

# CAMP ARCADIA

## FAMILY WEEK VACATION PLANNING GUIDE

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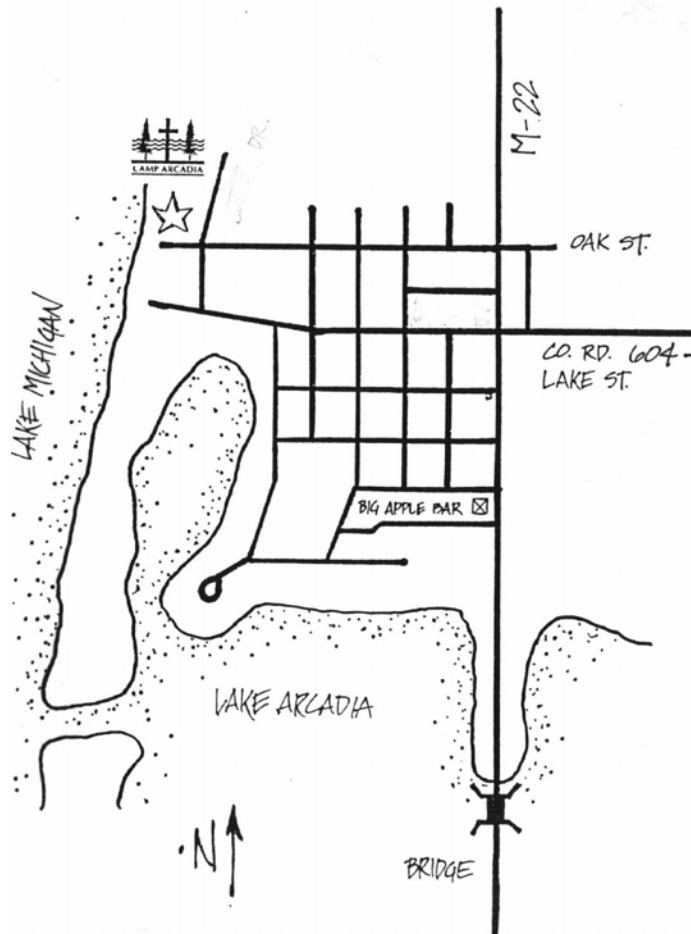
We are excited that you are coming to Camp Arcadia. This vacation planning guide is intended for those who are registered for a family week at Camp Arcadia. Many common questions about what to expect are answered in this guide, but if you have additional questions please feel free to contact the Camp office during business hours at (231) 889-4361. There is no question that is too silly, so please feel free to ask.

### TIMING YOUR TRIP

Camp Arcadia is on eastern daylight time. Rooms are available by 3:30 pm on Saturday; the office will also be open at that time for check-in. At check-in, the balance of your registration fee is due, and we will provide you with your room assignment. Should you arrive prior to 3:30 pm, you may use the Wigwam, patio, or beach until your room is ready. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm. Should you arrive after 6:00 pm, please join us in the dining room for the meal; we can take care of the registration following dinner.

### HOW TO REACH CAMP ARCADIA

Arcadia, Michigan is located on Highway M-22 that runs north/south between Manistee and Frankfort along Lake Michigan. Once you arrive in Arcadia, turn west from M-22 onto Oak Street, the northernmost street and drive to the end of the street where you will see the Camp arch, turnaround, and parking area. Our physical address is 3046 Oak St. Arcadia MI 49613, the telephone number is (231) 889-4361.



## **WHAT KIND OF CLOTHING TO BRING**

An outdoor lakefront setting with the likelihood of warm days (80°), cool nights (50°) and the possibility of a rainy morning suggest your clothing needs. Dress at Camp Arcadia is casual. You will want a warm jacket, and most likely both shorts and pants. Some guests enjoy the option of "dressing up" for Friday night's candlelight dinner and Sunday worship in the historic one hundred-twenty-seven year-old village church.

