

Should you prefer your camper not participate in any of the activities and you withhold permission, please be sure that you have informed your camper of this (so that it does not come as a discouraging response when discovering they are unable to participate).

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Coming Soon!! Set Up an Account in AVA Camp Connect

NEW: This year, we are transitioning to a new communication platform. Because it will serve as a primary source of communicating information to parents, will provide access to photos, AND will serve as the address book so campers may communicate between camp sessions, it will be essential that you download and access the app. Android users may click [HERE](#) for download instructions. IOS users may click [HERE](#) for download instructions.

When setting up your account, your user name will be "encourage_firstname + full last name." For example, Jane Doe would enter "encourage_jdoe."

Crucial Tidbits

Arrival at Camp

Our staff will be ready for check-in at the below listed times on the first day of your child's camp session and we will be eagerly anticipating each camper's arrival! **A staggered arrival schedule will be emailed your way at least two weeks prior to each camp session.** To avoid excessive waiting (which we know can be difficult for some of our campers) your family will be assigned a specific time slot, during which time you can bid adieu to your camper and then drop off activity waiver forms, medications and / or alternate meal choices.

Because of the importance of every preparation detail prior to arrival, we want to stress that should you arrive before the designated arrival time, there will be a parking lot where families will need to wait in your car until cabins and counselors are 100% ready at the time listed below. To decrease your wait time, please simply try to arrive at the assigned time or shortly thereafter.

A note about arrival: we don't throw a huge "party" with hundreds of people, singing, balloons, or huge signs upon camper arrival. Because we try to do all we can to make it a calm, peaceful, worry-free transition (as some are experiencing this for the first time), our greetings are calm and far from party-like. As the campers get comfortable throughout the week, our excitement will follow according to preferences and comfort levels.

● Heartland

Once entering Heartland, you will be greeted car side and then directed to your camper's cabin. At the cabin, please remain at the entrance. A volunteer from your camper's cabin will greet you at the door to check in your camper, and then take them inside the cabin. This makes for a quicker goodbye and easier transition. After you've said your good-byes at the door, please drive to Genesis Hall (weekend sessions) or the Main Lodge (summer sessions) to finalize the parent check-in process.

● Tall Oaks

Upon entering the campgrounds at Tall Oaks, follow the gravel road past the main offices. You will be greeted carside at the gravel parking lot and directed to your camper's cabin. At the cabin, you may accompany your camper to the door, then a volunteer will take them inside to get unpacked and settled. After saying goodbye, please drive to the Life Long Learning Center to finalize the parent check-in process.

Departure

Overnight Camp Sessions: You will be greeted carside at the campground entrance so that our staff may check your identification and confirm you are on the list of people to whom that camper may be released. (This is listed in the Household Form in your Camp Brain account.) Once cleared, please proceed directly to your camper's cabin. At the cabin, a volunteer will assist you in loading your camper's belongings in the vehicle and you may depart the campgrounds.

Summer Sessions: Upon entering the campgrounds, you will be greeted car side so that our staff may check your identification and confirm you are on the list of people to whom that camper may be released. (This is listed in the Household Form in your Camp Brain account.) Once cleared, please proceed directly to your camper's cabin. At the cabin, a volunteer will assist you in loading your camper's belongings in the vehicle. Once your camper's belongings are loaded, please join us for the **slide show** in the **Great Room (if attending at Heartland)** OR the **LLC (if attending at Tall Oaks)**.

Location

Camp Encourage takes place at:

Heartland Retreat Center

16965 NW 45 Hwy
Parkville, MO 64152

Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center

12778 189th St
Linwood, KS, 66052

Most navigation apps take you right to the grounds but, should you have trouble, feel free to contact us (numbers provided at the bottom of this packet).

Camp Session

Arrival Time

Departure Time*

*Time by which parents / guardians should arrive.

