



LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2011 WELCOME!

Greetings from Northern Michigan! We can't wait to rendezvous with you at camps Leelanau & Kohahna in just a few weeks for four days of adventure, relaxing, socializing, friendship forming, and camaraderie. We anticipate a time where a genuine expansion of spiritual sense is a natural outcome. Mary Baker Eddy defines spiritual sense as [harmony, cooperation, organization, confidence, enthusiasm, eternity, supply, abundance of patience, direction, joy, companionship, satisfaction, contentment](#). What a perfect set of qualities for our time at Camps Leelanau & Kohahna!

The following information should be just about everything you need to know to make your plans and have a smooth, enJOYable weekend.

DIRECTIONS:

Safe to say the weekend doesn't start until we all get there...

The camp address is: 1653 Port Oneida Rd.

Maple City, MI. 49664.

If you are going to be driving, one of these sets of directions should get you here:

From Detroit area

Take I-75 north to Grayling. Exit at Grayling and take M-72 west to Traverse City. Follow M-72 through Traverse City toward Empire.

- Follow M-72 west toward Empire for the next 20-25 miles. At roughly the 10 mile mark, 72 takes a sharp curve to the right and shortly after you curve sharply back to the left to stay on 72. Once you are getting close to Empire, you will come to County Road 677 (just past Indigo Bluffs Campground). Turn right (north) on 677 and continue on this road for 4-5 miles. At the bottom of the last hill there is a stop sign. Turn right onto M-22 then immediately veer left over the bridge which goes between Big and Little Glen Lakes (The Narrows). Continue on M-22 for another 4-5 miles into Glen Arbor. You will then come to a T-intersection (Anderson's IGA market is on your right). Turn right at this intersection and follow M-22 for 3 miles until you come to Port Oneida Road on the left. Turn here and the Camps are a mile and half down the road.

From Chicago area:

- Follow I-94 into Michigan.
- Follow I-196 north toward Grand Rapids. (If you choose to take 31 North, although while a beautiful and scenic drive, it will take longer to arrive in Glen Arbor.)
- 196 will start taking you into downtown GR where you exit left onto 131 N to Cadillac.
- Follow 131 north for about 90 miles to Cadillac. Exit at Exit Number 176 – M-115/Frankfort. Turn left at the stop sign.
- Follow M-115 to M-37 north, which is before the town of Mesick. Turn right on M-37 which will take you to Traverse City. M-37 will join with US-31.
- 37/31 comes to a T-intersection at Grand Traverse Bay. Turn left onto Grand Traverse Parkway/M22 where you will turn left onto M-72 at the next light (There is a Tom's Market on the northwest corner of the intersection).
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TRANSPORTATION

We are asking EVERYONE to put their travel info on the goggle ride share doc we set up. This includes flight numbers, times, car rentals, where you might be driving from, etc. The more we can coordinate flight times, share rentals, and carpool, the better. We want to make as easy, efficient, and inexpensive as possible to get you here! This link should take you there without the need for a password. <https://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0AiU6-J9-uYiVdEJRS19XQVIWSUdqWTM1LXJueno4OWc&hl=en&authkey=CMGytww>

Note: there is a different page for each arrival and departure day. Make sure you click on the right one from the tabs on the lower left.

ARRIVAL

The first order of business upon arrival is to check in at our welcome table which will be at the entrance to the farmhouse (see the attached map) on Thursday afternoon starting around 3:00 pm. We will have welcome packets for you and waivers to sign. Let us know if your travel arrangements prevent you from arriving between 3:00 and 6:00. Please note that dinner is at 6:00, so if you can't make it by then, you will need to fend for yourself for dinner.

Also, please note that the camp staff is committed to an area school with their outdoor education program until around noon on Friday, after which, they will be solely with us. Because of the school program, Thursday night we all will be sleeping in Orion, the bunkhouse just to the right of the Great House. Each side of Orion has two large bunk rooms with their own bathrooms with showers. There is a common room in the middle where we will meet that evening for introductions and icebreaking.

