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Please read this booklet carefully as it will provide the necessary information for a safe, fun, and memorable week!

\*These forms need to be filled out and mailed **two weeks prior to your arrival**, along with **your final balance payment**. Additional camper profiles may be printed off our website [www.gulllake.org](http://www.gulllake.org).

# 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 fifteenth 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 conference center and family resort. We offer nine weeks of family camp 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 90-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"/> Bible/Notebook                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat/Umbrella   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding*/Extra Blankets             | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Shoes and Flip Flops                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Cleaning Items*/Dishtowels* | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Clubs (optional)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage Bags                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Bikes/Scooters/Helmets (optional)                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper*/Toiletries            | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack (for Lakeside and High Tide Youth)                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach Towels/Bath Towels*           | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Chairs   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Pole/Tackle (optional)                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit (modest one-piece)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theme Night Outfits (see page 9)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic First Aid Supplies (Band-Aids, antibiotic ointment, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Talent Show Props                   |  |

\*If you are staying in the Fellowship Center or a condo, or purchased the "Cleaning and Linen Service," your accommodations will be cleaned upon departure and you will be provided bed sheets, pillowcases, bath towels (one set of each per registered guest), dishtowels, dish cloths, dish soap, and toilet paper. If you are planning to prepare your lunches and breakfasts, you will need to remember to bring scouring pads, all-purpose cleaner, cleaning rags, and garbage bags. *All guests are asked to keep garbage in bags and not place it directly in unlined garbage containers.*

**Important Note:** Wipes that are advertised as "flushable" are not actually flushable and plug up the sewer pump systems. Thank you for throwing them away in the trash and not flushing them. Towels for Fellowship Center, condo, and "Cleaning and Linen Service" guests will be changed out on Tuesday. If you think you will need more towels, pillows, or blankets than one set per person, *please bring additional linens from home.* We also ask you to only use our towels for drying people and not for beach use, makeup removal, washing your boat, etc. Please be aware that some lotions and self-tanning creams will permanently soil our towels and bed linens. If towels/linens are permanently soiled, we will have to charge you so we can purchase replacements.

**Forget something?** Please visit the Dock Shop retail store where basic necessities (such as Tylenol, toothpaste, and toothbrushes) can be purchased.

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

One blanket and one pillow per bed space, a stove (excluding upstairs in Ben Gordon and Galatians), refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker, toaster, broom, mop, bucket, vacuum, and a *limited supply* of dishes, flatware, cooking utensils, and cookware. 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, sport equipment, bikes, and any other family items with your name. (Gull Lake Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items.) **Cottages are priced without the cleaning and linen service. You must request and pay for this service two weeks prior to arrival.**

NO PETS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, OR FIREWORKS ALLOWED. NO SMOKING INSIDE OR JUST OUTSIDE ANY OF OUR BUILDINGS OR IN THE COMMON AREAS.

### **Camper Profile**

It is our desire to help your child develop spiritually, physically, and socially while at Gull Lake. Your cooperation in filling out a Camper Profile (located in the back of this booklet) on 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 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.**

### **Payments**

**All final balances are required to be paid two weeks prior to arrival.** We welcome secure online payment at [www.gulllake.org](http://www.gulllake.org), just click on the online payments box. You may also pay by phone using MasterCard, Visa, or Discover, or you may send a check by mail. If sending a check as a deposit, your reservation will not be guaranteed until the check has cleared. 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 & SIGN UP**

Our spirited staff will warmly welcome arriving guests on Saturday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. sharp in the new Ministry Center. While our guests check in, our staff will valet your vehicle and move your luggage into your accommodations. At check-in, guests will 1) receive their keys and wristbands, 2) pick up the week's schedule, menus, and select their adult banquet night entrées (for Monday and Wednesday), 3) take a family photo for the weekly video, 4) sign up for the week's free time activities 5) establish a cashless account for on-ground purchases (if desired), and 6) sign up and pay for their children's lunch on Tuesday, extending their adult free time getaway (optional). All adults will be required to sign a Release and Covenant Agreement (located in the back of this booklet). Our friendly staff will be available and ready to cheerfully walk you through the check-in process, ensuring your family has a fun-filled week together!

## **Wristbands**

All paid registered guests (up to the housing occupancy maximum) 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. If a guest is leaving before the week is over and someone is coming in their spot, the wristband of the departing guest must be removed by the front desk staff and exchanged for a new bracelet. The replacement wristband will be held at the front desk for the newly arriving guest. A waiver form will need to be signed, if not already, which is located in the back of this booklet.

