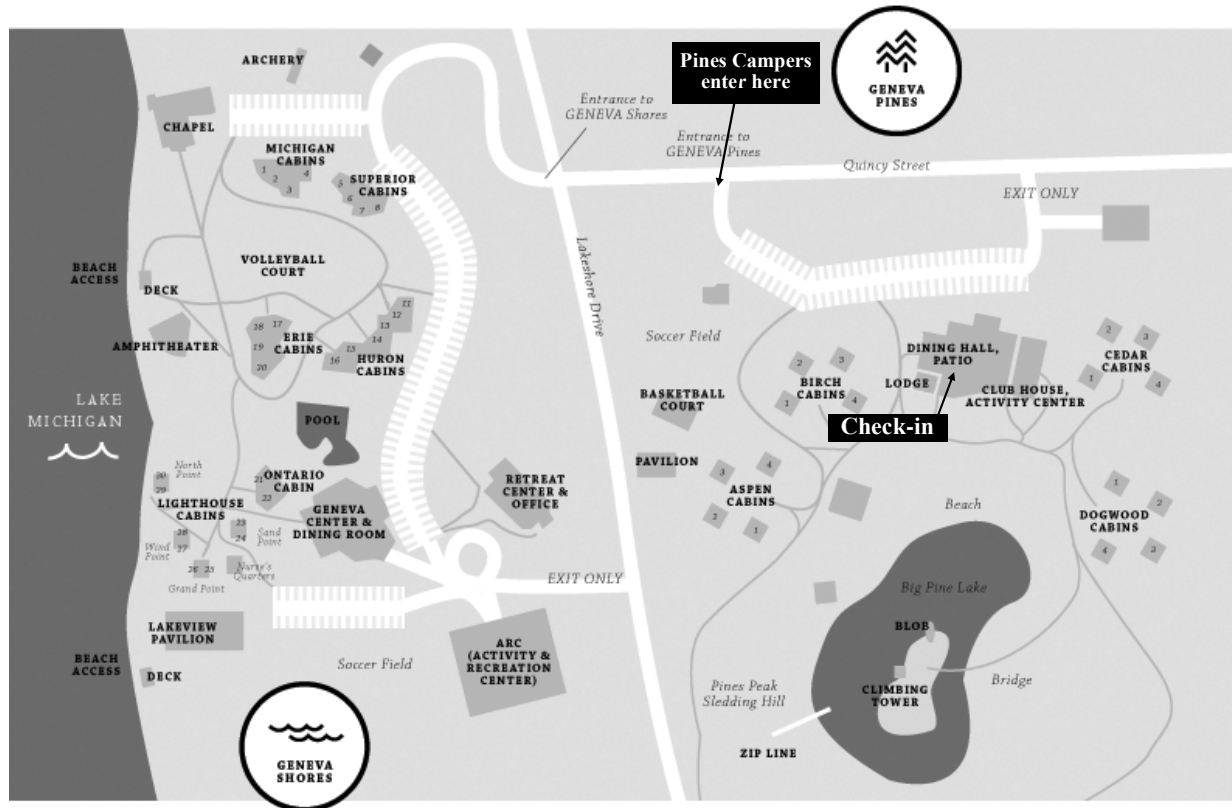


# GENEVA Pines Confirmation



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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 entrance to GENEVA Pines is on Quincy Street just east of Lakeshore Drive.

## 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 ARRIVAL/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 [campgeneva.org/parent-faq/#late-arrival-absence-early-departure-cancellations](http://campgeneva.org/parent-faq/#late-arrival-absence-early-departure-cancellations)

## 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—This year we are moving to a rolling start time and you can check your camper in anytime between 8:00-8:30am. Please call if you are not able to arrive by 8:45am.** We reserve the right to cancel the registrations of campers who do not show up and have not notified us by noon on Monday.
- **Place—GENEVA Pines Patio** (behind the dining hall).
- Campers should bring their luggage to check-in and we will direct you where to place it until you are ready to head to your cabin. Be sure to have any medications accessible to give to the health officer/camp nurse.
- **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, please stop in the lobby of the dining hall.
- **Check-in**—next you will proceed to one of the alphabetical lines where your camper will receive their cabin assignment, nametag, and punch card (if you ordered one.)
- **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.

