

An aerial photograph of a serene landscape. In the center, a calm blue lake is surrounded by lush green grass and scattered trees. The lake is nestled within a valley, with dense green forests rising on the surrounding hills. The sky above is a vibrant blue, filled with soft, white clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and inviting, typical of a summer camp setting.

Welcome to Bethel Horizons

**SUMMER
CAMP**

2025



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to Bethel Horizons! We're looking forward to an exciting summer with your camper! Please read the following information about what to expect during your week of summer camp. This packet includes information on preparing for camp, understanding camp policies and how to communicate with our team. All required enrollment forms must be received by our office one week prior to the start of your child's week of camp. Forms are completed online through CampWise. For more information, visit www.bethelhorizons.org.

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

Sincerely,

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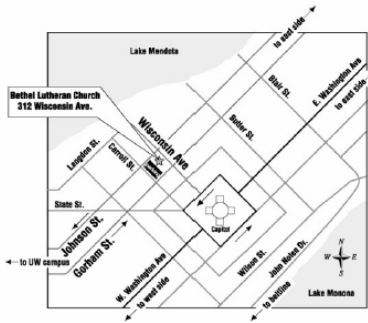


Main Office: Bethel Lutheran Church, 312 Wisconsin Ave., Madison, WI 53703
Phone (608) 257-3577 | Fax (608) 257-4044 | www.bethelhorizons.org
Camp & Retreat Center: 4651 Cty Road ZZ, Dodgeville, WI 53533 | (608) 807-7468
Adamah Art Studios: 4681 Cty Road ZZ, Dodgeville, WI 53533 | www.adamahartstudio.org

TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM CAMP

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

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 between 3:00p-3:30p.

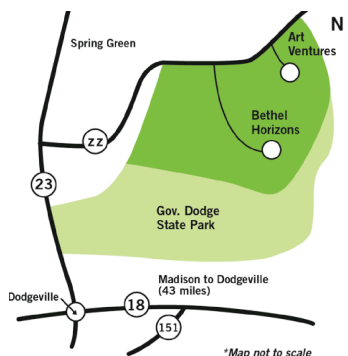
Friday

Your child's week at camp ends on Friday at 12:00 p.m. Buses 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 between 11:30a and noon 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. You can find the form on our website at this link: <https://bethelhorizons.org/summer/>.

DIRECTIONS TO BETHEL HORIZONS



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

We use both buses and vans to transport campers to and from 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 Level 2 normal speaking voice.
- The bus driver should not be disturbed while driving.

SEVERE WEATHER

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

REQUIRED HEALTH FORMS

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, 2025, 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

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

MEDICATION

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 like creams or allergy pills.** Instruct your child to give the medication to the Camp Health Supervisor at check-in. Your child will not be allowed to come to camp without their prescribed medications. Campers may keep bug spray and sunscreen in their personal bags and do not hand them into the nurse.

ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS

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, they 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

Camp T-shirts (\$10-15) and other canteen items will be available. Items range from \$1 to \$40. Money can be deposited in CampWise, or it can be collected at check-in. We maintain an account of canteen items bought. Any remaining balance is refunded at the end of the week.

WHAT TO BRING AND WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

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 an outdoor experience and four-legged friends don't need an invitation to search your cabin for food. 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 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

- Flashlight (with fresh batteries)
- Hat & Sunglasses
- Pants & Sweatshirt
- Personal Toiletry Items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush/paste, comb/brush)
- Rain Gear (poncho, rain coat)
- Shorts & T-shirts
- Sleeping Bag & Pillow
- Sleepwear (It can get cold at night!)
- Socks & Underwear
- Sunscreen & Insect Repellent**
- Swimsuit (that won't easily fall off) **and Beach Towel**
- Towel for showering

- **CLOSED-TOE SHOES** (Campers cannot participate in adventure activities without them!)
- Sandals with a heel strap (not flip-flops or slides)
- Water Bottle
- Draw-string bag

DO NOT Bring

- Cell Phones
- Electronics (headphones, iPods, laptops, handheld gaming devices, cameras)
- Food or candy
- Fireworks
- Weapons (including pocket knives and wood carving tools)
- Illegal Drugs or Alcohol
- Matches or Lighters
- Smoking Materials
- Vehicles
- Personal Sports Equipment
- Animals (including emotional support animals). Certified service animals are welcome.
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LOST & FOUND

Lost & found items will be stored at camp until September. Items not picked up by September 1 will be donated. Bethel Horizons is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items. If your camper lost a belonging at camp, please email shannon@bethelhorizons.org. Families can pick up lost & found items directly from Bethel Lutheran Church or Bethel Horizons camp.

LODGING

Barn Retreat Center

The Barn Retreat Center is the home base for 2nd & 3rd grade campers. The building has a meeting room, dining room, shared bathrooms with showers, and six rooms with five beds per room.

Forest Village Cabins

Forest Village is the home base for our 4th-6th grade campers. Campers will sleep in cabins with up to 10 campers and 2 counselors in each cabin. Campers will have bathroom facilities in each cabin, and a common shower house with bathrooms, showers and gathering space.

Tent & Trailer Campground

Tent & Trailer is the home base for our 7th-9th grade campers. Campers will sleep in tents or hammocks. Campers have access to a shower house with individual toilets and showers. In the event of rain, campers will move tents underneath the picnic shelter.

Prairie Center

The Prairie Center is where campers will eat most of their meals. The space has a large dining room, meeting space and rooms for up to 72 people.

MAIL & COMMUNICATION

Campers are not allowed to have personal cell phones at camp. In order to keep our staff phone lines open for emergencies, we limit phone calls home from campers to cases of injury, illness or significant emotional distress. If you call camp and request to speak with your camper, we will always honor that request as quickly as possible. We encourage homesick campers to write letters or draw pictures to send home.

Campers love to receive mail! If you would like 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 BIKES

Thanks to a generous set of grants, Bethel Horizons provides Trek Mountain Bikes and safety equipment to all mountain bike campers. If you would like to bring your own mountain bike, please email shannon@bethelhorizons.org in advance to make sure it is suitable for our trails. All personal mountain bikes must be dropped off at Bethel Horizons in Dodgeville. Bethel Horizons is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items.

REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

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.

If you leave a message or send an email 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

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

MISSION & VISION

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 and Final Word.
 - b. The campers are welcomed to sing along with faith-based songs at campfire.
 - 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.