## **LODGING & MEALS**

The 80 year old Inn at Camp is charming, clean and comfortable. Most guests staying in the Inn will be in one of the 40 traditional inn rooms that has a sink, with shared baths and showers down the hallways. Also in the Inn are four second-floor rooms that have private baths. Teen boys (15 or older) have the option of being housed in a dormitory room in the Assembly and teen girls are allowed to share rooms in the Inn if space allows. Children 14 years old and younger generally share rooms with their parents. Most rooms have a queen and a double bed, or queen and a bunk bed. We have 18-month size pack-n-play's and roll-away cots available for many of our rooms.

Rooms are provided with all needed bedding and extra blankets. The only bedding provided for pack-n-plays is a mattress pad and bottom sheet. Fresh bath towels and washcloths are available daily. Please bring your own beach towels and hand towels.

Guests staying in one of our camp-owned cottages have access to a kitchenette, dining area, living area, and private bathroom space. Linens are provided, as well as fresh towels daily. These cottage guests eat all meals in the Inn dining room.

Meals are served family style in the Inn's dining room: breakfast is at 8:30 am, lunch is at 12:30 pm and dinner is at 6:00 pm. Vegetarian options are available for lunch and dinner, and kids meals are available for dinner. High chairs and booster seats are available in the dining room. Meals on Sunday and Wednesday are served buffet style. Our apologies, but we cannot accommodate anyone requiring a severely restricted diet.

## **THE PROGRAM**

Camp Arcadia's program is planned but optional. Highlighting the daily activities is the Bible study conducted by the Dean (a Lutheran pastor) for the week with some weeks featuring an additional lecturer. Children and teens have separate programs led by the staff. Childcare for those under age three is provided in our Nursery.

Recreation and tournaments are planned for the rest of the day. Softball, volleyball, tennis, soccer, low ropes, hikes, and craft projects are favorite activities. In sunny weather the beach is the main attraction for all ages. Several kayaks and one rowboat are available for use along the shoreline, weather permitting. Playground equipment is located on the beach. Lake Michigan water temperature is often between 60-65°.

Evening activities may include a staff "talent" show, square dance, critter race, treasure or scavenger hunt, campfire sing-along, outdoor worship, inter-generational outdoor games and a carnival. Booth-type carnival games may be brought from home or can be created while at camp. Bring your creative ideas! Toward the end of the week, there is the traditional camper talent show (acts limited to five minutes!) Bring your musical instrument, magic act, skit or costume!

## **COMMUNITY LIVING GUIDELINES**

Our buildings are smoke-free, and because Arcadia is a family camp, the use of alcoholic beverages should be confined to adults in the privacy of guests' rooms. Please do not bring pets to Camp Arcadia. Parents or guardians are responsible for the supervision of their children during the day and for nighttime bed checks. Consideration for other guests suggests that 'quiet' be observed between 11:30 P.M. and 6:30 A.M.

The dining room meals are also our community gathering times. We ask that you keep your children seated until after the closing prayer and announcements.

We ask that bikes and roller blades only be used on Cottage Colony and village roads, not on central camp patio and sidewalks, please. Bike racks are provided at the turnaround.

We know that you need to stay connected with people not at Camp Arcadia, but in order to create the community that makes the Arcadia experience so meaningful, we encourage all guests to limit their cell phone use at Camp Arcadia. We ask parents to not allow their children to have cell phones on them when they are at Camp. Adults that need to use a cell phone are strongly encouraged to do so in private, and not in the public areas.

### **FACILITIES**

Camp Arcadia has two tennis courts, a basketball court, four shuffleboard courts, and a softball/soccer field. There are also nature trails that wind through our forested 110 acres.

Coin-operated laundry facilities for guests are located in the basement of the Wigwam adjacent to the women's beach showers. Laundry detergent is provided; there is also an iron and ironing board.

