

Almont  
Summer School  
July 12-20, 2025



“The Magic  
Key”



## From the Spiritual Program Coordinator

I am excited to share the topic for camp in 2025 – Correspondences: A Magic Key\* to the Bible and Our Natural World. An example is a small bird darting through your sight. You may hardly notice it. Jesus reminds us that even the tiny sparrow is important (Matt. 10:29). This little bird corresponds to a spiritual thought that may flit through your mind. Through these earthly natural things, God is continually trying to communicate with us. Pay attention. Take time to notice the world around you. Pause. What fills your spirit when you see an inspiring gliding bird? What is the special spiritual thought you might have missed if you did not pay attention, just like you could miss seeing the gift of the bird? Swedenborg's correspondences can open our eyes, hearts and minds to experience the Spirit of Holiness in a personal way.

Correspondences are alive, like the world around us. They are real, dynamic and ongoing. They have much to teach us. And through lectures and classes at Almont Summer Camp, we will explore this Magic Key\* to open the Word to a deeper understanding and to open our world to draw us closer to God.

\*Joyce Fekete wrote the first pamphlet titled "The Magic Key" in the early 70's. It is being edited by Kurt Fekete, Beki Greenwood, and Jim Lawrence and will be reprinted for everyone to get a new copy at Camp, dedicated to Joyce and her love of Correspondences and Almont. Rev. Jane



## From the Director

Dear Campers,

As we make preparations to gather and Live the Golden Rule this summer, I am excited to announce that our camp will be experiencing not only a resurgence of returning staff but having a handful of individuals taking on new leadership roles. We look forward to everyone's contribution to making camp fun and memorable. If you are feeling moved to join us as a staff member this session, please reach out to myself or Ronnie Viges to discuss your interest further. In addition to these leadership changes, I'm excited to introduce a new schedule this year! I would like to thank those

individuals who took the time to fill out the post-camp survey after last year's camp session, as some of these changes are based on that feedback.

This year's theme focuses on honoring one of our camp's precious jewels, Joyce Fekete, and her work in helping to bring the understanding of Swedenborgian correspondences to life. *The Magic Key* will serve as a guiding light to unlocking the mysteries deep within Emanuel's works as well as the Bible. Our sincerest hope is that you will use this key to open many spiritual doors in your every day.

Hurrah for the Red! Craig Carson



## Arrive and Sign In Please

For Summer School, plan on arriving Saturday afternoon, July 12. Dorm parents will be welcoming campers to their dorms between 1 and 3:00 p.m. (Dorms will not be open Friday night.)



### Check-In Procedure

- Visit the Registrar, Betsy Aldrich, under the big tent between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. to receive your housing assignment, information guide and daily schedule. Any campers arriving after 3:00 p.m. must find the Registrar upon arrival.
- Campers ages 5-17 are to meet with the Health Services Manager 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.
- Note: Following check-in, if both parents of youth campers (5-17 years old) must leave campus without their child for any reason, an appropriate Staff Member, who agrees to care for the child during their absence, must be identified to the Director. Anyone leaving campus must fill out the sign-out sheet on Big House front porch.

Completed registration and medical forms should be sent in before arrival. **Send all payments prior to June 20th. Please add a \$25 late fee to payments after June 20th.**



### Check-Out Procedure

Parents or Sponsors are to meet with their child's dorm parent prior to leaving to ensure all belongings have been accounted for. All medications which were checked in at the clinic must be collected from the Health Services Manager.

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 9 -  
Friday, July 11



1. Pre-Camp will open at 2pm on Wednesday July 9th
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 many 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 loving donation to offset expenses would be appreciated.

# LOOK

- Almont Summer School's first priority will always be the safety and well-being of the children at camp. Therefore, while not prohibited, alcohol **MUST** be stored and consumed responsibly. Adults who are 21 and over may consume alcoholic beverages in moderation while at camp, but must always be considerate of other campers and how their choice to do so may impact them. When consuming alcohol in public spaces, we ask that you transfer the beverage into another container and dispose of any cans or bottles into designated recycling bins. **NOTE: Alcohol consumption during the camp session is a privilege and must be done respectfully or not at all!**
- 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: kickball, 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.



- \* Annual Meeting of the Almont New Church Assembly: Saturday, July 19, at 4:15. 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.
- \* A New Offering for Teens and Adults – The Swedenborgian Discovery Group. We will gather each afternoon (M-F) at 4:45 pm to discuss questions that the teens have asked and the questions you bring. From teens: “What is unique in Swedenborg’s teachings compared to other Christian denominations or world religions? How can I find Swedenborg in everyday issues of life, including politics? What is it about camp that makes it “Swedenborgian”?” Each day will have a different theme and different minister leader.



## Teen Activities

Almont 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? Make your own fun and bring new games or DIY supplies or 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.

