

Midwest Bible Camp



2024

Camper Brochure

(see the following pages for all camp information)

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Visit

[www.midwestbiblecamp.org](http://www.midwestbiblecamp.org)

To Submit Your

### *Camper Application*

*(applications are now digital - paper applications will no longer be mailed)*

## MWBC: Building Christian Character

Our primary objective at Midwest Bible Camp is to build Christian character in the young people we serve. We strive to provide an atmosphere that promotes Biblical principles and encourages spiritual growth in both the various daily activities and the times of meaningful devotion and Bible study. Our sessions are held at the beautiful Lake Darling Youth Center just west of Brighton, Iowa.

At camp, we take advantage of the lack of everyday distractions to make time for diving into God's word. Campers can look forward to daily Bible classes, worship times, and cabin devotionals. However, the highlight of everyone's week is the time spent at the evening campfire devotional! Some of our times of study and devotion are deeply introspective and serious, while others teach Biblical truth through nature and camper involved object lessons. Each session is unique, but all focus on cultivating a greater knowledge of God and the relationship he desires to have with us.

In addition to focused spiritual activities, MWBC also strives to provide fun relationship building activities such as games, sports, crafts, talent shows, skit nights, and a wide variety of week specific events. Every activity provides valuable times of fellowship with staff members and other campers. Lasting relationships are inevitably created.

We would love to have the opportunity to share with your child the amazing things that God can do during a week of camp. Come and take part in this amazing experience and see why campers look forward to MWBC all year long.

### Bring a Friend - Get a Discount

We know that you love MWBC, but we also know that your friends will too! They'll thank you for inviting them to camp, and we'd like to thank you as well. For each friend you bring to MWBC (up to 3), you can receive \$10 off your registration fee. (up to \$30) To qualify, your friend must meet the following criteria:

1. Your friend must be a first time camper at MWBC.
2. Your friend cannot be a member of your immediate family.
3. Your friend must attend the same week you are attending.
4. Your friend must be listed in the "Bring a Friend" section of your camp application.
5. Your friend must submit their application at least 2 weeks before the camp session begins.
6. Your friend must not be attending camp on a Campership.

**NOTE:** The Girls Retreat friend discount is \$5. There is no friend discount for Boys Weekend.

## Contacting Campers at MWBC

Just in case you need to contact your child while they are at camp, here are a couple of ways you may do that:

1. Call Lake Darling Youth Center  
@ (319)-694-3229

*\*This number is only valid when camp is in session.*

2. Call the session Director using the phone number listed on the schedule.  
(see the last page of this brochure)

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Camper's Name  
Midwest Bible Camp  
c/o Lake Darling Youth Center  
3170 Dogwood Ave.  
Brighton, IA 52540

### Visitor Policy

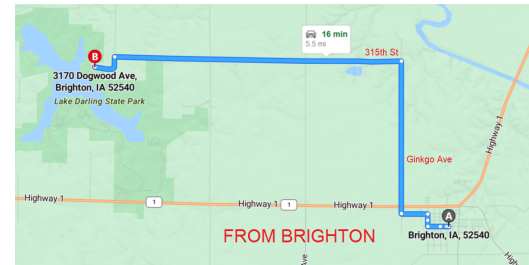
**Thursday** night is MWBC's dedicated **Visitor's Night**. You may arrive in the late afternoon/early evening to visit campers/staff, eat dinner (\$5 each), and enjoy the evening activity. Please notify the session director ahead of time if you plan to visit on Visitor's Night. (If you find it necessary to visit on another day, please contact the session director.)

### Directions to Lake Darling Youth Center

#### ATTENTION:

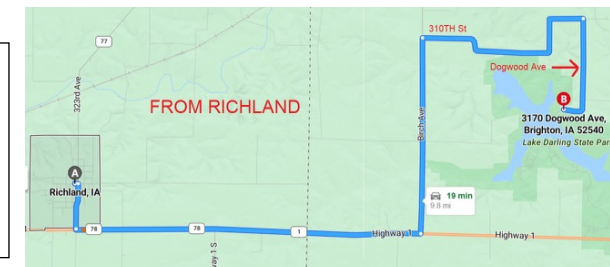
**Road repairs will require an alternate route to LDYC this summer.**

- Highway 1 between the Lake Darling main entrance and Brighton is currently being repaired. Repairs on this section of the highway are expected to continue most of the summer.



Coming south from Washington into Brighton along HWY 1, turn right (north) on Ginko Ave. Then, turn left (west) on 315th Street. Continue until you reach Dogwood Ave. and then turn left into LDYC.

Coming east from Richland along HWY 1, turn left (north) on Birch Ave. Then, turn right (east) on 310th Street. Continue until you reach Dogwood Ave. and then turn right (south) which will lead you into LDYC.