The Wigwam has a variety of indoor recreation opportunities: a piano, Ping-Pong, Foosball, Billiards, table shuffleboard and mini-bowling. Games, puzzles, cards, TV and books are also available. The Trading Post, an ice cream shop and gift shop, is also in the Wigwam.

The Craft Shop offers opportunities to create artistic projects such as tie-dye shirts, candles, jewelry, and needlework for a nominal fee.

### **NEARBY POINTS OF INTEREST**

Northwest Michigan is blessed with long stretches of sandy beaches, towering sand bluffs, and rolling hills. There are numerous championship golf courses to choose from – including Crystal Mountain, Arcadia Bluffs and Pinecroft golf courses. You can also find dunes hikes, canoeing, Lake Michigan charter fishing boats, and horseback riding near Arcadia. Unique gift shops, antique stores, local farm markets and the Victorian villages of Manistee and Frankfort can be reached within twenty minutes. The Interlochen Center for the Arts (music, theater and dance performances), Sleeping Bear Dunes, and Traverse City with its many tourist attractions are less than one hour's drive from Arcadia. Wednesday afternoon is the time provided for guests to explore areas away from Camp.

## ***ITEMS TO BRING TO CAMP ARCADIA TO MAKE YOUR STAY ABSOLUTELY PERFECT!***

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible, notepaper & pen       | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking shoes                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camera & film                | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball glove                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis, fishing gear, or binoculars    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small fan for hot/humid days | <input type="checkbox"/> Books, Needlework                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension cord               | <input type="checkbox"/> Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit, Cards, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Throw rug                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alarm clock                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun Glasses, Sunscreen                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facial tissues               | <input type="checkbox"/> Jackets, sweatshirts and jeans         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand towels                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bathrobe and slippers                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery monitor              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear and umbrella                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry bag                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorations for birthday/anniversary   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach mat, towels            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sailboat, Windsurfer                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach chairs, pillow         | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycles                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach toys                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Card or Cell Phone               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf clubs                   |   |

If you are a guest in one of our cottages, these suggestions may be of value to you.

### *CAMP-OWNED COTTAGE ARRANGEMENTS*

All five-cottage interiors have been renovated in recent years. Bedding, bath towels, washcloths and soap are furnished; bring your own hand towels and beach towels. The cottage kitchen has dishwashing soap and towels, limited cooking and eating utensils, a small refrigerator and range. Bathroom cleaning supplies are provided. Cottages do not have a telephone, radio or TV. They do have heat.

#### Aspen

*Sleeps 2-4.*

*One bedroom: One queen bed.*

*A double sleep-sofa in the living room. Bathroom has shower stall.*

#### Birch

*Sleeps 8-10.*

*Bedroom One: One queen bed.*

*Bedroom Two: One double bed, two bunk beds. Space for a crib or cot.*

*A double sleep-sofa in living room. Bathroom has shower stall.*

#### Cedar

*Sleeps 6-8.*

*Bedroom One: One queen bed.*

*Bedroom Two: One double bed, one bunk bed, and space for a crib or cot.*

*A double sleep-sofa in living room. Bathroom has a tub/shower combination.*

#### Spruce

*Sleeps 6-8.*

*Bedroom One: One queen bed.*

*Bedroom Two: One double bed, one bunk bed, and space for a crib.*

*A double sleep-sofa in living room. Bathroom has a tub/shower combination.*

#### Juniper

*Sleeps 16-18.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Floor Bedroom One: One queen bed.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Floor Bedroom Two: One double bed, one bunk bed.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bedroom Three: One queen bed, one bunk bed.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bedroom Four: One queen bed, two bunk beds.*

*A double sleep-sofa in living room. One full bathroom. One shower bathroom.*

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FOR REPAIRS OR ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES DURING THE WEEK, NOTIFY THE OFFICE.  
IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT, NOTIFY THE CARETAKER  
WHOSE HOME IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CAMP.

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