



Frequently Asked Questions

What is Camp Central?

Camp Central is a 3-day overnight leadership and college readiness experience at Central Michigan University for rising high school juniors and seniors.

Students will build confidence, develop leadership skills, strengthen teamwork, and get a firsthand look at college life while living on campus.

Who can attend Camp Central?

Camp Central selects rising 11th and 12th grade students from CMU partner schools, including:

- Jalen Rose Leadership Academy
- Summit Academy North
- West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science
- Countryside Academy

When and where is Camp Central?

Camp will take place June 23–26, 2026 on the campus of Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Where will students stay?

Students will stay in Wheeler Hall on CMU's campus.

- Students will be housed in two-bedroom, suite-style units
- 2 students per room
- Students will share a bathroom within the unit

Is the camp supervised?

Yes. Students will be supervised by trained camp counselors and CMU staff throughout the entire program, including in the residence halls.

How much does Camp Central cost?

Camp Central is completely free for all selected students. This includes:

- Housing
- Meals
- Program activities
- Camp t-shirt and additional camp swag

Is transportation provided?

Bus Transportation will be arranged for students attending schools in the Metro Detroit area (including Jalen Rose Leadership Academy and Summit Academy North).

Students attending schools outside of the Metro Detroit area (including West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science and Countryside Academy) are expected to provide their own transportation to and from CMU's campus.

Will students need spending money?

While all meals, housing, and program activities are provided, there may be optional items students wish to purchase (such as items from the campus bookstore or vending areas).



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What should my student bring to camp?

A **suggested packing list is included in this packet** to help students prepare for Camp Central. Students should plan to bring:

- Comfortable clothing and walking shoes
- Toiletries and personal items
- Any approved medications (see medication policy below)

Please review the packing list carefully to ensure your student is fully prepared.

What will students do at Camp Central?

Students will participate in a variety of activities designed to support leadership development, teamwork, and college readiness, including:

- Leadership development sessions
- Team-building activities
- College readiness workshops
- Campus tours
- Student panels and engagement with CMU faculty and staff
- Recreational and community-building activities

An **itinerary is included in this packet** so families know what to expect.

Will students have access to their phones?

Yes, students may bring their phones and personal devices. However, they are expected to be used appropriately and not interfere with participation in camp activities.

Please note: **Central Michigan University is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal items or electronics.**

What happens if my student needs medical attention?

If a student requires medical attention during Camp Central:

- Camp staff will respond and take appropriate action.
- The medical release form included in this packet provides permission for care.
- Parents/guardians authorize treatment at McLaren Central Michigan Hospital or another nearby facility.
- Families will be contacted as soon as possible.

How are medications handled?

For the safety of all students:

- Students **are not allowed to keep prescription or non-prescription medications in their dorm rooms.**
- All medications must be turned in to camp staff at check-in.

Camp staff will:

- Track and administer scheduled medications.

Over-the-counter medications (such as Tylenol or Advil) will be available as needed, provided there are **no allergies or restrictions noted.**



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Can students leave campus during camp?

No. Students are expected to remain on campus for the duration of the program unless prior arrangements are made with camp staff.

Is there a parent or guardian orientation?

Yes. We will host a **virtual Parent/Guardian Orientation** on:

June 3, 2026 | 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Additional details will be shared after acceptance.

How do students apply?

Students must:

- Scan the QR code found in this packet.
- Complete the online application by May 15, 2026.
- Submit all required information.
- Return all required waivers to their school.

Who do I contact with questions or concerns?

Please contact Shanese Ross-Pierrie, Camp Central Director at ross2sm@cmich.edu or 313-283-1613.