

# *Midwest Bible Camp*



*2023*

## *Camper Brochure*

*(see the following pages for all camp information)*



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***

**O**ur 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)*



### ***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***

- From Highway 1, go North on Elm Ave. / CR-W21 for 1.5 miles, and then turn left onto 315th Street for 1 mile. At the stop sign, turn left to follow the drive into camp.



### ***NOTE***

- Highway 78 between the Lake Darling entrance (just west of the LDYC entrance) and Richland is currently being repaired. Repairs on this section of the highway are expected to continue until the end of July. After this time, the highway between Brighton and the Lake Darling entrance will be closed for repairs.

## 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 \$5 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**.

## 2023 Camp Theme

### B.I.B.L.E. Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

"We need to know the BIBLE." To me, this has always been an interesting phrase. Who decides who has that "need" to know? How do I become someone who knows my Bible? Can I effectively know my Bible? What will it take?

The answers are pretty simple: ALL of us have this need to know and we ALL possess the ability to know our Bibles!

It is clear from the very beginning as Jesus said: Make disciples. Baptize. Teach... (Matthew 28:18-20) Acts 2 shows us the first outcome of putting this into practice, including "...And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching..."

The MWBC Board has decided that the focus of our 2023 camp sessions will be on the B.I.B.L.E. concepts: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.

**BASIC:** Everything from reading to math to cooking requires some "basic knowledge"... the same applies to the Bible. There are some basic biblical truths which everyone needs to know.

"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."

2 Peter 1:3

**INSTRUCTIONS:** The Bible provides for us many clearly and easily understood basic guidelines to help us live the Christian life. In fact, the Bible is meant to be read and studied by *everyone*, not just by scholars and highly trained specialists

**BEFORE:** We have a choice! We can choose to accept and follow Biblical truths or not. Before we leave earth, we must make that critical choice because it determines how we will spend eternity.

**LEAVING:** Life on earth is just the beginning instead of the end of our journey. The Bible reminds us that our earthly life is just a vapor. Our destination is heaven, and our roadmap is the Bible which lays out for us all the directions we need for not only this brief earthly life, but more importantly for the eternal life we will have upon leaving earth. We do not know our departure date, but we do know we will be leaving some day.

**EARTH:** This planet is where we exist right now. So what's our purpose? What do we do with the time in which we exist on this earth? We will discover that the Bible has plenty to say about that!  
~Rudy Schellekens

### 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

# 2023 MWBC Schedule

| Session              | Camper Grade (2023/2024) | Dates of Session     | Fee   | Registration Time | Closing Time  | Directors                           | Phone #'s                    | Director Email   |
|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Junior</b>        | 4th-6th                  | June 10-17           | \$170 | 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 10-17           | \$85  | 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 17-24           | \$170 | 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 17-24           | \$85  | 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 24 -<br>July 1  | \$170 | 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.                | July 1-8             | \$170 | 1-2 p.m.          | 11 a.m.       | Jason Thompson<br>Justin Milliken   | 319-450-2007<br>712-782-4242 | <a href="mailto:special0@midwestbiblecamp.org">special0@midwestbiblecamp.org</a>         |
| <b>Boys Weekend</b>  | 4th-Grad.                | July 15-17           | \$50  | 1-2 p.m.          | 12:00<br>noon | Jeremy Widner<br>Jerry Bernauer     | 816-585-3873                 | <a href="mailto:boysretreat@midwestbiblecamp.org">boysretreat@midwestbiblecamp.org</a>   |
| <b>Girls Retreat</b> | 4th-Grad.                | July 18-22           | \$100 | 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 22-29           | \$170 | 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. 5-12            | \$170 | 1-2 p.m.          | 11 a.m.       | Doug Kruse<br>Doug Phillips         | 515-208-0687                 | <a href="mailto:special2@midwestbiblecamp.org">special2@midwestbiblecamp.org</a>         |
| <b>Fall Retreat</b>  | 7th-12th                 | Sept. 29 -<br>Oct. 1 | \$50  | 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.