



Camp Trotter

Welcome to the 2014 children's camping season. We are looking forward to an outstanding camping season and you will be a special part of it. My name is Denise Moore and I will be the director of the camp. I have been a teacher for the past 5 years, a nurse for 18 years and an EMT before that for 10. I have been working at the camp for the past 4 years. The staff and I are so excited to have the opportunity to teach kids in an outdoor environment as they build friendships that will last a life time.

Camp Trotter is located on beautiful Bill's Lake located in Newaygo County. Camp Trotter is a resident camp for girl's and boy's ages 7 to 12 years old. Your child would be enjoying lots of outdoor activities. Some of them include: Swimming, archery, paddle boating, Arts' and Craft, Team building activities, fishing, hiking, hayrides, mountain biking, overnight campouts and campfires to name a few. Our staff ratio is 1 counselor to 10 campers. We have a staff nurse on duty 24/7 and certified lifeguards on duty. This allows for lots of individual attention for your child. Our camping season is as follows:

- Week 1 is July 6- July 12
- Week 2 is July 13 - July 19
- Week 3 is July 20- July 26
- Week 4 is July 27 - Aug 2
- Week 5 is Aug 3 - Aug 9

***All sessions are open at this time and available for any child for your local communities.**

Interested in having your child attend?

1. Simply visit your local VFW Post and ask for an application for Children's camp. (We are also on line at vfwmi@vfwmi.org under Children's camp applications). **Camper does not need to be related to a veteran to attend.**
2. Fill out the application and the attached medical release, and camper's health history. Don't forget to make a copy of your insurance card and immunization record. Turn your information into your local VFW Post (if they are sponsoring your child) or
3. Send your application and \$200.00 -check payable to **VFW Camp Trotter for Children (earmarked Summer Camp)** and mail the application to the Department of Michigan VFW at 924 N. Washington Avenue, Lansing, MI 48906.
4. Upon receiving your information we will send you a confirmation letter and what to bring. It is that simple and your child will have a blast!

In closing, we have hired a fun energetic staff. We can't wait to see all of those smiling faces. Look forward to meeting everyone at registration. If you have further questions just e-mail me at demski65@yahoo.com or call me at (989) 621-0327 or try Camp Trotter at 231-652-7241.

Happy Trails!



Your child will be attending the VFW Camp Trotter the week of:
_____ 2014.

Please read before attending camp!!!

Children who request to come to camp the same week, may or may not be assigned the same cabin or activity group. Ages and activity levels will factor in to which cabin or group your child is placed.

Your child should bring their own bedding (sleeping bag or blanket, twin sheets and a pillow), personal care items such as toothbrush, toothpaste, hair supplies, body soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, washcloths and towels. Please make sure to label items with your child's name. Please pack enough clothing for the whole week. This should include clothes that are appropriate for warm or cool weather. Remember we live in Michigan and the weather can change at any time. Be sure to pack rain gear, sweatshirts and jackets. Swimsuits and beach apparel will be used throughout the week. Pack sunscreen, bug spray and anything else your child may need for the outdoors.

ALL CAMPERS NEED TO BRING TENNIS SHOES AND WATER SHOES FOR PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES.

Three meals and two snacks will be provided daily. ***We request that you do not send treats or junk food to camp.*** Our meals meet the State Of Michigan food standards. **Please advise us of any food allergies!**

DO NOT PACK CELL PHONES, IPODS OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES!

All medication needs to arrive at camp in their original prescription container with clear dispensing directions and times on the container. NO EXCEPTIONS!

CHECK IN TIME IS 1:00 – 2:00pm SUNDAY AFTERNOON. We will be having check in, meet & greet, and medical checks at this time. We will also assign cabins and counselors at this time.

PICK UP TIME IS 9:30 am SATURDAY MORNING. THERE WILL BE A FEE FOR PICKING UP YOUR CHILD LATE.

Parents will be called for emergencies or discipline issues. We discourage campers from calling home as it increases home sickness. You may call the camp and speak to staff at any time while your child is at camp. (231)652-7241.

Thank you!!!

Denise Arnold Summer Camp Director and the Camp Trotter Staff

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THINGS TO BRING:

Packing for camp can be a hard thing to do if you have never been there before. Here is a list of things to bring and not bring for your week at camp.

- Swimsuit (one-piece or modest tankinis for girls, *no bare bellies*)
- Tennis shoes
- Sandals or water shoes(work really well) (flip flops are ok, but must be comfortable)
- Clothing for sunny, rainy, or cool days (old play clothes)
- Sleeping bag or blanket, twin sheets and a pillow
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight
- Water bottle
- Postcards, or paper, envelopes and stamps
- Towels and toiletries (shampoo, body soap, deodorant)
- Health history form including immunization record
- Medications in original containers and labeled
- Jacket or rain coat
- Camera
- Beach towel
- Special clothing or items for theme days

THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME!!!

- NO CELL PHONES!!!
- Expensive new clothes
- ELECTRONIC devices other than a camera, watch or flashlight
- Cosmetics
- FOOD (junk food, candy, pop)
- Money (there is nothing to buy at camp)

