



2024 Countdown to Camp!

Dear Campers and Caregivers,

We are so close to the 2024 Hoosier Burn Camp, and we are getting excited! We have been so busy putting the finishing touches on what will be our best year of camp yet.

Now all we need is you!

May 26-31, your child will be part of a community that builds confidence and self-esteem, teaches perseverance and independence and fosters lifelong friendships and support systems.

We thank you for the opportunity to be part of your child's life this summer as we create an environment for them to be "Just One of the Kids."

The following guide includes important information including:

- Arrival and departure times
- Packing list
- Contact information
- Camp Theme
- Expectations
- And more!



Get Ready!

Prepare for the ultimate summer camp experience

Go to the **FORMS** tab on the Parent Dashboard to complete all forms: hoosierburncamp.campmanagement.com/campers



Medical Info

In order to care for your child's needs during camp, we need to collect health and immunization history, current medications and a physical signed by a healthcare professional who has examined your child within a year of Summer Camp dates. **PLEASE ENSURE ALL MEDICATION INFORMATION IS CURRENT.** If there are changes, let Hoosier Burn Camp staff know prior to camp.



Online Forms

Other forms that need to be filled out include:

- Photo/Video Release Agreement
- Camp Tecumseh Trailride Release (for horseback riding)
- PEG Choices (see below)
- Economic Status Information (Optional)



PEG Choices

During the week of summer camp, campers will participate in Personal Enrichment Groups (PEGs) - hour-long sessions focused on skill-building. Each camper will participate in three different PEGs, with each meeting three times throughout the week. These sessions are designed to be progressive, so that by the week's end, campers have developed a new skill to take home. Please fill out the session form titled, "Summer Camp PEG (Personal Enrichment Group) Choices."



Packing

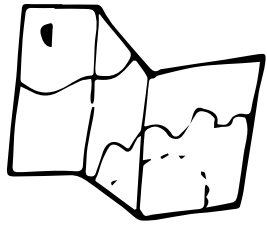
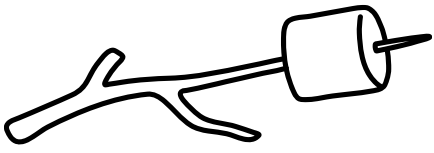
There is a packing list on the next page. We spend a LOT of time outside in nature, so please pack items that can get dirty. Cabins remain unlocked during the week, so leave valuables at home. Fewer bags will make packing up at the end of the week easier and help prevent lost and found.



Contact Information

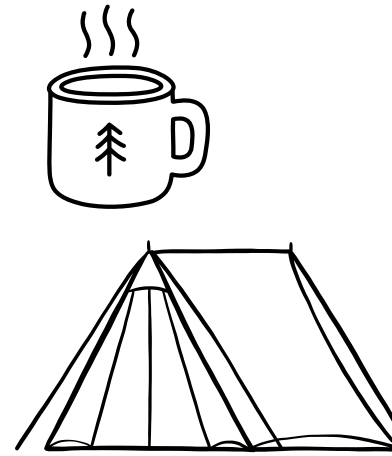
Caitlin Dougherty	caitlin@hoosierburncamp.org	317-937-7355	Program Manager
Abby James	abby@hoosierburncamp.org	317-370-4037	Program Manager
Val Fitzgerald	valerie@hoosierburncamp.org	765-490-6378	Office Manager
Mark Koopman	mark@hoosierburncamp.org	765-242-9501	Executive Director

Cell service on camp property is *extremely* unreliable. For a faster response during the week of camp please call Camp Tecumseh directly: 765-564-2898



HOOSIER

BURN CAMP PACKING LIST



CLEARLY MARK CAMPER'S NAME ON ALL ARTICLES

CLOTHING

- T-shirts
- Bathing Suit
- Jacket
- Closed-toe shoes
- Sweatshirt
- Pajamas
- Rain poncho
- Long Pants
- Socks
- Shorts
- Underclothes
- Towel (for swimming)

MEDICATIONS

Bring all prescribed medication in original packaging.

