



Camp Asbury

A Ministry of the East Ohio Conference
of the United Methodist Church



A Guide for Parents & Guardians

CAMP ASBURY: A PLACE OF FAITH

Since 1957, Camp Asbury has been a place where people connect deeply with both creation and the Creator. Nestled among 450 acres of woods, streams, wetlands, and meadows, Asbury invites of wonder, gratitude, and care for world around us. Here, learning happens with hearts, minds, and hands. Camp Asbury offers a safe and nurturing environment where campers and staff can explore and grow in their Christian faith through shared outdoor adventures, meaningful conversation and authentic community. Our goal is to help each person feel and reflect the love of Christ and be an example of it. At Camp Asbury, we care for one another, care for creation, celebrate the goodness of life and give thanks to God.

PRIOR TO CAMP:

Prepare your camper through conversation. Encourage your camper to develop realistic expectations about camp. Tell them how proud you are about their decision to go to camp. Let them know that they will do new things and meet new people at camp. Help them anticipate a new place and new routines. It often takes two or three days for first-time campers to adjust to camp.

A “**Get Acquainted Form**” is part of the online registration process. This is a confidential document to be used only by camp staff in preparing for your child’s time at camp. Such items as birthdays, awards, special recognitions, and other personal information will be helpful to your child’s counselor. We expect all campers to be able to take care of their personal needs and to be able to effectively interact with members of their group. **Please help Asbury staff work effectively with your camper by letting us know if there are behavioral, emotional, or physical concerns that we should be prepared for at camp.**

Label camper’s personal belongings. *Camp Asbury does not assume responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen personal belongings.*

Launder sleeping bags and bedding. Bedbugs have become a prevalent problem in northeast Ohio and across the United States. Camp Asbury wants to protect campers, their families, and the camp itself from expensive and inconvenient treatments. Please make sure that all linens, sleeping bags and pillows are freshly laundered immediately prior to your camper’s arrival at Camp Asbury. Laundering should include at least thirty minutes in a dryer on high temperature. Camp Asbury has a protocol in place to respond rapidly to any incident involving bedbugs. It’s a good idea, between any overnight destinations, whether vacation or camp, to check luggage and launder all bedding, drying for at least 30 minutes at high temperature.

CAMPER CHECK-IN:

Check-in for ALL week-long programs:
Sunday, 3:00-4:30 pm

Check-in for short-term “Discovery Mini” programs
(Sunday – Tuesday): Sunday, 3:00-4:30pm
(Wednesday-Friday): Wednesday, 4:00pm-5:00pm

AT CAMPER CHECK-IN:

Camp Asbury staff receive luggage in the main parking area and deliver it to camper living quarters. Vehicles will not be permitted to travel beyond the main parking area. After unloading luggage, campers walk to Asbury Lodge with their parents/guardians where they will be checked in, receive a health screening and meet their counselors.

The camp director will be available during check-in to answer any questions or concerns from parents or guardians.

A parent or guardian is required to sign forms at check-in. If a parent or legal guardian is unable to accompany camper at check-in, please call Camp Asbury at 330.569.3171 or e-mail info@campasbury.org **at least one week in advance.**

Please make sure that you have filled out a **Health Form** that Camp Asbury will print prior to camper check-in. If you registered by mail you need to bring a completed and signed **Health Form** with you for camper check-in. No camper can remain in camp without an approved current health form.

Bring to check-in at all over-night camps ...

- All medications (prescription & nonprescription)—
In Original Containers.
- Camp Store Money (optional)—for deposit at camp.
- Health Form—only if not completed online.

A limited health screening will be conducted at camper check-in. A check for head lice is routinely part of the health screening. The camp director in consultation with the camp medical staff reserves the right to turn away campers who in their opinion are ill or jeopardize the health of other campers e.g. fevers, flu, colds, contagious illnesses, head lice, or a health condition that cannot be treated in camp. If your camper is ill the director will be glad to suggest alternative camp events later in the summer.

At check-in, all medications (prescription and nonprescription) will be collected from campers. **The camp will only accept medications in their original labeled container. Please bring only the amount of medication needed for the camper's length of stay at Camp Asbury.** If a camper is on medication during the school year, it is suggested that the **camper continues the same medication routine while at camp.** Campers on psychotropic medication should be on the same medication at the same dosage for at least three months prior to their arrival in camp. Part of the fun of camp is adapting to a new environment and a new daily routine. Because campers experience so much change at camp it is generally not a good idea to alter normal medication routines during a stay at camp. Parents/Guardians may authorize the camp health care manager to administer **over-the-counter medication** by signing their camper's health form. The camp health care manager or designate follows a physician's standing orders in administering over-the-counter medication.

CAMPER CHECK-OUT:

Check-out for week-long programs: Friday at 7:00pm following the closing picnic/worship.

Check-out for short-term "Discovery Mini" programs (Sunday – Tuesday): Tuesday at 6:30pm at Main Parking Lot, following Tuesday's Supper.

Friday Picnic and Closing Worship

Residential camps, ending on Friday, conclude with a picnic and closing worship. Parents/guardians, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend these closing events. **The Friday picnic begins at 5:15 p.m. at the Lake Picnic Pavilion.** (*Location is subject to change depending on weather.*) Reservations are requested and can be made at the time of camper check-in. The cost of the picnic for guests is \$13 for adults, \$8 for children ages 4-10, children 3 and under are free. **Closing worship begins at 6:00 p.m. at Asbury Lodge.** Campers depart for home around 7:00 p.m.