## **Free Time Activity Sign Up**

Most free time activities do not require signing up and are open throughout the afternoon. For bowling, water rocketing, pontoon rides, talent show, and bike trips, signing up is required and begins Saturday during check-in. As a helpful reminder, each family will be provided a weekly schedule with blank spaces in the afternoon to write in the selected activities. There are no additional charges for our on-ground activities and we ask families/individuals to 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. Information/maps for optional off-site excursions, such as golf and horseback riding, are available at the front desk.

## **Guest “Cashless Accounts”**

Most guests take advantage of our user-friendly, cash-free charge accounts that provide spending power at our Sweet-n-Counter, Sugar Shack, Dock Shop (retail store), arts and crafts room, and front desk without having to carry cash. During Saturday check-in, a cashless account can be set up by filling out a simple in-house account form, that includes a credit card number. This card will be used to settle your cashless account balance and will be charged after you check out on Friday. Your receipt, along with the week’s tally, will be mailed out the following week. Establishing an account is an optional service for our guests and can be used through Friday morning.

## **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 (infant to 5). This allows parents/guardians the opportunity to meet the counselors and look around.

## **Meal Plans**

Dinners are festive events at GLM, making attendance a *must*. All guests will be automatically signed up for the required dinners at the time of reservation. For those wanting to escape the work of cooking and cleaning up for each breakfast and lunch, an upgrade to the “All Meal Plan” is available. Because there is no cooking in the Fellowship Center, we recommend the All Meal Plan for our hotel guests who desire hot breakfasts and lunches. Simply give us a call two weeks prior to arrival, if you would like your meal plan changed.

# FAMILY CAMP PROGRAM

## Sample Weekday Schedule

7:30 a.m.	Front Desk Opens
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast /Pick Up BBBSB Outside Dining Room by 8:45 a.m.
8:30 a.m.	Optional Early Drop-Off for Cove Kids 3 & Under
8:45 a.m.	Creative Family Devotions at Your Cottage/Room (BBBSB)
9:30 a.m.	Family Huddle in the Tab - Everyone Together
10:00 a.m.	Adult Session I High Tide, Lakeside & Cove Kids Programs
11:00 a.m.	Adult Break
11:15 a.m.	Adult Session II
12:05 p.m.	Pick Up Cove Kids
12:15 p.m.	Pick Up Lakeside at Big Top/High Tide Released
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:15 p.m.	Family Free Time Activities until 5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.	Themed Dinner Event for All Guests
7:30 p.m.	Family Fun Night or Adult Session/Children and Youth Programs Cove Kids Opens (drop-off times may vary)
9:00 p.m.	Pick Up Cove Kids (pick-up times may vary)
9:00 p.m.	Front Desk Closes
9:05 p.m.	POP 3, FamBam, or Talent Show
10:00 p.m.	Off to Bed

## **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 front desk counter in the Fellowship Center 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 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 four 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. and 11:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

## High Tide

High Tide is our fun-filled program for 7th through 12th graders. Each day High Tide will meet with their energetic counselors for Bible studies and age-appropriate activities, including street hockey, 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. **Please complete the Camper Profile (located in the back of this booklet) 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.** (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 each weekday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Tabernacle, after Family Huddle, and finish at 12:15 p.m. before lunch. If parents 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 Camper Profile (located in the back of this booklet) 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.** (Groups will be announced Saturday night after dinner.)

## Cove Kids

Cove Kids is for infants through five years of age. Cove Kids are divided into groups, each hosted upstairs in the Ministry Center. They are divided as follows: 0–1 year-olds, 2–3 year-olds, and 4–5 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). **Cove Kids' profiles will be completed during check-in on Saturday.**

- Sunday 10:15 a.m.–12:20 p.m. Service
- Monday 10:00 a.m.\*–12:05 p.m. Service  
5:45 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Dinner and Service
- Tuesday 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  
5:45 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<sup>3</sup> • Water Rocketing<sup>1</sup> • Biking • Sailboat Cruise<sup>1</sup> • Pontoon Tour<sup>1</sup> • Talent Show<sup>4</sup>

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

On the Water <sup>1</sup>	On the Rec Field <sup>2</sup>	In the MC <sup>3</sup>
Aqua Jump w/Log Roll & Blob	Climbing Wall	Basketball
Iceberg Aqua-Climb	Pamper Poles	Arts & Crafts
Kayaks	Screamer Swing	Pickleball
Beach Bumming	Zip Lines	Fitness Center
Fishing Dock	Archery/BB Guns	Game Room
Canoes	Sling Shot Range	Indoor Track
Swimming	Rec Field Games	Four Square
Paddle Boats	Sand Volleyball	Shuffleboard
Horseshoes	Tennis	Bowling

<sup>1</sup> These activities are located on or near the beach.

