TRAILBLAZERS

For questions before, during, or after your child's stay, please contact us at
(507) 346-2494 or info@GoodEarthVillage.org

PACKING LIST

- Bible
- Sleeping Bag & Pillow
- Clothes that can (and will) get dirty
- Long sleeve shirts, pants, extra sweatshirt/jacket
- Hiking shoes
- Shoes for creek splashing (no flip-flops please!)
- Swimsuit & Towel
- Toiletries (toothbrush/toothpaste etc.)
- Medications (in original containers/ packaging)
- Water Bottle
- Rain gear
- Flashlight
- Sunscreen/hat & bug spray
- Postcards/stationary/stamps
- A desire to have A LOT of FUN!

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP:

- Cell phone
- Electronics (iPods, hand held games, etc.)
- Candy/Pop (critters would love to help themselves!)
- Knives, weapons, fireworks, etc.
- Pets
- Nice clothes

We recommend you not bring expensive personal items or jewelry.

WELCOME TO TRAILBLAZERS

Trailblazers provides your young camper with a fun overnight experience. They will stay in Log Lodge, where campers can ease into camp life. The Log Lodge is air conditioned and offers young campers (and parents) peace of mind for an easy introduction to outdoor ministry. Creek splashing, hiking, Bible study, large group games, worship, songs, and all around fun counselors are just a few of the activities that campers can enjoy. Weather permitting, we'll roast hot dogs over a campfire and even make S'mores! We're so excited to see you soon for a fun time at camp!

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Registration

Registration will be at Log Lodge on Sunday between 3:00PM - 3:30PM. If you will be arriving after 3:30PM please contact us in advance. Parents are free to leave once their child has met his or her counselor.

Please Note: Early or late arrivals may slow the registration process as our staff is attending to other program responsibilities.

Closing

Families are invited to join us Monday outside Log Lodge for a brief closing program at 1:00PM, after which campers are free to leave. Camp merchandise will be available for sale during both registration and closing.

LEAVING CAMP

If your child needs to leave camp during their stay for any reason, we need to have prior notification. Please bring or send written documentation of who will be picking up the camper, the time they will be leaving and the time they will be returning to camp. If someone other than you will be picking you child up from camp, we encourage you to notify us in writing. This ensures that we are releasing your child to the appropriate person.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH CAMPERS

Mail

Write to your child:
Camper Name
Good Earth Village
25303 Old Town Dr.
Spring Valley, MN 55975

Email

Email your child:
camper@GoodEarthVillage.org
Please put your child's name and program in the subject line.

Photos & Updates

Fun photos and updates from activities throughout the week will be available on our website! You will be provided with a login and password to access these photos during your camper's time here.
GoodEarthVillage.org

Follow us on Facebook at Facebook.com/GoodEarthVillage and on Instagram at Instagram.com/gevillage for highlights from the week, which will be posted after your camper's program concludes. You do not need a Facebook or Instagram account in order to access these highlights.

Telephone

One of the many valuable experiences at camp is uninterrupted time away from one's home and normal routine. Camper use of the telephone for incoming or outgoing calls is strongly discouraged. If you have concerns, our staff will be glad to discuss your child's experience with you and can relay messages to your child.

Good Earth Village will contact parents and guardians in the case of an emergency or if there are any questions or concerns, and will ensure access to a phone for the camper in the case of an emergency.

FOR THE WELLBEING OF ALL

Medications

All medications (including over-the-counter) must be turned in at registration to our Health Care Manager. All medicine must be in the original packaging clearly marked with your child's name and the dosage instructions.

Drug & Weapon Free

Good Earth Village is a drug and weapon-free environment. In the event that a camper brings drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, knives, weapons, or explosive devices (including fire crackers) to camp, parents will be contacted immediately and the camper will be dismissed from camp.

Good Earth Village also reserves the right to store camper's contraband items that may not be appropriate for their stay. Items will be returned at the end of week.

Camper Dismissal

Good Earth Village reserves the right to dismiss any camper. In this very rare and unlikely event, registration fees may or may not be returned at the sole discretion of the camp director.

If a camper is destructive to camp property (discharging fire extinguisher in a non- emergency situation, graffiti etc.) the parent will be contacted for appropriate remuneration and/or dismissal from camp.

Family Pets

Pets may be brought only during arrival and departure, and must remain outside and on a leash. Pets may not stay with campers during the week. If your child has a service animal, please make arrangements with the camp office.

HOMESICKNESS

Homesickness is a natural reaction to separation from familiar surroundings and routines. While our staff is prepared to work with campers who become homesick, there are a few very important things you can do to help before your child comes to camp:

- Help your child understand that feeling homesick is natural!
- Language makes a difference. Emphasize that your child is "going" to camp; try to avoid saying you are "sending" them away to camp.
- Avoid statements like "I'm going to miss you so much. I can't wait for you to come home." Why? Camp will be a terrific experience so be careful not to make your child feel badly about going away. Instead, say things like "I'm so excited for you! You'll have a great time!"
- Share your own positive camp experiences!
- Please avoid statements like "If you don't like camp, you can come home." Children who are experiencing difficulties adjusting to camp would then compound the situation by not giving it a fair chance and instead focus only on going home.
- Please understand cell phones in their cabin makes matters worse, hindering their ability to build normal, healthy independence and teaching disrespect for basic rules.

By preparing yourself, you can help your child avoid homesickness and enjoy a fun, successful and wonderful experience with caring friends and staff members at camp.

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