Camp Asbury encourages all campers to participate in the entire program of their specific camping event. Temporary absences are not only difficult for the individual camper, they are also difficult for the other campers in the small group. If a camper must be temporarily absent, depart early from camp, or travel home with someone other than the camper's parent or guardian, **a form must be signed at check-in.**

Where do I find answers to my questions about Camp Asbury?

- For FAQ's— Visit website: www.campasbury.org
- Registration process/cancellation policy— visit www.EOCSummercamps.org
- Attend Asbury's Open House & Summer Preview: March 22, 2026, 2:00-5:00 PM
- Contact camp director or assistant director at 330.569.3171 or info@campasbury.org
- Meet with camp director on day of camper check-in

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Food Service:

Asbury food service provides campers with three nourishing meals per day plus an evening snack. **Please contact Camp Asbury at least two weeks in advance regarding any special dietary needs or food allergy information.** (e-mail info@campasbury.org or call **Asbury dining hall at 330-569-7585**). Food allergies may affect the menu choices of all campers in some camp sessions.

Camp Store:

Asbury's Camp Store sells souvenir items. The Camp Store does not sell snack items or beverages. Camp store items generally range from \$3-\$40. Camp store money will be collected at check-in (cash only), establishing an individual Camp Store Account. No camper should carry money in camp. Unspent money will be returned to the campers at check-out. The camp store will also be open during camper check-out on Friday (cash, check and credit cards accepted at this time).

Communication:

Handwritten notes are the best way to encourage your camper. A "letter writing station" will be available at Sunday camper check-in for families who wish to leave notes for distribution during the week.

Mail: A letter mailed from home brightens a camper's day. Please address camper's mail to:

Camper's Name
Program Name ("Explorer", "Adventurers", etc.)
Camp Asbury
10776 Asbury Rd.
Hiram, OH 44234

E-mail to campers: One time per day, Camp Asbury will distribute one-way e-mails to campers. Parents wishing to email their camper can email info@campasbury.org. **Please limit e-mails to five per week per camper.**

If you need to reach a camper with an emergency message, call the camp office at (330) 569-3171. The camp director's is available to contact in case of an emergency after hours. That number will be handed out to parents at check-in. At Camp Asbury, campers do not have direct access to a phone to call home. Campers will be given permission to call home on a designated phone in any scenario deemed appropriate by the camp staff. Camp Asbury can also be reached by e-mail at info@campasbury.org. ***Please limit phone communications to emergencies only.***

Parents/Guardian Notification by the Camp Asbury director or camp nurse:

- ❖ In the event of an emergency or serious accident
- ❖ Before a camper is transported off-site for medical treatment
- ❖ When more info is needed to deal with homesickness or an issue of physical, mental or emotional health.
- ❖ When a camper requires referral to a medical professional beyond Camp Asbury
- ❖ If there are behavior management issues that need to be addressed

The health care manager or their designee will be available at camper check-out if parents or guardians have questions about a camper's healthcare during a session of camp.

Bullying and Behavior Management

Camp Asbury maintains a zero-tolerance policy for bullying. During check-in, each camper and parent/guardian will review and sign our Anti-Bullying Acknowledgement Form to ensure understanding of our expectation for a safe and respectful community at Asbury. **Any violation of this policy may result in the camper being sent home at the discretion of the Camp Director**, including but not limited to teasing, name calling, threats, intimidation, physical aggression, unwanted contact, excluding someone on purpose, spreading rumors, cyberbullying, or acts of physical violence.

Age and Stature Requirements:

Camp Asbury operates a progressive program of activity options. Some camp activities have age and physical stature requirements:

Deep End Swimming and Special Water Features—

Must pass a swim test (all campers will be eligible to take the swim test)

Archery—for resident campers 5th grade and older

Low ropes—for campers 5th grade and older

Climbing Tower—for campers 5th grade and older

High ropes—for campers 5th grade and older

Giant swing—for campers 5th grade and older

**campers participating in the climbing tower, high ropes and giant swing must be able to fit into a seat harness to participate.*

Off-site trips—There are no off-site trips scheduled for summer 2026.

WHAT TO BRING:

(please identify items with camper's name using permanent marker)

- sturdy shoes for hiking
- old tennis shoes for water/rain (2nd pair of shoes)
- socks (pack extra pairs!)
- underwear
- sweatshirt, fleece or jacket
- tee shirts
- shorts
- long pants
- pajamas or sleeping clothes
- water bottles (2 one-liter bottles recommended)
- swimsuit & beach towel
- freshly laundered sleeping bag or sheets & blanket
- freshly laundered pillow
- toiletries including sunscreen, soap, shampoo, toothbrush & toothpaste, dental floss, shower shoes
- towel & washcloth
- cinch sack or backpack
- Bible
- pens/pencils
- flashlight
- insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- medications (in original containers)
- raincoat/poncho
- camera
- spending money for camp store

DO NOT BRING: snacks or candy
(Food will attract animals and insects)
Electronic Equipment*Cell Phones
***Tablets or Wireless Handheld Devices**

PROHIBITED AT CAMP:
Fireworks*Tobacco/Marijuana/Alcohol
Products/Vapes*Illegal Drugs or
Paraphernalia*Firearms, Pocket or hunting knives,
and/other weaponry of any kind

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