KID'S CAMP REMINDERS

Camp Date, Time, and Location

Dates: Thursday, July 23 & Friday, July 24, 2026
Time: 8:30am-4:30pm | Drop-Off: 8:00-8:30am | Pick-Up: 4:30pm | Friday Closing Ceremony: 3:30pm
Location: Hillside Middle School, 775 N Center Street, Northville, MI 48167

What Items to Bring

- Closed-toe shoes (required)
- Sunscreen (recommended)
- Hat (recommended)
- Any personal items clearly labeled with your child's first and last name
- A towel and a change of clothes on Day 1, as the camp day will end with a firetruck spray down activity

Medication

- If your child requires medication, please check all medications in with the nurse's station during check-in. Medication will be administered by the nurse's station to campers at the specified times.
- If your child carries an inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector and is capable of self-administering it, they may keep it with them. Please notify the nurse's station at check-in if your child will be carrying these items. All inhalers and epinephrine auto-injectors should be clearly labeled with your child's first and last name.

Camp Expectations & Safety Rules

- Be kind to others
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
- Stay with an adult and follow safety instructions at all times
- Respect other campers, volunteers, and camp property
- Avoid bullying, mean language, or behavior that creates an unsafe environment

New Hope Center uses a three-strike guideline for behavioral expectations. Campers will receive warnings if rules are broken. After three warnings, the camper may be asked to leave camp. However, if a serious safety concern occurs, the three-strike process may be bypassed and the camper may be dismissed immediately.

Our goal is always to support campers in staying at camp and having a safe, positive, and meaningful experience.

Food & Snacks

Lunch is provided on both days of camp and may contain gluten and/or dairy. Campers are welcome to bring their own lunch if preferred. Snacks, juice boxes, and water bottles are provided.

If your camper has dietary restrictions or food allergies, please ensure this information was recorded on the registration form. If it was not, please contact laurel@newhopecenter.net or call 248-348-0115.

Pickup Authorization

If additional adults may pick up your child (including other parents, guardians, or emergency contacts), please ensure all potential pickup individuals and their relationship to the camper were listed on form. If additional adults need to be added prior to camp, please email Laurel at laurel@newhopecenter.net or let them know at the camp check-in table. If you need to add an adult during the camp itself, please text Laurel at 586-876-8177. The text must come from the phone number on the child's registration form.

A valid government photo ID is required for any adult picking up a camper each day.

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Closing Ceremony (Day 2)

The Closing Ceremony will begin at 3:30pm on Day 2 of camp. Families are encouraged to attend.

The ceremony will include:

- An overview of the camp stations and activities
- Presentation of the camp mural project
- Performance of the Kid's Camp song
- Camper highlights and sharing moments

Contact During Camp

If you need to reach New Hope Center during camp hours, please call or text:

Laurel: 586-876-8177 **Susan: 734-589-5546**

When contacting us, please include:

- Your first and last name
- Your camper's first and last name

For injury, illness, or other urgent situations, we will contact the parent or guardian who registered the child. Depending on the situation, we may leave a voicemail, send a text message, or contact listed emergency contacts.

Emotions and Reactions to Expect After Camp

Since camp includes grief discussion, physical activity, and emotional processing, it is common for campers to experience a range of reactions after returning home.

Children may feel tired, more talkative about their grief, quieter than usual, or experience shifts in mood as they process emotions experienced during camp. Some children may want to share stories about camp, while others may need space before talking.

This is a normal part of grief processing. We encourage caregivers to offer patience, listen without pressure, and allow children to share at their own pace.

If you have concerns about your child's emotional or behavioral response after camp, please feel free to contact us.

Family Discussion Suggestions

After camp, you may find it helpful to ask your child:

- What was something you enjoyed or felt proud of at camp?
- Did anything surprise you?
- Is there anything you want to try again or talk more about?
- What did you learn about grief, hope, or healing?
- Is there a memory of your loved one you would like to share?

Reminder: Children share at their own pace and listening is often more meaningful than asking many questions.

Thank you for allowing us to walk alongside your child in their grief journey this week. We look forward to a meaningful and memorable camp experience.