

# WELCOME FRIENDS!

The staff of Gull Lake Ministries is excited to be your host for a week of family fun and fellowship! Each summer, this ministry has been used by God to transform lives through the teaching of God's Word, the cultivation of meaningful relationships, and the rest and renewal experienced through our quality programs and joyful service. Today, more than ever, we hope Gull Lake Ministries will have a momentous impact on you and your family for God's glory. Whether it's your first or 15th summer, we look forward to joyfully serving you and helping you make memories that will be cherished for a lifetime.

## ABOUT GULL LAKE MINISTRIES

Gull Lake Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational, independent Christian family resort and conference center. We offer nine weeks of family vacations as well as conferences and retreats throughout the year. Established in 1920 as Gull Lake Bible Conference Association, God has clearly shown His faithfulness and generosity in providing us a rich heritage of life-transforming ministry. Over our 97-year history, many powerful teachers have graced the Tabernacle stage and many professions of faith have followed. Missionaries from around the world have testified to God's work and our guests have faithfully responded with prayer and support. Today, our purpose remains the same, "to impact lives for God's glory," while we continue to develop meaningful ways to strengthen the family and equip the saints for God's service.

## PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION

### What-to-Bring Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bibles/Notebooks        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen that does not contain Avobenzone | <input type="checkbox"/> Umbrellas   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding*/Extra Blankets | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuits (modest one-piece)               | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Shoes and Flip Flops                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries              | <input type="checkbox"/> Theme Night Outfits (see page 7)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Bikes/Scooters/Helmets (optional)                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach Towels            | <input type="checkbox"/> Talent Show Props                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Poles/Tackle (optional)                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent        |   | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Supplies (Band-Aids, antibiotic ointment, etc.) |

\*If you are staying in a lodge or condo, or purchased the cleaning and linen service for your cottage, your accommodations will be cleaned after departure. You will be provided bed sheets, pillowcases, bath towels and washcloths (one set of each per registered guest), hand towels, and bathmat.

Guests are welcome to bring small appliances (e.g., mixers, griddles), extra kitchen utensils (e.g., whisks, ladles, large pots) and other desired kitchen items. We recommend that you mark all clothing, sporting equipment, bikes, and any other family items with your name.

### All cottages and condos are furnished with these basic items:

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| • One blanket and one pillow per bed space              | • coffeemaker/coffee   | • broom  | • two or three dish towels, a dish cloth, and paper towels |
| • a stove (except in upstairs Ben Gordon and Galatians) | • toaster  | • mop    | • scouring pad   |
| • refrigerator  | • a limited supply of dishes, flatware, cooking utensils, and cookware | • bucket | • dish soap  |
| • microwave   |  | • vacuum | • toilet paper   |

### Additional Information

Cottages are priced without the cleaning and linen service. You must request and pay for this service two weeks prior to arrival. Towels for the lodge, condo, and cleaning-and-linen-service guests will be exchanged for clean ones on Tuesday. We ask you to use our white towels for drying people only, and NOT at the beach or for makeup removal, washing your boat, etc.

**Forget something?** Please visit the Dock Shop retail store where necessities (Tylenol, toothpaste, and toothbrushes) may be purchased. If you find that you have a shortage of an item normally stocked in housing, please inquire at the Front Desk.

Gull Lake Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items. If Housekeeping finds an item left behind, they will retain it for 30 days in case you should call to request it. Claimed items must be shipped (at your expense) or picked up within 30 days.

NO PETS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR FIREWORKS ALLOWED. NO SMOKING INSIDE OR OUTSIDE ANY OF OUR BUILDINGS IN GULL LAKE MINISTRIES.

## Youth & Cove Kids Profile

It is our desire to help your child develop spiritually, physically, and socially while at Gull Lake Ministries. Your cooperation in filling out a profile (located in the back of *The Scoop*) for each of your children between the grades of 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> will help your child's counselor better understand your child's personality, spiritual perspective, and emotional needs. If you have any special circumstances or needs (i.e. physical limitations, recent traumatic event), please write them down. **Please make as many copies of this form (also found on our website) as you need, fill them out and return to us at least two weeks prior to your arrival, so we may place your child in the correct counselor group.**

## Meal Plans

Dinners are festive events at GLM, making attendance a must. All guests will be automatically signed up for dinners at the time of reservation. For those wanting to escape even more cooking and cleaning, an upgrade to the *Lunch and Dinner* or *All Meal Plan* is available. Simply give us a call two weeks prior to arrival, if you would like your meal plan changed.

## Payments

**All final balances are required to be paid up to two weeks prior to arrival.** We welcome secure online payment at [gulllake.org](http://gulllake.org), just sign into your reservation account. You may also pay by phone using MasterCard, Visa, or Discover, or you may send a check by mail. A fee of \$20 will be charged for each returned check. If cancellation is unavoidable, the paid fees will be refunded minus the deposit. If the accommodation is re-rented, there will be a \$100 cancellation fee, and the remainder of the deposit will be refunded. Changing your accommodation location is considered a cancellation of the initial reservation.

## ARRIVAL & CHECK IN

Our spirited staff will warmly welcome you as you arrive at the Ministry Center on Saturday afternoon between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. sharp. Your family will be directed into the Ministry Center to check in as our staff parks your vehicle and moves your luggage into your accommodations. Please be sure to go to each station. We will have our staff at each location along the way to answer questions.

