

WELCOME TO WINTER CAMP 2019!

Please read the following information carefully for details about your child(rens) camp experience. If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to call 866-448-4710 and leave a message for us or by e-mail at Tammy.Willis@gmail.com

CHECK IN: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall Friday, January 18th

CHECK OUT: Closing ceremony is on Sunday, January 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the dining hall with checkout immediately following at approx. 10:30 a.m.

CAMP BANKS – If you took a bank home from summer camp to collect change in we ask that you bring it with you to winter camp. We'll be receiving all the change that has been donated; last year over \$800 was collected!!!!

BUS INFORMATION: If you indicated on the camp application that you would be interested in our bus option to transport your child(ren) to and from camp then a separate document will be sent to you with details of the service. Please note that once you make your reservation there will be a \$20 fee to make any changes.

ADDRESS AT CAMP:

All mail to campers should be addressed as follows:

Camper's Name
SPECIAL DAYS Camps
YMCA Camp Pentalouan
1243 E. Fruitvale Rd.
Montague, MI 49437

- Because of the short time we are at winter camp we suggest any mail you would like to be delivered be brought with you to check in and left there. It will then be delivered to campers on Saturday, January 19th
- If you choose to send something through the US Postal Service please allow at least seven days for mail to arrive at camp. You may also leave mail at check-in or send it on the bus and it will be delivered to your child(ren).
- Care packages are welcomed. If you send a care package please do not send food or candy items as snacks in sleeping areas create trash, and attract critters. (We suggest books, stickers, notepads, games, or playing cards.)

PHONE CALLS DURING CAMP:

At camp *we do not allow campers to receive or make phone calls* except in emergencies. If you need to get a phone message to your camper please call us toll free at 1-866-448-4710. Please do not encourage your camper to call home, cell phones and pagers should not be brought to camp. Cell phone service at the camp is intermittent and you may have to leave a message. We do have a staff member who will be checking messages and we will get back to you as soon as possible. You may also call Camp Director, Tammy Willis at 517-281-1308.

LOST AND FOUND:

Lost and found items are shown to the campers on a daily basis. It is each camper's responsibility to keep track of personal belongings. Parents will have the opportunity to see all lost and found items on check out day. **Please make sure you pick up ALL luggage and belongings from your camper's cabin before departing camp.** Any items that are left at camp after the session will be held by Special Days for 30 days. During this time please contact the Camp Director to make arrangements to have them mailed to you (postage is at your expense). After 30 days all unclaimed items may be donated.

PACKING FOR CAMP:

Please pack for camp WITH your child, not FOR them. They need to know where everything is and they will also need to know how to pack again at the end of the weekend.

LABEL EVERYTHING! Please use first and last names on all belongings, many children have similar possessions and names. Please use masking tape to label the outside of suitcases, bags and pillows with the camper's full name.

Please do not pack belongings loose in a sleeping bag or pillow. If you are not using a suitcase or duffel bag, please use a plastic garbage bag tied securely shut and labeled on the outside with masking tape.

Due to the nature of camp activities, send old clothes to camp with the camper. Please avoid purchasing new clothes for camp, due to the fact that campers may be unfamiliar with those new articles of clothing. Campers play hard and are more comfortable in clothing they can get dirty or wet. **EXPECT CLOTHES TO COME HOME DIRTY.**

It is extremely important to send warm coats, hats, mittens and boots to camp. A lot of activities take place outside and children need to be properly dressed for the cold. Please refer to the Suggested Clothing and Equipment List for items important for camp on the last page.

