



Camp O'Malley

Parent Information Guide



DAILY SCHEDULE

8:30am	Breakfast
9:30am—10:45am	Workshop 1
11:00am—12:15pm	Workshop 2
12:30pm—1:30pm	Lunch
1:45pm—3:00pm	Workshop 3
3:15pm—4:10pm	Cabin Time
4:20pm—5:15pm	Swim Time
5:30pm—6:30pm	Dinner
7:00pm—9:00pm	Evening Programs
9:15pm	Showers, Wind Down in Cabins
10:30pm	Lights Out

In workshops, campers have the opportunity to learn new skills. Examples of some camper favorites are: rock climbing, American Sign Language, fishing, swim lessons, and archery, and our weekly visits from the Outdoor Discovery Center.

During the evening we do large group activities with the entire camp, such as the Campfire, Capture the Flag, Everybody's It, and Froot Loop Wars.

FAQ'S

When is the Camp season?

Summer Camp season will run from mid-June to mid-August. We have seven 5-day sessions that run Monday-Friday. We also have one session for 6-8 year-olds that runs for three days and two nights.

How do I register?

Camp O'Malley will open online registration in early February. If you are not able to register online, visit our administrative offices or any of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids locations to receive a paper registration packet.

Where is Camp located?

Camp is located at 7360 Thornapple Dales Rd. Alto, MI 49302. It's about 25 minutes from downtown Grand Rapids.

Where do I bring my campers for their session? Where do I pick them up?

Camper check-in and check-out occurs in two locations, the Seidman Boys & Girls Club (139 Crofton St SE, Grand Rapids) and at Camp O'Malley. Please indicate on your registration which location you plan to use for each.

Check in on the first day of the session runs from 9:30-10:15 at Seidman. The bus leaves Seidman by 10:30 to bring these campers to Camp. Check in at Camp runs from 10:30 to 11:00.

On the last day of the session, parents are invited to join us for the awards ceremony at 11:45. Parents may check out their Campers and leave after lunch is served at 12:30. Check out at Seidman begins at 2 pm.

Who may attend Camp O'Malley?

Any child between the ages of 6 and 14 may attend Camp O'Malley. See the registration page for the age breakdowns of each week.

Can friends be together in the same cabin?

We accept requests for friends/siblings to share the same cabin if they are similar in age. However, it is difficult to always accommodate all requests.

What is the cost? Are there scholarships available?

If your child qualifies for free or reduced school lunch, then most likely your child will qualify for a reduced fee of \$50. We use a sliding fee scale based on family size and income that will help you determine your child's Camp fee.

Can my child attend more than one session in a summer?

Unfortunately, no. We want to give as many children as we can the opportunity to attend Camp O'Malley.

What is the staff-to-camper ratio?

Camp O'Malley has 1 Staff member for every 4 Campers.

Can the camp handle special food needs and allergies?

Yes, please indicate this on your Camper's registration form and notify the Camp Director. We would be happy to accommodate your child's needs. Camp O'Malley's dining hall is a peanut and tree nut free facility.

FAQ'S CONTINUED

What is your Staff hiring and selection like?

We understand that the quality of staff is critical to providing a safe, high-quality experience for Campers. Each staff member undergoes several safety precautions including numerous background checks, a Central Registry Clearance, and providing at least three positive references. Staff members receive two weeks of intensive training. Staff members are trained in policies, Camp philosophies, behavior management, emergency procedures, First-Aid, CPR, Aquatic Observation, and Mandatory Child Abuse Reporting.

How does camp handle medications or health emergencies?

Camp O'Malley has a Health Officer who is on Camp property at all times to assist with Campers' medical needs. All Camper medications and over-the-counter medicine must be turned into the Camp Nurse during registration.

During the week, the Health Officer distributes medications at their designated times. Counselors and lead staff will have their Campers epi-pens and inhalers on them 24/7.

We contact parents/guardians with infirmity issues when:

- Camper has a significant injury at Camp
- Anytime the Camper is involved in something out of the ordinary (i.e. seizure, allergic reaction)
- Camper has a fever or is vomiting for more than 12 hours
- Camper has started her first menstrual cycle

How is Camp O'Malley licensed and accredited?

Camp O'Malley is licensed by the State of Michigan. We undergo annual health and safety inspections and program standards verification. We are also licensed by the American Camping Association. ACA Accreditation means that Camp O'Malley has submitted to a thorough review (up to 300 standards) of its operation — from staff qualifications and training to emergency management.

Can Campers send/receive mail, email, or phone calls?

Campers may receive letters at:

Camp O'Malley

Attn: Camper's Name

7360 Thornapples Dales Rd.

Alto, MI 49302

Emails to campers should include their name in the subject line and sent to camp@bgcgrandrapids.org.

Campers are not able to send outgoing email or make phone calls during their week at Camp. Phone calls to campers are not allowed except in emergency situations.

What is your policy regarding Campers who are not able to swim?

During the first day, each Camper visits with the Camp Nurse and the Lifeguard. Campers are given the opportunity to complete a swim test. If the Camper does not pass or does not take the test, they are only allowed to swim in the shallow end of the pool. All water activities are supervised by a certified lifeguard.