### 1) Family Picture

**2) Wristbands & Covenant Agreements** – All paid registered guests will receive wristbands for the week, which must be worn and visible at all times. The wristband acts as the ticket for all on-site activities and purchased meals. A Release and Covenant Agreement form will need to be signed, and is located in the back of *The Scoop* and on our website.

**3) Cashless Account** – Most guests take advantage of our user-friendly, cash-free charge accounts that provide spending power at our Sweet-n-Counter, Dock Shop, arts and crafts room, Lil' Pop Shop, and front desk. All you have to do is fill out a simple form that includes a credit card number. This card will be used to settle your cashless account balance and will be charged after checkout on Friday. Your receipt, along with the week's tally, will be mailed out the following week.

**4) Adults' Nametags** – All adults attending are supplied a nametag and are encouraged to wear it throughout the week. Magnetic nametag sleeves are available upon request.

**5) Cove Kids Sign Up (Ages 0-5)\*** – If you have not yet sent in your forms for Cove Kids, please turn them in at this time and choose your children's meals for the times of adult banquets and extended free time.

**6) Schedule, Maps & Extended Free-Time Sign Up** – Pick up the week's schedule, menus, and sign your child up for child care during Adult Extended Free-Time.

**7) Free Time Sign-Ups** – Many free-time activities do not require sign-up to participate and are open throughout the afternoon. Water rocketing, pontoon rides, talent show, Hobie kayaks, and sailboat cruises all require signing up. There are no additional charges for our on-ground activities and we ask families/individuals sign-up for only one time slot per activity so others may have a chance to participate. The activity sign-up sheets will remain in the Ministry Center lobby during the week so empty slots can be taken.

**8) Keys, Payments & More** – There will be three stations at the front desk, you just need to go to one. You will be given your keys (maximum of four per household and there is a \$5 fee per key if lost), let us know if you will have any late attendees, or need to make any changes.

*\*Cove Kids Open House - From 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, the Cove Kids staff will host an open house in the children's rooms in the Ministry Center for parents/guardians and their little ones, ages newborn through entering kindergarten. This allows parents/guardians the opportunity to meet the counselors and look around.*

# FAMILY VACATION PROGRAM

## Creative Family Devotions

### “BBBSB” (Brown Bag Bible Study Bonanza!)

The BBBSB is a fun and spiritually enriching experience for the entire family. Known as the tongue-twisting Brown Bag Bible Study Bonanza, these unique brown bags hold a simple family devotional that includes a unique object illustration inside to help spark curiosity and make a point. They can be picked up at the Dining Room lobby after 8:00 a.m. each weekday morning (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). The BBBSBs should begin in your room or cottage around 8:45 a.m. and end in time to get to the Tabernacle for the 9:30 a.m. Family Huddle. Those who complete all four studies will have their family's name put into a drawing for an official GLM souvenir blanket Thursday evening during share time.

## Family Huddle

The Family Huddle is a 20-minute, pre-game, family warm-up starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Tabernacle. We will sing a few fast praise songs to get our hearts going physically and spiritually, review the Brown Bag Bible Study Bonanza experienced minutes earlier, creatively work on memorizing our theme verse, and who knows what else might be a part of this great time! During Thursday morning's program, High Tide and Lakeside will be presented personalized Character Quality Certificates and Cove Kids will sing for everyone.

## Missions Focus

Missions Focus is an opportunity to hear from a mission organization on how God is using them to reach their part of the world. The Missions Focus times are approximately 15 minutes long and are presented on Sunday morning, and Monday and Tuesday nights. A longer question and answer session is scheduled on Monday morning in the Tabernacle at 11:15 a.m. An offering will be taken for the mission organization Tuesday evening for those who desire to give.

## Adult Speaker Sessions

Each day the Adult Speaker Session starts with worship, followed by teaching geared toward adults to encourage, equip, and instruct them in truth. The weekday morning sessions are double sessions with a 15-minute break in between (complimentary snacks provided).

- Sunday 10:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. (High Tide Youth attend with parents)
- Monday 10:00–11:00 a.m.; 11:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (Q&A with missions rep); 7:30–9:00 p.m.
- Tuesday 7:30–9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 10:00–11:00 a.m.; 11:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (Q&A with speaker); 7:30–9:00 p.m.
- Thursday Daniel “Ambush” Wallace speaks; 10:00–11:00 a.m.

## High Tide

High Tide is our fun-filled program for 7th through 12th graders. Each day, High Tide participants will meet with their energetic counselors for Bible studies and age-appropriate activities, including dodgeball, crafts, ultimate Frisbee, beach volleyball, and other activities that promote friendly competition and cultivate relationships. High Tide meets each weekday morning at 10:00 a.m. Counselors and kids depart from the Tabernacle after Family Huddle and are released for lunch at 12:15 p.m. High Tide meets again on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights while the adults are in their sessions. The evenings include games, music, and Club (a time of worship and a dynamic message). Graduating seniors can choose to participate in High Tide for the week or participate in the adult sessions with the college-aged guests and adults. If you are a graduating senior, please let us know if you will be attending High Tide or the adult sessions. **Please complete the Youth Profile (located in the back of *The Scoop*) on your child and mail, email, or fax it two weeks prior to arrival so we may place your child in the correct counselor group.** Forms are also available for download at [gulllake.org](http://gulllake.org). Groups will be announced Saturday night after dinner.

