

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 into camp, 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, Wanderers	2:45 – Pioneers	3:30 – Explorers
2:15 – M.A.D. Camp, Confirmation, Splash Camp	3:00 – Foresters	3:45 – 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).

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

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: 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. While suitcases are still allowed, your child and our staff will have an easier time transporting their bag in the form of a duffel or backpack. 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 parent phone number printed clearly on the bag. Please share any and all additional health and/or behavior 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. TIP: 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. Please drop letters off at camp during registration. *(Postal service has been slow and unreliable, and we no longer recommend sending letters through the mail.)* Once your camper’s week begins, **you can also send a message via email to CamperMail@ewalu.org**, which we will print and deliver to your camper. You must include your **camper’s full name and program area** in the email. 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 2026 summer curriculum theme is “Wear Love.” Consider your favorite piece of clothing—the well-worn flannel, cozy sweater, or lucky jersey. Behind each garment is a story: the fibers, the hands that crafted it, and the care required to stay in your wardrobe. Love, much like clothing, has a journey. Rooted in God’s love, it’s woven into our lives, connecting us to others and guiding our actions. As Paul writes to the Colossians, love binds us together through virtues like kindness, humbleness, calmness, steadfastness, and forgiveness. These qualities strengthen our relationships, reflecting God’s love in every interaction and aligning us with the values that create the good life God wants for all of us. Alongside our curriculum, Ewalu programs will help kids develop greater leadership skills, positive social skills, personal confidence, and a deeper understanding of their faith.

OUR STAFF: The Ewalu summer 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