EXECUTIVE & CAMP DIRECTOR, ADDRESS, & PHONE:

Tammy Willis is Executive / Camp Director of Special Days Camps and available to answer your questions related to Special Days Camps and can be contacted through or camp office at:
SPECIAL DAYS Camps, PO Box 436, Dimondale, MI 48821

Phone (toll free): 866-448-4710

E-Mail: Tammy.Willis@specialdays.org

CAMPER EXPECTATIONS (Please review with your camper)

All campers are expected to:

1. Follow staff members' instructions at all times. This includes the instructions of cabin leaders, directors, medical staff, arts and crafts staff, and YMCA Camp Pendalouan staff.
2. Use the buddy system and let their cabin leaders know their whereabouts at all times.
3. Be respectful of another's feelings and person (no hitting, kicking, name-calling).
4. Refrain from using foul, abusive or inappropriate language.
5. Respect one another's privacy. STAY OUT of others' personal belongings.
6. Wear shoes at all times to prevent injuries.
7. Stay out of others sleeping areas.
8. Be ready and on time for meals, activities, and flag ceremony.
9. Try new activities and try to become a part of their cabin group.
10. Abide by all listed and stated camp rules.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT POLICY:

We believe that every child has the right to experience camp and all it has to offer. We believe in setting limits and explaining the boundaries for all participants. When these boundaries are tested, we use specific procedures to help the camper to continue his/her experience at camp. All of our staff receives training in these procedures.

On the first day of camp our staff will go over cabin expectations and ground rules of camp life. Campers have the opportunity to ask questions about policies and rules, so everyone is clear about expectations.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES WE FOLLOW:

SPECIAL DAYS Camps fully supports the Michigan Law that states "a camper will not be deprived of food or sleep, or be placed alone without staff supervision, observation, and interaction, or be subjected to ridicule, threat, corporal punishment, or excessive physical exercise or excessive restraint."

If a behavior problem arises, the camper's cabin leader will speak with the camper and make sure the camper understands why the behavior is unacceptable and knows what the consequences are. The cabin leader will restate the desired behavior, with clear consequences given for not following the desired behavior. If the behavior is repeated, the cabin leader will let the camper know that this is still unacceptable and will then involve the Village Director, Associate Camp Director and/or Camp Director. At this stage the parent or guardian may be contacted. The purpose of contacting the parents is to make them aware of the situation and to ask for cooperation and insight. Parents will need to make transportation arrangements for a camper who is to be sent home no matter what time of day or night the incident occurs. There are some actions that may warrant immediate removal from camp such as: smoking or tobacco product use, alcohol or illegal drug use, or behavior which endangers the safety of the camper, staff, or other campers.

This discipline policy attempts to let campers know that while they are cared for, certain behaviors are not acceptable in a camp setting. This policy also involves the parents whenever possible before the problems escalate, and invites them to be a part of the solution.

SUGGESTED CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT LIST:

Please use a permanent laundry marker (available at most discount stores) to label *all* clothes and belongings. Do not pack belongings loose in a sleeping bag or pillowcase, if you do not have a suitcase use a plastic garbage bag and label the outside with masking tape.

Linen

- Wash cloth and towels
- Sleeping bag w/ single bed sheet (or sheets and a warm blanket)
- Pillow

Clothing

- 2-3 sweatshirts or sweaters
- 2-3 pairs of jeans
- 1-2 tee shirts
- 1 pair of sweat pants
- 1 pair of pajamas
- 2 pairs of underwear
- 5 pairs of socks (in case of wet feet)
- 1 pair of tennis shoes with light soles
- warm winter coat
- 1 pair of boots
- warm mittens
- warm hat
- scarf
- snow pants

Miscellaneous

- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Toilet articles: soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo.
- Plastic bag for wet clothes
- Ice skates (if you want to skate)
- Sled or plastic disc with your name on it

Other suggestions (not required)

- Camera with extra film
- Favorite toys and books
- Paper, pens and pencils
- Coloring books and crayons
- Sports equipment

DO NOT BRING:

If these items are found at camp they will be taken and held by camp staff until check out when they will be returned to parents.

- Valuable items you do not want lost or broken
- Cell phones or pagers, they will be collected by the Cabin Leaders and Village Directors and given back at the end of camp

If these items are found at camp they will be taken and the camper will be immediately dismissed and parents contacted to pick them up.