<sup>2</sup> These activities are located on our recreation fields behind the Ministry Center.

<sup>3</sup> These activities are located in the Ministry Center.

<sup>4</sup> These activities are located in the Tabernacle.

## Optional Family Excursions

*Information available at the front desk.*

Activity	Travel Time
Horseback Riding; Kalamazoo Air Zoo; Binder Park Zoo	30 minutes
Fort Custer Bike Trails	15–20 minutes
Golf	10–20 minutes
Gilmore Car Museum	10 minutes
Kellogg Mansion; Kellogg Bird Sanctuary	5 minutes

## **Tuesday Adult Free Time**

On Tuesday morning following the Brown Bag Bible Study Bonanza, the parents may drop off their kids at the Tabernacle for the Family Huddle at 9:30 a.m. and then take the morning off to read, golf, or 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 (\$6 each), and our counselors will take care of the rest. If you purchased the Full 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 make sure you or an appointed family member pick up your child(ren) by 1:20 p.m.*

## **Daily Information Stations**

In addition to this booklet of detailed family camp information, we have a few other ways for you to get your questions answered and your needs met once on property. Do not hesitate in asking any of our summer or resident staff for assistance as well as the front desk attendant. The 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 10 and at the front desk). Each night important announcements for the next day will be made at the end of dinner or the family fun night. An informational easel or monitor will be stationed in the Ministry Center and Fellowship Center 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 & Sugar Shack**

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). The **Sugar Shack** is located outside the Fellowship Center, next to the beach, and provides quick access to hand-dipped ice cream, pop, candy, and snacks. Both locations are open Sunday through Thursday from 2:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Don't forget to use your cashless account for your 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. Hours vary based on daily programs, but the Dock Shop is usually open Sunday through Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday night following the Camper Share Time and the weekly DVD debut; and for the last time on Friday morning during check-out from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Additional hours will be posted at information stations.

## **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!

## Theme Nights

Each night at Gull Lake Ministries is a time of celebration and family fellowship! Come ready to dress the part and 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.

### SATURDAY

## **OPERATION "DESSERT" STORM**

On your feet, Twinkie! At exactly 1800 hours we will suit up in our camo gear and face paint and start basic training in dessert warfare. This isn't a battle over land, but an epic battle of confections! This is the only corps where it's okay to be a cream puff!

### SUNDAY

## ***Fro Back to the 70s***

Break out the bright colors and bell bottoms, this disco's 'bout to get funky because tonight we're bringin' back tie-dye. Bring a white t-shirt, socks, pillowcase, or anything you want to make into your own personal tie-dye apparel. It's goin' to be a groovy party, so come prepared for a primo time of worship, fun and family!

### MONDAY

## ***Adult Banquet Night***

Serenity and tranquility await our more sophisticated audience as we dine in style. Adults can dress casually while enjoying an evening together with a delicious meal and music followed by a speaker session. Counselors will join your Cove Kids, Lakesiders, and High Tiders to partake in a delicious outdoor picnic and epic games on the Recreation Field.

### TUESDAY

## ***Who's Who in the Zoo?***

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! The zookeepers are gone and the animals have come out to play! So dress up as your favorite animal and get excited for some wild game ... er, games! Just like the lemurs in Madagascar, we're going to move it, move it!

### WEDNESDAY

## ***Adult Banquet Night***

Once more, we want to invite you to dine in comfort. This evening features a wonderful meal and a speaker session. Kids and teens will enjoy dinner with their counselor groups. We'll polish off the night with the Gull Lake Talent Show.

### THURSDAY

## ***STARS & STRIPES CARNIVAL***

Strike up the band, the carnival is back in town! "Step right up" and wear your red, white and blue on this traditional evening filled with food, game booths, face painting and patriot games! This evening ends with root beer floats and family share time.

# DEPARTURE

## Free Family Camp DVD

Once again 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 cottage, condo unit, and hotel room 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 check-out. Please remember to dust, vacuum, sweep and mop floors, clean kitchen stoves and refrigerators, wipe all counters and tables, and empty the trash.

