



# Labor Day Family Camp

August 30 - September 2, 2024

## Hidden Acres Christian Center

3837 Union Ave | Dayton, IA 50530

**Office:** (515) 547-2751 | **Critical after-hours need:** (515) 269-2041



# Welcome to Labor Day Family Camp!

**Questions?** Call (515) 547-2751    **Critical after-hours need?** Call (515) 269-2041  
**Office hours:** Friday 4:00-10:00p, Saturday 8:30a-8:30p, Sunday 8:30a-6:30p & Monday 8:30-11:30a  
↳ Closed 2:45-3:45pm on Sunday

## Traditional Camp Rules

- You must wear your wristbands. They tell us that you're registered.
- Quiet hours are 11:00p-7:00a. Be courteous in the evenings as many families have young kids with early bedtimes. **Please do not leave children unattended.**
- Dogs must be on leashes or tied up, and please pick up after them. No animals are allowed in any buildings or cabins, even if they're carried or are in kennels.
- No alcohol is permitted on the grounds at Hidden Acres. Smoking is allowed outdoors, but please extinguish and dispose of used cigarettes properly.
- Please keep all vehicles, including ATVs, on gravel roadways and off hiking trails. Vehicle operators must be **at least 16 years old** & have a driver's license. If your vehicle is too loud, going too fast, or operated by someone too young, our staff will ask you to stop using that vehicle for the weekend.
- Swimsuits must be modest; one-piece swim suits or cover-ups should be worn and should only be visible at the pool and lake, not areas like sand volleyball.
- Please do not leave items in the Family Life Center (FLC) locker rooms. Items are collected daily at 11:00p and taken to the office.

## Family Chapel Speaker: Steve Brant

Steve Brant is the Senior Pastor at New Life Evangelical Free Church in Tama/Toledo, Iowa. He grew up in Marshalltown and graduated from Moody Bible Institute. He served as a youth pastor for 13 years then stepped into the role of Senior Pastor at New Life in 2015.

Steve and his wife Amy have been married for 23 years & have four children: James (freshman at Central), Ryan (9th grade), Katelynne (7th grade), & Libby (Pre-K).



## Children's Chapel (Grades 3–6): Brien Brough

**Pastor Brien Brough** has a passion for pointing kids to Jesus. He serves as the children's pastor at Grace Church in Des Moines. He has been involved in camp ministry for 26 years and loves watching God work in kids' lives there. Brien enjoys engaging kids in God's Word by using stories, questions, application, and gospel illustrations. He is looking forward to helping kids grow in their understanding of God during Family Camp!



**There will also be a Children's Chapel for grades PK-2 in Lodge 139, taught by Becky Doubleday. Children must be **at least four years** old to attend.**

**All chapel sessions are held Saturday & Sunday, 9:00-10:00a & 6:30-7:30p. Each message is different, so attend all four!**

# Available at the Welcome Center

Closed 2:45-3:45pm on Sunday

- **General Information & Help:** We'd love to answer your questions!
- **Lost & Found:** Check the table outside the office if you're missing something.
- **Ice** (\$2/bag), **Nightcrawlers** (\$2/half-dozen), & **Firewood** (\$4/armload)
- **Registration for Labor Day 2025:** Sign up and pay \$50 to hold your spot! We accept registrations Saturday & Sunday 11:00a-1:00p and Monday 8:30-11:30a.
- **F.U.N. Cards:** \$10 each. These punch cards work like cash at Hidden Acres.
- **Free Activity Sign-ups:** For contests that have limited space.
- **Paid Activity Sign-ups or Tickets:** **All sales are final unless the event is cancelled.**
  - \* **Horse Trail Rides**— ~45 minutes; \$20/person; ages 10+. **Weight limit: 225lb.** Wear long pants and close-toed shoes. Meet at the barn.
  - \* **Brunch Trail Ride or Brunch Wagon Ride**—Same destination & meal; meet at the Barn. **Trail Ride:** \$25/person. Same restrictions as trail rides. **Wagon Ride:** \$10/person, no restrictions. Price is \$5 lower for those with brunch meal plan.
  - \* **Lead-Me Horse Rides**—5-10 minute arena rides. \$5/ride; for ages 9 & under. Sign up for a time slot at the office. Rides held at the Outdoor Arena.
  - \* **Adventure Activity Tickets**—\$5 per ride; can be used for the Climbing Wall, Zip Line, or Giant Swing. Riders must fit in a harness (smallest size fits ~ 5 year old). **Climbing Wall** weight limit is 50-300 lbs. **Zip Line** weight limit is 50-225 lbs. **Giant Swing** has no limit. You can also pay at the event.
  - \* **Tower Wristbands**—\$30 per person; these wristbands allow the wearer unlimited climbing, zipping, and swinging all weekend.
  - \* **Cookie Makes**—\$10 per family. Make chocolate chip or monster (peanuts) dough as a family. We'll freeze it for you to take home. At the Dining Hall.
  - \* **Peach Pack Wagon Rides**—\$5/person; meet at the Welcome Center for a wagon shuttle & peach pack campfire dessert.
  - \* **Campfire Monkey Bread with Kaleb**—\$5/person; meet at the Welcome Center for a wagon shuttle and monkey bread baked over the fire!
  - \* **Camp History Wagon Tour**—\$5/person; meet at the Welcome Center for a wagon ride discussing Hidden Acres' history!

