

# Almont Summer School July 11-19, 2026



The 7 Days of Creation:  
Swedenborg's Guide to  
Our Spiritual Journey



## **From the Spiritual Program Coordinator**

The fun thing about our theme this year: The Seven Days of Creation, is finding something for all ages within the story. The youngest children can explore the sequence of creation of the sky, land, plants, stars, birds, fish, creepy crawly things, and people, with nature all around them at camp. Older children learn of the correspondences within our lives of all the things that were created. With each successive age the story gets more personal, and we uncover the gift that Emanuel Swedenborg laid out with the parallel story of the creation of our own spiritual journeys. The Creation Story becomes useful to our lives.

And there's more! This year Dr. Elliott Bazzano, Professor of Religion, will lead afternoon sessions to learn about creation stories within other traditions and cultures and how they relate to our story. For we know as Swedenborg said, "All things are connected and anything unconnected would disappear." Rev. Jane



## **From the Director**

Dear Campers,

I am beyond excited to join you for another year of Almont Summer School! We are pleased to welcome back many of our wonderful staff members, along with some exciting new lecturers, to help present this year's theme.

Our mission is to create opportunities to live our faith and practice love in ways that bring us closer to unity with the Divine. This year, our camp activities will incorporate the Creation Story and the symbolism of each day as we explore how these elements guide our spiritual growth.

I invite you to join us and help bring this unique experience to life!

Hurrah for the Red! Craig Carson



## Arrive and Sign In Please

For Summer School, plan on arriving Saturday afternoon, July 11. Dorm parents will be welcoming campers to their dorms between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. (Dorms will not be open Friday night.)



### Check-In Procedure

- Visit the Registrar, Betsy Aldrich, under the big tent between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. to receive your housing assignment, information guide and daily schedule. Any campers arriving after 2:00 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.

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### 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 8 -  
Friday, July 10



1. Pre-Camp will open at 2pm on Wednesday July 8th
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 18, at 4:15 pm. 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.
- \* An Offering for Teens and Adults – We will gather each afternoon (Monday-Thursday) at 4:45 pm with Dr. Elliott Bazzano to learn about creation stories within other traditions and cultures and how they relate to our story.



## 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? 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 11th:

- noon-2:00 p.m. Open Registration at tent, Dorm Welcoming  
2:00 p.m. Barb Tourangeau's memorial service (optional)  
**3-4:00 p.m. Welcome Meeting in Chapel**  
5:30 p.m. Dinner  
6:45 p.m. Staff Meeting in Dining Room  
8:00 p.m. Dorm/House Meetings

## Sunday, July 12th

- 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 13th - Friday, 17th

- 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

**Please refer to the guidebook you will receive at registration check-in for the details about the daily schedule.**

## Saturday, July 18th

- 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 19th

- 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 rooms 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

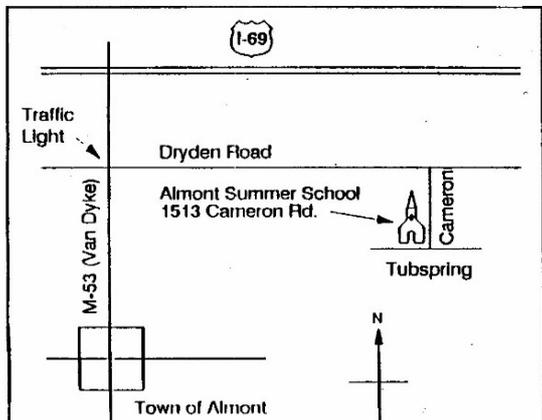
If you are 18 you must stay in Adult Housing.

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 Manger 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



Kids, Kids, Kids!



Almont - an ageless place!



# Registration

Registration deadline is **June 19th**. 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

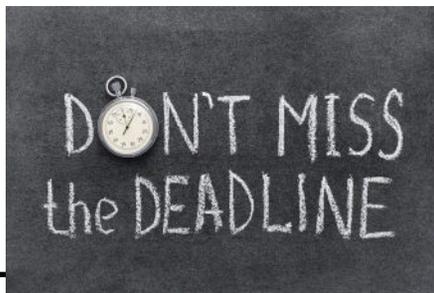
All Immunizations Current?

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)

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## *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](mailto: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 19.** \$25 per person for payments after June 26. 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.

For those who find the cost to be a barrier to attending, please reach out to the registrar to discuss your situation. A scholarship fund is available for those in need thanks to generous campers and grants.





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