

Our summer will begin with a week of training at Camp Grace. **We need all our summer staff at Camp Grace by 12:30 pm on Monday, June 2.** Lunch will be the official kick off to staff training. What does that mean for travel plans? Please see the info below. Most airlines have a “sweet spot” about 5 weeks before the flights for best prices so you will want to get busy if you haven’t looked for flights yet. These are one way tickets because we will end our summer in a different state!

The arrival day is probably Sunday June 1 for anyone flying. I suggest afternoon and evening arrivals into DEN (Denver International Airport). If you have questions please let me know. Once we know who all is flying in we will let you know more details on where to meet. We cannot accommodate Saturday arrivals and Monday would work if you find an arrival time in Denver before 9 am.

The plan right now is to have a shuttle bus leave Camp Assurance (near Georgetown, IL) very early on Sunday June 1 so if you would like that option (riding on the bus you will need to pay for or provide your own meals but we will be stopping overnight at a camp along the way and that will not cost you anything). You are welcome to arrive at Camp Assurance on Saturday to stay overnight. We will provide a grab and go breakfast. Please let me know if you would like to take advantage of this option.

Flight Info

We believe that most arrivals will need to be on **Sunday, June 1** to the **Denver International Airport, (DEN)**, to get to camp in time. We will run shuttles that day based on your flight times. We are assuming most of you will choose flights that arrive to DEN between 1 pm and 10 pm. It is about 3 1/2 hours from the airport to the camp. We will communicate details of the airport pick-ups with you closer to the date. Sometimes we ask those arriving early to find a comfortable spot to wait for others to arrive. It is a very bright and friendly atmosphere at the DEN airport. We will (when we get all of your flight information gathered) send you a text message or email with the phone numbers of others flying in that day so that you can connect with them if asked to wait for the shuttle. The airport itself is brightly lit, comfortable to be in and has plenty of options for snacks and food while you wait (if you need to.) There is no charge for us to meet you at the airport if you fly in on Sunday. If you are unable to fly on Sunday we can look at another trip to the airport on Monday June 2 if you can arrive before 9 am. If you need to fly on **Monday, June 2**, you need to land by 9:00 am. We ask for all staff to be on camp property in time for lunch on Monday, since that is the start of orientation and staff training!

For departure flights at the end of the summer, you may fly out on **Saturday, August 2 after 4 pm (IND)**, or on Sunday morning, August 3. One thing to take note of, Indianapolis is in a different time zone than Camp Assurance!

Other Travel Options:

Arrival by Car: Arrive to camp between 2 pm-10 pm on Sunday, June 1 or between 8:30 am-12:30 am on Monday, June 2. If you have questions please contact me before making final plans. If someone is dropping you off, they would be welcome to stay overnight on Sunday, just let me know in advance if you need lodging. We have very limited options for linens so let us know right away if you would like to take advantage of this option. There will be no noon meal served on Sunday but we will have something simple for an evening meal and breakfast on Monday.

Shuttle Bus from Camp Assurance with Paul Dickman: If you are able to meet the shuttle at Camp Assurance that would be ideal. We are thinking that a very early start on Sunday, June 1 would allow us to get a good portion of the trip done before stopping for the night. The fuel costs will be covered by camp but any expenses for food for that trip will not be covered so you should bring your own travel snacks and some money for fast food. We would be happy to have you arrive at Camp Assurance on Saturday evening May 31. You would want to have a sleeping bag, pillow and towel for the trip. We will provide a simple breakfast on Sunday morning.