

DEAR PARENTS,

Thank you for signing your child up for Camp Neyati. Campers will experience an exciting and adventurous week. This year's theme is Wild West; we have been preparing all winter long for a summer to remember! We are very excited that you have decided to join us for this summer.

Camp Neyati is licensed by the state of Michigan and we comply with licensing rules and standards. A counselor and a junior counselor will supervise each cabin. The full payment for camp is required no later June 14th.

We strive to create a welcoming and comfortable environment for all campers. Camp Neyati is rich in tradition and your camper will create great memories and lifelong relationships throughout their stay. Your camper can request a friend at the time of registration; however, they must request each other for cabin assignment. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that all requests will be satisfied. There will be no cabin changes at check in.

Drop Off/Pick UP: Drop off is at Camp Neyati at 2:00pm to 3:00 pm on Sunday, July 11th. All Health History forms must be filled out and turned in at the Greater Midland Community Center by Thursday, July 8th. You can find the form at greatermidland.org/camps. Pick up is on Saturday, July 17th at 10:00 am. We will meet near the flagpole for a brief closing ceremony before dismissing the campers at 10:30 am. GPS and Mapquest, may end you up on the wrong side of the lake, please use the attached directions for assistance.

Mail: There will be a post office set up for parents during drop off hours. You are able to leave preaddressed packages/envelopes/letters and the Counselors will deliver them to your camper on the day specified.

Checklist: By following the checklist below, you and your camper will be prepared to have a positive camping experience!

Clothing should be LABELED!

Camper's medication is in its **original container**, put in a Ziploc bag and labeled with camper's name.

Bathing suit and towel Water bottle

Sunscreen

Toiletries and incidentals.

Blue jeans Shorts

Sweatshirts

Warm jacket

Tennis shoes and or hiking boots

Underwear and socks

Rain gear

Extra shoes

Sleeping needs: Pillow, sleeping bag, blankets, and sheets. ***Twin sized bunk beds are provided.***

Toiletries: Towels, washcloths, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb/hairbrush and tissues.

INCIDENTALS - Flashlight, pencils, stamps, camera, and mosquito repellent (non-aerosol).

What NOT to bring to camp: Campers miss out on their camp experience when they bring items from home to play with. These items may also be lost or stolen. "If you care about it, leave it at home!" Cherished items may become lost or broken.

The following is a general idea of what not to bring to camp (not an exhaustive list.)

Aerosol sprays (i.e. bug and hair spray)
Cell phones
Inappropriate clothing
Jewelry
Fireworks
Glass bottles
Radios
Video games

If any of the above-mentioned items are found at camp, they will be held by the camp director and can be retrieved by a parent on pick up day. If you need to contact your camper, please contact the Camp Director, the number is below. Some items such as drugs/drug paraphernalia (legal or otherwise), weapons of any kind including pocket knives will not be tolerated and could result in a camper being sent home.

Camp Overview: The Greater Midland Community Center Residence Camp is dedicated to providing your camper with an engaging camp experience. Safety is our highest priority. During camp we emphasize our values of responsibility, integrity, honesty and inclusivity in all of our activities and programs. It is our sincere intention that all campers have the opportunity to create positive memories that last a lifetime. There are many exciting activities and program areas that your camper will experience, including the following:

• Arts and Crafts • Archery Range • Sports Field • Low Ropes Course • Waterfront and more

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: In the case of an emergency, call the office. The Director will be located to assist with the situation. The phone number for the office at Camp Neyati is (989) 544-2955.

MEETING WITH THE DIRECTORS: We encourage open lines of communication. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate, we are here to facilitate a positive experience. We understand and take very seriously the need for confidentiality and encourage you to communicate all necessary information to the Camp Director. For our campers requiring accommodations, receiving services or who may need modified activities it is imperative that parents/guardians communicate with the Camp Director. We are always available if there is an issue, big or small. If you would like to offer suggestions or praise, feel free to contact us.

ABOUT OUR STAFF: Our professional staff team is trained to engage and support every camper. All camp counselors are at least 18 years old. The majority of the staff team come from the field of education, many have risen through the ranks as campers, Cookees and Junior Counselors. Our staff team has loved their experience at Neyati and want to provide that same great experience for all campers. All staff members receive a thorough background check; in addition, they are required to attend training sessions prior to the start of the camping season. Every

staff member is certified in CPR and First Aid. Certain Activity Leaders receive additional training and certifications in their related specialty areas (i.e.: Aquatics and Low Ropes Course).

GROUPING OF CAMPERS: The campers participating in our programs are grouped on the basis of age and gender. If you have a camper that would like to be placed with a camper of a different age then the two campers will be placed in the younger campers' cabin. We will not move a younger camper into an older cabin of campers

SAMPLE DAY CAMP SCHEDULE:

8:00am RISE AND SHINE

8:50am FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

9:00am BREAKFAST

9:30am to 10:15am CAMP CLEAN-UP

10:15am to 11:15am MORNING ACTIVITY

11:15am to 12:15pm GENERAL SWIM

12:50pm to 1:30pm LUNCH AND MAIL

1:45pm to 2:35pm REST PERIOD

2:45pm to 4:15pm AFTERNOON ACTIVITY

4:30pm to 5:25pm GENERAL SWIM

5:45pm RETIRE THE FLAG

6pm to 6:45pm SUPPER

7pm to 7:20pm SINGING ON THE WATERFRONT

7:20pm to 8:20pm EARLY EVENING ACTIVITY-FREE ACTIVITY

8:30pm to 9:30pm LATE EVENING ACTIVITY

9:40pm BRUSH TEETH, COMB HAIR, PUT ON PJ'S

10:00pm LIGHTS OUT AND GO TO SLEEP!!!