Overnight 1 (3.21-3.22)



March 21 starting at 10am



March 22 at 3:30pm

Summer 1 (6.11-6.14)



June 11 starting at 12pm



June 14 at 10am

Summer 2 (6.29-7.2)



June 29 starting at 12pm



July 2 at 10am

Summer 3 (7.25-7.28)



July 25 starting at 12pm



July 28 at 10am

Alumni (8.29-8.30)



August 29 at 9:30am



August 30 at 3:30pm

Overnight 2 (10.10-10.11)



October 10 starting at 10am



October 11 at 3:30pm

more Crucial Tidbits

Tour the Campgrounds!

We will offer the below opportunities this year for campers and potential campers (and their families) to tour the campgrounds. This is an EXCELLENT opportunity for first-time campers to peek at his or her cabin, get a glimpse into where the magic will take place, receive answers to questions, and decrease worries and uncertainties about the new experience. It's also an excellent way for returning campers to share their experiences, gain even more comfort, serve as a leader, and welcome new campers.

2026 Heartland Campground Tours:

- Feb 28 at 12pm
- April 4 at 12pm
- May 31 at 1pm
- July 19 at 1pm
- Sept 20 at 1pm

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for the Heartland tour. Or, email our Program Director, Aimee at agorrows@campencourage.org to sign up or should you have any questions.

2026 Tall Oaks Campground Tour:

We will not have a tour of the Tall Oaks location in 2026 however, you can view a virtual tour [HERE](#).



Important Deadlines

The date in which **TUITION** is due is the same date that a **PHOTO** of your camper and supporting documentation must be uploaded into Camp Brain. Each due date listed below is exactly three weeks prior to the first day of camp.

If you are unable to make the final tuition payment by the below due date please be sure to contact Aimee (agorrows@campencourage.org). We offer 3, 6 and 9 month payment plans and highly encourage parents to take advantage of this offering.

Camp Session

Photo and Tuition Due Dates

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|---------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Overnight 1 (3.21-3.22) | ➔ | February 28, 2026 |
| Summer 1 (6.11-6.14) | ➔ | May, 21, 2026 |
| Summer 2 (6.29-7.2) | ➔ | June 8, 2026 |
| Summer 3 (7.25-7.28) | ➔ | July 4, 2026 |
| Alumni (8.29-8.30) | ➔ | August 8, 2026 |
| Overnight 2 (10.10-10.11) | ➔ | September 19, 2026 |

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^ a few more Crucial Tidbits

Schedule and Preparation Story

A schedule (for your camper's assigned group) and detailed preparation story will be available just prior to camp once the schedule is ironed out in detail and will be available **HERE**. The schedule will be the same written schedule placed on each camper's name tag. Should a camper need photo or picture representation of each activity, a visual picture schedule will also be available upon his or her arrival. It would be helpful to let us know this in advance.

The preparation story will include pictures of Camp Encourage and further details to assist in knowing what to expect. Please be sure to view and discuss the schedule and preparation story thoroughly with your camper in advance. After doing so, please feel free to contact Camp Encourage with questions. Ensuring that campers have as much information as feasible is of utmost importance and we are more than happy to answer as many questions as needed to clarify uncertainties, relieve worries, and increase excitement about camp.

Keep in mind, as stated above, that if you have opted out of any activities on the Heartland or Tall Oaks activity waiver (or made note of it on the Camper Application), please be sure that you have informed your camper of this so that it does not come as a discouraging response when discovering they cannot participate.

Please also share with your camper that there will be a space for campers to participate in other preferred activities (or to simply unwind). Although we will encourage participation and encourage campers to attempt something new, we will not force a camper to participate in an activity that will cause anxiety or frustration. We're accommodating and truly want to ensure that each camper feels comfortable and experiences joy. ☺

Menu

A menu from Heartland or Tall Oaks will be available prior to camp. As soon as we receive it from the campgrounds, we'll place it **HERE**. A menu will be posted in each cabin in a list format as well as a visual picture format.

