

SUMMER 2026

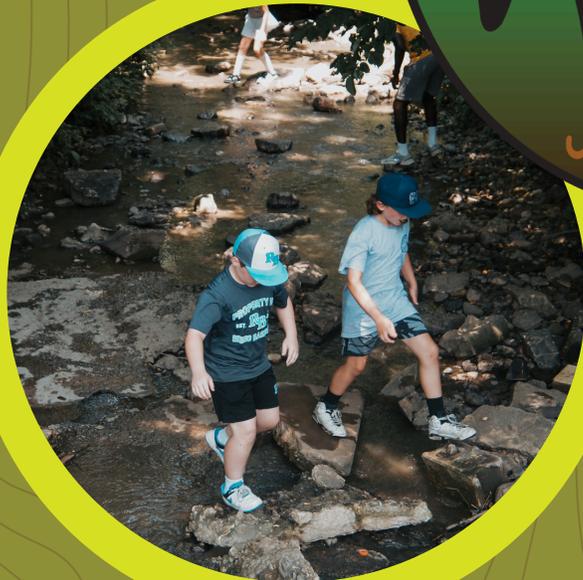
 Camp
Manitouqua
& RETREAT CENTER

God's Spirit Changing Lives



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John 14:6-7



From Our Program Team

ABOUT OUR SUMMER STAFF

Our summer staff is committed to providing an engaging summer experience for campers of all ages. We seek only the most qualified people to serve on our summer staff team. All staff members go through an extensive hiring process, background check, and orientation before summer camp begins. During orientation, our goal is to equip each staff member with the skills needed to care for and encourage your child. Our summer staff love to see campers return year after year and look forward to meeting your child!

TO OUR PARENTS

Thank you for your interest in Camp Manitoqua's summer camp programming! Parents attest that the camp experience at Camp Manitoqua has aided their children in growing in independence and strengthening their faith. At camp, children are encouraged to try new activities, build relationships with friends their age, and encounter God in exciting ways. We see the importance of placing kids in a nurturing environment and having a great time. We plan high-energy, creative programming that kids love, and have a joyful team of counselors who desire to pour into your children on their faith journey. This summer, our theme, *The Way*, will point campers to Jesus as the only path to salvation.

Blessings,
Program Team



Choose the program that best fits your family

In the boxes below, rate your level of comfortability with the accompanied statement, with **3** being the **most comfortable** and **1** being the **least comfortable**. Then, add up your scores and follow the guide at the bottom of the page to see which program would best serve your family.

Adult Readiness Quiz

- Are you relaxed and able to enjoy yourself when your child sleeps overnight at a friend's house?
- Would you be okay without communicating with your child for a week?
- Are you prepared to be away from your child for several days?
- Are you willing to entrust the camp leadership and counselors with the care of your child?
- Are you comfortable with your child living and playing in a rustic, outdoor setting where they will get dirty and it might rain?

Camper Readiness Quiz

- Do you enjoy spending the night at a friend's house without missing your family?
- Can you shampoo and brush your own hair?
- Do you enjoy outdoor activities like sports and swimming?
- Are you willing to try new foods you haven't eaten before?
- Can you live without TV, video games, phone, and internet for the week?
- Are you comfortable being around bugs and flying insects?
- Do you like to meet new people and try new activities with other kids?
- Can you make your own bed and keep track of your belongings?
- When things don't go your way, are you still able to participate in a positive way?
- Do you enjoy sleeping in a cabin and listening to the sounds of nature?
- Are you able to follow instructions from adults?
- Do you enjoy participating in group activities?
- Do you make new friends and warm up to new places easily?
- Are you excited to go to camp?

Are you confident in your child's ability to:

- Shampoo and brush their hair independently?
- Sleep well in a place that is not their home?
- Eat foods they may not have tried before?
- Make new friends and accept others who are different than them?
- Cope with being homesick?
- Keep track of their own belongings?

Total your score and see how it compares to the program suggestions below.

- 11 - 19** Day camp would be a great fit for your child. They may benefit from small opportunities to experience independence before attending camp.
- 20 - 25** A three day camp experience, like that offered during Week 4, would be a great session for your camper.
- 26 - 33** Your camper is ready for a full week of overnight camp. You are confident in your child's ability to make independent decisions and have a great time at camp.