CABINS

Note that we will be staying on the Kohahna side of camp (see map). The row of cabins starting with Little Dipper and extending down to Sleeping Bear will all be available from Friday afternoon on and overlook Lake Michigan. They are camp-style cabins so they only have screened-in windows and are not insulated. With this option, you will have to walk outside to the bathhouse which is in the middle of the row. The second option is to stay in Orion, where we all will be Thursday night. So, convenience and the weather are likely the two factors in deciding where you will want to stay.

Whatever place you choose, you will need to bring your own bedding, including pillows, as camp does not provide any.

WEATHER:

Northern Michigan weather can be just about anything. It can climb to the 70's during the day and drop into the 40's at night, or it is possible to have a high in the 40's. Last year we had upper 50's and sustained winds of 40+ mph for almost three days. So, bring clothes you can layer to accommodate a wide range of conditions. We will email a link to a forecast once you are within a week of arriving.

OFF-CAMP ACTIVITIES

We have three off-camp activities we want you to be fully aware of so you can make your reservations before arriving should you want to participate.

SOUTH MANITOU ISLAND

We have a day trip to South Manitou Island slated for Friday. There is a 1 _ hour ferry ride each way which leaves at 10 am, stays at the island for 4 _ hours and returns at 5:30, just in time for dinner at camp. It is a fun adventure making the trip and exploring the island. The cost is \$32 per person. Labor Day weekend can be busy given good weather, so reservations are advised. We are told within a week of departure is safe timing. For more info, check out the website:

<http://www.manitoutransit.com/manitou.html>

Reservations can't be made online so you will need to call Manitou Island Transit at 231-256-9061. Camp will provide bag lunches and transportation to and from the ferry.

PORT ONEIDA RUN

Saturday at 9 am there is a 5k trail run in historic Port Oneida. Proceeds benefit Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear. Course meanders past meadows nestled with barns and farms in the National Park! It will not be timed. Awards and prizes! \$20 pre-registration at www.phsb.org or \$30 the day of the run.

TALL SHIP CRUISE

New to this year is taking a tall ship cruise on Grand Traverse Bay! You can enjoy a two-hour cruise aboard the Manitou on Sunday from 3-5. Facebook material if there ever was! This takes place on West Grand Traverse Bay off-shore from Traverse City. The cost is \$35 per person.

We are not making a group reservation so you will need to make your own. It is a first-come, first-serve basis and they do not start booking until two weeks prior to sailing. So, August 21st is the soonest you can reserve a spot. As with the island trip, you will need to call Traverse Tall Ship Co. for reservations. The number is: 231-941-2000. Check out the website for more info: <http://www.tallshipsailing.com/schedule2.html>

If you have questions on either one of these outings, feel free to email or call Paul or Nancy.

DANCE NIGHT

Yes, Sunday night will once again be our chance to dance! We will have a lesson or two and dance to a variety of music. Please bring your favorite dance tunes! There are a variety of dance styles and tastes everyone has, so if you can bring some tunes, we will have a better chance of accommodating everyone.

WHAT TO BRING:

Please be thorough in packing as it won't be easy to run out and get something if you have forgotten it.

BEDDING

SLEEPING BAG
PILLOW & CASE

CLOTHING

PAJAMAS
SLIPPERS
ROBE
SHORTS
T-SHIRTS
JEANS
SWEATERS
SWEATSHIRTS
JACKET AND/OR COAT
RAIN GEAR
SWIMSUIT
SANDALS
SHOES
Hiking gear
Water skiing gear

MISCELLENOUS

BATH TOWEL
BEACH TOWELS
TRAVEL ALARM
LAUNDRY BAG
CAMERA
BINOCULARS
TENNIS RACKET
BUG SPRAY
UMBRELLA
FLASHLIGHT
FANNY PACK OR BACKPACK
WATER BOTTLE

MUSIC CD's
BIBLE, SCIENCE & HEALTH—of course!
QUARTERLY—camp does NOT have them.

CELL PHONES/INTERNET ACCESS

For some this is good and for some it is bad...your cell phones will not work on camp property. It does not matter what carrier you are with. There is only one spot behind the Great House that you can get reception. Please keep the cell phones turned off and just take calls when essential behind the Great House. We don't need to see everyone having a party behind the Great House each day after breakfast. The only place you can check the internet is in the farmhouse which will be closed most of the weekend so your access will be VERY limited.

