# **GATEWAY GETAWAY**





# March 7-9, 2025

At Village Creek, you'll have the opportunity to deepen your connection with your church family, fostering lasting friendships while being challenged and encouraged in your walk with the Lord. Together, we create meaningful memories that inspire confidence and prepare us to face the world and make a difference.

Enjoy a wide range of activities, delicious meals, impactful chapel sessions, and uplifting conversations around the table. This family retreat is designed to be a weekend of connection—drawing closer to your loved ones, your church family, and your Heavenly Father.

#### Gateway Getaway Fees:

Adult (18+) \$130 Teens (13-17) \$110 Youth (5-12) \$80

Child (2-4) \$50

Infant (0-1) no charge

first come
first serve
to get a room
with a private
bath

Each family will be housed in a room with a queen or full size bed and bunkbeds, and with a bathroom attached or nearby. Price includes many activities, food, and housing. Meals served during the weekend include: Friday night snack; Saturday breakfast, lunch, supper and snack; and Sunday brunch. Supper on Friday is optional for additional fee.

## **Tentative Schedule**

#### <u>Friday</u>

5:30 Supper (Optional with additional fee)

7:00 Welcome Session/Worship

**8:30** Hayride and Snack

9:15 Adult Activity

#### **Saturday**

8:00 Breakfast 9:00 Session 1

**10:15** Session 2

11:00 Activities Open: Bungee Trampoline,

Archery, Pony Rides, Creature Feature, Gun Range (bring your own guns), Gym,

and Gameroom

**12:30** Lunch

1:30 Afternoon Activities: Volleyball, Hiking,

Crafts, Horses (\$), Trap Shooting (\$), and

more!

**5:30** Supper

**7:00** Session 3

8:30 Campfire and Snacks

**9:15** Adult Activity

#### **Sunday**

**9:30** Chapel **11:00** Brunch

Settle Up and Departure







# Whisper to Wonder When God's Voice Ignites Bold Faith

In our sessions at Village Creek, join us for "Whisper to Wonder." It'll be a unique retreat experience designed to help you recognize God's gentle voice and respond with fearless faith. You'll here from our Gateway Pastors: Pastor Jeff and Pastor Peter.

In a world of constant noise, it's easy to miss the subtle ways God speaks to us. During this journey at Village Creek Bible Camp, we'll explore practical tools for listening to God's whispers—through prayer, Scripture, and personal reflection—and discover how that attentive posture can lead to bold, transformative action in our everyday lives. If you've been longing to go deeper in your walk with God and experience authentic spiritual growth, Gateway Getaway is for you!

### Come expecting to:

- Develop a lifestyle of listening to God.
- Overcome fear and uncertainty by rooting yourself in His truth.
- Take concrete, courageous steps of obedience—even in the small things.

**Don't miss this opportunity** to move from a place of quiet surrender to one of bold, wonder-filled faith. We can't wait to see how God will work in and through you as you learn to hear His whisper and step into the wonder He has in store.

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### Where is it located?

Village Creek is located in the heart of Northeast Iowa, in an area regarded as "Little Switzerland". Camp is situated in the Mississippi River Valley, and there are bluffs and hills throughout the 220 acres of property. 1588 Drake Rd; Lansing, IA





## What are the accommodations like?

#### **LODGE**

The Lodge houses ten family rooms on three levels. Recently renovated shared bath rooms and a common room in the building allow for a unique community feel. Each room is air conditioned and has a full size bed and multiple twin bunkbeds. The craft room is located on the ground level of this converted milking barn - the history is still evident in the rough sawn rafters!

#### **HECKMAN HOUSE**

Four rooms with private bathrooms upstairs and six downstairs. All rooms have a queen bed and multiple twin bunkbeds. The lower level is ADA accessible. All the rooms are air conditioned and there is a deck on the upstairs portion with a beautiful view of Village Creek.

#### **BUNKHOUSE**

The Bunkhouse is located just next to the Heckman House and houses four families in the upstairs private bathrooms. Rooms are air-conditioned and have a full size bed and multiple twin bunkbeds. The lower level of this building is our Indoor Chapel.

#### **CABINS**

The 500 cabins are camps newest housing. Each cabin has a queen bed, private bathroom and multiple twin bunkbeds. All rooms are air conditioned and heated.

# What about WiFi?

Internet is available in the Dining Hall for adult guests. Stop by the office for the password.

# What about the meals at Village Creek?

You are welcome in the dining hall at any time during your stay at Village Creek! Coffee and hot water for tea are always available, and help yourself to a seat on the couches near the fireplace - curl up with a good book or chat with a friend! The kitchen provides flavorful, healthy food choices that are served buffet style. At mealtimes, once you are seated at a table, our hosts will dismiss you to walk through the food line.



# What about specific food needs?

We are aware of the growing number of food allergies and intolerances that make eating away from home a challenge, and we attempt to accommodate those and other food choices as best as we can. It is helpful to have a heads up to be best prepared; please indicate all needs in your registration. Please be specific as that will help the kitchen team. Feel free to bring some of your preferences, such as non-dairy milks and special food items, to supplement our abilities; we have a convenient storage area and fridge for you in the dining hall. When you arrive at camp, please check in with the staff in the kitchen to discuss the menu and available alternatives.

### What are some of the activities?

**Bouldering Wall** 

Broomball

Carpetball

Crafts (\$)

Creature Feature

**Fishing** 

Frisbee Golf

Gaugau

Giant's Ladder (\$)

Gun Range (Bring your own gun and ammo)

Gym/Game Room

Hiking

Leap of Faith (\$)

Model Rockets (\$)

Pickleball

Playground

Pony Rides

Rappel (\$)

Trail Rides (\$)

Trampoline

Trap Shooting (\$)

Tree Climb (\$) (must fit in the harness)

Winter Tubing

Zip Line (\$)













# Is there a Canteen and Campstore?

Canteen and Campstore are located in the Activity Center. Each family can run a "tab" throughout the week and settle up on the final day of camp. There's a list of family names; please write the item amount next to your name.

## Is there Coffee?

Coffee is available in the Dining Hall any time of the day or night.

# Is there a Laundry Room?

The Laundry room in the Lodge is available for your use at no cost; please bring detergent from home.

# What about Quiet Hours?

Respect other family campers during quiet hours (9:30pm to 7am), as well as afternoon nap times. Carpet Ball closes from 9:00pm to 7:30am.

Curfew for kids is 9:30, unless accompanied by an adult. Parents, please know where your children are at all times.

# What about Check-in?

More info will be coming soon.

# What should I pack?

bedding (sheets, pillows, and	long pants and closed toed
blankets)	shoes for riding horses and
towels	challenge course
older clothes (it's camp!)	warm clothes
gym shoes	hat
old shoes for creek stomping	glasses/contacts and cleaning
laundry detergent	solution
laundry bag	prescription medication
alarm clock	sunglasses
shower caddy, personal items	
fan	If you forgot something, please check
lawn chairs	in with a staff member - we may have
Bible, pens, and paper	what you're looking for! If not, we can
camera	direct you to the nearest pharmacy,
water bottle	Wal-Mart, post office, or local
night light, flash light	department store.