TOILETRIES

- Soap (and case)
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Wash cloth
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Bath towel
- Lotion
- Tampons/Pads

BEDDING

- Pillow and pillow case
- Sleeping Bag -OR-
- Sheets and blanket

MISCELLANEOUS/OPTIONAL

- Laundry Bag
- Old clothes for mud hike
- Flashlight
- Sunglasses
- Camera
- Fishing tackle
- Shower shoes
- Clip-on fan
- Book
- Challenger bandanna
- Years at camp necklace
- Lanyard/annual pins

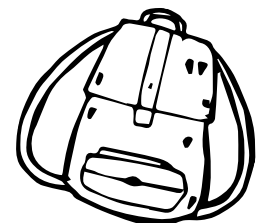
Sunscreen and bug spray will be provided

*Please note: for horseback riding (trail rides) campers will need shoes with closed toes and closed heels (no crocs).



DO NOT BRING: Electronics, fireworks, guns, ammunition, skate boards, bikes, knives, glass bottles, matches, gum, axes or saws.

Drugs, tobacco, vape, alcohol products or pornographic materials are grounds for immediate dismissal from camp.



CELL PHONES are strongly discouraged at camp. Counselors reserve the right to limit phone use. Cell service is extremely unreliable.

Camper check-in & Check-out

Prior to Camp

Prior to camp, you will receive a luggage tag with your name and cabin name on it.

For car riders only: You will also receive a sheet to put in your car windshield that has campers name and cabin assignment on it.



Check-in → 3pm

Car Arrival:

Check in at the Lake Village (follow check-in signs)

You will be checked in by the HBC Staff and then be directed down to your cabin.

Please make sure you have all campers medications out and ready for our medical team at check-in.

Upon dropping off your camper, we kindly request that you refrain from spending time in the cabin. Your camper will seamlessly transition into cabin activities upon arrival. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a smooth start to their experience!

Check-out → 10:15am

Campers will be dismissed from the KDH (new dining hall). Follow the signs to check-in with our staff. Our staff will have their luggage and medications for you to pick up.

Please do not obstruct the road to ensure check-out flows smoothly.



Camp Tecumseh

12635 W. Tecumseh Bend Road
Brookston, IN 47923

For more information, please contact
Val at valerie@hoosierburncamp.org

POLICIES AND *Procedures*



Personal Responsibility

Personal responsibility and group cooperation are key components of the camp experience. Dedicated and nurturing counselors teach campers the importance of taking care of their personal space and belongings, helping with daily cabin cleaning, and contributing to general camp duties referred to as "shared responsibilities." Our goal is to instill these values in each child so that they can apply this sense of responsibility at home and in school.



Communication

• **Camper Illness**

- In cases of serious illness, parents will be promptly notified by a director or medical staff. Parents can discuss their child's needs with the Executive Director, medical staff, or counselors upon arrival.

• **Mail Policy**

- Campers are encouraged to send letters or postcards home, though these may be infrequent and brief. Early letters might express discomfort, but this typically resolves quickly. Mail should be sent to 12635 W. Tecumseh Bend Road, Brookston, IN 47923, during camp week only; emails can be sent to valerie@hoosierburncamp.org.

• **Homesickness**

- Parents are encouraged to write positive, newsy letters to arrive in the first few days of camp to help mitigate homesickness. Discussing homesickness before camp can exacerbate feelings of missing home. The camp staff is trained to help campers overcome homesickness constructively.

• **Visitors**

- To ensure camp effectiveness, minimizing outside contacts is preferred. Parents should inform staff in writing at check-in if picking up their child early. Pets must be leashed, and alcohol is banned on camp premises.

• **Emergency Contact**

- Phone calls to or from campers are discouraged except in emergencies. For urgent matters, contact 765-564-2898, mentioning association with Hoosier Burn Camp. For after-hours, a pager system is available, with a 15-20 minute response time expected for return calls.



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Food in the Cabin

Campers can bring snacks in an airtight container, but Hoosier Burn Camp won't provide containers or cover lost/stolen food. Snack times are supervised, and only water is permitted for drinking. The camp provides daily nutritious snacks, making additional food unnecessary.



Clothing

For a positive camp atmosphere, please choose suitable clothing for your child, following these guidelines:

- Only tasteful graphics or text on clothing.
- No see-through or excessively revealing clothes, including swimwear.
- The Executive Director can disallow inappropriate attire.
- Pack sufficient clothing for the stay.
- Include clothes for wet and dirty activities.
- Label all clothing with your child's name.

