

Almont
Summer School
July 20-28, 2024

**Celebrating
125 Years!**



The Book of Revelation:
Dragons, Beasts, and
Horsemen

From the Spiritual Program

Coordinator



At camp this year we will be studying the Book of Revelation. Emanuel Swedenborg wrote two books about Revelation called *Apocalypse Explained* and *Apocalypse Revealed*. The Apocalypse has taken on an ominous interpretation in our world today. In the original Greek it means unveiling or revelation. This last book in the Bible is not about end times or the final destruction of the world as common dictionaries now define apocalypse. Swedenborg offers a deep dive into the inner spiritual meaning of the stories and symbolism of the apocalyptic language found in the Book of Revelation as it relates to our own lives today.

The lecturers and teachers will offer useful interpretations of the many visions and sometimes overwhelming figurative stories in The Book of Revelation from the Bible Study Dole Notes. This will be fun as together we approach these teachings with a bit of whimsy and wonder at the visions of horsemen, dragons, and multi-headed beasts.

The glory at the end of this final Book of the Bible culminates with the descending of the Holy City New Jerusalem, and a new heaven and a new earth, with the River of Life running through it, promising that good will overcome evil and all shall be well. Rev. Jane



From the Director

Dear Campers,

Welcome to the 125th anniversary session of the Almont Summer School! As we celebrate this astonishing milestone for our camp, we also explore a theme which is central to the Swedenborgian faith and our denomination's unique perspective. I hope you will join us as we examine the Book of Revelation: Dragons, Beasts, and Horsemen!

We are also very excited to introduce you to our new and updated website! I hope that you will find it to be both a modern and friendly user experience, as well as a useful resource.

Remember, our Summer School can't exist without dedicated volunteers to serve as Staff. Check our Facebook group and website for open positions. If you're interested in filling a role, please reach out to Betsy Aldrich or myself.

Hurrah for the Red! Craig Carson



Arrive and Sign In Please

For Summer School, plan on arriving Saturday afternoon, July 20. Dorm parents will be welcoming campers to their dorms between 4 and 5:30 p.m. (Dorms will not be open Friday night.)

We can no longer provide transportation to and from the airport.



Check-In Procedure

- Visit the Registrar, Heidi Barnaby, under the big tent between 4 and 5:30 p.m. to receive your housing assignment, information guide and daily schedule. Any campers arriving after 5:30 p.m. must find the Registrar upon arrival.
- Campers ages 5-17 are to meet with the Health Services Manager (Camp Nurse) upon check-in and must turn over all non-emergent prescriptions and over-the-counter medications in their original packaging for the Health Service Manager to store and dispense in the Clinic.
- Any teens with cars, not attending camp with their parents, must turn their keys in at check-in.

Completed registration and medical forms should be sent in before arrival. **Send all payments prior to July 6th. It helps to pay for the food we need to start camp. Please add a \$25 late fee to payments after July 6th.**



Check-Out Procedure

Inform the Registrar of your departure (Sorry, we cannot refund for early departures). Children and teens should have their dorm parent check their living space. Please Note: State regulations stipulate that **we must know who is picking up sponsored children.** We will not release minors to anyone other than the person listed on the Sponsor Information Form.

Pre-Camp

(Will Work for Food... and Fun!)
Wednesday, July 17 -
Friday, July 19



1. Pre-Camp will open at 2pm on Wednesday July 17th
2. **Anyone under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.** *Our dorms will not be open and we must still follow state licensing rules.*
3. There will be optional evening outings to enjoy in the area.
4. There is going to be time for us to gather together in fellowship as well as a service projects. No skills needed! It is really just a way for us to hang out as a family.
5. There is no charge for these days however a love donation to offset expenses would be appreciated.

LOOK

- **Adults are to keep and consume any adult beverages in their private sleeping quarters. We are asking all adults to help in making all members of our camp feel welcomed and comfortable by keeping our public lounges safe and inviting for all campers.**
- **We are asking all campers to bring their own sleeping bag or sheets. The amount of laundry at the end of camp has been overwhelming.**

Camp Activities

Daily

- ◇ Morning and evening chapel services
- ◇ Morning lecture and discussion groups for adults and teens
- ◇ Classes for pre-school through high school
- ◇ Supervised recreation, crafts, and swimming
- ◇ All-camp activities each evening: hikes, campfires, skits, music, carnival, games, etc.