- 14 - 25** Looks like you would love our day camp program! Spend your days learning new outdoor skills and building friendships, then head home each night with your family.
- 26 - 35** You are ready for overnight camp! Pick the camp experience that feels best for you, even if it has less days than another overnight week.
- 36 - 42** You must be an experienced camper! You are ready to take on a full week of overnight camp. Make sure you review your packing list and sign up for GelBall if it interests you!

DAY CAMP

GRADES
1st-8th

Our Day Camp program strives to provide campers with an environment filled with exciting, classic camp activities, and a place to build lasting relationships. Day Camp at Manitoqua is a great way for campers to make new friends and memories while being immersed in creation on our beautiful grounds. Campers will love the variety of programming that they experience each week with their counselors and friends as they learn more about the love of Jesus.



GRADE BREAKDOWN

Campers will be placed in the Day Camp groups listed below based on what grade they are going into in Fall 2026.

A's - 1st & 2nd grade

B's - 3rd & 4th grade

C's - 5th & 6th grade

*D's - 7th & 8th grade

***four week maximum for Day Camp
for 7th & 8th grade***



\$10

Consider adding a GelBall experience for your camper entering 5th grade or older!

GelBall happens during one freetime during the week. (This is similar to paintball and airsoft, but with low impact gel rounds).



DAY CAMP

DETAILS

*four week maximum for Day Camp for 7th & 8th grade
Minimum deposit due at registration \$175 per week

Session	Grades	Dates	Cost
1	1st-6th	6/08-12	\$280
	7th-8th	6/08-12	\$318
2	1st-6th	6/15-19	\$318
	7th-8th	6/15-19	\$318
3	1st-6th	6/22-26	\$318
	7th-8th	6/22-26	\$318
4	1st-6th	6/29-7/03	\$280
	7th-8th	6/29-7/03	\$318
5	1st-6th	7/06-10	\$318
	7th-8th	7/06-10	\$318
6	1st-6th	7/13-17	\$318
	7th-8th	7/13-17	\$318
7	1st-6th	7/20-24	\$318
	7th-8th	7/20-24	\$318
8	1st-6th	7/27-31	\$318
	7th-8th	7/27-31	\$318
9	1st-6th	8/03-07	\$318
	7th-8th	8/03-07	\$318
10	1st-6th	8/10-14	\$318
	7th-8th	8/10-14	\$318

Drop off: 8:00-9:00am
Pickup: 4:00-4:45pm

**Need to pick up sooner
or drop off later?**



EARLY / LATE STAY

Early Stay: 7:15-8:00am

Late Stay: 4:45-6:00pm

Charge is **\$10 per child per use** for either time period

Late drop-offs:
After 9:00am, campers are taken out to their program every 15 minutes. Please come to the office.

Early pick-ups: Due to the expanse of our grounds and programmed activities, early pick-ups may be subject to a significant wait period. **Please call 30 minutes ahead!**

REZ CAMP

GRADES
2nd-9th

Rez (overnight) camp provides an opportunity for both spiritual and personal growth in a dynamic environment completely removed from the hectic pace of everyday life. Whether conquering teambuilding challenges at the Adventure Zone, enjoying conversation and songs shared around the campfire, or playing legendary games, these overnight campers receive a rich experience through a fun and caring setting that they will remember for years to come.

To foster the spirit of building new friendships, groups larger than 4 will not be assigned to the same overnight cabin. No exceptions. All requested names must be listed on both registrations. If you list a friend request on your registration and you are not listed on their registration, the request will not be honored.

*Each session campers will have their respective grade range in their cabins. No overlap in ages, no exceptions.

*If a camper leaves for any reason during the week, they will not be able to return.

*Campers can be registered for multiple sessions with the understanding that programming is very similar from week to week.



\$25

Consider adding a Christian Care Box for your camper!

Christian Care Boxes are a way for parents to let your camper know you are thinking of them and praying for them as they are away. Contains different snacks and a message you can leave them!