## Food Options

- **Wristbands & Meal Plans:** Please wear the wristbands from your registration packet. They identify you as registered & tell us if you purchased a meal plan.
- **Snack Shop (FLC):** Open afternoons and evenings—see schedule for hours. Sells candy, soda, ice cream, pretzels, nachos, smoothies, shakes, & more.
- **Outdoor Kitchen:** We'll sell food from Bunny's Outdoor Kitchen throughout the weekend: breakfast sandwiches in the mornings and meal deals for other shifts.
- **Pizzas & Wings:** Order Friday 5:00-9:00p and Saturday & Sunday 7:00-9:00p. **Call or text NAME & ORDER to 515-269-2041**, then pick up at the Dining Hall.
  - \* **Pizzas**, \$12 per one-topping pizza. Extra toppings \$1 each. Choices: ham, pepperoni, sausage, gr. pepper, black olive, onion, mushroom, pineapple.
  - \* **Boneless Wings**, \$8 (12 ct) and come with homemade ranch & celery. Sauce choices: honey BBQ, parmesan garlic, or homemade buffalo.
- **Coffee by the Campfire:** Free coffee at The Hangout each morning, 7:00-8:30a.
- **Free Snacks:** We offer one free snack each night! Check schedule for details.
- **Bake Sale:** We'll have a bake sale set up in the Dining Hall foyer all weekend!

## Free Time Suggestions

- **Animal Farm:** Visit our cute farm animals at the Barn this weekend! We have goats, sheep, pigs, and mini horses!
- **BB Guns, Archery, & Disc Golf:** **\*NEW Rules\*** Adults may rent a bow & arrows, a bb gun, or a set of disc golf discs for \$2/hour from the Welcome Center. Please only rent one item per family member and return them after one hour for other families to enjoy. The disc golf course and bb/archery range are both located near the Hall. Rental costs are non-refundable.
- **Ben's Trail:** Hike our intermediate trail, which begins north of Lechler Lake and ends at the Prayer Tree Cross. Also check out the Prayer Tree Maze!
- **Challenge Course:** Try this fun team building exercise! Challenges are located in the wooded area of the Prayer Tree Maze (north of Johnson Lodge). The course is difficult, but work as a team and think outside the box!
- **Cornhole:** Available on the game field by the camp entrance.
- **Family Life Center (FLC):** Snack Shop and Gift Shop are open afternoons and evenings. Building is open 7:00a to midnight each day. The FLC features an open gym, game room, cable TV, swimming pool, and hot tub. Any children swimming **MUST** be supervised by a parent as no lifeguard is on duty.
- **Game Field:** Located near camp entrance. A box by the volleyball court has balls & Frisbees. Organize a game of soccer or volleyball (no swim suits, please).
- **Horse Shoes:** Pits are located near the FLC playground equipment.
- **Human Foosball:** The human foosball structure is located at The Hangout. Grab some friends, split into two teams, and play!
- **Lechler Lake & Jesse's Pond:** Boats may be used for free during daylight hours. Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult as there are no lifeguards on duty. Life jackets **MUST** be worn by children. The waterslide at the lake is open Saturday & Sunday from 2:00-4:00p and has a **weight limit** of 250 lbs.
- **Maze Table:** This new activity requires teamwork and is near the FLC parking lot.
- **Mini-golf:** Equipment is in a rack on a tree by the Pavilion.
- **Octoball & Carpetball:** Pits & tables located all over camp. Grab friends & play!
- **Purposeful Family Time:** We really want to encourage you to unplug, put down your phones, and spend time together this weekend. We have nature scavenger hunts and free devotion ideas available in the Welcome Center.
- **Wagon Hoops:** Check out this fun basketball shooting activity at The Hangout!