## Lakeside

Lakeside is designed to supercharge kids going into 1st through 6th grade with God's love and truth in a fun and challenging environment. Our age-appropriate programs give kids opportunities to try a variety of activities in a safe and nurturing setting. Kids will be divided into small groups by age and gender and will have their own energetic counselor to lead them in their morning activities and Bible study. Lakeside meets Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m., as well as each weekday morning at 10:00 a.m., after Family Huddle, and finishes at 12:15 p.m. before lunch. If parents tell their child's counselor that they choose not to pick up their kids at the Big Top Tent, the kids will be released at 12:15 p.m. to return on their own. Like High Tide, Lakeside will meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings while the adult sessions are taking place. **Please complete the Youth Profile (in back of *The Scoop*) on your child and mail, email, or fax two weeks prior to arrival so we may place your child in the correct counselor group.** Forms are also available for download at [gulllake.org](http://gulllake.org). Groups will be announced Saturday night after dinner.

## Cove Kids

Cove Kids is for ages newborn through entering kindergarten. Cove Kids are divided into groups, as follows: newborn–1 year-olds, 2 year-olds, 3 year-olds, 4 and 5 year-olds. Each program is designed for maximum fun and challenge for each age group. The proposed hours of operation are below (the actual times will be announced to the adults as the program unfolds each day). **Please complete Cove Kids profiles (in the back of *The Scoop*) and mail, email, or fax two weeks prior to your arrival.** Forms are also available for download at [gulllake.org](http://gulllake.org).

• Sunday	10:15 a.m.–12:20 p.m.	Service
• Monday	10:00 a.m.*–12:05 p.m.	Service
• Tuesday	5:50 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	Dinner and Service
	9:30 a.m.*–1:30 p.m.	Adult Free-time/Extended Free-time (Lunch sign-up for kids & payment required on Sat.)
	7:15 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	Service
• Wednesday	10:00 a.m.*–12:05 p.m.	Service
	5:50 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	Dinner and Service
• Thursday	10:00 a.m.*–12:05 p.m.	Service

\*Cove Kids is open during family devotions starting at 8:30 a.m. as an option for kids three and under.

## Family Free-Time Activities

*These activities require sign-up on Saturday check-in to reserve a spot:*

Pickleball Tournament • Water Rocketing • Sailboat Cruise • Pontoon Tour • Talent Show • Hobie Kayak Excursion

*These activities do not require sign-up and are available on a first-come, first-served basis:*

On the Water	On the Rec Field	In the MC
Aqua Jump w/Moon Walk & Blob	Climbing Wall	Basketball
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Beach	Launchpad Bounce Pillow	Pickleball
Fishing Dock	Zip Lines	Octaball
Canoes	Archery/BB Guns	Fitness Center
Swimming	Sling Shot Range	Game Room
Paddle Boats	Rec Field Games	Indoor Track
Paddle Boards	Sand Volleyball	9 Square in the Air
Standard Kayaks	Tennis	Volleyball
	Splash Pad	Bowling

## Tuesday Adult Free-Time

On Tuesday morning following the Brown Bag Bible Study Bonanza, parents may drop off kids at the Tabernacle for Family Huddle at 9:30 a.m. and then take the morning off to read, take a walk, or do whatever they wish! The kids are in their programs until lunch. If you wish to have an extended free time until 1:20 p.m., simply sign-up on Saturday, pay for your kid's lunch in advance, and our counselors will take care of the rest. If you purchased the *Lunch and Dinner* or *All Meal Plan*, signing up is all that is necessary.

Note: If you are going off-grounds and have signed up your children for the Tuesday adult extended free-time, please ensure you or an appointed family member pick up your child(ren) by 1:20 p.m.

## Daily Information Stations

The Ministry Center front desk will be staffed from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and at least one director or manager will be on grounds and can be reached by cell phone (numbers are on page 8 and at the Ministry Center front desk). Each night important announcements for the next day will be made at the end of dinner or the family fun night. Informational monitors are stationed in the Ministry Center and Dining Room lobbies, which will provide relevant information for the day. It is our hope to keep you informed of options, ideas, and answers, so you can have the best week possible.

## Sweet-n-Counter

The **Sweet-n-Counter** is located in the main lobby of the Ministry Center providing hand-dipped ice cream, shakes, pop, snacks, and candy. The Sweet-n-Counter is open during the afternoon free-time and for at least an hour following the evening program for Fam Bam (an optional, late evening game and fellowship time with the summer staff and guests). Don't forget to use your cashless account for convenience!

## The Dock Shop

Located in the Ministry Center, the Dock Shop is our retail store, featuring Gull Lake Ministries' shirts, sweatshirts, hats, blankets, stuffed animals, toys, books, speaker session CDs and many other great gifts. The Dock Shop is open when the Ministry Center is open.

## Lil' Pop Shop

Located near the beach at the Dining Room, the Lil' Pop Shop offers hand-dipped ice cream, pop, snacks, and candy. You may use your cashless account for convenient purchasing, and concessions are available during afternoon free-time.

## Guest Feedback

Following Thursday dinner, we provide time for each family to fill out an evaluation to help us assess and improve our ministry programs and services. We thank you in advance for your valuable feedback!

