

Welcome to Bethel Horizons

**SUMMER  
CAMP**

**2024**



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to Bethel Horizons! We're looking forward to having your child experience Bethel Horizons this summer. Please read the following information about camp. It should answer most questions on what to pack, rules, contact information and more. All required forms for camp are completed online or at our website at [www.bethelhorizons.org](http://www.bethelhorizons.org) and must be received by our office no later than June 1, 2024 or one week prior to the start of your child's week at camp.

Should you have any questions or need any additional resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at any time.

Sincerely,

Linda Warren  
Office Manager and Registrar  
(608) 257-3577, ext. 334  
[bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org](mailto:bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org)



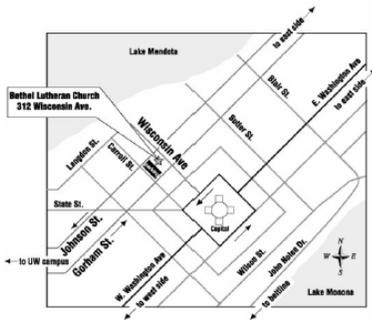
Main Office: Bethel Lutheran Church, 312 Wisconsin Ave., Madison, WI 53703  
Phone (608) 257-3577 | Fax (608) 257-4044 | [www.bethelhorizons.org](http://www.bethelhorizons.org)  
Camp & Retreat Center: 4651 Cty Road ZZ, Dodgeville, WI 53533 | (608) 807-7468  
Adamah Art Studios: 4681 Cty Road ZZ, Dodgeville, WI 53533 | [www.adamahartstudio.org](http://www.adamahartstudio.org)

## TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM CAMP

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Bethel Horizons provides round-trip bus transportation to and from camp at no charge from Bethel Lutheran Church in Downtown Madison.

### Sunday



Campers should arrive at Bethel Lutheran Church, 312 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. The bus departs promptly at 3:00 p.m. If you miss the bus on Sunday or you would prefer to drop your kids at camp in Dodgeville (see directions below), please arrive at camp by 3:30 p.m.

### Friday

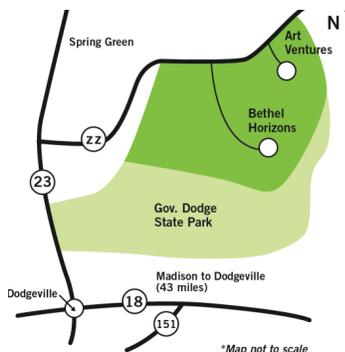
Your child's week at camp ends on Friday at 12:00 p.m. Busses will leave for Bethel Lutheran Church promptly at 12:00 p.m., arriving at the church parking lot around 1:15 p.m. Parents/Guardians whose children do not ride the bus should pick up their camper at 11:30 a.m. at Bethel Horizons in Dodgeville.

If bus transportation to Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison is delayed or the bus will arrive at a different time than the above scheduled times, parents will be notified by e-mail or text, and Bethel Lutheran Church staff in Madison will also be kept informed so that they can provide updates to those waiting for the bus transportation.

If someone other than a parent/guardian will be picking up your child (either from Horizons or Bethel Lutheran Church), you must complete a Camper Pick-up Authorization Form and return it to Bethel Horizons at 312 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison, WI 53703, fax (608) 257-4044 or e-mail [bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org](mailto:bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org). You can find the form on our website at this link: <https://bethelhorizons.org/summer/>.

## DIRECTIONS TO BETHEL HORIZONS

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Bethel Horizons is located 7 miles north of Dodgeville. Take Hwy 18/151 to Exit 47 to Dodgeville/Hwy 18. Turn right (north) onto Highway 23 and travel approximately 7 miles, passing Governor Dodge State Park on your right. Turn right (east) onto County Road ZZ and go 1.3 miles to the entrance of Bethel Horizons. Arrive at Bethel Horizons, 4651 County Road ZZ, Dodgeville, WI 53533.

## **BUS/VEHICLE SAFETY RULES**

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We use both busses and vans to transport campers to and from camp and while at camp.

- Campers are to remain seated at all times.
- Campers will not throw any objects out the window.
- All body parts are to remain inside the vehicle.
- At least two Bethel Horizons staff members will accompany each bus trip and be attentive to the kids.
- Volume must be kept to a reasonable level.
- The bus driver should not be disturbed while driving.