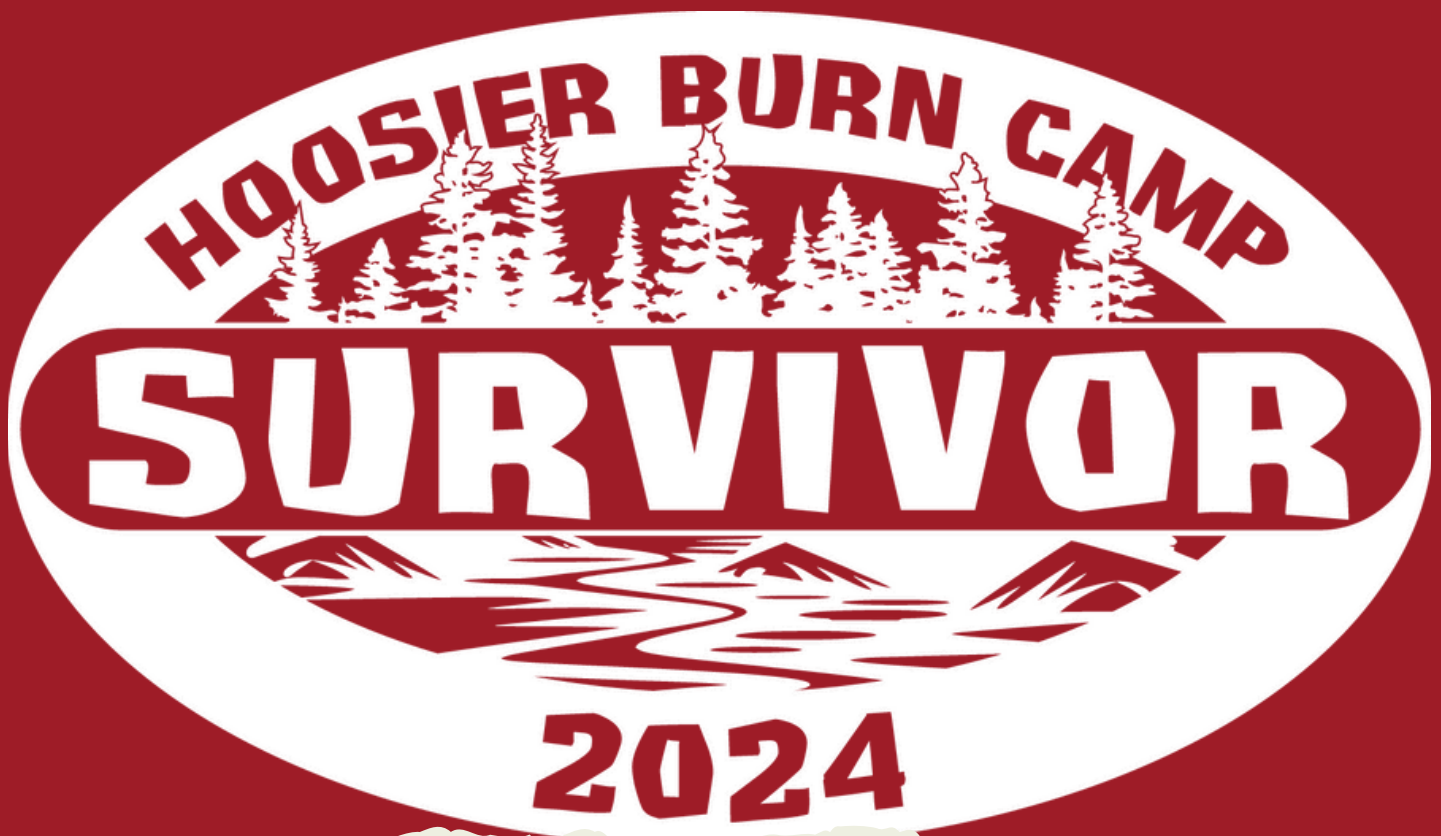


Lost and Found

Though a few items may inevitably go missing, we aim for a goal of 0% lost and found. To minimize lost items at camp:

1. Ensure your child knows to keep track of their belongings
2. Clearly label all items with their name
3. Pay extra attention during check-out to avoid leaving behind bags
4. Use and check the provided clothes check sheet while packing and unpacking
5. Promptly report any missing items upon return. Unclaimed lost and found items will be held for three weeks before donation to a local charity.





2024 THEME:



SURVIVOR



We've got a wild week planned full of Survivor-themed adventures that will keep you on your toes!

From start to finish, each day at camp will be packed with excitement, leading up to our epic camp bash on Thursday night!

Get ready to join the fun - we're counting down the days until we see you there!



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