

**WHAT and WHERE IS Camp Chippewa:**

Camp Chippewa is owned and operated by the Kansas East Conference of The United Methodist Church and has been in operation since 1958. It is situated on 640 acres that was once part of the Chippewa Indian Reservation, located in Franklin County, west of Ottawa, Kansas. We have been approved for accreditation as part of the American Camping Association during our site review in July of 2009. The camp provides a beautiful setting for summer camping as well as year-round retreats and other events. Our facility and programs are open to all persons, regardless of race, sex, ethnic background, or religious affiliation. The camp-site can be reserved by United Methodist and non-United Methodist guest groups outside of our summer calendar. Camp Chippewa is a year around facility.



WHY send your child to Camp? Camp provides outdoor activities that help develop individual and group strengths. The community living gives opportunity to form a relationship with Jesus Christ and others. They experience the presence of God in nature that builds spiritual and personal growth, and renewal.

WHO is here at Camp Chippewa: Our summer staff and volunteer staff are trained certified* youth workers within the United Methodist Church – K.E.C. They are laity, and clergy with a passion to provide participants with an outdoor ministry adventure in camp activities. If you would like to volunteer or apply for a summer position visit our web site for an application/sign me up forms to volunteer. *To attend a Safe & Sacred Certification training to prepare for a leadership opportunity in camp programs go to www.kansaseast.org. The K.E.C. calendar will list training dates and locations.

General POLICIES About:

- **Telephone Calls:** We feel that it is in the best interest of the campers and the program for campers to NOT call home during the week. It is not practical for 90+ campers to do so without negatively impacting the week's activities and program. If you have concerns about your child, you are welcome to call the camp office at 785-242-6797 and ask to talk to the Program Director, Site Director, or Director of Camping about how your child is doing. Please note our Office hours are Monday – Friday 8am to 4pm, there is emergency information on our answering machine for after hours. For weather updates check out our website www.campchippewa.org or friend us at www.Facebook!
- **Visitors:** All visitors are asked to schedule visits to the site with the Camp Office. To schedule a site visit call 785-242-6797. All persons must Check-IN at the Camp Office upon arrival and all visits should be scheduled within office operating hours, unless arranged specifically with Program Director, Site Director, or Director of Camping whom will meet with the guest upon arrival.
- **Accessibility:** Our goal is to provide a complete camping experience for all of our campers. To aid us in accomplishing this goal, we ask all of our applicants to inform us if they have any disabilities or impairments and what physical and programmatic accommodations might be needed in order to have a successful experience at camp. This may include a parent/guardian providing a caregiver to attend the session with the camper. We will adapt activities whenever necessary and possible to meet the needs of persons with disabilities. Please note this need on the registration form with further information on the Camper Health Form. Camp Staff will have the final decision as to whether or not the camp is capable of accommodating a particular individual. Physical barriers have been removed to the best of our ability. Any Camper who's personal needs or behavior is beyond what our staff can provide care for will be sent home.
- **Roadways:** All camp roads are gravel with a 10mph speed limit. We ask you to use extreme caution when you drive onto the camp property as pedestrians use the roadways at times as their pathways.
- **Language:** All Camp Chippewa programs are conducted in the English language, and any inappropriate use of foul language will not be tolerated.
- **Outback areas:** Activity areas that are away from the main camp have restroom facilities appropriate to that type of camp.
- **Horse Activities:** Persons who attend horse camps must have the ability to learn to saddle, mount, ride, and care for a horse with minimum assistance; walk and lead a horse over rocky trails; and transport tack from the barn to the horse. We teach the basics of horsemanship, and wear appropriate clothing, and boots recommended for this activity. The Boots N Bible program centers on trail riding, and basic horsemanship, with some gradual change to program according to age. Due to the safety of the participants, and the animal we do impose a weight limit of 250lbs. to all horse related activities.
- **Accommodations:** Cabins provide the basic indoor needs; kitchenettes, appliances, shower/flush toilets, tile flooring, bunk beds, with vinyl covered mattresses. No air conditioning in the cabins, there are windows and fans in every room. Additional restroom/showers access is located at the Pool Bathhouse. The Coldsmith area is made up of Meeting Lodge, Picnic Shelter, A- Frame cabins for sleeping, and a centrally located bathhouse. Cabin assignments for a particular camp may be changed by the Camp Staff if the need arises.

