



## Frequently Asked Questions

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### Where is Rock Lake Christian Assembly Located?

We are located in Montcalm County, nearly in the center of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

### How do I get to RLCA?

From the West: U.S. 131 to M46 exit (east); M46 east through Six Lakes and Edmore. At Marl Lake, slow down for Pine Grove Road on the left. Turn onto Pine Grove and watch for a quick right-hand turn (small blue sign on utility pole indicates spot). Follow road around to the camp. Camp Trail and the Camp Office will be on the left side of the road.

From the East: U.S. 127 to the M46 exit. Take M46 west. You will go through a traffic light at Alma and two blinking yellow lights. The second blinker is Crystal Road. About 1 mile west of Crystal Road, Vestaburg Road will cross at an angle. RLCA Camp Sign is located just before the intersection. Turn right onto Vestaburg Road and follow to the camp. Camp Trail and the Camp Office will be on the right side of the road.

**CAUTION: If you use a GPS, it has a habit of putting you on the wrong side of M 46 by a power plant.**

### Can we tour the camp?

Yes! We love to show RLCA to parents and campers. Contact the office at 989-268-5377 or [info@rlca.org](mailto:info@rlca.org).

### What does my camper need to pack? Is there a dress code?

Please see our website for a pack list and the dress code. [www.rlca.org](http://www.rlca.org)

### What about cell phones? And tablets?

Campers are not allowed to use phones unless the Dean of the week has given permission. Ask at check-in or contact the camp office prior to your camper's session. Misuse of cell phones will result in their confiscation and will be returned at the end of the session. Please leave tablets at home. We have Bibles if one is needed and there will be plenty of activities to keep them busy!

### When is camper check-in?

Camper check-in on **Sundays at 3pm** with the following exceptions:

K/1 <sup>st</sup> Grader and Parent Camp	7pm Wednesday
Handi-Camp 1	7pm Friday
Handi-Camp 2	7pm Friday

### What are the check-in procedures?

1. All campers and their parents/guardians will check-in at the Tabernacle, across from the Camp Office, except for Handi-Camp which will check-in at the Lodge Parking Lot.
2. At the Tabernacle, any remaining balances should be paid and all campers will meet with a Health Officer to review the camper's Health Form.
3. All campers will be issued an I.D. Bracelet. This bracelet **MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES** from Check-In to Check-Out.
4. Once check-in is completed at the Tabernacle, parents/guardians will take their camper to the Lodges for bunk assignment and to meet the faculty.

### Will there be a parent meeting?

There will be a **"First Time Camper" orientation** for campers and parents, with a question & answer time to help everyone understand what the week of camp will be like. All are welcome. This meeting will be held in the Tabernacle 30 minutes prior to check-in. There will be no meeting for K/ 1st Grader and Parent Camp and for Handi-Camp.

### When is camper check-out?

Camper check-out is at **7pm Friday** with the following exceptions:

K/1 <sup>st</sup> Grader and Parent Camp	4pm Thursday
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Camp	7pm Tuesday
Handi-Camp 1	2pm Sunday
Handi-Camp 2	2pm Sunday

It is preferred that campers stay involved with the program until check-out. A camper leaving may disrupt the program.

**What if my camper needs to temporarily leave camp or be picked up from camp before check-out?**

If a camper must be picked up early or temporarily leave during the session, please stop at the Camp Office or the Health Office to sign a Release Form. If a camper is returning to Camp, you will need to sign them back in at the Health Office. It is best to make arrangements for this prior to your camper's session

**Will there be a closing program?**

Closing programs are left to the discretion of the session's dean. Ask at check-in time or contact the Camp Office.

**What are the check-out procedures?**

1. Camper check-out will be at the Tabernacle, except for Handi-Camp and K/1<sup>st</sup> Grader and Parent Camp. Check-out for those camps will be in the Lodges.
2. Campers will only be released to those persons indicated on the Health Form/Authorized Grown-ups Form unless other arrangements have been made with RLCA Staff.
3. Pickup person must have the ID Bracelet Tab that matches the camper's ID Bracelet and must sign their camper out.  
**Campers are not to leave without being signed out.** This procedure is for the safety of your child and to meet the requirements of the State of Michigan.

**How can I communicate with my camper?**

Everyone loves to get mail while at camp. For many "mail call" is a highlight of the day. To ensure delivery before the session ends, letters should be mailed at least three days prior to the end of the session. Please do not send money or "goodies" to the campers. You may also send a letter via email to [info@rlca.org](mailto:info@rlca.org).

**Send letters to:** The Camper's Name, Rock Lake Christian Assembly, P.O. Box 340, Vestaburg, Michigan 48891-0340

**What if there is an emergency?**

If your camper has an emergency, you have provided contact information on the Registration Form and we will reach out to you immediately. If you need to reach Camp Staff for an emergency, you may call the Camp Office at 989-268-5377 or Director Tim St. Louis at 517-507-1362.

**Will my camper need to bring money?**

Our missions for 2020 is Renewed Hope. Please visit [www.renewedhopeindia.org](http://www.renewedhopeindia.org). RLCA encourages parents to discuss with their children before they come to camp about sharing in this way. The missionary will challenge campers to pray on their behalf as well as give financially. The camper can contribute to the Mission during offerings taken during the sessions or Mission Money can be given to the RLCA office. Some sessions also offer the opportunity to purchase Camp Stamps for a quarter/stamp. Camp Stamps are used to send "in-house mail" to other campers and to faculty. Money from Camp Stamp sales goes to missions. The RLCA Camp Store will offer, on a limited basis, RLCA t-shirts and other items and will be open at check-in and check-out. Depending on the camp session, there may also be an opportunity during the session for the campers to make purchases from the Camp Store. Canteen is included in the session fee.

**Can my camper drive himself/herself to camp?**

Parents/Guardians or an Authorized Adult must be present at camper check-in and check-out if the camper is under 18. If a car is remaining on campus, keys need to be turned over the health officer. If it becomes necessary for your student to leave campus, normal check-out procedures would still apply. Parental approval required for minors to leave campus.

**What precautions has RLCA taken to ensure my child's safety?**

We want you to know that we take the safety of your students very seriously. We begin by requiring all staff, deans, and faculty to submit to two separate background checks, one through the state of Michigan and one through a Federal database. We also request personal and church references so that we know with better assurance the people that we are placing around your children.

In regards to visitors, our staff and faculty are required to wear items that identify them as members of our camp leadership. This also helps us to promptly identify when we have a visitor on campus. Visitors are required to check-in at the camp office where it is then determined if they are able to have limited access to the camper population (this is typically ministers, speakers, or other program participants). At this time the dean is notified that a visitor is on the property as well as who the visitor and why they are there.

There are several other rules and precautions that we have in place for our faculty and staff to help protect your students. If you would like additional information regarding these additional rules and precautions, please feel free to contact the camp office at 989-268-5377 or by email at [tim@rlca.org](mailto:tim@rlca.org) and we would be glad to share this additional information with you.