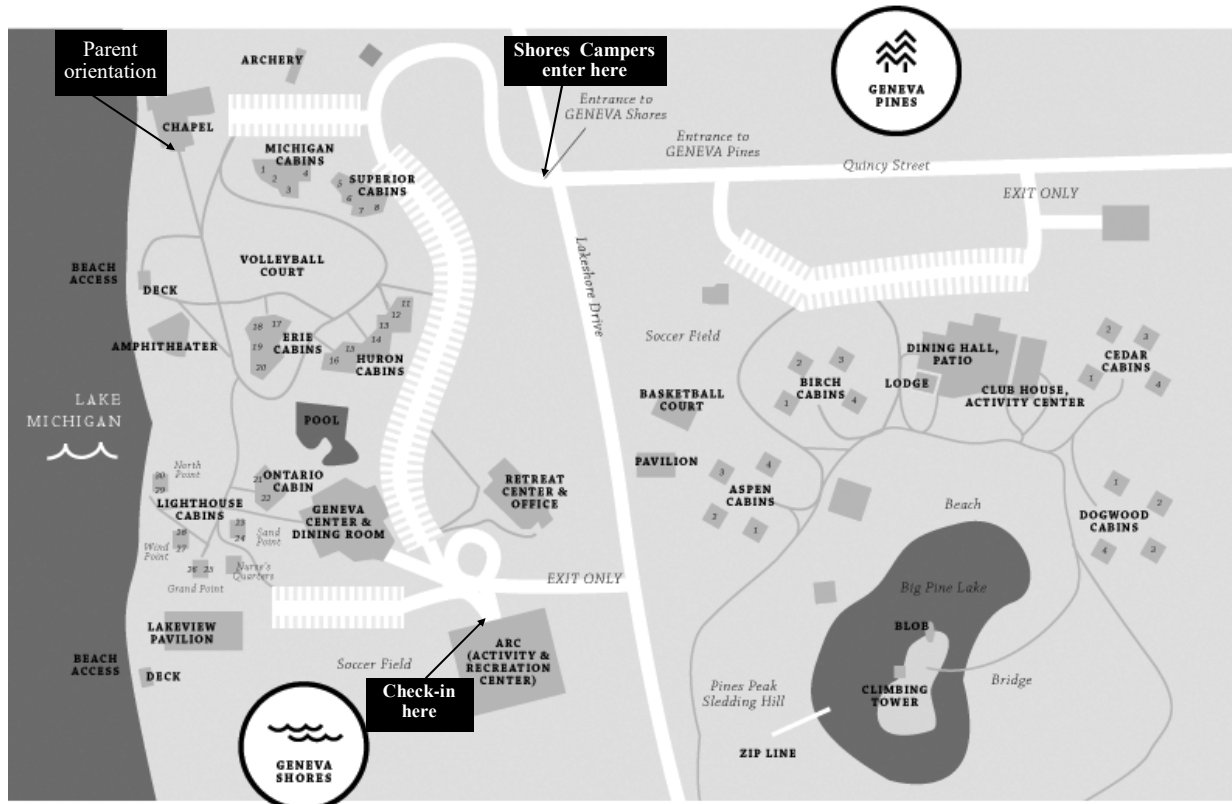


GENEVA Shores Confirmation



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DIRECTIONS TO GENEVA

Camp Geneva is located on Holland's north side on Lakeshore Drive at the end of Quincy Street.

- **From the East:** Take I-196 west to Exit 55 (Holland/Zeeland) which will put you on Business 196 heading west. Take Business 196 west to US-31 (approximately 5.5 miles). Take US-31 north to Quincy (approximately 3.5 miles). Take Quincy west to Camp Geneva (approximately 5.5 miles).
- **From the North:** Take US-31 south to Quincy. Take Quincy west to Camp Geneva (approximately 5.5 miles).
- **From the Southeast:** Take US-131 north to M6. Take M6 west to I-196. Take I-196 west to Exit 55 (Holland/Zeeland) which will put you on Business 196 heading west. Take Business 196 west to US-31 (approximately 5.5 miles). Take US-31 north to Quincy (approximately 3.5 miles). Take Quincy west to Camp Geneva (approximately 5.5 miles).
- **From the South:** Take US-31 north to Quincy (approximately 3.5 miles). Take Quincy west to Camp Geneva (approximately 5.5 miles).
- The main entrance to Camp Geneva is directly opposite the end of Quincy Street.

