

BADLANDS MINISTRIES 2023

everything you need to know

CAMP BASICS

Campers at *Badlands Ministries* are placed in small groups with young adult counselors who guide them through each day of activities. Our ministry strives to bring our Christian faith to the reality of today's children and youth, and our summer programs emphasize faith growth, relationship building, love for God's creation, and developing young leaders.

We hope this summer is a time for your whole family to grow in faith through this experience! Parents are welcome to visit our canteen after they pick up their camper from closing omega. We will be having our regular campfire closing worship and we would love for you to join each day your camper is with us. We believe that the home is a very special place for the faith formation of your child, and are proud to be your partners on this journey we call faith.

HEALTH FORM

If you registered online using our innovative and safe process, you have already filled out your camper's health form and do not need to do anything else. If you prefer to register using a paper form, please download a health form from our website and bring it with you during camper check-in. If your camper takes medication regularly through the school year, please continue that schedule through his/her time at camp. All medications will be kept in the Medic Station. Please supply all medications in their prescription bottle or original container during check-in.

REMAINING BALANCE

Registering online allows you to pay your camper's deposit and remaining balance at any time with your Visa or MasterCard. To keep your registration as simple as possible, **we ask you to please pay your remaining balance one month prior to coming to camp.** Please follow this same time frame if you registered via paper registration.

CHECK IN

Check-in for each day of Trailblazer camp is at 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM outside the Church*. This will be a time for parents to meet the camp staff and take a camp tour if you'd like. Our medic will be available to take medications and follow up on any camper health concerns listed on your health form. To respect our staff's time, please do not arrive before 11 AM on check-in day. Lunch will be provided at noon.

*If weather doesn't cooperate, a table will be set up in the Dining Hall.

CANTEEN

Badlands Ministries offers an assortment of snacks and souvenirs in the Canteen. Campers are allowed one beverage and one snack item per day. The cost for daily snacks and beverages is included in the registration cost, as well as a 2023 camp t-shirt for campers who attend 2 or more days of Trailblazer Camp! Other merchandise ranges from \$5.00 - \$45.00 and can be purchased upon request after worship each evening.

SERVANT PROJECT DONATION

Each summer, *Badlands Ministries* collects items as an in-kind offering to share our resources with those who need them to live out our Christian faith through service. Last summer, we collected over 1100 non-perishable items to distribute to area food pantries. **This year we will be making quilts for Lutheran world relief. If you would like to donate fabric or thread, that would be greatly appreciated.** Check out this website for more information: <https://lwr.org/quilts>

Caring for all of God's people is central to our faith—the Spirit equips us for this important task! We encourage you to demonstrate this in your own life as you consider the needs in our congregations, communities, and world. Let's respond in faith to these needs. Thank you!

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

What To Bring: *Please Put Your Name On EVERYTHING!*

- An attitude ready for adventure, fun, and growth!
- A children's Bible
- Towel
- Rain gear (i.e. rain coat, umbrella) - check the forecast!
- Swimsuit - one piece only, do not bring a 2-piece
- Sweatshirt - a hooded sweatshirt is great for campfire time!
- Closed-toed shoes
- Insect Repellant
- Sunscreen
- Back pack
- Water bottle
- Hat
- Camera - optional
- Completed health form - if you did not register online
- Items for Servant Project

Weather pending, we will be doing water games, hiking, and playing some running games. If you would like bring a bag on the first day and leave it there for the duration of camp, you are more than welcome to do so.

When Packing For Camp, Choose Comfort Over FASHION!

THINGS NOT TO BRING:

- A bad attitude
- Expensive jewelry
- Radios, CD players, video games, iPads and iPods
- Anything that you will be disappointed if it disappears
- Gum, candy, or other food
- Cell phones
- 2-piece swimsuits

CONTACTING CAMPERS:

In the event of an emergency, please contact the camp office at (701) 623-4332. Campers do not have access to telephones, iPads, or computers while at camp. If you would like to contact your camper please call us; we will gladly relay your message.

CAMPER PICK UP:

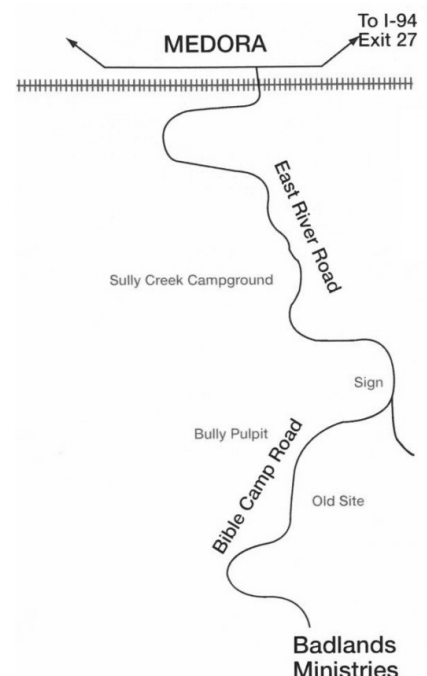
Our Trailblazers program concludes each day with closing worship at 5:00 PM. You are encouraged to attend closing worship each night, we will gather at the Dining Hall porch at 5:00PM, and walk to the campfire ring together! Campers and families are welcome to have s'mores by the campfire following worship. The official pick up time immediately follows. Please make arrangements to promptly return home with your camper after worship.

STAYING FOR THE WEEK?

Parents and Trailblazer campers are welcome to stay in our Retreat House for the duration of the week to help eliminate travel time and cost. If you choose to stay, your family will be able to take in all that Medora has to offer before camp starts each day! Our staff will happily provide you with information regarding the activities available in the area. Please contact the camp office for fees, reservations, and more information.

DIRECTIONS:

From Medora, travel south on East River Road (the street that passes the AmericInn) for 3 miles. Turn right at our sign. Continue on the road past the Bully Pulpit Golf Course, and follow the red signs to our site.



SEE YOU THIS SUMMER!