



Alden B. Dow Home and Studio
315 Post Street ■ Midland, MI 48640

DESIGN CAMP

Grades 7,8,9

Parent/Guardian Packet



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome! Your child is registered for an exciting week of Design Camp at the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio. We strive to make this experience one they will remember for years to come!

Each camp will begin on Monday, with a camp introduction, 9 - 9:15 am, that we suggest you attend. In addition to an overview of camp activities, you will meet the camp director and counselors. At the end of the week, the campers will host an open house for family and friends to see the projects completed during the week. This open house will be the last day of camp, Thursday, from 3:30 - 4 p.m.

The information in the this packet will help to ensure your child's camp experience is as enjoyable and rewarding as possible. Please read through all of the information carefully, complete all forms as directed and return by the assigned date.

Your child is in great hands; our camp team is both CPR/AED and First Aid certified and well-trained to ensure this camp is safe and fun for everyone! If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please call us at any time during the day at (989) 839-2744. We will do our best to answer any questions that you may have.

Once again, welcome! We look forward to meeting you and your child this summer. Your child is signed up for a truly wonderful experience.

Happy Camping!

Matthew Woods
Camp Director
989-839-2744
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CAMPER CHECKLIST

The following checklist will assist you and your child as you prepare for camp this summer. By following the checklist, you and your child will be prepared to have a positive camping experience.

- _____ My camper is dressed in comfortable, old clothing that is appropriate for that day's weather.
- _____ **My camper has a change of clothes** - blue jeans, shorts, sweatshirts, t-shirt, tennis shoes or sandals, and rain gear (Please put these clothes in a separate bag with the camper's name on it. The bag will be left at the Home and Studio for the duration of the camp).
- _____ My camper has an old extra large shirt to use an art shirt. Warning: their clothing may get paint on it.
- _____ My camper has sunscreen to use while at camp.
- _____ My camper has a lunch and afternoon snack each day. (We will provide water bottles and a morning snack daily.)
- _____ My camper's medication is in its original container and stored in a zip lock bag labeled with my camper's name. Dosage instructions are detailed on the medical release form.
- _____ My camper has a backpack to hold their water bottle, sunscreen, lunch and snack.

WHAT TO BRING FOR LUNCH

Each camper must bring a sack lunch with them everyday. The Alden B. Dow Home & Studio will not be serving food for the campers other than a morning snack. Please don't bring anything that requires warming up or refrigeration. It would be best if the camper can put their lunch box in their backpack for easy transportation, since they will be eating lunch in many different locations. We **encourage** you to pack an afternoon snack as well. The Home and Studio will provide water bottles for the campers daily.

THINGS NOT TO BRING TO CAMP – general listing

- knives, sharp objects or other types of weapons
- money or other valuables
- pets
- electronics – cell phone, Game Boy, Ipod, etc.
- aerosol sprays
- drugs or drug paraphernalia
- fireworks
- glass bottles
- clothing that may be suggestive or with inappropriate wording

A good rule of thumb – if you care about an item and don't want anything to happen to it, leave it at home. If any of the above items or like items are brought to camp, the item must be given to the Camp Director and then can be retrieved by the parent at the end of the day.

CAMP OVERVIEW

The Alden B. Dow Home & Studio Design Camps are dedicated to providing your child with a safe, quality and fun experience. With that in mind, we emphasize to your camper four values in all our activities: honesty, respect, caring and responsibility. Throughout our camp facility there are many fun-filled activities and program areas that your camper may experience, including the following:

- Canoeing
- Architectural Walking Tours
- Landscape Design Tour in the Dow Gardens
- Sculpture Making
- Drawing and painting activities
- Interior Design
- Sustainable Design

If there is excessive heat or heavy rain at the time of a scheduled outdoor activity, that day's curriculum will be altered to indoor activities. Some outdoor activities may still take place in light rain, therefore, an extra set of clothing is important to have stored here during the week.



REFUNDS/CREDITS

The Alden B. Dow Home & Studio follows a strict policy on refunds. No refunds will be given under any circumstances without authorization from the Camp Director. In case of vacation, refunds and credits will not be issued. Registration is based on a first come first serve basis and many programs fill early. A last minute vacation leaves an opening where someone may have desired to be. Please contact the Camp Director if any unforeseen circumstances arise.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO TO ENHANCE THEIR CHILD'S EXPERIENCE

Many parents ask, "What can I do to enhance my child's experience?" The following are a few suggestions:

- make sure your child is well rested and has breakfast daily
- **encourage participation**
- recap daily what they have learned and what activities they have participated in

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

If there is a family emergency while your child is in camp, please call the front desk at (989) 839-2744 and Beth Todd can help get you in contact with the Camp Director.