REZ CAMP

GRADES
2nd-9th

DETAILS

Session	Dates	Grades	Cost
21a	6/08-12	3rd-5th	\$455
21b	6/08-12	6th-8th	\$455
22a	6/15-19	3rd-5th	\$535
22b	6/15-19	6th-8th	\$535
23a	6/22-26	3rd-5th	\$535
23b	6/22-26	6th-8th	\$535
24a	6/29-7/01	2nd-4th	\$365
24b	6/29-7/03	4th-6th	\$455
25a	7/06-10	3rd-5th	\$535
25b	7/06-10	6th-8th	\$535
26a	7/13-17	4th-6th	\$535
26b	7/13-17	7th-9th	\$535
27a	7/20-24	3rd-5th	\$535
27b	7/20-24	6th-8th	\$535
28a	7/27-31	4th-6th	\$535
28b	7/27-31	7th-9th	\$535

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\$10

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NEW!

OVERNIGHT ENCOUNTER CAMP

GRADES
6th-9th

DETAILS

This new program will foster a spirit of discovery for your camper. With two different camp focuses, Art and Extreme, your camper will have an intensive camp experience during this three day overnight camp while also growing in their faith. Campers will experience Chapel times, daily free time, as well as dedicated time to focus on developing their skills in their chosen program. Counselors with expertise in these areas will aid your camper in developing their confidence, building relationships, and finding new love for their Creator.

Session	Dates	Grades	Cost
74A - Art	6/29-7/1	6th-9th	\$315
74X- Extreme	6/29-7/1	6th-9th	\$320

\$10

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EXTREME

Discover new skills and techniques around camp in climbing, archery, and team building activities. The 3-day experience will close with a climbing event in which families and campers are invited to participate. The campers will participate in a GelBall experience as part of their programming.



ART

Learn the process of creative expression in the visual arts while working with 3 different media: paint, pencil, and clay. Campers will be encouraged to share and express their ideas as well as participate in team building exercises. At the end of the 3-day experience, campers will host an art show for families to attend.

SAMS OVERNIGHT

GRADES 10th-13th

The Servants At Manitouqua program seeks to challenge students entering 10th - 13th grade to live in service to Christ and others. During this week long overnight camp experience, SAMS will have the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other high schoolers, learn about God's Word, and be challenged to live out their faith. SAMS will participate in classic camp activities, serve other staff and campers by cleaning, assisting with program needs, and running the Pickle Shack. SAMS service and leadership are important to the ministry at Manitouqua. This program is geared to help participants grow closer to God through individual study and conversations. Participants will be active in small group discussions, teambuilding, personal assessment, leadership opportunities, service opportunities, and will study Scripture together. If your high schooler is looking for a great way to grow in their faith this summer, make memories, and earn service hours, sign up today!

DATES

Session	Dates
41	6/08-12
42	6/15-19
43	6/22-26
44	6/29-7/03
45	7/06-10
46	7/13-17
47	7/20-24
48	7/27-31
49	8/03-07

The SAMS program requires campers to apply:

- 1) Complete your online registration in CampBrain for your camper.
- 2) Select your desired program and have the camper complete the application questions.
- 3) SAMS applicants will be placed on the waitlist until the application process is completed. No spot will be held until the SAMS application is completed by the camper. On April 1st and May 1st, completed applications will be reviewed and applications will be notified if accepted. This is not a first come, first serve program.

If a SAM leaves early or misses any program time, they will not receive service hours.



COST

Per Session
\$335



REGISTRATION

To register, complete the online process at Manitoqua.org

- Online registration is preferred, though completed registration forms will be accepted by mail, fax, or drop off.
- Minimum payments must be provided in order to complete registration. There are no exceptions to this policy.
- Registration confirmation and vital information is sent via email. A valid email address is required for registration.
- Registrations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis and are open to everyone, regardless of race or national origin.
- Program weeks can be added after initial registration.
- Grade level refers to the Fall 2026 school year.
- Registrations are non-transferable.
- No registrations will be taken over the phone.

Registration begins February 4th at 6am for Day Camp

Registration begins March 4th at 6am for Overnight Camp

CAMPER CONDUCT

NO abusive language or fighting is allowed. Smoking, alcohol, and drug use of any type will not be tolerated. All scheduled events must be attended. Other campers and counselors must be respected. Violators will be sent home at the parent's expense and may not be eligible to return the following summer.