CONTACT INFORMATION



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Should you need to leave an emergency message for a camper, you may call the GENEVA office at 616.399.3150. If you call after hours, our voice mail will give you an emergency number to call.

LATE ARRIVALS/ABSENCE POLICY

- GENEVA will only accommodate late arrivals or camper absences which are health related or family emergencies. If families anticipate arrival conflicts or conflicts due to sports or otherwise during the camp session, they will be encouraged to register for a different session.
- We reserve the right to cancel the registrations of children who do not show up and have not notified us by noon on Monday.
- We reserve the right to cancel the registrations of children needing absences during the week for reasons other than health or family emergencies.
- Cancellations will be subject to GENEVA's cancellation/refund policy.
- Additional information on our policy can be found on our website <http://www.campgeneva.org/summer-camps/late-arrival-absence-policy>

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

- **All** refunds are subject to a \$50 cancellation fee.
- Refunds will be given if requested at least 14 days before your week of camp.
- If you cancel less than 14 days before your week of camp, refunds will be given only for medical reasons or a family emergency.

ARRIVAL

There are several important steps to checking your child in:

- **Time—8:45am** on Monday morning. **Please call if you are not able to arrive by 9:15am.** We reserve the right to cancel the registrations of campers who do not show up and have not notified us by noon on Monday.
- Campers should leave their luggage in the car but bring any medications to check-in to give to the health officer/camp nurse.
- **Place—ARC (Activity & Recreation Center)** at the south end of GENEVA Shores parking lot.
- **Medication Drop-off**—if you need to drop off your camper's medications or talk to the health officer/camp nurse about any health concerns, you will have that opportunity at check-in.
- **Check-in**—next you will proceed to one of the alphabetical lines where cabin assignments and nametags will be handed out. If you pre-ordered a punch card, it will be printed on the back of the nametag.
- **Sign-in**—finally, you will accompany your camper to the cabin to meet the counselor and sign the camper in. Please be sure that whoever is picking up the camper at the end of the week is on the list of people authorized to pick him/her up.
- **If you have both a Shores camper and a Day camper, please check your Shores camper in to their cabin and then go to the Retreat Center to check in your Day camper.**

The camp store, located in the lower level of the GENEVA Center, will be open during check-in, approximately 8:30-9:45am.

No pets—GENEVA has a no pets policy, so please do not bring your pet when dropping off and picking up your camper.

A parent orientation meeting will be **held in the chapel** at 9:25am. This meeting is optional, but highly recommended for first-time camper parents. It will give you a glimpse of what your child will experience during the week at GENEVA and provide you with an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

DEPARTURE

Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the closing celebration **in the ARC** which will consist of singing and viewing the video of the week. If you pre-ordered a video, it can be picked up at the ARC at this time. Campers may be picked up at their cabin after the closing, which lasts about 30 minutes.

Campers with a 6:00pm closing will be given dinner prior to departure.

- **You will be required to sign your child out with the counselor.**
- We will not release a camper to anyone other than:
 - the person(s) designated at the beginning of the week or
 - anyone you listed as authorized to pick up your camper on your original registration form

We strongly discourage early departures. The end of the camp session is designed to wrap up the week and transition campers back into their daily routines. It is filled with debriefing conversations, picture signing, and other closing activities that are significant in the child's experience. If you must pick up your child early, please contact the office to discuss the most opportune time.

The camp store will be open following the closing celebration.

PACKING LIST

All items should be labeled with camper's first and last name!