It is strongly encouraged that parents of campers with unique eating habits, sensory issues, special diets, etc. print out the menu and write helpful notes upon it for the counselors and kitchen staff. Notes might include information for the counselor/s regarding foods a camper may dislike / need a replacement for or may be a list of those foods the camper may have or should not consume according to the camper's unique dietary needs. *Please email the helpful information to agorrow@campencourage.org PRIOR to camp.*

Special Dietary Needs / Preferred Foods / Alternate Meals

Heartland Retreat Center is able to offer Gluten Free, Vegan or Vegetarian meals upon request, **however, they cannot guarantee against cross-contamination. Should your camper have celiac or a severe gluten allergy, strongly we recommend that you sent alternate meals.** If your camper would like Heartland or Tall Oaks to prepare an alternate meal, please contact our Program Director (agorrow@campencourage.org) to make arrangements at **least two weeks prior to the camp session**, as they may be unable to honor requests made after we submit our final headcount. Requests may be made for all meals or just a few. Please reference the menu published on the "Get Ready for Camp" page of our website for each session to determine if an alternate meal request is necessary.

If your camper has strong brand preferences or routines, feel free to prepare preferred food in advance and send it with your camper. All meals and snacks must **be packaged and clearly labeled with the camper's name, day to be served and meal it's replacing** and should be **microwavable**. Due to limited space, we ask the quantity of alternate meals be minimal. Meals can be dropped off at parent check-in (Genesis Hall for weekend sessions and the Great Room for summer sessions). Please direct any questions regarding this issue to Camp Encourage staff rather than contacting Heartland directly.

IMPORTANT: Heartland Retreat Center, is NUT FREE. Please be sure not to send anything that contains nuts.

be sure to involve your camper in the packing process!

What to Bring

Should your family need help securing any of the items on this list, **please** let us know. We already have many items ready for anyone that may need them!

Bedding

- twin sheets and a blanket OR a sleeping bag
- pillow

Toiletries

- shampoo and conditioner
- toothbrush in holder
- toothpaste
- soap
- deodorant
- brush and comb

non-fragranced products are best and less likely to attract insects.

Clothing

- socks
- shoes (tennis shoes)
- casual outdoor clothing for entire stay
- pair of jeans (if desired)
- pajamas
- undergarments
- rain jacket or poncho
- jacket or sweatshirt
- at least one pair of closed toed shoes for zipline, archery, and horseback riding
- swimming suit (summer only): bring swim wear appropriate for swimming, jumping, and playing (able to stay in place and be comfortable during play)

Other

- flashlight
- two to three towels (for shower and pool)
- sunglasses (as needed)
- sunscreen (as needed)
- bug spray
- hat (to guard off ticks)
- disposable camera with name on it (optional)
- Relaxation choice item/s: There will be a designated time during the day for quiet activities in the cabin. This time will be provided for campers to engage in an activity that is calming. Although materials may differ according to each individual, some suggestions may include: a book, Sudoku puzzles, and/or crossword puzzles. The key to choosing the item/s is that it/they should be QUIET and CALMING.
- Communication devices / systems, if applicable (iPad, PECs, etc.)—if your child typically uses a device to communicate, we strongly encourage you to send his or her method of communication. Please let us know if you do not plan to as this will impact your child's ability to communicate at camp.
- Helpful visual supports, if applicable (for routines, to promote positive behavior, etc.)

→ *bring a positive attitude ready for fun, growth, and special memories!*

What to not, not, NOT Bring...

Please do not send the following items: anything that contains **nuts** (Heartland is nut free), **sweets, sodas** and **unhealthy snacks or drinks** without talking to us prior to arrival, and/or **expensive items** that could become lost or damaged (cameras, jewelry, etc.)

The following items are prohibited at camp. Should any of the following items be found in your camper's possession, parents will be contacted immediately and behavioral consequences will be discussed: **Alcohol** or **drugs**; **Weapons** (including firearms, knives or any other item that could inflict harm upon someone else); and/or **Electronic Devices** (including phones)

Procedures, Practices, and Policies, Oh My.

Medical Administration

Within the camper registration online system (CampBrain), each camper will need to complete the medical form (which may have been completed at the time of your initial registration). For those that have attended in the past, there will no longer be a paper form as all information is collected online.



