

# EWALU

## Camp & Retreat Center

### IMPORTANT SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

**CAMP LOCATION:** Ewalu is located three miles west of Strawberry Point, Iowa, along Iowa Highway 3. A green road sign marks “Camp Ewalu – Main Site.” From Highway 3, turn south on Alpha Avenue, a gravel road, and go one mile. Keep driving past the pool, you’ll make a big bend to the right, drive past the Hickory Lodge office, and then you’ll be in our main parking lot.

#### REGISTRATION CHECK-IN AND PICK UP:

Unless noted, arrival and registration is from **2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon at the Creation Center.** Suggested arrival times:

**2:00** – Pack & Paddle, Houseboating

**2:45** – Pioneers, Ranch Camp

**3:30** – Explorers

**2:15** – M.A.D. Camp, Confirmation

**3:00** – Foresters

**3:45** – Mini Camp, Farm Mini-Camp

**2:30** – Night Camp, Uplifted Camp

**3:15** – Trailblazers

If you have more than one child, come near the latest time. Please *call the office if you will arrive late (after 4:00)*, noting a specific arrival time (563-933-4700). All campers must check in at the registration table at the Creation Center (building with green roof).

**Boundary Waters & Rock & Raft:** Check-in is at **9:00 a.m. on Sunday.**

**Mini-Camp & Farm Mini-Camp: Session A:** Check-in is **3:45 p.m. on Sunday;** pick up at **2 p.m. on Tuesday**

**Session B:** Check-in is **3:45 p.m. on Wednesday;** pick up at **2 p.m. on Friday**

**Day Camp:** Please note, **schedule is Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Check-in each day in the Creation Center.**

**The CLOSING PROGRAM each week will start at 2 p.m. sharp on Friday outdoors near the bell, with check-out to follow.**

**PACKING:** Please bring backpacks or duffel bags for camping, rather than suitcases. Remember to pack light!

**HEALTH & SAFETY:** Safety is our top priority. A camp Health Officer is on staff and other medical personnel are available on call. Our staff is trained to respond to emergency situations. Please have all medications ready to give to the Health Officer at the time of registration. Medications should be placed in a zip-lock bag with the camper’s name and phone number printed clearly on the bag. Please share any and all additional health information that will help us provide the best possible care to your camper.

**INSURANCE:** In the event of an accident or injury, the insurance of the camper’s legal guardian(s) is primary.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Lost & found items are kept for a short time following your visit. Ewalu is not responsible for lost or broken items. Please contact camp as soon as possible to report a missing item. After a month, unclaimed items will be discarded or donated to a local charity. **Remember to label all clothing and valuables. Make a list of what your camper brings to camp.**

**PAYMENT:** A \$100 deposit is due upon registration. Full payment is due three weeks prior to arrival.

**CONTACT WITH YOUR CAMPER:** Letters from home are important and welcome. Please be sure to include your child’s name, program area, and counselor (if known) on the envelope. You are welcome to mail them or drop them off at camp during registration. Please contact our main office to reach your camper only in the case of an emergency. Our staff is trained to deal with homesickness and campers are generally not allowed to call home.

**SUMMER THEME:** Our 2024 summer curriculum is “Created to Be.” We are loved and accepted by God even before we enter this world. Even when we feel alone and unseen, God sees us and knows us, never leaving our side. Maybe even more brain-bending is that we need not do anything or prove one single thing to receive God’s free gift of grace. Ewalu programs help kids develop greater leadership skills, positive social skills, personal confidence, and a deeper understanding of their faith.

**OUR STAFF:** The Ewalu summer ministry staff will be living, sharing, playing and praying together with your child. Our team is selected for their genuine love for kids, active faith in God, and desire to share their Christian faith and joy. They are here to help all campers grow personally and spiritually. We are excited and privileged to offer a unique, worthwhile, safe and fun experience for your child, with a lasting positive impact! Thank you for trusting us to provide a meaningful, safe, and positive experience for your child.

In Christian Service,

*The Ewalu Staff*