



VILLAGE KIDS

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

PACKING LIST

- Bible
- 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
- Medications (in original containers/ packaging)
- Water Bottle
- Rain gear
- Sunscreen/hat & bug spray
- 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 VILLAGE KIDS

The Village Kids program is a week-long day-camp experience for your child. They will get a taste of some typical Good Earth Village camp activities, including worship, Bible study, hiking and playing in the creek. While the schedule may be adjusted to fit other camp programs, your child's daily schedule will look something like this:

9:00 Registration, Games	12:45 Quiet Time
9:20 Opening Worship	1:15 Bible Study
9:45 Hike and Creek Splashing	2:00 Large Group Game
11:15 Return from Hike, Change Clothes, Games, Songs	3:00 Canteen / Snack
12:00 Lunch	3:30 Closing Worship
	4:00 Departure

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Registration

Registration will be at Log Lodge each morning at 9:00am. If you to arrive late any morning, please contact us in advance.

Closing

Closing worship will begin at about 3:30 each afternoon for any families that would like to attend. We will hold worship and check-out at the same location in our Log Lodge/Family Camp area.

*Good Earth Village will provide lunch for campers on Fridays

LEAVING CAMP

If your child needs to leave camp during the week for any reason, we need to have prior notification. Please bring or send written documentation of who will be picking up the camper, the day they will be gone, 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.

MISSION & SERVICE PROJECT

We are all BeLoved by God. This summer we will learn what it means to live as God's beloved children in the world! Our mission project will focus on spreading the love we receive throughout our region with vulnerable families. Throughout the Bible studies and programming during the week our campers will learn about what it means to intersect with our communities no matter where we come from or where we are called.

An offering towards this project will be taken during registration and closing worship each week this summer.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH CAMPERS

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.

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Follow us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/GoodEarthVillage](https://www.facebook.com/GoodEarthVillage) for highlights from the week, which will be posted after your camper's program concludes. You do not need a Facebook 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.