- Campers will need to bring a **pillbox** large enough to be divided into specific medication dispensing times. All medications should be properly placed in the pillbox before arriving at camp. If you are unable to locate a pillbox large enough to fill all medications, please contact us and we will make sure one is available upon check in or will send it your way prior to camp.
- Bring **original packaging** for each prescribed medication listed. During check in, Camp Encourage will reference the labeling but will then return the packaging to the parent before parting (since all medications will have already been placed in the pillbox).
- Please do not pack medications in your camper's luggage.

Camper Belongings

Belongings may be searched to confirm all items are present, decrease the likeliness of item loss, decrease disappointment if something was forgotten (i.e. swimsuit), and to maintain safety. Please be sure to let your camper know of this possibility.

Helpful Camp Family Guidelines

While at Camp Encourage, all volunteers, staff members, and campers should keep the following helpful guidelines and tips of kindness and respect in mind. It is expected that each follow these to the best of his or her ability. **Please review these with your camper before coming to camp.**

- Each person has **personal space** that must be respected. Please be mindful of that and only touch another individual with his or her permission.
- Each person has **personal property** that must be respected. Please be mindful of that and only touch another's belongings with his or her permission.
- Only enter activity areas at camp during specified times (on one's schedule) when the Heartland staff is available to supervise each. This includes the pool, the wooded areas and paths, the high and low ropes course, and the pond / fishing area.
- Electronic devices are not permitted. Please see the below section titled "Handheld Game Systems and Electronic Devices" for further information.
- Camp Encourage is a place to welcome each individual—despite hardships and/or differences. It is a place to feel good about oneself and celebrate strengths, abilities, and talents. It will be crucial that each camper and volunteer do their very, very best to make sure those around him or her feel that way. Please join our Camp Encourage "family" in ensuring this loving atmosphere by demonstrating these key skills:

grace

respect

safety

kindness

acceptance



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Behavior

In line with our above guidelines, our staff and volunteers vow to maintain acceptance, grace, respect, safety and kindness at all times. We understand that every camper is an INDIVIDUAL with unique needs. We also understand that camp can be out of a camper's comfort zone—surrounded by newness, change, and challenges.

Any insight you have about your son or daughter will help us best serve him or her while in our care so we immensely appreciate you completing the Camper Application with great thought and care. In addition to getting information from you, we want to share with you what we'll put in place at Camp Encourage.

First when all campers arrive, we will set up expectations—with positive, encouraging messages, yet clear guidelines. Your camper will be a part of sharing ideas and developing these guidelines. We ask that each camper adhere to the guidelines to ensure that everyone feels safe, feels respected, and feels comfortable to be himself or herself without judgment.

Our team will be embedding best practices of positive behavior management strategies when unexpected behavior occurs. While we hope that such behavior does not occur, we know that many factors play a role in causing them to surface. Should a camper present behaviors that impact the safety of him/herself and/or the safety of others (or threaten to do so), we will respond respectfully, remain calm, be clear and concise, listen to and respect the camper's perspective, allow time to calm, take care of all other campers, establish clear boundaries, be consistent, use positive language to share replacement (preferred) behaviors, and redirect your camper's behavior.

It is our intention to work together to allow a successful, positive experience for all. However, if a child continues to demonstrate behaviors that are difficult to manage with our staff:camper ratio (taking attention and support away from other campers and despite efforts to accommodate the camper), he or she may be asked to leave.

Finally, in preparation for camp, please remind your camper of the above "Helpful Guidelines for the Camp Encourage 'Family.'"

Health and Safety

Camp Encourage is honored that you are allowing us to share this experience with your child. We want to assure you that safety is our top priority. In addition to our Lead Nurse on staff, we have caring, qualified medical personnel kindly volunteering their time to tend to the needs of your child while away from home. Our full time medical staff will be present 24 hours a day at Camp Encourage and each individual's sole focus is the health of our campers. In addition to administering daily medications, they will provide health care assistance for any camper or staff member needing it. Although we hope your child will not need to visit the Medical Station, we are committed to our communication with you as a parent in the event that medical attention is needed that would affect your child's camp experience.