Financial /Discount Information:

- 1) Camp COST and PAYMENTS: The cost of each camp is listed under each camp heading on the Brochure. The registration deposit is \$50.00 and is the minimal amount due to reserve your place at camp. The \$50.00 deposit is non-refundable. This may be different if you registering for a DAY ONLY camp (#1124-1125) payment is due in FULL at the time of registration, and is non refundable. We ask that all camp fees be paid in full at least two weeks prior to your camper's camp date unless other arrangements have been made with the Camp Office. If the registration is received by April 1, there will be an "Early Bird" Discount (see below). Please note: You may pay for choice of camp by Check, Cash, Money Order, or Credit Card (Visa or Master Card only). Credit Card payments will be processed on the day it is received. We also ask that these are for payment in full to save you and the camp office additional processing fees. Returned Check: Checks returned for Insufficient Funds will be assessed a \$10.00 charge by the camp to cover bank charges, and these need to be taken care of no later than December 15th in form of a money order, or credit card payment.
- 2) EARLY BIRD – Register by APRIL 1st (registration postmarked no later than April 1st) receive \$20.00 off any 5 Day camp, or \$10.00 off any 3 Day camp (C.I.T camp is \$10.00). KAP campers register by APRIL 1st receive \$5.00 off. DAY Camps, and FAMILY Campers receive a \$2.00 Early Bird Discount.
- 3) Camp SCHOLARSHIPS: Camp Chippewa does offer camp scholarship assistance for persons who cannot afford to pay for the full cost of camp themselves. We do, however, require that the local church also financially assist a family prior to receiving scholarship assistance from the camp. Please contact your local United Methodist Pastor to obtain a copy of the scholarship form or print it off from the Camp web site. The scholarship form MUST be completed and signed by Clergy at your local church and sent in with your registration. The amount of the Camp Chippewa Scholarship will be limited to \$50.00 per person for 5 Day camps (no scholarship available for C.I.T. camp), 3 & 4 Day camps will be limited to \$25.00 per person. KAP camp is limited to a \$10.00 scholarship, DAY camps, and FAMILY camps limited to \$2.00 per person. All Camp Scholarship Forms will need to be completed and signed by your CLERGY (parent/guardian will need to share your financial needs with your Church Pastor, so they may complete the form on your behalf) The scholarship amount cannot be used as the camp registration deposit. There may be additional financial assistance from your District Office or other organizations with in your local church. Many churches hold fund raising events throughout the year to assist those that would like to come to camp, check with your local church and join them in this effort.

Parents/Guardians IMPORTANT:

- WHAT NOT TO BRING - Campers are not to bring: expensive clothing, cameras, watches, jewelry, radios, i-pods, CD/DVD players, electronic games, cell phones, candy or snacks, knives, etc. Camp Chippewa will not assume responsibility for any items left behind or that we request your child not bring to camp. All lost and found items that remain unclaimed by October 1st will be given to a local charity. PLEASE see that your camper leaves these specific items listed above at home. If they are brought to camp, site staff will collect and keep them until the time of check out. Electronic personal devices are not included in the curriculum or activities of camp, and can make it difficult for individuals to participant in group fellowship/community living.
- SNACKS – We ask that you do not send candy/food with your campers or send PACKAGES IN THE MAIL with candy. These packages will be given to campers on Friday or the day of departure from camp. Campers visit the Canteen* daily for treats, and all campers are provided with evening snacks at their cabin. Candy/snacks hidden in personal belongings tend to invite unwanted critters (i.e. ants, mice, etc.) in the buildings/luggage and make for unpleasant surprises in your campers day. Thank you for abiding by this rule.
- CAMPER MAIL - All camper mail is delivered daily at the Canteen during snack time (2pm – 4pm). If you'd like to send mail to your Camper using United States Postal Service –Send to: Camp Chippewa – Include Your Child's Name & Camp Name (i.e. Boots N Bible/3/4 Faith & Fun) 2577 Idaho Road Ottawa, KS 66067 .For electronic mail (EMAIL) Send to campermail@campchippewa.org please include: Childs Name & Camp Name (i.e. Boots N Bible/3/4 Faith & Fun) These email messages are printed off sealed, and delivered during canteen time, so send your note before 12:00pm, to be delivered that day. **Please One message per day!**
- FORMS – All camp forms can be found and printed from our website www.campchippewa.org click on "Summer Camp" page locator on the left hand sidebar. Please feel free to contact us here at the Camp Office if you need us to mail you a complete packet of forms for Camp (785-242-6797).
 - 1) Health Forms (2-sided)
 - 2) Activity /Covenant Release (2-sided)
 - 3) Camper Pickup – Release From
- Other Forms Available on our website-
 - 4) Additional Registration Forms
 - 5) New Adventures in Faith Camps - Camper Evaluation Forms (6 pages)
 - 6) Scholarship Application Forms
- Also you can find a "**WHAT TO BRING**" list that will help you pack for camp!

*Canteen – Campers can are limited to one food item and one drink item on their daily visit to the canteen. Souvenir Items are also available through the week at the Canteen.

The Canteen Areas is also used on **Check Out day** for parents to pickup any remaining \$\$ in the campers account, and medications they would have left with our Camp Health Director. Please remember to stop in before heading home.