Must Have Items:

- Bible & Pen
- Bedding and pillow (maybe a twin size sheet for hot weather)
- Sunscreen & Bug Spray
- Pajamas
- Comfortable clothes geared for activity (dress clothes are not needed). Be prepared for chilly evenings.
- Both tennis shoes & sandals with back straps; no flip-flops, please
- Reusable water bottle (**must** be labeled with camper's full name)
- Swimsuit (**1-piece suits required** - see dress code)
- Towels (beach and bath)
- Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.
- LONG spare sock or bandana- for playing *Capture the Flag* and other games
- Plastic bag for wet items

Optional items:

- Spending money—but we prefer you purchase a punch card
- Stationery, postcards, stamps, etc. (to write home!)
- T-shirts or pillow cases with GENEVA logo can be purchased for \$5. If you prefer to bring your own, it must be 100% cotton. Note: Campers coming July 1-4 will not have the opportunity to tie-dye due to time limitations.
- Camera (**must** be labeled with camper's full name)
- Book to read during quiet time
- Fan and extension cord
- Frisbee

WHAT NOT TO BRING

These items are not permitted and will be held by the counselor and returned at the end of the week.

- Cell phones
- ipods, tables, or other technology devices
- Knives, weapons and like items

DRESS CODE

In an attempt to create a positive environment where all children can participate in every camp activity, we require clothing that is functional for the varying activities of camp. The dress code will be enforced by our summer staff, and campers wearing clothing or swimwear deemed inappropriate will be asked to change.

We require one-piece swimsuits (no tankini's please) for the functionality of camp. Our various water activities such as the splash pad and pool, zip line, blob, tubing, and other activities make it essential to abide by this requirement. Cut-off shirts or short shorts are not conducive for the activities of the camp environment. Clothing with inappropriate images or slogans are not allowed.

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CAMPER

7:30 am	Wake up and Polar Bearing, an early morning dip in Lake Michigan. A great way to wake up! (optional)
8:30 am	Breakfast
9:15 am	Songs and Skits
10:00 am	Bible study
11:00 am	Cabin Activity
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	All camp game
2:30 pm	Free time (store open)
4:00 pm	Interest groups
5:30 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	All-camp activity
8:00 pm	Songs and Skits
9:00 pm	Snack and bed

SWIMMING at GENEVA

On the first day of camp, we will give each child a swim test to determine their swimming ability. Color-coded wristbands will be given to indicate what areas of the pool they may swim in.

LOST & FOUND POLICY

- GENEVA is not responsible for items left behind, lost, or stolen.
- **Parents are encouraged to label everything with the camper's full name.**
- Items found will be displayed at the closing program.
- Please call our office as soon as you realize your camper is missing an item.
- Items with names will be held for 14 days and we will contact you to pick them up. Any items not claimed after 14 days will be given to charitable organizations. Parents will be responsible for the cost (shipping and handling) of mailing any items.
- **Items without names will be donated to a charitable organization at the end of each session.**

VIDEOS

Each week we offer a video of your child's week at camp. Set to music, this video will show some of the activities and people that make your child's time at GENEVA so special. A limited number of extra videos will also be available for purchase at the closing program for \$10.00. If those are sold out, you may order one at a cost of \$13 and we will mail it to you.

VISITATION POLICY

Camp does not have visiting periods for friends and relatives since the sessions are short and we cannot have people wandering the grounds during camp sessions for security reasons.

CAMP STORE

The store is open for campers and parents during check-in and check-out. It is also open for campers daily during free-time. We have a unique assortment of GENEVA apparel, snacks and novelty items.

The camp store accepts Punch Cards or cash from campers. Credit/Debit cards can be used at check-in and closing.

Each camper will receive a theme t-shirt and a group picture at no charge.

CAMP STORE PUNCH CARDS

Camp store punch cards, as an alternative to cash for the camp store, are offered for overnight campers. Pre-ordered punch cards in the amount of \$10 or \$20 must be pre-ordered at the time of online registration.

The camp store is open during check-in and check-out so parents may accompany campers for larger purchases such as t-shirts and sweatshirts. If there is a balance remaining on the punch card at the end of the camp session, you may stop at the camp store for a refund after signing your camper out with the counselor.