## **SEVERE WEATHER**

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Our staff constantly monitors weather conditions. In the event of severe weather, campers are moved to appropriate shelter as conditions warrant.

## **REQUIRED HEALTH FORMS**

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There are two health forms to be completed: The Camper Medical Information Form is online as part of the registration process and is filled out by the parent or guardian. The Camper Health Provider Evaluation Form is filled out by the camper's physician and can be based on any exam within the last two years. This provider health form should be uploaded with your immunization record to your CampWise profile by June 1, 2024, or it may be returned to Bethel Horizons by mail, fax or -email:

Mail: Bethel Horizons, 312 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison, WI 53703

Fax: (608) 257-4044

E-mail: [bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org](mailto:bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org)

Questions? Contact our office at (608) 257-3577, ext. 334, [bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org](mailto:bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org).

## **MEDICATION**

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If your child's medical professional has prescribed medication, **this medication must accompany your child in the original prescription bottle, in a plastic bag with the child's name on it, along with the instructions, dosage and when to administer the medication. This includes any over-the-counter medication.** Instruct your child to give the medication to the Camp Health Supervisor or other Screener at check-in. Your child will not be allowed to come to camp without their prescribed medications.

## ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS

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Should your child have an accident or illness at camp, the following procedure will be followed:

1. The Camp Health Supervisor will assess and attend to your child's injury or illness.
2. If necessary, camp staff will phone the parent/guardian.
3. Upon assessment, if your child is seriously injured, s/he will be taken directly to the Emergency Room in Dodgeville and treated by the attending physician.
4. Camp staff will notify you of your child's condition.

## CANTEEN

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Camp T-shirts (\$10-15) and other canteen items will be available. Money can be deposited in CampWise, or it can be collected at check-in and staff will maintain an account of canteen items bought – an insurance policy against loss of money. Any remaining balance will be refunded at the end of the week.

## WHAT TO BRING AND WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

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Please label the items you bring to camp. Do not bring any electronics. If brought, they will be turned off, put in a safe place, and returned at the end of the week. Bethel Horizons will NOT be responsible for loss or damage of these items. Please do not bring food. Camp is mostly an outdoor experience in tents or other camp buildings and four-legged friends don't need an invitation. Any food brought to camp will be stored in a sealed container and returned at the end of the week.

Most activities will occur outside so please bring appropriate outdoor clothing for our Wisconsin summers. Campers will hike to Twin Valley Lake at Governor Dodge State Park twice a week for swimming, so be sure they have appropriate shoes and a swimsuit. If your child does not have a sleeping bag, call our office at (608) 257-3577, ext. 334 or email at [bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org](mailto:bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org) two weeks before your child's week at camp.

Please bring clothes that can get dirty and keep in mind the possibility that they may get misplaced or lost.

## SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

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- Flashlight (with fresh batteries)
- Hat
- Pants & Sweatshirt
- Personal Toiletry Items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush/paste, comb/brush)
- Rain Gear
- Shorts & T-shirts
- Sleeping Bag & Pillow

- Sleepwear
- Socks & Underwear
- Sunscreen & Insect Repellant
- Swimsuit (that won't easily fall off) and Beach Towel
- Towel for shower + an extra towel
- Tennis Shoes
- Water Bottle

### Optional Items

- Camera
- Canteen Money
- Sandals
- Bible

### DO NOT Bring

- Cell Phones • Electronics (i.e. MP3 Players, iPods, laptops, handheld gaming) • Food or Candy
- Fireworks • Weapons • Illegal Drugs or Alcohol • Matches or Lighters • Smoking Materials • Vehicles • Personal Sports Equipment • Animals (unless an approved service animal)

### LOST & FOUND

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Items lost at camp will be brought to our office at Bethel Lutheran Church. Contact the office at (608) 257-3577, ext. 334 or email at [bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org](mailto:bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org) to collect these items. If items are not picked up within two weeks, they will be donated. Bethel Horizons is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items.

### LODGING

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#### *Barn Retreat Center*

The Barn Retreat Center has a meeting room, dining room and six rooms with five beds per room and shared bathrooms.

#### *Forest Village Cabins*

Campers will sleep in cabins with up to 10 campers in each cabin. Campers will have access to bathroom facilities in each cabin with a common shower house with bathrooms, showers and community gathering space.