## Daily Schedule

Morning Activities	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<b>Breakfast</b>		9:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.				Breakfast 8:00-8:30 a.m.	
<b>BBBSB Family Devotions</b>		Children's Programs 10:15 a.m.	8:45 a.m. (in your accommodations)					
<b>Family Huddle</b>			9:30 a.m. (in the Tabernacle)					
<b>Cove Kids</b>			10:00 a.m.**-12:05 p.m.					
<b>Lakeside Kids</b>			10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.				Checkout by 9:00 a.m.	
<b>High Tide</b>			10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.				Checkout by 10:00 a.m. (If cleaning your own cottage)	
<b>Adult Programs</b>		Community Worship 10:30- 12:15 p.m. (High Tide in Tab)	Teaching Session 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Adult Free-time- ALL Children & Youth Programs run until 12:15 p.m.	Teaching Session 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Teaching Session w/ Daniel Wallace 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.		
			Missions Q&A 11:15 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.		Speaker Q&A 11:15 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.			
<b>Lunch</b>		12:30 p.m.						
<b>Afternoon Activities</b> (write activity name in your reserved time slot)				(If registered) -Extended Adult Free-time - pick up kids by 1:20 p.m. sharp				
<b>2:15-3:15 p.m.</b>								
<b>3:15-4:15 p.m.</b>	Beach Open 3:15- 5:00 p.m.							
<b>4:15-5:00 p.m.</b>	Cove Kids Open House 4:30 p.m.							
						Baptism 5:05 p.m.		
<b>All Guests Dinner/Theme Night</b>	Grandstand Grand Slam 6:00-8:30 p.m. Kids Meet Their Counselors	Good Vibes Groovin' Jives 6:00-8:30 p.m. Family Worship	Adult Banquet Night and Separate Dinner & Programs for Children & Youth 6:00-9:00 p.m.	Kung Fu's Day 6:00-7:15 p.m.	Adult Banquet Night and Separate Dinner & Programs for Children & Youth 6:00-9:00 p.m.	Stars & Stripes Dinner 6:00-7:00 p.m.		
<b>Cove Kids</b>				Children & Youth Programs 7:30-9:00 p.m.		Family Club, Share Time & Video in Tab		
<b>Lakeside Kids</b>				Teaching Session 7:30-9:00 p.m.				
<b>High Tide</b>								
<b>Adult Session</b>								
<b>Evening Activities</b>	High Tide & Lakeside Mixers POP3* in Dining Room 9:00-10:00 p.m.	FAM BAM* in MC	Individual Family Free-time - Ministry Center Open	POP3 in Dining Room 9:00-10:00 p.m.	Talent Show in the Tab 9:05- 10:00 p.m.	Stars & Stripes Fam Bam in MC		
<b>10:05-10:30 p.m.-in the Tab</b>	En Gedi*	En Gedi		En Gedi	En Gedi	High Tide Closing Party		

\*See Glossary of GLM terms on page 11 for description

\*\* Cove Kids is open during creative family devotions starting at 8:30 a.m. as an option for kids 3 and younger.

Schedule subject to change

## Theme Nights

Each night at Gull Lake Ministries is a time of celebration and family fellowship! Come dressed for the theme and get ready to make lasting memories. Theme nights begin with dinner and are followed by unforgettable fun. Our camera will be capturing the events for the weekly DVD, which guests take home Friday morning! There will be a 7:30 p.m. adult teaching session in the Tabernacle following the adult banquets and Tuesday evening's program.

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### SATURDAY

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## *Grandstand Grand Slam*

Step up to the plate as we hit off our first night of family camp with a night out at the ball game. Sport your favorite baseball team as we celebrate America's favorite pass time with an evening filled with laughter and some of your favorite ballpark food! Don't let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game!

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### MONDAY

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## *Adult Banquet Night*

Come enjoy a relaxing evening filled with great food and friends as you dine in comfort (dress casual), enjoying a three-course meal that is sure to please. Kids get to eat with their counselor groups to kick off an exciting night highlighted by some signature GLM counselor/camper activities and clubs.

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### WEDNESDAY

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## *Adult Banquet Night*

Once again, you are invited to enjoy an evening of fine dining and warm conversation before being spiritually filled through an evening of worship and teaching. Meanwhile, your kids will be in for another memorable night with their counselor groups as they devour a night of great food and fun!

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### SUNDAY

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## **Good Vibes Groovin' Jives**

Let's go to the disco! Time to break out those bell bottoms and tease up your afro as we travel back the decade that gave us VHS and Pac Man. Not only will we have a groovy night at dinner, but you'll need to bring a t-shirt, socks, pillowcase, or anything you want to make into your own personal tie-dye appare! Be there or be square!

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### TUESDAY

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## **KUNG FU'S DAY**

Whether you have your black belt or no belt this is the night for you. From Kung Fu to Judo, be ready and dressed to enter the dojo for some Karate Kid training, fast paced games and laughter as we gather together to master the art of dining together!

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### THURSDAY

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## **STARS AND STRIPES CARNIVAL**

Ladies and gentlemen, children of all ages, it is once again time for the annual Stars and Stripes Carnival! Come dressed in your American best for an evening full of carnival games, snow cones, balloon animals and, of course, the Patriot Games! Afterward, head over to the Tab for root beer floats, Family Share Time, and a sneak peek of the weekly video!

## DEPARTURE

### Complimentary Family Vacation DVD

We will be digitally capturing your week at Gull Lake Ministries. From the theme nights to the afternoon free-time activities, you and your family will be the stars. Each registered family will receive one complimentary copy of the DVD to take home on Friday morning. Extra copies are available for a suggested donation of \$10.