SWIMMING: Campers will swim each day. They are required to take a swim test the 1st day.

EARLY DISMISSAL: If the need should arise that you must pick up your camper earlier than Saturday, please contact the Director to ensure your camper is ready to go upon your arrival. If you know that you will be picking your camper up early let us know at drop off.

VISITING: We ask that you only visit the camp at check-in and check-out during the designated times. It is disruptive to the camper, other campers and the camp program.

LOST AND FOUND: We suggest that all campers clearly mark every item that comes to camp with their name. Stray items are collected at the end of the day and can be retrieved at the checkout table.

SICK CAMPER: In the case of a sick camper, parents/guardians will be notified and asked to pick up their camper. Please notify the camp immediately if your telephone number or emergency contact information changes. Parents will be informed by phone of serious matters.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO TO ENSURE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE: We understand that parents want the best for their children and a question we hear many times at camp is "What can I do to enhance my camper's stay?" The best response we can offer is a simple suggestion; ENCOURAGE YOUR CAMPER TO PARTICIPATE. We cannot and will not force a camper to

participate in any program, however we will promote/encourage participation. The best way to alleviate boredom or homesickness is active involvement in activities.

CONDUCT OF CAMPERS-BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT POLICY: One of the main objectives here at camp is to teach campers a sense of responsibility. This refers in part to being a responsible member of the camp community as well as being responsible for their individual actions. As a result, parents are not notified for each minor incident, we work with the camper first. Parents are notified if behaviors persists.

CONSEQUENCES FOR UNDESIRED BEHAVIORS:

1. Warning- Reminder of Camp Rules
2. Cool Down- Removal from activity/group accompanied with individual conversation with staff member
3. Assistant Director or Director involved
4. Assistant Director/Director calls parent/guardian
5. Suspension from Program (length of time determined by the Director/depending on the nature of the situation)
6. Expulsion

Greater Midland Community Center strives to provide a safe, quality program to all that attend. Expulsions occur only as a last resort and after all possible remedies have been exhausted. Reasons for expulsion includes but are not limited to, a threat to the camper's self and/or others, safety concerns, becoming a detriment to the camp program and repeated offenses. The Midland Community Center regrets that after a child is expelled from camp, the possibility exists that participation in other programs may not be permitted. Return to Camp Neyati is not permitted in the future without consent from the Camp Director. All requests to return to the camp program must be submitted in writing before registration and are not guaranteed. Refunds will not be issued if a camper is expelled.

FIGHTING/BULLING: Campers involved in physical or verbal confrontation will be sent home immediately. The parent/guardian will be contacted by the Camp Director. It is the parent's responsibility to make immediate arrangements to pick up the camper. Please coach your camper on this policy.

OBSCENITY: Obscene, profane or vulgar language written, oral or expressed by symbols is not tolerated. Being respectful to the staff and other campers is a basic expectation. Campers involved in using obscenities are subject to the behavior management policy.

SOCIAL CONDUCT: Campers conduct should reflect concern for others. Intimacy/physical contact are prohibited. Stealing is a violation of Michigan law; campers who become involved in a theft of camp property, another camper's belongings/staff belongings is subject to the behavior management policy and possibly involvement of law enforcement.

VANDALISM: Campers involved in vandalism or malicious behavior either against the camp property or personal property of campers/staff will be subject to the behavior management policy. Payment to repair any damage accrued as a result of the vandalism is the responsibility of the camper's parent/guardian.

HEALTH CARE STATEMENTS AND WAIVERS: Health histories and waivers must be filled out by July 1st. These are [available here](#). We are not able keep your child without this very important information. It is especially important to provide multiple phone numbers and ways to contact you in case of emergencies. All of this information is kept confidential and locked, only the camp staff can see it. All of this information is located at the end of the packet.

EXCESSIVE HEAT AND RAINY DAY SCHEDULES: Regularly scheduled activities will be altered and a special modified curriculum will be implemented during days with excessive heat or rain. Campers will follow a schedule of programs that will include physical as well as cooperative and challenging group activities. In the event of inclement weather, we are able to provide shelter to the entire camp population.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time. We look forward to meeting and spending quality time with your camper.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Head northeast
2. Turn left toward S Jefferson Ave
3. Turn left onto S Jefferson Ave
4. Turn right onto Rodd St
5. Take the 2nd left onto S Saginaw Rd
6. Turn right onto Eastman Ave
7. Merge onto US-10 W via the ramp to Clare
8. Exit onto US-10 W
9. Turn left onto Gibson Ave
10. Continue onto Terry St
11. Slight right onto Garfield St
12. Continue onto Lake Station Ave
13. Turn right onto Rock Rd
14. Turn right onto Cook Ave
15. Cook Ave turns slightly left and becomes Hillcrest Dr Destination will be on the right.