Special Events

- * Teen emphasis: “**Survivors**” teen organization welcomes new teens at a candlelight worship service on Friday night, and sponsors fellowship activities, a snack store, and other service projects to raise money for the camp.
- * All-Camp Kickball Game: Held Saturday afternoon, July 27. Will this be the year when the long-standing tie between the Red and White teams is broken??!



- * Annual Meeting of the Almont New Church Assembly: Saturday, July 27, at 2:15. Assembly membership is open to any adult who supports the teachings of the Swedenborgian Church and the ministry of the Almont New Church Assembly. Initial membership fee is \$5, with annual dues of \$5.

- * Almont Ladies Auxiliary: The annual meeting takes place in Big House’s Hamilton Parlor, with business and fun on the agenda.





Teen Activities

Almost Summer School offers many fun opportunities for our teens each year. Swimming, kickball, volleyball, or just relaxing in Teen Storage are just a few of the activities the teens participate in. The group runs the camp store (a popular hangout!) offering pop, candy and other treats. The profits from store are used in many different camp improvement projects (for example, our historical marker, swing set, sports equipment, and more!)

The name of the teen group is "The Survivors." Every teen is welcomed into this group through a special initiation and a beautiful Survivor Service on Friday night. Teens are reminded to bring dress clothes for this candle light service. Many teens have made life long friendships through their involvement with The Survivors.

Adult Activities - Looking for things to do in the afternoon and evenings? Look in the dining hall for a game of bridge, by the chapel for band practice, or in Big House Parlor for a competitive game of scrabble. Or if there is any other activity you would like to do just ask around and I'm sure there will be others who would love to join you.

New this year: Adult Spiritual Experiential Groups will gather in the afternoons to create, explore nature, and share.

What's the Schedule??

Summer School Opening Saturday, July 20th:

1-4:00 p.m.	Joyce Fekete's Memorial Service (optional)
4-5:30 p.m.	Open Registration at tent, Dorm Welcoming
1-5:30 p.m.	Recreation time
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting in Dining Room
8:00 p.m.	All Camp Meeting in the Chapel (At this meeting everyone will learn about camp rules, safety procedures, classes, and staff members).

Sunday, July 21st

8-9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	All Dorm Meet & Greet
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Lunch	
Afternoon	Activities (swimming, crafts, recreation)
Evening	Flag lowering, chapel and group activities for all campers

Monday, July 22nd - Friday, 26th

Mornings	Flag raising, chapel, classes, lecture
Afternoons	Rest period, activities (swimming, crafts, recreation), and free time
Evenings	Flag lowering, chapel and group activities for all campers

Saturday, July 27th

Morning	Flag raising, chapel, classes
Lunch & Rest hour	
2:15 p.m.	A.N.C.A. Annual Meeting (All are welcome; Assembly members may vote. Children/Adults not attending meeting will have camp clean-up.)
4:00 p.m.	All Camp Kickball game and swimming (if time allows)
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
Evening	Flag lowering, closing worship service and group activities for all campers

Sunday, July 28th

8-9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Chapel—clean-up instructions
Lunch	
Camp Clean-up and Check out	

Housing Information



ADULT HOUSING:

HERITAGE HALL – modern second floor rooms with twin or double beds. Cribs are available.

BIG HOUSE AND LITTLE REC – rustic first and second floor room with twin or double beds. Cribs are available.

CHILDREN/TEEN HOUSING:

DORMITORY COMPLEX – one level building with boys' and girls' wings.

