

Impact Camp FAQs Camp Lakewood

1. How do I get to Camp Lakewood?

From Fort Wayne (approx. 45 min):

Head north on I-69.

Take Exit 137 and turn left toward Ashley/IN-4 W.

IN-4 W tees into IN-327 N.

Turn right onto IN-327 N.

You will go over some railroad tracks.

Turn left onto W 750 S (Transformers will be on your left before the road).

Turn right onto 1100 E (Blue Victorian house will be across the street on your right).

Camp Lakewood is up and over the hill on your right.

From Angola (approx. 25 min):

Head west on US-20.

Turn left on S 1150 E.

You will go through Elmira and Stroh.

Once in Stroh, turn right onto 425 (First road on your right after Fish of Stroh restaurant).

Turn left on S 1100 E (Large, white farmhouse will be on your right).

Camp Lakewood will be on your left, after the intersection at E 650 S.

From Warsaw (approx. 1 hr 20 min):

Head north on IN-15.

Turn right onto US-6 and follow it west.

Turn left on N Lima Rd/IN-3 (Scott's grocery will be on your left).

Go through South Milford.

Turn right onto E 700 S (Lumber yard with green buildings will be on your right).

E 700 S tees into S 1100 E.

Turn left onto S 1100 E.

Camp Lakewood is up and over the hill on your right.

From Elkhart (approx. 1 hr):

Take Old US-20 toward US-20 E toward Angola.

Turn right onto IN-3 and head south.

Turn left onto E 700 S (Lumber yard with green buildings will be across the street on the left).

E 700 S tees into S 1100 E.

Turn left onto S 1100 E.

Camp Lakewood is up and over the hill on your right.

2. It's my child's first time at camp. Can I be a counselor?

We have found that campers actually do better at camp if their parents are not a counselor. Kids enjoy being in an environment with new people. By not coming to camp with your child, you are also enabling them to build self-confidence in themselves and courage. Being a counselor during your child's week of camp can also lead to homesickness with other campers as they see you and your child together.

If, however, you feel that your child's first time would go best with you there, please consider one of our Parent/Child camps. These mini camps are a great opportunity for parents to introduce camps to their young children for the first time.

3. How do I know if my child's roommate request has been honored?

We make every effort to honor mutual roommate requests of up to three people. However, if a request cannot be honored due to limited capacity or difference of age groups, your child's director will contact you in advance to explain why the request could not be honored.

4. My child needs to leave for a baseball game on Wednesday afternoon. Is this alright?

Part-time participation has negative effects on community building and group dynamics. If, however, your child must leave, please keep their time away from camp as short as possible and notify the Spiritual Director and Program Manager when you are checking in.

5. What would you do for my child if she becomes homesick?

All of our staff, counselors, and directors are trained in working with children that are experiencing homesickness. Your child's counselor will first try talking with your child about the exciting activities that they will be doing that day. Counselors will ask your child to tell them about home and what they're missing. They will then try to relate such things to other campers, such as, "Sally has a puppy at home, too! Sally, what's your dog's name again? Did you know that Mary has a puppy?" There are many techniques that we use, but the goal is always to sympathize with the child, show them that we care, and try to get them to focus on the exciting things at camp and all the new friends that they are making.

Should the homesickness continue, a director will be asked to continue working with your child. If the homesickness continues after this, the director may decide to contact the parents to ask for advice and inform them of the situation. As always, it is our goal to teach children the courage to be away from home and to build new friendships with others.

6. What is the counselor to camper ratio?

For grades K-2nd, the counselor to camper ratio is 2:5.

For grades 3rd-4th, the counselor to camper ratio is 2:6.

For grades 5th-6th, the counselor to camper ratio is 2:7.

7. Tell me about my child's counselors.

All of our counselors are volunteers that were recruited and trained by the volunteer directing for your child's week of camp. Most of our counselors only come to camp for one or two weeks of the summer. Because of this, counselors exhibit more energy and excitement with their campers. Many counseling teams attend church or school together, which enables them to easily work together as a team at camp.

There will be at least one 18 year old counselor in each cabin, along with a Jr. Counselor who is 15 years or older. All of our counselors will have completed an extensive training program, including areas such as how to handle homesickness, how to lead a camper to Christ, games and activities to use during down time, etc. New counselors are often paired with those who have counseled before.