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# Session Notes

# Weekend Schedule

KEY: **Green text in the daily schedule signifies that you need to sign up and/or pay.**  
**FLC** stands for Family Life Center. Underlined text signifies a restriction.

## Friday

- 4:00-10:00p** **Check-in | Welcome Center:** Receive your registration packet, **sign up for activities**, and ask questions.
- 4:00p** **Smoked Meat Contest | Your Housing & Airnasium:** Compete in this fun new contest! If you haven't signed up, stop by the office to register. You provide all your own ingredients and supplies. Prepare a smoked pork, beef, or chicken dish at your site or outside your lodging. Deliver a sample to the Airnasium between 4:45 & 5:00p on Sunday for judging. Winners announced at Sunday night's chapel service!
- 4:00p** **Sidewalk Chalk Contest | Welcome Center:** **Pick up chalk in the Welcome Center.** Color a numbered spot near the Salvation Bell (west of the Welcome Center), then **sign up back at the office.** Ends Sunday at 5:00p. Winner posted at office by 8:00p.
- 6:00-8:00p** **Outdoor Kitchen | The Hangout:** Check out the Bunny Aunan Outdoor Kitchen selling burgers, brats, hotdogs, fries, & curds!
- 7:00-11:00p** **Snack Shop & Gift Shop Open | FLC:** Purchase gifts & snacks.
- 7:30-8:30p** **Ice Cream Sundaes | Dining Hall:** Free for all registered guests.
- 7:30-8:30p** **Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest | Dining Hall Foyer:** Show us your skills and compete for a prize!
- 8:00-9:00p** **Family Fun Dodgeball | FLC Gym:** Join us for a game of non-competitive dodgeball as a family!
- 8:00-10:30p** **Night Giant Swing | Tower Area:** **Tickets (\$5/ride) and Tower Wristbands (\$30/person)** can be purchased at the Welcome Center or at the event. See p. 3 for restrictions.
- 8:15p & 9:00p** **Peach Pack Wagon Ride | Welcome Center:** **Sign up at the Welcome Center, \$5/person.** Meet at the Welcome Center for a wagon ride to enjoy a campfire and cook a delicious snack.

## Saturday

- 7:00-8:30a** **Outdoor Kitchen & Sunrise Campfire | The Hangout:** Grab free coffee or buy breakfast sandwiches for **\$3.00-\$5.00 each.**
- 8:30a-8:30p** **Office Open | Welcome Center**
- 9:00-10:00a** **Family Chapel | The Airnasium:** This chapel session is for all ages. No nursery provided. You can also bring lawn chairs and sit outside, if desired. Each session is a different message!
- 9:00-10:00a** **Children's Chapel (Grades PK to 6) | Two Locations:** Optional chapel for children. Grades PK (**must be age 4**) to 2nd grade will have a blast with Becky Doubleday at Lodge 139. Grades 3-6 can head to The Hall for a fun lesson with Pastor Brien Brough.
- 10:00-11:00a** **Brunch | Dining Hall:** For those who signed up.
- 10:45a & 12:00p** **Horse Trail Ride | Barn:** **Sign up at Welcome Center, \$20/ride.** Ages 10+, 225 lb weight limit. Please arrive 10 minutes early.
- 11:00a-12:30p** **Face Painting | Snack Shop Patio—FLC:** Available free of charge.
- 11:00a-1:00p** **Labor Day 2025 Registration | OUTSIDE Welcome Center:** Stop outside the office to sign up for Labor Day 2025.