PARKING & DRIVING

There is NO driving around camp property. Once you have unloaded your car, please move it to the parking areas across from the riding ring. (The horses have unfortunately already been returned so there will be no riding this weekend.) Please observe the 10mph speed limit on all roads in camp.

Please be aware if you drive and park anywhere inside the National Lakeshore Park surrounding the Camps, you may be subject to a \$10 using fee.

LAUNDRY

There are free washers and dryers for everyone to use. There should be detergent available there for use as well. If it is missing or getting low, please let us know.

BATHROOMS

The camp septic systems are very sensitive. Please put only human waste in the toilets. Use the trash cans for anything else. Let staff know if any problems arise. If you are sleeping in the Kohahna cabins, please know there are two bathrooms. The bathroom in the middle of the hill is going to be the Women's bathroom and the bathroom at the bottom of the hill next to North Star will be for men. There are four showers in each bathroom. PLEASE be respectful of hot water. This is not a hotel so the hot water supply can quickly run out when everyone uses it at once.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Please let camp staff or the co-hosts know of any maintenance issues that you notice.

FOOD/KITCHEN and DINING HALL

Raccoons. Do I need to say more? Food is NOT allowed in any of the Kohahna cabins unless you desire to hear hissing all night and scratches on your screen. PLEASE trust me on this fact and not try to push it. I know some of you have very strict dietary needs. If that is the case and you have brought special food for snacking, please stay in the Orion cabin. In observance of health and safety codes, please do not enter the kitchen area. Our dining room is set up for family style dining. There will be specific food at the kitchen window on specific occasions for vegetarians and other specific food needs. At each meal, there will also be a salad bar and fresh fruit.

Our first meal is Thursday night at camp and will be either outside or in the Leelanau Lodge.

CHURCH

We will have church at camp on Sunday morning but it will be very casual so no need to bring dress type clothes. You will need to have your own Quarterly as the camp does not have them on hand.

SWIMMING

1. Swimming is allowed in designated areas only.
2. There are no lifeguards so you have to be responsible. Please tell someone if you are going down swimming.
3. No bathing in the lake.

BOATING

1. Life jackets must be worn in boats at all times.
2. Be sure to let a staff member know when taking a kayak out.
3. In an emergency, stay in or by your boat and help will arrive.
4. Stay within sight of camp at all times unless with a camp-led group.
5. Pull all boats well up onto shore after use so they don't float away and return paddles and life jackets.

PRACTITIONER

We are blessed and grateful to have Ginger Mack serving as our practitioner this year. She should be familiar to some of you as she was the practitioner for the ski trip this past winter. The spiritual support Ginger is providing for our gathering is perfectly expressed in her thoughts for it:

“Gathering together over the Labor Day weekend is a natural time for us to share heart to heart about how we are finding ways to be "new" and true. Nothing can impede this blessed weekend designed to honor God- not weather, not finances, not age, not timidity, not fear of any sort- it is right for us to fully express God. Our Father/Mother dearly loves each one of us so we can trust God's care right now. Our dear friend, Mary Baker Eddy says, "When outgrowing the old, you should not fear to put on the new." SH 452:10

Well, Amen to that and such peace and blessing to each one of you as you travel to camp.”

Ginger

On a final metaphysical note, this was shared with us by last year's inspirational speaker, Chris Williams. It is so worth repeating:

“It's so great to know that God's blessings are so abundant that, even though they are poured out continuously on His universe, there are always more! He doesn't divide up His blessings, He multiplies them through His creation -- us! It's not in the Lesson, but Malachi says it so well -- "I will open the windows of heaven, pour you out a blessing that there shall not room enough to receive it"!!! The only requirement necessary to help us realize this blessing is that we bring "all the tithes into the storehouse" - - all our praise-offerings to Him, all our gratitude and selfless love, our identity and nature as the image and likeness of infinite Love -- which blesses ALL mankind! And that's what's happening this weekend! What a wonderful opportunity to see how God works! “

We can't wait to see you at camp! Let us know if you have any questions or if there is anything you need.

Cheers!
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