## Submitting Your Camp Application

\*Please submit your camp application as soon as possible, preferably no less than 2 weeks prior to your session. **PRE-REGISTRATION is greatly appreciated because it helps directors know how many staff members to enlist and how many campers to expect.**



\*Camper fees may be paid with the online application using PayPal or Venmo (additional \$6 fee), mailed to the treasurer at 1201 N. 5th Street, Clear Lake, Iowa 50428, or paid at registration on the first day of camp.

(If you need help registering, please contact the appropriate session director.)

### What to Bring to Camp

- Bible
- Pen/pencil & paper/notebook
- Enough suitable (casual, yet modest) clothing to last the entire session. Laundry facilities are only available in case of emergencies. Evenings can be cool, so bring jeans, sweatshirts, and a jacket.
- Modest swimwear and a cover-up to wear to and from the swimming area.
- Bedding: pillow, sleeping bag, or sheets & a blanket.
- Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, several towels, etc.
- **WATER BOTTLE with your name on it**
- Flashlight & batteries
- Insect repellent
- Necessary medications: All prescription and over-the-counter medications need to be in the original containers. Meds will be kept and dispensed by the nurse.
- Camera: remember that you won't be able to use your cell phone camera.

### What NOT to Bring to Camp

- Firearms, fireworks, knives, or lighters
- Illegal substances, cigarettes/tobacco, vape, alcohol, etc.
- Cell phones, iPads, laptops, radios, or other electronics
- Comics, posters, or magazines

## Servant Attitude Leadership Training

SALT is a leadership program designed to train the future leaders of Christian camping. Participants complete 2 weeks of training over 2 summers. The first week (SALT I) is held during Junior Week and focuses on counselor training. The second week (SALT II) is held during Intermediate Week and focuses on developing leadership skills, explores service in other camp staff positions, and provides further instruction in counseling.

Entrance into the program is determined after an application, reference, and acceptance process is completed. Applicants need to have finished at least the 9th grade. The SALT application is embedded in the regular camper application which can be found at [www.midwestbiblecamp.org](http://www.midwestbiblecamp.org). (When registering for SALT I on the regular camp application, you will be directed to the SALT application) The application deadline is **May 27th**.

## 2024 Camp Theme

### Who Am I?

*"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"*

*Ephesians 2:10*

Who are we? Why are we here? Where did we come from? Where are we going? These questions and others like them have puzzled people for centuries. Each of these questions shapes and defines our identity and value. Your unique qualities distinguish you from the sea of humanity surrounding you, giving you significance and recognition.

We are told that random factors form crucial parts of our identity. Race, sex, ethnicity and social classes are used to divide people into groups, with each group inherently having a different identity and experience in the modern world. God denies this philosophy. Those supposedly random factors are in fact a part of His personal design and workmanship. They prepare you for good works without being cause for separation. In Christ there is no ethnicity, social caste or sex. His followers all become equal heirs through the same process.

We are also told that we can switch our identity around in flamboyant denial of reality. People around us are obliged to support our newly

exposed identities with their language and their insurance premiums. God denies this philosophy as well, telling us that He knew us before we were born, and made a purpose for us without even asking who we want to be when we grow up! He can give you an identity better than anything the world has to offer.

Our mistakes are increasingly recorded and preserved to be held against us indefinitely. Social media holds on to your mistakes far beyond when memory would let it go, and provides a platform for unforgiving harassment while keeping the harasser safe. God offers a new identity free from that past, with forgiveness and grace in abundance!

In a world increasingly given to subjective divisions, God provides an opportunity to come together in one body, His body. Let's explore together the purpose and value He has embedded within each of us. Let's learn about the true identity choice to become His children.

~Jason Thompson

### MWBC Health & Safety Policy

Midwest Bible Camp desires to create an atmosphere of peace which equally applies to all who participate in our camping experience. In the spirit of being proactive in its treatment of minors in our care, the following is a list of health and safety concerns for which parents/guardians (and if applicable local health and law enforcement personnel) will automatically be notified. Depending on the severity of the situation, the camper may be asked to leave camp so that their health and safety needs may be immediately assessed and treated.