- To prevent loss of items, please label camper's belongings. Manitoqua is not responsible for the theft or damage of personal property or items left behind.
- For swim time, girls need to wear one-piece swim suits, and boys wear regular swim trunks (no speedos).
- No electronic or cellular devices are allowed at camp including cell phones, smart watches, tablets, or computers.
- A program letter will be emailed prior to the week of camp with more information.

PROGRAM SCHEDULES

Camp schedules will be emailed to camper families along with cabin and day camp group assignments on the Friday before the scheduled week.

All activities are subject to counselor schedules and weather. No activities are guaranteed.

Any medical attention needed for a camper during a camp session is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Participants who wish to change or cancel **must call the office 815.469.2319 no later than 10 days prior to the start of the relevant program in order to receive any refund, less the fees listed below.** A full refund can be given for documented medical emergency as long as it is before camp starts. Campers who leave for any reason during their camp session will not receive a refund.

- Changes are subject to availability.
- Changes are subject to a \$20 fee.
- Cancellations are subject to a \$40 fee.
- Programs are subject to cancellation by Camp Manitoqua. Participants will be notified 10 days prior to the event and given a full refund if the program is cancelled.
- Cancel any session before May 1, 2026 and pay only the change fee of \$20 per session per camper.

PAYMENT INFO

Pay in full for all weeks of Day Camp or make a **minimum required payment of at least \$175** on each of the desired weeks. All remaining day camp balances **are due by June 1st**. Rez Camp and SAMs overnight camp require payment in full at the time of registration. Payment reminders will be emailed. Spots will not be held if minimum payment is not made. Any unpaid balances will forfeit your spot.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are there scholarships available for camp?

Each year, some funding is allocated to assist families financially in sending their camper to camp. To apply for a scholarship, contact hunter@manitoqua.org. Scholarship funding is not guaranteed and each application is reviewed on a case by case basis.

Does Camp Manitoqua provide lunch?

Camp Manitoqua asks parents to pack a lunch for their day camper. The packed lunch will be stored in a refrigerator until lunch time. For overnight campers, all meals are prepared throughout the week by our kitchen staff.

What happens on a rainy day?

During rainy days, staff will have indoor activities prepared. Each program has a specific indoor area for this time. If lightning is within 10 miles of camp, campers will be brought inside and will stay inside until lightning has been clear within 10 miles of camp for 30 minutes.

Can I pack snacks and drinks for my REZ camper?

You can pack snacks and drinks for your camper, however, it needs to be able to seal to keep pests away! We discourage coolers as campers have limited space in the cabin to store such items. Keep in mind that Camp Manitoqua provides everything they will need for the week!

Can my child bring technology to camp?

Electronic devices (CELL PHONES, SMART WATCHES OF ANY KIND, COMPUTERS, & IPADS) **ARE NOT ALLOWED**. If a camper is found with an electronic device or smart watch (of any kind) it will be taken and stored in the office for parent pick up at the end of the day.

NOT JUST A SUMMER CAMP...

Camp Manitoqua is open year round to hosts groups for overnight, day meetings, and field trips. Our cabins, adult retreat center, and various meeting spaces serve as a beautiful atmosphere to engage your group. Whether it is a weekend youth or adult retreat, corporate event, leadership training, or outdoor education day, we want to partner with you to meet your goals. We offer custom programs with a variety of activities to challenge your staff and students out of their comfort zones and work together to accomplish their vision. We look forward to the opportunity to serve you at Camp Manitoqua!



FALL, WINTER, AND SPRING PROGRAMS

- **Autumn Adventures**

Family fun day

- **The Collective**

College-aged retreat

- **WinterBlast**

Winter break camp

- **Synergy**

Jr. High and High School youth group retreat

- **S'Winter**

Family taste of summer in winter

- **Spring & Fall Work Day**

Volunteer clean up

- **Good Friday Prayer Walk**

Interactive Devotional

- **Spring Into Summer**

Summer camp kickoff

Learn more!
Manitoqua.org

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