### Cleaning Your Cottage

If you are staying in a cottage and have not purchased the Cleaning and Linen Service, you are required to thoroughly clean your cottage before checkout. Please remember to dust, vacuum, sweep and mop floors, clean kitchen stoves and refrigerators, wipe all counters and tables, clean the bathrooms, and empty the trash.

### Checkout Times

To help our registered guests have a pleasant checkout, we provide a complimentary breakfast Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Checkout is 9:00 a.m. for guests in condos, the lodge, and those who purchased the cleaning and linen service. For guests cleaning their cottages, checkout is 10:00 a.m. Your timely departure is needed to allow us to properly reset the facility for newly arriving guests. A late checkout fee of \$30 will be charged to those who do not honor the stated checkout times. If the delay is deemed excessive, the fee will be the rate of one day's stay (one-seventh of the weekly rate). If items are damaged or missing from our accommodations, the repair/replacement expense will be charged to the registered guest's credit card. A cleaning fee will be charged for poorly cleaned cottages. We sincerely thank you in advance for your timely departure, thoroughly cleaning your cottage, and leaving it looking good for the next day's guests!

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

*A courtesy phone is located near the Ministry Center front desk.*

Emergency Medical Care.....	911
Facility Needs .....	Steve "Trail Fix" Keith, GLM Facilities Director (269) 207-6548
Ministry Needs.....	Matt "Hoedown" Palella, GLM Ministries Director (269) 998-3665
Pharmacy (24-hour).....	Walgreens, 5020 W. Main, Kalamazoo (269) 345-8507
ER/Borgess Medical Center. ....	1521 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo (269) 226-4815

## 2018 EARLY REGISTRATION

For those wanting to lock in their favorite accommodation for Summer 2018, early registration begins **Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.** A 25 percent deposit by cash, check, or credit card is required to secure the reservation. If guests want to register during their week at Gull Lake, please see the front desk at the Ministry Center for help. Please be prepared with 1st and 2nd choices for housing. **Early accommodation reservations made by September 30, 2017, will lock in 2017 accommodation pricing for your 2018 stay!**

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Do you provide linens and towels?**

Sometimes. Guests staying in the condos or lodges will be provided all bed and bath linens. GLM does not provide beach towels and we ask that guests not take bath towels out of the accommodations. Beach towels are available at the dock shop for purchase.

Guests staying in cottages that have not purchased the Cleaning and Linen Service must bring their own sheets, pillowcases, extra blankets (one pillow and one blanket is provided per bed space), towels, washcloths, and cleaning rags.

## **What if I need to make a phone call or mail a letter?**

There is a courtesy phone available for local calls inside the Ministry Center lobby. To mail a letter or postcard, guests can give their stamped mail to a front desk attendant.

## **Are laundry facilities on site?**

For guests staying in accommodations without laundry facilities and have urgent laundry needs, please go to the front desk where you will be issued a one day key to gain access to the Paul and Isaac laundry rooms.

## **What about medical help/facilities?**

Borgess Medical Center is located about 20 minutes from GLM and provides medical care 24/7. GLM does not have medical personnel of any kind. We recommend guests bring a first-aid kit for minor accidents.

## **What if I want to get on the Internet or watch TV?**

Because we want our guests to rest and get away from the pressures and distractions back home, we do not have TV or computers available for our guests. WiFi is located in our Ministry Center and Dining Room and is available for business purposes.

## **Do you have irons and ironing boards, hair dryers, or a fitness center?**

We do have irons and ironing boards in all the condos and cottages. We do not have hair dryers available. We have an indoor running track, cardio equipment, and free weights available in the Ministry Center. Guests must be at least 14 years old to use the fitness equipment.

## **Is there a store nearby? What if we forget something?**

There is a gas station just a few minutes from GLM. The town of Richland is seven minutes from GLM and has a grocery store. Kalamazoo is approximately 15 minutes from GLM and has a variety of stores.

## **Can my friend/family member(s) come out for the day? Can one of my guests go home and a new guest replace him/her? Someone in my family has to work; can he/she come for part of the week or just in the evenings?**

Maybe. We do not sell day-passes nor do we allow unregistered guests to attend our theme night dinners. However, if a party has unused occupancy in their accommodations (e.g. five people are staying in a six-person room), a wristband is available and may be given to another person for a partial week or just a day. À la carte meals for this person can be purchased in advance.

If an on-grounds guest with available occupancy would like someone to visit for the day, a signed Covenant Agreement and wristband is all we require for access to all on-grounds activities. A wristband can be cut off of a guest who is leaving and given to a new guest. Some restrictions apply. For more information, please contact our Reservation Coordinator.

## **Do you accommodate special dietary needs?**

Yes. We offer a gluten-free, a peanut/tree-nut-free, a dairy-free, and a vegetarian option. Please let us know if you will be choosing one of these options at the time of registration or at least two weeks before your stay. Also, for your convenience, all of our accommodations have fully functioning kitchens, equipped with a refrigerator, stove (with the exception of upstairs Ben Gordon & Galations), microwave and utensils if you decide to prepare some of your own meals.

## **My kids don't get up early enough for breakfast; can I bring breakfast back to them? Can we get a doggy bag for the food we don't finish in the dining room?**

Unfortunately, no. For a variety of reasons, including food service rules and safety issues, guests cannot take food out of our dining area.