#### *Prairie Center*

The Prairie Center has a dining room, meeting space and sleeps 72 (mix of twins and bunks). Each room includes a bathroom with shower.

#### *Tent & Trailer Campground*

Campers will sleep in tents. Campers will have access to the shower house which has individual toilets and showers.



## MAIL

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If you plan to send mail to your camper, please mail on the Thursday before the child's week at camp so that it will arrive during their camp stay.

Send mail to:

Bethel Horizons

Attn: Camper's Name, Program Name

4651 County Road ZZ, Dodgeville, WI 53533

## MOUNTAIN BIKE QUESTIONS

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### Mountain Bike:

**Bethel Horizons, thanks to a generous set of grants, will have Trek Mountain Bikes and safety equipment for each camper this summer. While we recommend using a camp bike, if you would like to bring your own Mountain Bike, please contact us to make sure it will be suitable for the trails. You can transport it the following ways:**

1. Parent/Guardian can transport bike to camp when dropping off your camper on Sunday at camp and picking up the bike when camper is picked up on Friday at Bethel Horizons.

**This option is recommended.**

2. Bethel Horizons can transport bikes to camp as follows:

A. Please check in with our main office at Bethel Lutheran Church by phone or e-mail no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Thursday before your child's week at camp.

B. Bikes should be clearly labeled and brought to church with your child if we are transporting the bike to camp.

C. Bikes will be returned to Bethel Lutheran Church by 1:15 p.m. on Friday.

D. Bethel Horizons is not responsible for equipment damaged during transport.

## REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

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Any registration questions should be directed to our office at Bethel Lutheran Church by calling (608) 257-3577, ext. 334 or emailing [bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org](mailto:bethelhorizons@bethelhorizons.org).

If you leave a message or send an e-mail when our office is closed, your message will be returned the next business day. For all voice messages, please speak clearly (spell your name and your child's name) and let us know the camp program and dates that you are referring to.

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

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If you need to contact your camper due to an emergency during the week, please call the Summer Camp Program Director Shannon Sack at (402) 429-3007 or (608) 574-6744. If you are not able to reach someone at camp, call our main office at (608) 257-3577, ext. 334.

## MISSION & VISION

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### OUR MISSION

To foster a better understanding of God, self, others and nature.

### OUR VISION

Bethel Horizons is a summer camp, a year-round retreat and event center, and an arts education campus. Through its unique natural setting, it fosters and inspires growth in the four harmonies of God, self, others and nature. These harmonies promote faith development, community, and renewal, using summer camp, adventure programs, environmental education and the arts.

### CAMP GOALS AND OUTCOMES

1. Build self-esteem and self-confidence in participants (SELF)
  - a. Let each participant know that they are valued.
  - b. Campers will have quiet time to reflect on the beauty of their surroundings and their responses to camp experiences or a particular concept expressed in a weekly theme.
  - c. Campers will create an object or project, on their own or with the group, which will provide them with a sense of pride in their own creativity as well as providing an activity designed to encourage cooperation and close contact with their group.
  - d. Campers will contribute a programming activity or idea to their small group's experience which is recognized as their own unique contribution.
2. Give participants experience of living in community (OTHERS)
  - a. Each group will work together at the beginning of the program to discuss goals and guidelines for the week.
  - b. Campers will participate in activities that emphasize the cooperative goals of safety, fun, entertainment and well-being for the other people at camp.
  - c. Campers will indicate that they recognize and value differences in other people – whether they are physical, racial, ethnic, religious, gender orientation or age differences of another camper, counselor, in-camp staff or guest.
3. Teach children about being good stewards for the earth. (NATURE)
  - a. Campers will participate in learning experiences with nature:
    - i. learning to identify wild animals and the signs of the presence of animals/insects and/or their habitats.
    - ii. experiencing two or three different types of natural elements and identifying their physical characteristics, i.e. cliffs, caves, fields and ponds.
  - b. The participants will demonstrate, either verbally or physically, appreciation for the undisturbed environment and understand that maintenance of it is of a higher priority than their own desires.
4. Expose children to the love of God. (GOD)
  - a. Each participant will be offered time to participate in a First Word.
  - b. The campers will participate in formal worship experiences appropriate in our natural setting.
  - c. The campers will share in several activities which are of a spiritual nature and are spontaneous responses to their group, leader, activities or natural surroundings.