- 11:15a-12:45p** **Lead-Me Horse Rides | Outdoor Arena:** Sign up and pay at the Welcome Center, \$5/ride. Great for kids age 9 & under!
- 11:45a-12:45p** **Pedal Carts | Hickory Grove Cabin Area:** Take 'em for a spin!
- 12:00p** **Carpetball Tournament | Near Airnasium:** Three age brackets: age 9 & under, age 10-14, & age 15 & up.
- 12:00p-3:00p** **Kids Climbing Wall | Tower Area:** Portable climbing wall, set up for ages 10 & under. Must weigh 50+ lbs. Free! No charge.
- 12:00-4:00p** **Crafts | Craft Room & Fireside Room, Main Lodge:** Most items have a small fee, but coloring is free!
- 12:00-5:00p** **Climbing Wall & Zip Line | Tower Area:** Tickets (\$5/ride) and Tower Wristbands (\$30/person) can be purchased at the Welcome Center or at the event. See p. 3 for restrictions.
- 12:30, 2:00, & 3:30p** **Camp History Wagon Ride | Welcome Center:** Sign up at the Welcome Center, \$5/person. Learn about Hidden Acres' history!
- 12:30p-4:30p** **Snack Shop & Gift Shop Open | FLC:** Purchase gifts & snacks.
- 1:00p** **Cookie Make | Albert City Dining Room:** Make cookie dough as a family and we'll freeze it for you to take home. Sign up at the Welcome Center, \$10/family.
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- 1:00-4:00p** **Hatchet Throwing | The Hangout:** Try to stick the target! Must be age 10+; parents must be present at lanes for kids under 13.
- 1:00-5:00p** **Wagon Shuttle | Stops at:** FLC, Tower, Lake, Barn, Office, Johnson Lodge. Look for "Shuttle Stop" signs and wait for the wagon.
- 2:00-4:00p** **Bingo | Pliner Dining Room:** Come and go as you please.
- 2:00-4:00p** **Waterslide | Lechler Lake:** Weight limit—250 lbs.
- 2:00-4:00p** **Shoot with Buck | Badger's Cabin:** Shoot historic firearms!
- 2:30p** **BB Gun Shooting Contest | Archery/BB Gun Range:** Two age groups: 9 & under and 10-14. Must arrive on-time to compete.
- 2:30-4:00p** **Rope Making | Outside FLC:** \$2 per rope, pay cash at the event.
- 3:30p** **Basketball Shootout | FLC Gym:** How many baskets can you make in one minute? Three age groups: 9 & under, 10-14, & 15+.
- 5:00-6:00p** **Supper | Dining Hall:** For those who signed up.
- 6:30-7:30p** **Family Chapel | The Airnasium:** Same details as morning.
- 6:30-7:30p** **Children's Chapel | Lodge 139 (PK-2nd) & Hall (3rd-6th)**
- After Chapel** **Kettle Corn | Near Airnasium:** Free snack available until 8:15p.
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- 8:15p** **Sand Volleyball Tournament | Outdoor Volleyball Court:** Sign up at Welcome Center. Teams of six, ages 12+.
- 8:30p** **Archery Tag Tournament | FLC Gym:** Sign team up at the Welcome Center. Teams may have up to 7 people; ages 10+.

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[Trail:](#) \$25/person, [ages 10+, 225 lb limit.](#) Departs at 10:00a.  
[Wagon:](#) \$10/person, all ages. Departs at 10:15a.  
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- 1:00p** **Horse Shoe Contest | FLC Playground Area:** [Ages 25 & up.](#)
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& 3:45-5:00p

**2:00-4:00p**    **Chris Clark Airnasium Dedication | The Chris Clark Airnasium:**  
 Join us as we dedicate this new building and remember our friend, board member, and colleague. Ceremony will include fellowship, refreshments, a short program with guest speakers, and the revealing of the building sign.  
*You may notice some event closures and adjusted times on today's activity schedule. These changes allow our staff to attend part of this ceremony and honor our sweet friend.*

4:00p

**Family Cardboard Boat Race | Jesse's Pond:** [Sign up at WC.](#)

~4:30p

**Frog Jumping Contest | Main Lodge Lawn:** Immediately following Cardboard Boat Race. **Bring your own frog!**

5:00-6:00p

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After Chapel

**Campfire & S'mores | The Hangout:** Free! Available until 9:00p.

8:00-10:30p

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**Great Tic-Tac-Toe Race | FLC Gym:** Race to get three in a row! Teams of up to 6 people. [Sign up at the Welcome Center.](#)

8:30p

**Hatchet Throwing Contest | The Hangout:** First 30 minutes reserved for practice, then contest begins at 9:00p. Winners of head-to-head matches will advance! Must be age 13+.

## Monday

7:00-8:30a

**Outdoor Kitchen & Sunrise Campfire | The Hangout:** Grab free coffee or buy breakfast sandwiches for [\\$3.00-\\$5.00 each.](#)

7:00a

**Timber Trot 5K Run/Walk | Game Field:** Check-in after 7:00a, race starts at 8:00a. Start/Finish on the game field by camp entrance. Last-minute registrations welcome. [\\$25/person.](#)

8:30-9:30a

**Camp Q&A | The Hangout:** Meet with our Executive Director, Steve Pinkley, to ask questions about Hidden Acres and see what's coming next.

8:30-11:30a

**Office Open | Welcome Center:** Don't forget to reserve for next Labor Day!

10:00-11:00a

**Brunch | Dining Hall:** For those who signed up.

11:00a

**Room Check-Out:** [There's no rush to leave camp, but please check out of your room by 11:00a and leave the door open.](#)

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**Snack Shop & Gift Shop Open | FLC:** Purchase gifts & snacks.

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