## Avoiding Any Charges

To help our registered guests have a pleasant check-out, we provide a complimentary breakfast Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Check-out is 9:00 a.m. for guests in condos, Fellowship Center rooms, and those who purchased the "Cleaning and Linen Service." For guests cleaning their cottages, check-out is 10:00 a.m. Your timely departure is needed to allow us to properly reset the facility for newly arriving guests. **A late check-out fee of \$30 will be charged to those who do not honor the stated check-out times.** If the delay is deemed excessive, the fee will be the rate of one day's stay (1/7<sup>th</sup> 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 Fellowship Center and Ministry Center front desks (for local calls only).*

Emergency Medical Care .....	911
Facility Needs.....	Keith Miller, GLM Facilities Director (269) 207-6548
Ministry Needs .....	Matt Palella, GLM Ministries Director (269) 998-3665
Programming Needs .....	Trac Cook, GLM Program Director (979) 733-7116
Pharmacy (24 Hour).....	Walgreens, 5020 W. Main, Kalamazoo (269) 345-8507
ER/Borgess Medical Center. ....	1521 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo (269) 226-4815

# 2012 EARLY REGISTRATION

For those wanting to lock in their favorite cottage or condo for summer 2012, early registration begins **Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.** (reserved on a first-come, first-served basis through September 30, 2011). A 40 percent deposit by credit card is required to secure the registration. To be fair to all guests, we will not "hold" housing requests until payment is received. If guests want to register during their week at Gull Lake, a station will be set up at the front desk and a staff member will be available to assist you through the process. Please be prepared with 1st and 2nd choices for housing. **Early accommodation reservations will lock in 2011 pricing for your 2012 stay!**

# COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **I have an infant—what charges are there for my little one?**

*If mom ain't happy, ain't nobody happy! It is critical mom gets a break each day while providing the infant with the best possible care. Our Cove Kids staff and program are second to none and your little one will be well loved and provided for. Due to the expense involved for such care, an infant is considered an occupant and does "count" when totaling the number of people in your party. If your infant (under two years of age) puts you over the housing occupancy, you may purchase one "Additional Infant Charge" for \$159. We also have a limited number of portable cribs that can be rented for the week for a cost of \$30 per week (bedding not provided).*

## **Can I pay my final balance and turn in camper 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 final payment and required forms be received two weeks prior to arrival. If a check is being mailed instead of paying over the phone with a credit card, we request you mail it three weeks prior to arrival.*

## **How do I sign up for the afternoon family free time activities?**

*Only six of our over two dozen daily activities require signing up during check-in. These six activities are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up upon arrival! The activity sign-up sheets will be posted all week in the MC lobby for those who are looking for last-minute opportunities as space allows. The other activities are open each afternoon from 2:15–5:00 p.m., so come at your leisure!*

## **Do we pay for the afternoon free time activities?**

*No! The family free time activities, such as zip lines, climbing wall, pontoon tours, and water rocketing are included in your program and accommodation fee. Your wristband is your ticket to experience the week of adventure. However, most of the off-property, optional, family excursions do have a fee (i.e. golf, horseback riding, Kellogg Mansion, Air Zoo, etc.).*

## **How old do you have to be to do the climbing wall, screamer swing, and zip line?**

*Safety is our number one concern on these high-risk activities. If the harness fits snug enough on the little ones, we can accommodate children as young as first grade on the screamer swing and climbing wall. Height and balance become more of an issue when getting the little children off the zip line. If a child's safety is in question, the zip line coordinator will make the final call.*

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

*The beach is closed when we do not have lifeguards on duty. However, guests may choose to swim at their own risk at the beach or any other lake access (understandably GLM assumes no responsibility). We recommend using the beach when it is staffed with lifeguards during the afternoon family free time from 2:15–5:00 p.m. and variably during the morning children and youth programs from 10:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. The water toys (aqua jump and iceberg), boats, and canoes will be closed and off-limits to all guests when lifeguards are not on duty. For everyone's safety, 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 paddle boats, canoes, and other personal watercraft, will be required to wear a securely fastened life jacket. For those who want to swim laps without a jacket and are willing to incur the risk, there is an unsupervised area located between the fishing dock and Ben Gordon dock.*

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

*GLM would like to make you aware of a few details that could save you time, keep you safe, and protect your watercraft from damage. First, the docks in front of our waterfront condos/cottages are not secured to the lake floor and are for walking and sitting only. Mooring your watercraft to any of these docks could result in damage to your craft or other boats. Winds can quickly flare up and waves can drag your boat into the shore or other watercraft moored nearby. We don't want this to happen! For just this reason, GLM has provided a marina in the bay near the beach with 12 boat slips that should be reserved within two weeks prior to arrival. The cost is \$75 for the week per slip. Personal watercraft (i.e. Wave Runners) require a smaller slip at half price. Secondly, we want you to be safe! Please remember your life jackets, keep appropriate distances from other boats and docks, use spotters, and abide by the Michigan Boater Safety Guidelines. A Handbook of Michigan Boating Laws and Responsibilities is available for review at [www.boat-ed.com/mi/handbook/index](http://www.boat-ed.com/mi/handbook/index) or at the Front Desk of our Ministry Center.*