CAMP PROGRAMS

Design Camps will start on Mondays, and will end on Thursdays. On the first day, a camp overview will be given to parents from 9 - 9:15 a.m. If you have any questions during this time, please feel free to ask them. Parking for this meeting is behind the old school house. The remainder of the week, campers can be dropped off between 8:45 - 9 a.m., and picked up at 4 p.m.



For your convenience, and to avoid traffic congestion, a counselor will meet you in the driveway (by the entrance to the Studio) each morning, to drop off your child, and each afternoon, to pick up your child. At these times, you will be required to sign the Drop off/Pick up sheet.

If it is necessary for someone who is not on the Camper Record form, to drop off or pick up your child, that person must provide written documentation stating their name, the camper's name, the date of drop off or pick up, and your signature giving permission. This person must also provide a photo ID.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Each camper is expected to be on-site for the duration of the day's activities, specifically from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. If you need to pick up your child earlier than 4 pm, please call Matthew Woods, Camp Director, at (989) 839-2744 and we will make sure they are ready to go when you arrive.

LATE ARRIVALS

If you need to make special arrangements to drop off your child after camp begins at 9 a.m., please contact Matthew Woods, Camp Director, at (989) 839-2744.

VISITING

During this program, campers are involved in activities throughout the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio and its property. Because of this, we ask that you limit "visiting" your child during camp to drop off and pick up times only. On Thursday, the last day of camp, at 3:30 pm, you are invited to an Open House given by the campers to show off all the fun projects they completed during the week.

CONDUCT OF CAMPERS - BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT POLICY

To help us provide a safe, secure and fun environment, all campers are expected to follow the Code of Conduct as stated below:

For Students:

Code of Conduct

As a Camper, I will:

- Respect myself, others, and the property of others.
- Listen to all staff members.
- Use appropriate language at all times.
- Treat others kindly.
- Be attentive and listen when others are speaking.
- Stay safe.
- Use camp equipment, supplies and facilities properly.
- Use electronic devices only for camp activities.
- Stay with my group.

As a Camper, I will **NOT**:

- Tease, intimidate or bully others.
- Use obscene, profane or vulgar language or gestures.
- Steal camp property, other camper's belongings or staff person's belongings.
- Be involved in vandalism or malicious mischief.

If I'm involved in any of the above activities, I understand that I will be disciplined which may include being sent home for the day or dismissal from the entire camp.

RESPECT FOR PROPERTY

It is understood that all campers will show respect for the property of other campers as well as the property of the Alden B. Dow Home & Studio (facility, equipment, etc.). Campers who are caught vandalizing the facility will be charged for all damages and risk dismissal from camp.

For Parents:

CONDUCT MANAGEMENT

Minor violations of the code of conduct will be brought to the camper's attention and suggestions will be made on how to correct the behavior. If the problem continues, the parent/guardian will be notified.

PROGRAM EXPULSION

Although every effort is made to correct Code of Conduct violations, sometimes it may be necessary for a camper to be dismissed from a program to ensure the positive experience of other campers. The following will not be tolerated:

- Fighting or threatening of others (physical or verbal).
- Leaving without permission.
- Possession of and/or use of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, fireworks or weapons of any kind.
- Refusing to follow the Code of Conduct.

In such cases, the parent/guardian will be contacted and it is the responsibility of the parent to make immediate arrangements to pick up the camper. ***In the case of dismissal, refunds or credits shall not be provided.***

LOST AND FOUND

Stray items are collected at the end of the day and can be retrieved at the Front Desk. The Alden B. Dow Home & Studio employees and volunteers are hereby indemnified for any loss, damage or injury to person or property as a result of participation in the Design Camp program.

SICK CAMPER

If a camper is sick or not feeling well, parents will be notified to pick up their child. Please notify the camp immediately if your telephone or emergency contact information changes. Generally, for minor cuts and scrapes, parents will be notified with a note sent home at the end of the day. For more serious matters, parents will be notified by telephone.

CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT OF A MINOR CHILD

Make sure that you fill out the Consent for Medical Treatment of a Minor Child, along with the other paperwork in this packet, and return to The Alden B. Dow Home & Studio before camp begins. We cannot keep your child without this very important information. It is especially important to provide multiple phone numbers and ways to contact you in case of an emergency.

Camp staff will not administer or supervise the camper's taking of any medications unless a separate written authorization is received and signed by Craig McDonald, Director of the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio, or his designee. All forms are located at the back of this parent packet.