- Any COVID symptoms
- Injury or illness resulting in outside care being warranted
- Fever of 100.4 degrees or more
- Loss of consciousness
- Vomiting with accompanying signs of illness
- Diarrhea (either 3 episodes in one day, or diarrhea lasting more than 24 hours)
- Observed self-harm tendencies (including self-harm attempts)
- Anaphylactic reaction resulting in epi-pen utilization
- Lice
- Animal bites
- Seizures
- Bullying
- Terroristic threats
- Stealing
- Intentional destruction of property
- Suicidal ideation/suicide attempt

# 2024 MWBC Schedule

| Session              | Camper Grade( 2024 / 2025) | Dates of Session   | Fee   | Registration Time | Closing Time  | Directors                           | Phone #'s                    | Director Email                                                                           |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Junior</b>        | 4th-6th                    | June 8-15          | \$200 | 1-2 p.m.          | 11 a.m.       | Dale Burleson<br>Nikki Bahler       | 641-529-0768<br>641-529-1699 | <a href="mailto:junior@midwestbiblecamp.org">junior@midwestbiblecamp.org</a>             |
| <b>SALT I</b>        | 10th-12th                  | June 8-15          | \$100 | 1-2 p.m.          | 11 a.m.       | Laura Lucas-Johnson                 | 217-260-0821                 | <a href="mailto:salt1@midwestbiblecamp.org">salt1@midwestbiblecamp.org</a>               |
| <b>Intermediate</b>  | 7th -9th                   | June 15-22         | \$200 | 1-2 p.m.          | 11 a.m.       | Jeremy Widner<br>Michael Henley     | 816-585-3873<br>816-507-1256 | <a href="mailto:intermediate@midwestbiblecamp.org">intermediate@midwestbiblecamp.org</a> |
| <b>SALT II</b>       | 11th-Grad.                 | June 15-22         | \$100 | 1-2 p.m.          | 11 a.m.       | Rudy Schellekens                    | 563-571-2067                 | <a href="mailto:salt2@midwestbiblecamp.org">salt2@midwestbiblecamp.org</a>               |
| <b>Senior</b>        | 10th-Grad.                 | June 22-29         | \$200 | 1-2 p.m.          | 11 a.m.       | Dana Brant<br>Ryan Martens          | 641-420-1180<br>507-383-3730 | <a href="mailto:senior@midwestbiblecamp.org">senior@midwestbiblecamp.org</a>             |
| <b>Special Zero</b>  | 4th-Grad.                  | June 29-<br>July 6 | \$200 | 1-2 p.m.          | 11 a.m.       | Jason Thompson<br>Bill Schellekens  | 319-450-2007<br>515-290-1883 | <a href="mailto:special0@midwestbiblecamp.org">special0@midwestbiblecamp.org</a>         |
| <b>Boys Weekend</b>  | 4th-Grad.                  | July 13-15         | \$60  | 1-2 p.m.          | 12:00<br>noon | Jeremy Widner<br>Jerry Bernauer     | 816-585-3873<br>563-508-1538 | <a href="mailto:boysretreat@midwestbiblecamp.org">boysretreat@midwestbiblecamp.org</a>   |
| <b>Girls Retreat</b> | 4th-Grad.                  | July 16-20         | \$115 | 1-2 p.m.          | 11 a.m.       | Sarah Bochman<br>Elaine Schellekens | 515-720-4082<br>515-290-3088 | <a href="mailto:girlsretreat@midwestbiblecamp.org">girlsretreat@midwestbiblecamp.org</a> |
| <b>Special One</b>   | 4th-Grad.                  | July 20-27         | \$200 | 1-2 p.m.          | 11 a.m.       | Nathan Rowedder<br>Travis Pierson   | 402-366-7120<br>515-351-7049 | <a href="mailto:special1@midwestbiblecamp.org">special1@midwestbiblecamp.org</a>         |
| <b>Special Two</b>   | 4th-Grad.                  | Aug. 3-10          | \$200 | 1-2 p.m.          | 11 a.m.       | Doug Kruse<br>TBD                   | 515-208-0687                 | <a href="mailto:special2@midwestbiblecamp.org">special2@midwestbiblecamp.org</a>         |
| <b>Fall Retreat</b>  | 7th-12th                   | Sept. 27-29        | \$60  | 7 p.m.            | 1:30 p.m.     | Dan McCann<br>Alex Kinyon           | 319-430-3675<br>402-362-1340 | <a href="mailto:fallretreat@midwestbiblecamp.org">fallretreat@midwestbiblecamp.org</a>   |

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**Registration and Closing Information:**

- Registration for ALL sessions is from **1-2 p.m.** Please contact the session director if you cannot register during that time.
- Please see the table above to be sure you know when your session starts and ends.
- Campers, including those planning to attend the next session, must be picked up within **one hour** of closing time unless prior arrangements have been made.
- Campers who do not meet a session's age requirements will not be allowed to attend without prior director approval.
- Registrations are processed first come, first served. Please complete your online application at least **2 weeks** prior to your session.

**Cell phones, iPads, laptops and other electronics:** To minimize distractions at camp, cell phones, iPads, laptops and other electronic devices should be left at home or turned in at registration. All items will be kept in the camp safe and will be returned at the end of the session.

**Extra money at camp:** A theme T-shirt, canteen, crafts, and all other activities are included in the camper fee. Extra money is only needed if you want to buy camp logo clothing.