## **Is fishing available?**

*Yes! GLM has a lengthy fishing dock located behind the Fellowship Center dining room, extending almost 70 feet into the lake for the whole family to enjoy. 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 (open 8 a.m.–9 p.m.).*

**Can we bring our bikes?**

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

**Who can participate in Arts and Crafts?**

Crafts are available for all ages and skill levels everyday from 2:15–5:00 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome with an accompanying adult for pre-teens. Most craft projects have a small fee and can be placed on your account (if a cashless account is not set up on Saturday's arrival, cash payment will be necessary at the Arts and Crafts room). Arts and Crafts takes place in the Ministry Center.

**How do we get "Gull Lake Guest" special pricing for off-ground excursions?**

We have partnered with local businesses to provide our guests with special discounted prices for some of the off-ground excursions. Simply stop by the front desk and we will give you an ID card, along with phone numbers, maps, and pricing. Then you can schedule the dates and times that work best for your family!

**What can we expect at the dinners?**

Since we are feeding all the on-ground guests each night, we have memorable themed dinners planned for the whole family to enjoy. Delicious dinners will be plate-served with opportunities for seconds, with an occasional buffet. If kids need help cutting their food or more to drink, our energetic staff is there to help and make the experience an enjoyable one for mom and dad. Optional kid-friendly portions and PB&Js are available at meals—just ask your table host as you are being seated. All meals in the dining room begin promptly at their published times so don't be late!

**Can I buy a dinner ticket for my friend who is visiting?**

Sometimes! If it's on a Monday or Wednesday adult banquet night, we would love for you to bring as many adult friends as you like with a four-hour advance notice. If it is any other dinner, we are unable to accommodate them except if you have unused occupancy in your cottage. (Example - if you have a cottage that holds eight and you only have six attending, you can buy up to two à la carte dinner tickets.)

**If I go to a local church for their Sunday evening service, what are my options for dinner?**

Guests may sign up on Saturday check-in to exchange their Sunday dinner for our Sunday deluxe lunch.

**Can hotel guests cook in their rooms?**

No cooking whatsoever is allowed in the hotel rooms (crock-pots, hot plates, etc.). Violating this rule can terminate one's stay without refund. The All Meal Plan is available for those who want hot breakfasts and lunches.

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

If you don't have a cell phone, there is a courtesy phone for local calls inside the Ministry Center and Fellowship Center lobbies. You must first dial "9" before making your call. To mail a letter or postcard, just give your stamped mail to a front desk attendant by 9:00 a.m. and it will go out that day.

**Are laundry facilities on site?**

Yes, coin-operated washers and dryers are available in the lower level of the Annex building located next to the beach and boat ramp. A change machine is located in the Annex next to the washers and dryers (dollars to quarters only). A number of our deluxe condos also have washers and dryers. However, we encourage guests to pack enough clothing for each family member for the whole week.

**What about medical help/facilities?**

Borgess Medical Center is located approximately 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. We do offer limited wireless access from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. only, Sunday through Thursday, for business purposes. See front desk attendant for details and restrictions.

**Are pets allowed?**

No. Gull Lake Ministries is a pet-free environment.



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

# Gull Lake Ministries Camper Profile

## Summer 2011 - For Ages 5 & up

Please staple a small recent photograph

**HERE**

Please write on the back of the photo:

- Camper's Name
- Camper's Week #
- Grade next Fall

*This profile will be disposed of after camp.*

Camp Week # \_\_\_\_\_ Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Camper is attending with  Parent(s)  Other (please list rate holder) \_\_\_\_\_

Female  Male Birth Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Age (at camp) \_\_\_\_ Grade (Fall 2011) \_\_\_\_\_

Camper's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

*While at camp, your child will be in a group with several other campers of similar age. 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 Gull Lake Ministries. 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.*

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Will your child have a birthday while at camp?               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has your child been to camp 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: _____        |

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|--|---|--|
| <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? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_





Fill out and send in with payment balance and camper profiles.

Week # \_\_\_\_\_  
(family camp only)

# 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 camp/conference 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>	
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<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. _____

## 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 [www.Peacemaker.net](http://www.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.