Ages 5-8

Little Dorm

Ages 9-12

Middle Dorm

Ages 13-17

Teen Dorm

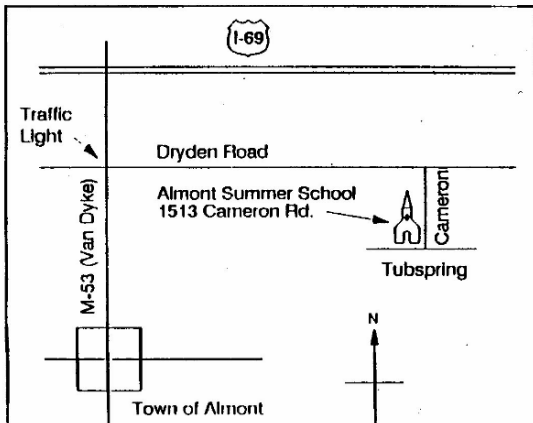
If you are 18 you must stay in Adult Housing.

CAMPING is permitted in church lot only - please contact registrar for information. Tents not provided.

Map and Directions

Just north of the town of Almont is Dryden Rd. (Traffic light). Turn east on to Dryden Rd and drive to the first stop sign. Continue on Dryden Rd. another 1.5 miles to Cameron Rd. Turn right on Cameron Rd. and drive south to the end. Almont Summer School is located at the corner of Cameron and Tubspring Rd.

1513 Cameron Rd. Allenton, MI 48002 586-822-1001.





Packing for Camp?? Here's what to bring...

- Warm evening clothes, cool daytime clothes
- **Pillow & bed linens or sleeping bag—camp cannot provide this**
- Bath towels & wash cloths, soap & shampoo, other toiletries
- Swimsuit and beach towel, sunscreen & bug spray
- Dress up clothes for Survivor Service and Sunday church
- Bible
- Flashlight, fishing gear, tennis racquet, softball mitt
- Musical instruments
- Spending money for the Survivor store, Candy Lady and A-Mart (\$20 is plenty)

Almont is not responsible for lost or stolen items – leave expensive electronics at home!



Almont's Rules For a Happy Camp Include...

- I. Everyone is expected to take part in all activities.
- II. Medications for all campers aged 5-17 must be turned in to the Health Services Manager in their original container. Adults must securely store any medications they bring in their living spaces. Over-the-counter medications will be stocked in the camp clinic and will be distributed by the Health Services Manger as required.
- III. Waterfront regulations apply to everyone and will be explained during the opening of camp.
- IV. **No alcoholic beverages are allowed in common areas.** Anyone under 21 years of age with alcohol will be sent home.
- V. No guns or weapons of any kind (real or toy).
- VI. **Pets are not permitted without advanced approval by the Director.**
- VII. If you are a non-registered visitor to Almont Summer School, you must leave by 11 p.m. No overnight stays are allowed for non-registered visitors. Visitors are also expected to participate in all camp activities and programs.
- VIII. No one under 18 is allowed to smoke on the premises
- IX. All buildings are smoke-free. Smoking is only permitted in designated outdoor locations.
- X. **No marijuana or illegal drugs of any kind are allowed. If you are in possession of these substances you will be asked to leave camp**

Think you'd like to be on staff?
We need you!



Almont Summer School is a success each year because of you. Over 100 of us can live, work and play together because we share the responsibilities of making sure everyone is safe, has good food to eat, lots of fun activities to do and opportunities to learn about life's wonder and meaning. In order to make Almont Summer School affordable for all of us, we use a system of allowing full or partial compensation for the different staff positions required to run our camp.

- ◆ Dorm parents receive full compensation. **Note: Dorm parents must arrive on Saturday by noon to welcome campers to their dorm.**
- ◆ We have openings for teachers, daytime recreation director, arts & crafts director, dining room supervisor, dining room runners, and childcare persons, and more. Please contact Craig or Betsy for compensation, job descriptions, and availability.

If you would like to be on staff, please contact Betsy Aldrich at 517-256-5069 or betsylau@yahoo.com. **Please apply ASAP. All staff members must be present at the staff meeting at 6:30p.m. Saturday evening.** Anyone applying for a job will receive instructions and assistance in learning about the work required. We are looking for responsible staff members who will take pride in their contributions to our camp. **We encourage any person who thinks they want to do a job to contact us ASAP!** We value everyone's help.



Hey Campers! It's Your Birthday!