## **Is there coffee available all of the time? Will I have a coffee maker in my room/cottage/condo?**

Yes. There is coffee available in the upstairs lobby of the Ministry Center. There is always coffee available at meal times and the lodges, cottages and condos have a standard drip coffeemaker.

## **Is fishing available?**

Yes! GLM has a lengthy fishing dock located behind the Dining Room. Guests 17 years and older can purchase a fishing license at the Bayview Market just two miles away on the southern tip of Gull Lake.



**Can we bring our bikes, scooters, etc.?**

Yes! We encourage all guests to wear helmets and remind our guests to pay careful attention while on our narrow streets, as they can be dangerous if bikers are not attentive. In addition, we ask that the entryways and sidewalks around the Tabernacle, Dining Room and Ministry Center remain free of bikes, skateboards, and scooters for the safety of all guests.

**Do you have life jackets for all ages and sizes?**

Yes! However, we have a limited number of life jackets for little ones. We ask that guests with life jackets for their little ones bring them for their child(ren)'s use (labeled with their last name).

**If I want to bring my ski boat, sailboat, or personal watercraft, where do I park it?**

GLM has a boat dock in the bay, near the beach, with 12 boat slips that should be reserved two weeks prior to arrival. The cost is \$75 for the week, per slip. Personal watercrafts (i.e. Wave Runners) require a smaller slip at half price. Boats must be washed prior to entering Gull Lake, unless they have been out of water for more than four days

**What should we do for the talent show? Can adults participate? Each of my children has a unique talent, can they each sign up for a slot?**

We encourage families to select and prepare an act that involves everyone, including parents and grandparents. While singing and dancing is wonderful, most of the families appreciate creative acts like skits, special skills (tae kwon do, baton tossing, tumbling, etc.), family-friendly comedy, magic, or a silly, wacky talent! Due to time limitations, and to allow everyone an opportunity to participate, we can only allow one act per family that lasts about three minutes.

**Do I need to bring my own beach toys?**

We have a limited number of beach toys. Guests who bring their own should label them with their name.

**Can we swim at the beach when lifeguards are not on duty?**

The beach is closed when lifeguards are not on duty. However, guests may choose to swim at their own risk (understandably, GLM assumes no responsibility). The water toys (aqua jump and iceberg), boats, and canoes are closed and off-limits when lifeguards are not at their posts. All guests swimming in our designated swimming area, out past our shallow rope buoy to our deep-water toys, as well as anyone using our paddleboats, canoes, and other personal watercraft, will be required to wear a securely fastened life jacket.

**Can I pay my final balance and turn in profile forms upon arrival?**

With dozens and dozens of families arriving within the same two-hour window, and everyone desiring a fast and smooth check-in, it is essential that we receive final payment and required forms at least two weeks prior to arrival.

**What do you do to ensure my comfort and safety?**

Safety is of the utmost importance to GLM! We train, educate, and drill our staff to ensure they are prepared to address both minor and serious safety concerns before there is an issue.

**For the safety and comfort of all, we strictly enforce several simple rules:**

- Guests are required to wear modest swimwear.
- Gull Lake Ministries is a pet-free environment.
- Gull Lake Ministries is a smoke-free environment in all of our buildings and public areas.
- No alcoholic beverages, firearms, illegal drugs, or fireworks on premises.
- Quiet hours are from 11 p.m. to 8 a.m.

**What is your hiring process? Do you do background checks?**

Each year, our GLM hiring team travels to several colleges and universities to find our mature, Biblically grounded, Jesus-loving, college-aged summer staff. Every GLM staff member must pass a background check before hire. Once hired, our summer staff receives about 80 hours of training before they can interact with guests.

## GLOSSARY OF GLM TERMS

**BBBSB “Brown Bag Bible Study Bonanza”:** A fun and spiritually enriching creative devotional for the entire family.

**Youth & Cove Kids Profile:** A required form for all children attending who will enter 1st through 12th grade the following fall. The profile assists your child’s counselor to better understand your child’s personality, spiritual perspective, and emotional needs.

**Camp Name:** Our summer staffers, as well as our permanent staff, have all been given a Camp Name that they go by throughout the summer. Make sure to ask some of the staffers to tell you how they got their Camp Name, You’ll hear some great stories!

**Cashless Account:** A cash-free charge account that provides spending power at our Sweet-n-Counter, Dock Shop, arts and crafts room, front desk, and Lil’ Pop Shop, near the beach, without having to carry cash.

**Cove Kids:** Our program for little ones, ages newborn to entering kindergarten. Cove Kids has a creative curriculum and fun activities led by an all-female, college-age staff.

**En Gedi:** A time at the end of the evening for guests and staff to praise Jesus and delight in Him. Summer staff is officially off duty during this time so they can recharge with God and prepare their hearts and minds for another full day of service. Guests who are old enough to appreciate the reverence during this time are welcome to join in.

**Fam Bam:** Family free-time in the Ministry Center. The full gym, game room, climbing wall, Sweet-n-Counter, Dock Shop, pickleball courts, octaball, and bowling alley are all open and ready for family fun!

**Family Huddle:** A pre-game, high-energy family warm-up starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Tabernacle.

**High Tide:** Our fun-filled program for pre-teens and teens, 7th through 12th grades, that meets every day for Bible studies and interactive activities with their energetic counselors.