- Tobacco products
- Alcohol
- Illegal Drugs
- Knives
- Firearms or weapons

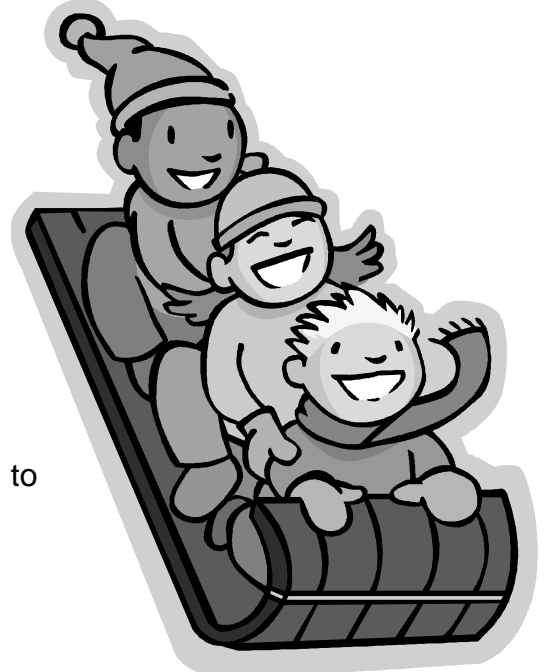
DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

YMCA Camp Pandalouan
1243 E. Fruitvale Rd.
Montague, MI 49437

PLEASE NOTE: For GPS (and Mapquest) directions, type in E Fruitvale Rd & Blue Lake Rd, 49425 If you type in the camp address then most mapping programs will **not** take you to the correct address.

From the South

- Take **U.S. 31 North**.
- Take the **RUSSELL ROAD** exit. (Approx. 6 miles North of the Apple Ave. exit).
- Turn Right onto Russell Road.
- Follow Russell all the way until it ends. About 10 miles. (Russell Road twists and turns, be sure to follow the signs for **Muskegon County B-23**).
- Russell Road will end at **FRUITVALE ROAD**.
- Take a right onto Fruitvale Road. Go 1/2 mile, Camp Pandalouan is on the right.
- Staff will be near the entrance to greet you and show you to the parking area.



From the North

- Take **U.S. 31 South**.
- Take the **COLBY ROAD** - Whitehall - Exit.
- Take a left onto Colby Road. Go exactly 1/2 mile to **SILVER CREEK ROAD**.
- Take a left onto Silver Creek Road. Go 5.1 miles. Silver Creek will end at **RUSSELL ROAD**.
- Take a left onto Russell Road. Go 2.4 miles. Russell Road will end at **FRUITVALE ROAD**.
- Take a right onto Fruitvale Road. Go 1/2 mile, Camp Pandalouan is on the right.
- Staff will be near the entrance to greet you and show you to the parking area.

In the case of poor weather conditions we recommend using these directions to/from camp. The drive will be approximately 20 – 30 minutes longer but it avoids driving on Russell Road which has some large hills and may be difficult to navigate in snow and ice.

Driving Directions To Camp – I96 (avoiding Russell Road and US31)

I96 to Exit #10 Nunica

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| 0.0 Miles | Turn right off exit onto 112 th St. (north) |
| 4.0 Miles | 112 th becomes Maple Island Rd. – continue north |
| 9.0 Miles | Maple Island Rd. will cross B72 – continue north |
| 12.0 Miles | Maple Island Rd. will cross M46 (Apple Ave.) – continue north |
| 27.0 Miles | Turn right onto M120 |
| 29.7 Miles | Turn left onto Skeels Rd. |
| 37.6 Miles | Follow the curve in the road where Skeels will become Nichols Rd. |
| 38.0 Miles | Turn right onto Fruitvale Rd. |
| 39.3 Miles | Turn left into camp property |