# What's the Schedule??

## Summer School Opening Saturday, July 12th:

1-3:00 p.m.	Open Registration at tent, Dorm Welcoming
<b>3-4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Welcome Meeting in Chapel</b>
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:45 p.m.	Staff Meeting in Dining Room
8:00 p.m.	Dorm/House Meetings

## Sunday, July 13th

8-10:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
10:45 a.m.	Flag Raising
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Lunch	
Afternoon	Activities (swimming, crafts, recreation)
Evening	Flag lowering, chapel and group activities for all campers

## Monday, July 14th - Friday, 18th

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

**Our week-day daily schedule is changing a bit this year. Please refer to the guidebook you will receive at registration check-in for the details.**

## Saturday, July 19th

Morning	Flag raising, chapel, classes
Lunch & Rest hour	
2:45-3:15 p.m.	All Camp Swim
4:15 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.)
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:15 p.m.	Closing worship service

## Sunday, July 20th

8-9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Farewell Meeting in Chapel—clean-up instructions
10-12:00pm	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.

**Due to the age and historic nature of the buildings, air conditioning is an amenity that is not 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

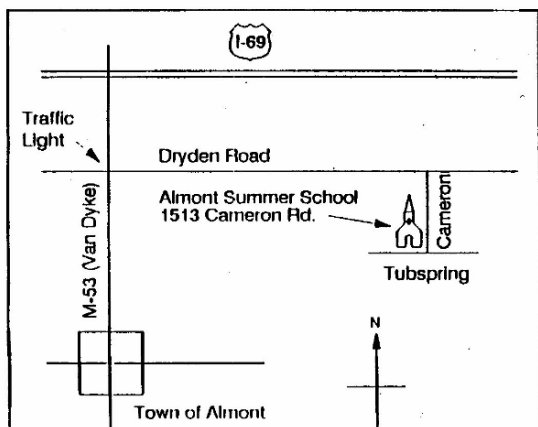
If you are 18 you must stay in Adult Housing.

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

### **Optional:**

- Dress clothes for Survivor Service and Sunday church
- Bible
- Flashlight, fishing gear, softball mitt, etc.
- Musical instruments
- Spending money for the Survivor store, Candy Lady and A-Mart (\$40 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 Manager as required.
- III. Waterfront regulations apply to everyone and will be explained during the Welcome Meeting.
- IV. Alcoholic beverages must be stored & consumed responsibly. Anyone under 21 years of age found 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 daily visitor to Almont Summer School, you must vacate the grounds by 11 p.m. Daily visitors are expected to participate in all camp activities and programs, and must pay for any meals provided.
- VIII. No one under 21 may smoke or vape while at Almont Summer School.
- IX. All buildings are smoke-free. Smoking or vaping 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 sent home.**

# 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.

If you would like to be on staff, please contact Ronnie Vigés at 517-977-4127 or [ronnievigés1@gmail.com](mailto:ronnievigés1@gmail.com). **Please apply ASAP. All staff members must be present at the staff meeting at 6:45p.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.



# 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 **June 20th**. Registration is not considered complete until payment is received.

**The link to register is:**

<https://almontnewchurchassembly.org/new-church-assembly/#register> Or you can find the link at <https://almontnewchurchassembly.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

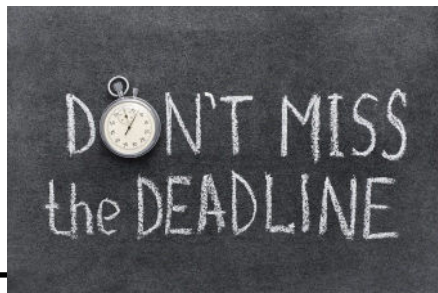
Emergency Contact Person: Name & phone number

If you are unable to fill out the online registration and need a paper form, please contact our Registrar Betsy Aldrich at 517-256-5069 or [betsylau@yahoo.com](mailto:betsylau@yahoo.com)

**All Campers not PAYING and filling out the online registration form before June 20th will be charged a \$25 late fee.**

**LAST DAY TO PAY IS JULY 5th.**

**REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER JUNE 20TH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**





## ***Sponsor Program***

Almont Summer School is a Family camp which provides a shared experience for all ages. As such, we do not have traditional summer camp counselors who are responsible for the care of the youth during all hours of the day. Parents/guardians are required to provide care outside of scheduled programming activities and dorm hours.

The sponsor program allows a limited number of youth campers to attend the session without their parent/guardian by assigning an adult to provide this care in their parent/guardian's stead. The adult sponsor must be a Staff Member who agrees to perform these duties in place of the parent/guardian. Sponsors must be arranged prior to the camp registration deadline and are subject to approval by the Director.

If the Sponsor needs to leave campus for any reason, an appropriate Staff Member, who agrees to care for the sponsoree during their absence, must be identified to the Director.

Please note that no one may 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

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

Just coming for a day? Meal fees: \$5 Breakfast, \$10 Lunch, \$15.00 Dinner

Registration fee: **No fee if registered and paid before June 20.** \$25 per person after June 20. 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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