Camp store punch cards may be used to purchase a t-shirt with GENEVA's logo on to tie-dye (\$5). Campers may also get cash from their punch card for the pop machine or to donate to the camp scholarship fund so it is not necessary to bring cash.

ARTS & CRAFTS

We offer a variety of items in arts & crafts.

- Each camper will be able to do two arts & crafts projects each day for free. This will include all arts & crafts done during cabin activities, interest groups and free time.
- In addition to the free items, we also have some items that can be purchased with either cash or a camp punch card. These items range from \$3 to \$5.
- Each camper attending a 5- or 6-day camp will also have the opportunity to tie-dye a t-shirt or pillowcase on Tuesday during Interest Groups.
- Campers who wish to tie-dye and don't bring their own item may purchase a white t-shirt or pillowcase with the GENEVA logo in Arts & Crafts for \$5.00.
- Tie-dyeing is free if you supply the t-shirt or pillowcase which we recommend be 100% cotton, washed and pre-shrunk with no fabric softener.

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday May 19, 2019 - 2-4 pm

Mark your calendar! The Community Open house is a great opportunity, especially for new campers, to explore the facilities before camp starts. For new campers, knowing what the cabins will be like, and knowing your way around can make the first day much less frightening. It's great to arrive at camp the first morning and not feel totally lost. We'll even have the heated pool open for you to enjoy!



MAIL CALL!

No Packages

Packages for campers will not be accepted. The only exception will be for a camper who is at camp during his/her birthday. We will accept small packages for birthday campers but they may not contain any food items.

Letters & email

We will continue to accept emails and letter-size mail for campers (no food or other items inserted) but we ask that you limit the number of emails campers receive to no more than one per day. As you write, please focus on your child's camp experience instead of what is happening at home in order to help avoid creating homesickness.

Cabin numbers must be included on the letters/emails in order to ensure delivery. Everything received by 3:00pm will be delivered at suppertime the same day. No mail will be delivered on the day the campers go home so the latest time to send emails is 3:00pm on the day before they depart.

We do not provide campers with access to a phone or a computer. Should you need to contact a camper for an emergency, you may call the GENEVA office at 616.399.3150. If you call after hours, our voice mail will give you an emergency number to call.

To ensure timely delivery of mail, please address mail as follows:

dropoff: Save postage! We will have a box at check-in where you can drop off letter-size mail. Please indicate which day you would like it delivered. **OR** drop your letters off at the office in the Retreat Center anytime between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday-Friday.

snail mail: *Camper's Name*
c/o Camp Geneva, Shores Cabin # _____
3995 Lakeshore Drive N
Holland, MI 49424

email: go to our website at www.campgeneva.org and click on "email a camper"
Campers will NOT have access to a computer, so they will not be able to email you back!

fax: 616.399.5180
Camper's first and last name and Shores Cabin # _____ MUST appear on fax!

MEDICATIONS/ SUPPLEMENTS/ ESSENTIAL OILS

All medications/supplements/essential oils brought by the camper (prescription and over-the-counter) must be turned in at check-in.

Any of these items you bring MUST be in the original container, be prescribed for the camper, and include clear and current directions.

The health officer/camp nurse will be available at check-in for those who have questions or health concerns.

We stock over-the-counter medications such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen, and cold remedies, so it is not necessary to bring them.

*The form below must accompany any medications/supplements/essential oils the camper brings along.
Please cut on the dotted line and bring with you to check-in.*

Instructions for Dispensing Medications/ Supplements/Essential Oils

Camper's Name _____ Cabin # _____

**All medications/supplements/essential oils
MUST be in the original container and have the camper's name on it.**

Name of medication	Dosage	To be given at (circle)				
_____	_____	B	L	D	Bed	Only if needed
_____	_____	B	L	D	Bed	Only if needed
_____	_____	B	L	D	Bed	Only if needed
_____	_____	B	L	D	Bed	Only if needed