Our Lead Nurse will contact a parent or family member in the event of the following situations:

- An overnight stay in the Medical Station
- If a child needs to see a physician beyond basic first aid
- If a seizure occurs
- If a child is unable to participate in any activity due to an injury or illness
- Any medical situation staff feels requires timely parental notification

When a parent / guardian is notified, it will be documented on an Incident Form or Medical Infirmary Log in detail (including date, time, and detail / outcome of conversation).

Homesickness

It isn't unusual for a camper to become homesick. Our staff and volunteers will do all they can to make your camper feel comfortable (and often the other campers and peer models are wonderful sources of encouragement as well). Parents / Guardians will be contacted if the situation warrants it but most of the time it is not helpful to have the campers talk to his or her parent / guardian. We typically call parents first to help in making that decision. Prior to camp, you can help by:

- talking with your child about possible worries he or she may have about camp,
- sharing similar experiences,
- arranging for the child to spend a night away from home with friends or a relative before coming to camp,
- telling the camper that if he or she feels homesick, to share those feelings with a counselor, and
- not telling your child that he or she will be picked up if feeling homesick.

Handheld Game Systems, Phones, and Electronic Devices

Campers are encouraged to spend time making connections and engaging with other campers, thus we do not allow campers to bring electronic devices of ANY kind to camp. This includes (but is not limited to) cell phones, tablets, laptops, e-readers and hand-held games. "Downtimes" in the cabin are a great opportunity for campers to shape the bonds we hope they form at camp. These devices can limit the positive interactions in the cabins that are an integral part of the camp experience. Campers who are "tuned out" may miss out on this. We are certain you would agree that less screen time is best for your child.

Activity trackers that do NOT have the ability to connect to the internet or receive calls and texts will still be allowed. Apple Watches and Smart Watches are NOT allowed.

If a device is needed for communication purposes, exceptions will of course be made and the device can be kept with him or her at all times to bridge communication and socialization. However, wi-fi accessibility will be disabled and it will only be able to be used to communicate, not to play games nor watch videos.

Campers who wish to utilize a non-internet connected music player for sensory purposes in the evening or during rest time may do so with the use of headphones or earbuds. This should be prearranged with the Camper Support Specialist.

If your camper is found with a device, it will be given to a Lead Staff member and will be delivered to parents on the final day of camp.

Please review this policy with your child prior to camp. If you feel this policy will negatively impact your child's time at camp, please contact our Program Director, Aimee, at agorrorow@campencourage.org ASAP. Alternatively, if you feel your child might struggle with this policy while at camp, you might wish to begin practicing "device free" time at home prior to camp.

Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Campers

Camp Encourage endeavors to create an environment of acceptance for all campers. Indeed, the goal of acceptance is at the core of our values. We strive to create a camp that fosters growth for everyone involved regardless of race, national origin, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identification. In order to ensure that all of our campers feel accepted, Camp Encourage will support campers that identify with a different gender than the camper was assigned at birth to determine the best course of action related to bathroom use, cabin assignment, communication with others, and any other related issues. Depending on all factors, other campers and the parents of other campers may or may not be notified. If you anticipate this being difficult for your camper, please let us know in advance and we will work together to support all campers.



Service Animals

Service animals (defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act as an animal that has been trained to perform work or tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability) may be allowed during Camp Encourage programming if certain criteria are met.

- The service animal must have current licensing and vaccinations.
- The service animal must be tethered (harness, leash, or other tether), unless, because of a disability, the handler is unable to use a tether, or a tether would interfere with the service animal's safe and effective performance of the work. If tethering isn't an option, the animal must be under voice control, hand signals, or other effective means.
- The handler is responsible for all care including feeding, watering, toileting and veterinary care.
- The handler (or the handler's legal guardian) may be held financially responsible for any damages that may occur to the common areas and / or living quarters within the campgrounds.

