

Welcome to Camp Cherith!!

We have a super summer planned for our campers and we're excited that you'll be part of it! You'll have a blast meeting new friends, learning new skills, experiencing the great outdoors, and getting to know God better. Here's some useful info to help you prepare:

How to Reach Us

Driving directions: Go to www.camp-cherith.com and click on *How to Reach Us*. Then click on Map/Directions.

Phone: (218) 334-8454

Email: ncccherith@aol.com (for contacting staff only)

Directors: Rob Scott & Scott Taylor (boys); Sarah Mallett (girls)

Contacting Campers

It's fun to receive a cheery hello from home, so invite friends and family to write to you at camp!

Mail travels to camp rather slowly, so it should be sent very early in the week or even a day or two before camp starts. Please don't send large packages of treats because food cannot be stored in cabins. Send mail to:

Camper Name
Camp Cherith
32884 Camp Cherith Rd.
Frazee, MN 56544

Emails may be sent for a small fee through *Parent Communicator*. Email is delivered once a day in the form of printed copies; campers do not have email access. To register, go to www.camp-cherith.com and click on *Ready, Set Go!* Then click on *Parent Communicator* under the Camper Documents heading. You may also be able to order photos at this site. The access code is N70817.

Phone calls are restricted to emergencies only. Campers are not permitted to bring cell phones. *We will not hesitate to call home if necessary.*

Arrival and Departure

Check-in is on Sunday from 1-2 p.m. Please arrive within this timeframe as we're unable to process campers any earlier. If arriving after 2:00, please call ahead and let us know when to expect you. During check-in the camper will:

- turn in spending money
- submit Medical Information Form (and any medications)
- receive cabin and skill-building activity assignments
- take your belongings to your cabin
- meet your counselor and cabin mates

Camp Cherith officially begins at 2:30 p.m. All campers should be settled into their cabins and ready to start the week! Visitors should plan to leave by this time.

Check-out is on Saturday from 9-10 a.m. Remember, only those persons **designated** to pick up campers from camp or the bus will be permitted to do so.

Health Matters

Campers cannot be admitted to Camp Cherith without a completed and signed Medical Information Form (enclosed if you mailed the registration form). The form must include a physician's signature if medication is to be administered. (Since camp is a structured learning environment, we recommend that children with ADD/ADHD who take medication during the school year continue it during their week at camp.)

Money Matters

You will receive an invoice indicating your balance.

Fees are due in full prior to arrival at camp. Questions? Contact Gerri Wilson at 612-991-3124.

Spending money is turned in during check-in and a debit account is set up. (You may bring cash or a check payable to Camp Cherith.) Whatever you spend during the week is deducted from your account. Any remaining balance will be returned to you in cash at the end of the week.

The Tuck Shop (camp store) is open daily for the purchase of snacks, souvenirs, and clothing. Items range in price from 25 cents to \$25. Average food purchases are about \$2.00 a day. Horse trail rides are available during free time and as a cabin activity for \$5 per ride.

Parent Input

We've included a camper profile that provides an opportunity for parents to help us get to know their child better. This is a really important resource for our counseling staff. So parents or guardians, please complete the form and enclose it with your final payment.

Homesickness

It's normal for children to experience some homesickness, especially their first time away from home. Our staff is trained to deal with homesick campers in a loving and supportive way. For most, homesickness is quickly overcome. Parents can help by being enthusiastic about the upcoming camp experience and all the terrific things their child will get to do. Enthusiasm is contagious!



Transportation

Important!

Each camper must be signed out on a release form. Only those persons designated to pick you up from camp or the bus will be permitted to do so. Camp must be notified of any changes in plans *before* the departure date.

Dates, Times, and Locations

If you have selected the bus for your transportation, the dates and times are listed below. If you need to make any changes, contact Gerri Wilson at 612-991-3124.

To Camp (Sunday)

June 20
 June 27
 July 4
 July 11
 July 18
 July 25
 August 1

Back Home (Saturday)

June 26
 July 3
 July 10
 July 17
 July 24
 July 31
 August 7

- Bloomington bus (departs 8:00 a.m.)
- Midway bus (departs 8:30 a.m.)
- Northtown bus (departs 9:00 a.m.)
- St. Cloud bus (departs 10:15 a.m.)

- St. Cloud bus (arrives 12:15 p.m.)
- Northtown bus (arrives 1:30 p.m.)
- Midway bus (arrives 2:15 p.m.)
- Bloomington bus (arrives 2:45 p.m.)

Please Be On Time

For those picking up campers from a bus stop, *please be on time!* The bus driver needs to stay on schedule for the remaining stops, but will not leave a child unattended. If no one is present to pick up a camper at the St. Cloud, Northtown, or Midway stops, the child will be taken on to the Bloomington stop and may be picked up there.

If the child is not picked up at the final stop, he or she will be taken to the Voigt Bus Co. terminal in Fridley (1240 Osborne Rd.) and can be picked up there.

If you're going to be delayed, please call the dispatcher at 1-800-227-1240 and ask for the bus driver's cell phone number so you can notify the drive of your delay.



Lunch Along the Way

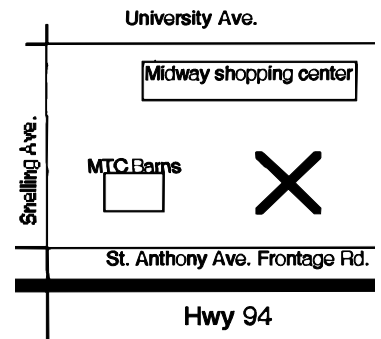
Bus riders, you may bring a bag lunch or cash to buy lunch (usually at Burger King) on the way to camp. Please don't bring more food or snacks than you'll eat on the ride because food cannot be stored in cabins.

The bus will also stop for lunch on the way home on Saturday (usually at McDonald's). Three dollars of your camp spending money will automatically be set aside for this at check-in if you're scheduled to ride the bus. Talk to the Tuck Shop manager if you'd like to set aside more or less than this amount.

Bus Stops

BLOOMINGTON: The bus stops at the Evangelical Free Church Headquarters parking lot, 901 E. 78th St. It's on the south frontage road of Hwy 494 between Portland Ave. and 12th Ave. next to Denny's Restaurant and Microtel Inns and Suites.

MIDWAY: The bus stops near the MTC bus barn behind the Midway Shopping Center at University Ave. and Snelling Ave. (see map at right).



NORTHTOWN: The bus stops in the Northtown Mall parking lot near the Northtown Transit Hub. It's on the southwest side of the mall close to University Avenue.

ST. CLOUD: The bus stops at the Super America on Hwy. 10 (just before Highway 23 if you're going toward Camp Cherith)

Items Left on the Bus

If you leave an item on the bus on Saturday, you may pick it up on Sunday at any of the scheduled stops (except after Boys Week 2). If not picked up on Sunday, the item will be returned to camp. All lost-and-found items are kept at Camp Cherith until September when they are donated to a charity. Contact Gerri Wilson at 612-991-3124 if you have lost any items.