**Lakeside:** Our program for children entering grades 1st through 6th, that supercharges kids with God’s love and truth in a fun and challenging environment.

**Ministry Center “MC”:** The Ministry Center features two large lobbies with fireplaces, the Sweet-n-Counter snack shop, the Dock Shop store, a game room, a craft room, a full gym with basketball, octaball, an indoor climbing wall, pickleball courts, a four-lane bowling alley, and fitness equipment with walking track.

**POP 3:** A late evening, family free-time in the dining room with a variety of board and table games to play with camp staff, with your “pop”, eating popcorn, drinking soda pop, and maybe winning a free ring pop when popping the trouble board on entering.

**Quadzilla:** Our 40-foot outdoor tower that features three zip lines, a climbing wall, two leaps of faith, and a giant screamer swing.

**Tabernacle “Tab”:** A 750-person theater-style meeting space. Worship, speaker sessions, family huddle, and the talent show are held at the Tabernacle.



Please tear out and make copies as needed.  
Use a separate form for each child.  
Additional copies may be printed off our website at [gulllake.org](http://gulllake.org).

## Gull Lake Ministries Youth Profile

Summer 2017 - For grades 1 through High School

Please staple a small recent photograph  
**HERE**  
Please write on the back of the photo:  
• Name  
• Week #  
• Grade next Fall  
*This profile will be disposed of after your vacation.*

Week # \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Attending with  Parent(s)  Other (please list rate holder) \_\_\_\_\_

Female  Male **Birth Date** \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** (at camp) \_\_\_\_ **Grade** (Fall 2017) \_\_\_\_\_

Youth's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Custodial Parent's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*While at Gull Lake Ministries, your child will be in a group with several other guests of similar age and gender. They will be supervised by a well-trained counselor who has been selected for his or her maturity, integrity, sensitivity, and spiritual commitment to Jesus Christ. It is our desire to help your child develop spiritually, physically, and socially while at GLM. Your cooperation in completing this form will help your child's counselor prepare to provide the needed encouragement and opportunities to make this camping experience as meaningful and productive as possible. If there are areas of concern that you feel are too sensitive or confidential to disclose, you may speak personally with the counselor when you bring your child to camp.*

- | Yes                      | No                       |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Will your child have a birthday while at GLM?               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has your child been to GLM before? Where? _____ When? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are both parents living?                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the child living with parents? If not, with whom? _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does child attend church? Religious preference: _____       |

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable in large groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Responds well to authority        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers small groups        | <input type="checkbox"/> Makes friends easily             | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs firm boundaries             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leader                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Hesitant when meeting new people | <input type="checkbox"/> Adapts well to new situations     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Follower                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Active                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Uncomfortable with new challenges |

What are your child's greatest interests? \_\_\_\_\_

What groups is your child active in? (Church, school, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you most desire that your child get out of camp? \_\_\_\_\_

In what ways do you feel we can best help your child in the area of spiritual growth? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any specific limitations or conditions we should know about in order to better understand and help your child? \_\_\_\_\_

Any other comments? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Gull Lake Ministries Cove Kids Profile

Please make copies as needed. Complete a separate form for each child.  
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## Summer 2017- For Ages Newborn through Entering Kindergarten

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Week# \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Accommodation \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (at camp) \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Some things I like that might help me separate easier: \_\_\_\_\_

### GIRAFFES (0-23 Months)

#### MOBILITY

I can: \_\_\_\_\_ sit without support \_\_\_\_\_ crawl \_\_\_\_\_ pull up on objects \_\_\_\_\_ walk by myself

Sleep position(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Stomach \_\_\_\_\_ Back \_\_\_\_\_ Side \_\_\_\_\_ No Nap

Will your child need a blanket, pacifier, bear, etc. this week? \_\_\_\_\_

#### FEEDING

Babies: \_\_\_\_\_ Breast fed \_\_\_\_\_ Bottle fed - Bottle Temp: \_\_\_\_\_ Cold \_\_\_\_\_ Room Temp. \_\_\_\_\_ Warm

Burp every \_\_\_\_\_ oz. during feeding. Can I drink from a sippy cup? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

What kind of snacks can I eat? \_\_\_\_\_

### LIONS & MONKEYS (2-5 years)

#### POTTY TIME

Please check one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Potty trained

\_\_\_\_\_ In training; will tell someone when I need to go

\_\_\_\_\_ In training; take often

\_\_\_\_\_ No potty; just diapers

**If there is any other information we would benefit from knowing please see the Cove Kids Director.**

### COVE KIDS ILLNESS POLICY

We realize you are on vacation and a sick child will be disappointing to all but:

1. We can only accept healthy children. We depend on you to help us maintain this policy. If your child has signs or symptoms of any of the following Please DO NOT bring them to Cove Kids: Infectious disease, open or draining skin lesions (that cannot be covered), eye infections, questionable rashes, green nasal drainage, fever (100.4 or more), vomiting or diarrhea (three or more loose stools). This is for the protection of your child as well as the other children and staff.

2. A sick child must remain out of Cove Kids until after he/she has been free for 24 hours of fever, vomiting and/or diarrhea. A child may also return after being on antibiotics for 24 hours.

I, the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, have read the above illness policy and agree to uphold GLM's restrictions should my child show signs of illness.

Parent / Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Fill out and send in with payment balance and profiles.