Camp Encourage may request that a service animal depart the campgrounds under the following circumstances:

- The animal is out of the handler's control and the handler does not take action to control it.
- The animal is not housebroken.

Service animals will not be denied due to other camper, volunteer or staff fears or allergies.

This policy does not include emotional support animals (ESAs) at Heartland Retreat Center, as they do not allow emotional support animals on the premises.

Visitors at Camp

We encourage parents to allow their camper to fully experience the camp session, including developing independence. Thus, we ask that you please not make surprise visits to the campgrounds. If you feel you need to visit, please obtain prior approval by contacting Aimee Gorrow at 816.419.7196 or by emailing agorrow@campencourage.org. If you would like to be a part of the magic, we welcome volunteers. An application can be found on our website.

Mail

Campers enjoy getting mail at camp and we don't want anyone to get left out. Thus, we've arranged a process to ensure the receipt of mail is equitable for all. After dropping their camper off at the cabin, parents will have the opportunity to write their camper notes on a postcard that our staff will deliver to the cabins each night of camp. This will be completed when medications and / or alternate meals are dropped off.

Due to the very short duration, we will not offer mail service during the weekend overnight sessions.

Celebrating Birthdays

Should a camper have a birthday while at Camp Encourage, we will be geared up and ready to celebrate! There will be light snacks, singing, and a card. Because there often are more than one birthday during a camp session, we ask that no additional items be brought in (i.e. a cake, balloons, etc.) so that we ensure that all celebrations are the same, so that no one feels it unfair, and so that we are monitoring sugar intake and allergies.

Camper Cancellations and Refunds

For cancellations, parents / guardians of camper or peer model campers must notify Camp Encourage **three weeks prior** to the associated camp start date to receive a full refund.

Should a cancellation occur less than three weeks prior to the associated camp start date, a refund less 20% will occur. Or, if no payment was received, a fee totaling 20% of the total camp tuition will be charged. No full refund will be available if a camper leaves (for any reason) after checking in or does not attend the full period. Partial refunds *may* be considered.

Should a Camper Not Show

After the Camp Encourage staff hears from the parent regarding a last minute cancellation OR after the staff contacts the family out of concern for a child not arriving at camp, information will be gathered regarding the cause.

Because the camper slot likely could have been filled by another individual on the waiting list and because Camp Encourage will incur expenses for the volunteer or staff assigned to serve that child, the following will be considered:

- no refund will be available (or, if the total tuition had not been paid in full, a charge may incur of the total amount).
- a partial refund may be available
- the camper may not be eligible for attendance in future camp sessions
- if the camper received scholarship funding through Camp Encourage, future funding may not be available

General Goals

Many of our activities aim to achieve the following set of general goals:

- increasing skills of **independence**
- enhancing one's **self-esteem, -understanding and -awareness**
- increasing **social abilities** and **connections**
- widening awareness of **recreation opportunities** and **skills of recreation**
- strengthening **emotional wellness**

→ Let's do this.

Ever have a question? Feel free to reach out or visit the **GET READY FOR CAMP** webpage ([HERE](#)). It's super helpful!

Until camp, we'll be counting down the days. ♥

Thank you.

Whew! You did it. Thank you for taking the time to comb through the massive amount of details.

We are meticulous folks at Camp Encourage, trying to think of every possible scenario and every possible camper need.

Details are crucial. You know what else is crucial?

*Having a special camp experience that many describe is life changing is also a crucial experience **every** child should be afforded.*

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Contacting Us Prior to Camp

Should you have any questions prior to camp, please reach out. We are here for you and your camper!



agorrow@campencourage.org
info@campencourage.org



816.830.7171

Contacting Us During a Camp Session

During the week of camp, we won't be attending to emails frequently. Thus, please feel free to call or text for any reason, if even to simply check in to see how your camper is doing. We are more than happy to provide support during the camp session, answer questions that you may have, or provide you with an update on your camper at that moment. While at camp, we can be reached as follows:



Aimee Gorrow, Program Director



816.419.7196

Kelly Lee, Executive Director



816.729.7873