**The camp store** will be open during check-in.

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

**Questions?** If you have questions about the camp program, there will be staff available on the patio during and after check-in who can help you.

## DEPARTURE

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

Campers with a 7:00pm 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) you listed as authorized to pick up your camper on your original registration form or added to the pick-up list on Monday morning.
- **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 closing activities that are significant in the child's experience. If you must pick up your child early, please contact the office.

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
- 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 pillowcases with GENEVA logo can be purchased for tie-dye for \$5. If you prefer to bring your own, it must be 100% cotton.
- Camera
- 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, tablets, or other technology devices
- Knives, weapons and like items
- For the safety of other campers who may have food allergies and to avoid attracting critters, **please do not bring any food items.**



## DRESS CODE

Due to the variety of water activities at camp, including splash pad and pool, zipline, blob, and tubing, we want campers to have swimsuits that are safe and practical. Therefore, we require one-piece swimsuits for campers; no tankinis please. Additionally, clothing with inappropriate images or slogans are not allowed.

## **TALENT SHOW**

Campers are invited to share their unique talents at the Pines Talent Show. Past acts include singing, dancing, acting, juggling and magic, but we'd love to see other acts too. Bring any materials you might want if you choose to do an act at the talent show.

## **A TYPICAL DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CAMPER**

7:00am	Wake up and Polar-bearing (optional) - an early-morning dip in Big Pine Lake - a great way to wake up!
8:30am	Breakfast
9:15am	Celebration (large group worship and teaching time)
10:00am	Bible study
11:00am	All-camp game (capture the flag, etc. involving the entire camp)
12:00pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Cabin activity (designed to build a sense of family within the cabin)
3:00pm	Interest Groups
4:00pm	Free time (store open)
5:30pm	Dinner
6:30pm	Celebration (large group worship and teaching time)
8:30pm	All-camp activity
9:30pm	Cabin time and devotions
10:00pm	Lights out

## **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 lake and pool they may swim in.

## **LOST & FOUND POLICY**

**Due to limited space and the amount of time involved in handling hundreds of lost and found items:**

- GENEVA is not responsible for items left behind, lost, or stolen.
- **Parents are encouraged to label everything with the camper's full name.** If the item has the camper's name on it, we will contact you to pick it up.
- Items found will be displayed at the closing program.
- Items will only be held for 14 days. Any items not claimed after 14 days will be given to a charitable organization.
- If you need an item mailed, we require a \$10 check to cover postage.
- As soon as you realize an item is missing, please go to [campgeneva.org/parent-faq/#other](http://campgeneva.org/parent-faq/#other) and fill out a Lost and Found Form.

## **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. If you pre-ordered a video, it can be picked up at closing. A limited number of extra videos will also be available for purchase at the closing program for \$12.00.

## **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**

\$10 or \$20 camp store punch cards, as an alternative to cash, can 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. 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.

Punch cards may be used to purchase a t-shirt or pillowcase with GENEVA's logo 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.
- Each camper 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 17, 2020 - 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!

Maps for self-guided tours will be available and there will be lots of staff around to answer questions. Come join us!



# **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**

Emails and letter-size mail are encouraged (no food or other items inserted) but we ask that you limit the number of emails you send to one per day. 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.

Campers do not have access to a phone or a computer. In case of 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:** At check-in, we will have a box where you can drop off letter-size mail. Please indicate which day you would like it delivered. You can also drop your letters off at the office in the Retreat Center **on the Shores side of camp** anytime before 3pm on the last full day your camper is here.

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

**email:** **go to our website at [www.campgeneva.org](http://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 Pines Cabin # \_\_\_\_\_*** MUST appear on fax!

*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.*

## **MEDICATIONS/ SUPPLEMENTS/ ESSENTIAL OILS**

- **All medications must be turned in at check-in.** This includes prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, supplements (including gummies and melatonin), and essential oils.
- All medications must be in the **original container**, be prescribed to the camper, and have clear and current instructions.
- We stock many common over-the-counter medications so we discourage you from leaving these. If you have any questions about which medications we have, the camp health officer is available at 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