

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- **HOW ARE CABIN LEADERS SELECTED?** The cabin leaders are selected by a school representative and all screening is done by the school.
- **HOW ARE CABINS ASSIGNED?** Cabins are assigned by the teachers and they typically make sure that your child is with at least one friend.
- **DO GIRLS AND BOYS STAY IN THE SAME AREA?** No. The cabins are divided into two separate areas. One for the boys and one for the girls.
- **IS THERE SECURITY THAT PATROLS THE AREA AT NIGHT?** There are several resident families that live in different areas of the camp. If someone comes onto the grounds who is not recognized by any of those families, appropriate action is taken. The Outdoor Education School staff also lives on the grounds and helps maintain a secure campground.
- **WHAT KIND OF DOWN TIME DO THE CAMPERS HAVE?** We fill their day and allow for very little down time. After dinner the campers have a little time just to hang out in their cabins or play a game as a small group. The general rule is that if the camper is not with an adult, they are in the wrong place.
- **WHAT TYPES OF MEALS ARE SERVED?** Our meals are served with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in mind. The teachers have been given a list of sample meals which they can share with you. In addition to hot meal options, there is cereal at every breakfast, and a fruit and salad bar at every lunch and dinner.
- **WHAT IF MY CHILD DOES NOT LIKE WHAT IS BEING SERVED OR IS A VEGETARIAN?** If your child does not like what is being we can typically find something for them. If your child is a vegetarian, please make sure that the teachers inform us in advance so that we can have vegetarian options available.
- **WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO LABEL THEIR BELONGINGS?** The best thing to do is to write on the tag of clothing with a permanent marker. For other items such as cameras or flashlights, please write your child's name with a permanent marker on a visible area. If they pack their sleeping bag/blankets in a plastic garbage bag, make sure that it is clearly labeled and/or decorated so they can easily locate it. Pack an extra bag for them to store their sleeping bag/blankets for the trip home.

- **WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE?** The campers wake up at 6:45 a.m. and get ready for the day. They clean their cabins before flag raising at 7:30 a.m. They eat breakfast and then go to two classes before lunch. After lunch at 12:00 p.m., they go to two more classes. After the second class in the afternoon, the campers have afternoon activity time when they pick from a variety of activities led by the staff. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m., followed by an evening program which may include a campfire, relays, Wacky Olympics, skits, or a square dance. Campers return to the cabins at 9:00 p.m. to prepare for bed; lights are out at 10:00 p.m. The Michindoh staff will rove the cabin area at that time to make sure everyone is safe and quiet for the night.
- **WHAT TYPES OF CLASSES WILL THEY BE ATTENDING?** The classes are not typical school classes. Teachers pick the classes from a variety of science-based and team-building class options. Some of the most commonly picked classes are: reptiles and amphibians, aquatic life, low challenge course (a teambuilding class), ecosystems, outdoor living skills, mammals, and birds.
- **If you have any further questions, please ask your child's teacher or school principal. If they do not know the answer, they (or you) can contact Michindoh at (517)-523-3616 ext. 240. We are looking forward to having your child with us at camp!**
- As a reminder, children love to get mail. Please send mail to:

**[Child's Name]  
[School's Name]  
4545 E. Bacon Rd.  
Hillsdale, MI 49242**

To increase the chance of your mail arriving in time, it is a great idea to send it the week before your child will be at camp! No faxes, e-mails, or candy.