Week # \_\_\_\_\_

# GULL LAKE MINISTRIES RELEASE AND COVENANT AGREEMENT

Dear Facility Users,

We at Gull Lake Ministries want to inform you of our safety precautions on our facility. You and your family will be required to wear safety equipment for water sports, target sports, zip line, and climbing tower, as well as any other activities requiring protective gear.

Even with safety equipment, we at Gull Lake Ministries want you to realize that any program and/or recreation activity has inherent dangers that no amount of care, caution, instruction, or expertise can eliminate.

IT IS MANDATORY THAT THIS FORM IS COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND DATED BY THE PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) OR HEAD OF THE FAMILY PRIOR TO ADMITTANCE INTO PROGRAMS OR EVENTS. **YOUR FAMILY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE UNLESS WE HAVE RECEIVED THIS FORM.**

**FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING HOLDING MY RESERVATION AND/OR PERMITTING ACCESS TO AND USE OF FACILITIES, I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE AND/OR AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

- I understand that pictures and videos may be taken during my time here. I hereby give permission for the use of such pictures and videos of my family for the promotion of Gull Lake Ministries.
- In addition, I give permission for my family to be transported in vehicles for camp-approved transportation and activities at Gull Lake Ministries and other locations.
- I understand that the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital.
- In signing this document, I hereby certify that I give permission to my family to participate in the Gull Lake Ministries' programs and activities.
- I have signed this document as my own free act and in consideration of the agreement by Gull Lake Ministries to accept my family for their camping/conference programs and/or activities.
- I have read and agree to all the terms and conditions on the back of this page for myself and my family.

Signed by Adults (age 18 and up)/Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
_____		_____	
<i>Printed Name</i>		<i>Printed Name</i>	
_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
_____		_____	
<i>Printed Name</i>		<i>Printed Name</i>	

Please list all family members attending and/or participating at Gull Lake Ministries. NOTE: List only the minor children you are legally responsible for, as you cannot sign a release and covenant form for someone else's child (e.g., your child's friend or your grandchildren).

1. _____	4. _____	7. _____
2. _____	5. _____	8. _____
3. _____	6. _____	9. _____

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## Terms and Conditions

- 1. Compliance with Rules and Regulations.** Facility User shall use the Facilities at Facility User's risk and in compliance with all rules and regulations relating to each and every portion of the Facilities promulgated by Gull Lake Ministries, its partners and/or agents from time to time. This shall include but not be limited to the wearing of safety equipment for water sports, target sports, zip line and climbing tower, as well as any other activities requiring protective gear. Furthermore, Gull Lake Ministries reserves the right to deny or terminate Facility User's use of facilities whenever, in the Executive Director's sole discretion, the speech or conduct of a Facility User is contrary to the Gull Lake Ministries Statement of Faith or biblical ethics.
- 2. Assumption of Risk. FACILITY USER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT (A) FACILITY USER IS USING THE OVERALL FACILITIES AT FACILITY USER'S OWN RISK WHETHER OR NOT A GULL LAKE MINISTRIES ATTENDANT IS PRESENT, (B) THE ACTIVITIES TO BE ENGAGED IN BY FACILITY USER MAY BE DANGEROUS AND MAY INVOLVE THE RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY, DEATH AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE; AND (C) FACILITY USER ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INJURIES, DAMAGES OR LOSSES WHICH MAY OCCUR TO OR BE OCCASIONED BY FACILITY USER IN OR ABOUT THE OVERALL FACILITIES.**
- 3. Release.** Facility User and its heirs and family members (the "Releasing Parties") covenant not to sue and hereby release, remise and forever discharge Gull Lake Ministries and its past, present or future officers, directors, agents, employees, partners and representatives (the Released Parties") from and against all actions, causes of action, suits, damages, judgments, claims, counterclaims, demands, liabilities and obligations whatsoever, known or unknown, direct or indirect, liquidated or contingent, at law or in equity, which the Releasing Parties or any of them now have, ever had or hereafter can, shall or may have against the Released Parties for or by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever occurring, arising out of, related to or in connection with the Overall Facility, whether or not arising out of future events.
- 4. Indemnification.** The Releasing Parties shall at all times be responsible for and protect, indemnify, defend and save harmless the Released Parties from and against any and all loss, cost, damage or expense, including attorneys fees and legal/mediation/arbitration costs, arising out of or from, relating to, in connection with or occasioned by (a) the use or intended use of any portion of the Facilities by Facility User; (b) any accident or other occurrence causing injury to the person or property of Facility User relating to such use or intended use; or (c) any claim, counterclaim, cause of action, demand or suit by or on behalf of a minor child Facility User not a signatory to this Agreement brought against the Released Parties relating to the Facilities. Any claim or dispute arising from or related to this agreement shall be settled by mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation of the Institute for Christian Conciliation, a division of Peacemaker® Ministries (complete text of the Rules is available at **Peacemaker.net**), subject to any terms to the contrary contained in this Agreement. Judgment upon an arbitration decision may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. The parties understand that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this agreement and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.
- 5. Continued Use of the Overall Facility.** Facility User acknowledges that the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall relate to the first time Facility User uses any portion of the Facilities and all Facility User's future use of any portion of the Facilities, it being the intention of Gull Lake Ministries that this Agreement shall be a continuing assumption of risk, waiver and indemnification for each and every time Facility User uses any portion of the Facilities.