To commemorate our camp's 125th birthday (1899-2024), the Almont Auxiliary (Women's Group) will sponsor their biggest birthday party ever on Tuesday evening. A picnic featuring giant sub sandwiches and side dishes will take the place of the regular evening meal, and dessert will be frozen treats from a visit by the Kona Ice truck! Don't miss this big birthday bash!



Almont - a place for all ages!



Teens



Adults



Babies everywhere



Kids, Kids, Kids!



Almont - an
ageless
place!



Registration

Registration deadline to avoid a late fee is **July 6th**. Registration is not considered complete until payment is received.

The link to register is:

<https://almonthnewchurchassembly.org/new-church-assembly/#register> Or you can find the link at <https://almonthnewchurchassembly.org> or on the **Almont Summer School Facebook page**.

When registering be prepared with the following:

Names, Birthdates, Grades (in Fall), & dorm preference for everyone

Address

Phone number

Email address

Days attending

Special Dietary Needs

Known Allergies

Special Health & Behavior Limits

Special Need

Medical or Physical Problems

Medications

All Immunizations Current?

Insurance Information

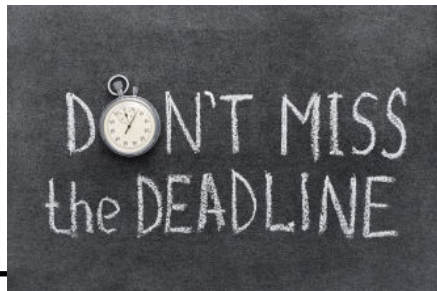
Emergency Contact Person: Name & phone number

If you are unable to fill out the online registration and need a paper form, please contact our Registrar Heidi Barnaby at 989-763-8858 or heidibarnaby.anca@gmail.com

All Campers not PAYING and filling out the online registration form before July 6th will be charged a \$25 late fee.

LAST DAY TO PAY IS JULY 13th.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER JULY 6TH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED





Sponsor Program

The sponsor program allows a limited number of youths to attend camp without parents. The adult sponsor attends camp and agrees to perform certain duties in place of the parent. Parents must arrange for a sponsor prior to camp.

These guidelines are strictly followed:

1. Children ages 5-17 who are at camp without a parent must have an adult sponsor who has signed the form below.
2. Sponsors agree to the following duties:
 - a. Ensure that the child takes part in all camp activities.
 - b. Care for the child in case of illness including emergency room trips or taking the child home.
 - c. Be present at bedtime (for children in the Little Dorm) to assist dorm parents.
 - d. See that the child takes daily showers and has laundry done as needed.
 - e. If sponsoring a small child, sit with the child at meals and help them at the buffet line.
 - f. Hold on to any expensive electronics
 - g. Consult the Director in case of disciplinary action.
 - h. **No one should sponsor more than 3 children.**

Sponsor Information Form will be electronically sent to you if you register a child who needs a sponsor

Information that will be needed:

Child's Name & Age

Arrival & Departure Dates

Sponsor's Name

Who the Child will Depart With

Copy or photo of insurance card

Ways To Pay

- Mail a **check** payable to ANCA to: 120 White Fox CV, Round Rock, TX 78664
- **Zelle** to 586-822-1001 This is a bank to bank transfer that not all banks offer. Check with yours to find out. It is free!
- **PayPal** to almontretreats@gmail.com - we are charged a fee for this so please add **3%** to cover this cost.

RATE INFORMATION

Room and Board Rates:

Up to 4 yrs. old (staying in parent's room)....No Charge

5-12 years old.....\$175/week

13-17 years old.....\$225/week

Adults (18 & up).....\$275/week

Camping.....\$245/week or \$45/day

Daily rates: Adults-\$50/day; Teens-\$42/day; Children-\$35/day.

Registration fee: **No fee if registered and paid before July 6.** \$25 per person after July 6. Register and pay early and avoid the fee!

Once your online registration is received and any job requests are verified the registrar will contact you with your amount due.

**REGISTRATIONS & PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT
CAMP**





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*Almont is on-line! Check us out at
www.almontnewchurhassembly.org*