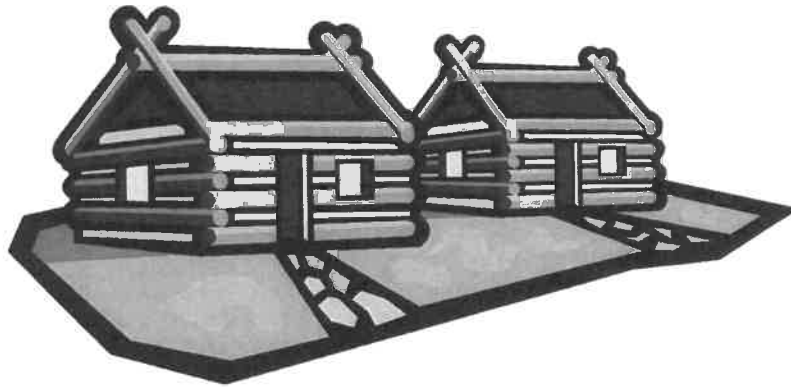


# Sixth Grade Camp

Oct. 6- Oct. 8, 2025

## Final Reminders Packet



### INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET:

- **LETTER TO PARENTS WITH IMPORTANT Reminders**
- **ADDRESS TO CAMP AND CAMP PHONE NUMBER**
  - **WHAT TO PACK**
  - **CURRICULUM**
  - **DRIVING DIRECTIONS**
  - **MAP OF CAMPGROUND**



## Hello Families! It's the one week countdown before 6th grade camp!

This packet will include all of the final information that you will need for your student's trip to Camp Copneconic. Please look over everything carefully so that you and your child will be prepared on Monday, October 6 when we leave for camp. *If you are not a member of East's Facebook page, I would recommend joining. I will be using this platform to post pictures and give camp updates.*

### Bring-along-list

See the list that is attached in this packet. I would like to stress several items to bring along or not bring along:

1. If it takes batteries, or plugs in, it should not be in the bag! Exception would be a flashlight.
2. Pack weather appropriate clothing. We spend 75% of the time outside, even at night, so please pack with that in mind. Layers, rain gear, and even gloves are all recommended!
3. Pack extra socks! They get dirty/wet quickly.
4. Pack a refillable water bottle - **label with student's name.**
5. A small cinch sack is helpful to carry their water bottle and other items in while we are in the woods.
6. Use a garbage bag to put their bedding/pillow into. Don't forget to put that "special" label on it to mark it as your child's. It's good to have a spare garbage bag for the way home, just in case the first one rips!
7. Because of possible wet weather, an extra pair of shoes and a \$1 store poncho can be helpful.
8. No money needed - there is nothing to buy at camp.
9. No snacks and/or candy. We do not want to encourage critters to come into cabins and we have many students with allergies!
10. **NO CELL PHONES** should be brought to camp. According to camp and school policy, the only way students can contact home is through a teacher.
11. I recommend that a parent helps their child to pack. I have found that students who pack their luggage themselves are not prepared for the weather or tend to under or overpack.
12. Speaking of overpacking, students carry their own luggage and bedding from the bus to their cabin. It's about a 5-10 minute walk. Making sure they can carry everything before you leave home on Monday is recommended.

### Monday Morning Reminders (October 6)

1. Make sure your child is fever free and feeling well enough to join us on our camp trip before dropping them off. Students that have a fever while at camp will be isolated and sent home immediately. Please keep the map and driving directions provided in this packet handy in case you get a call to come get your child from camp.
2. Please remember to make arrangements to bring your child to East on Monday morning. **STUDENTS CANNOT RIDE A PCCS SCHOOL BUS WITH THEIR LUGGAGE.**
3. Students may start arriving at 8:15 am on Monday and should arrive no later than 8:30 that morning. Drop off will be located near the gymnasium entrance. Students can find their travel group and cabin group by checking the posters outside the gym wall. At 8:15 am, we will allow students to enter the gym with their luggage and look for their cabin cone. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE LOT! DROP OFF AND GO, AS STAFF AND OUR CHARTER BUSES WILL NEED THE SPACE!**
4. Parents will not be allowed into the building. Say your goodbyes in your vehicles. I promise we will take great care of them and you will see them again two days later!

5. A station will be set up right outside the gym entrance for collecting any medications that are not already here at school. Please turn in meds in a freezer-sized Ziplock bag, marked with your child's name. Remember, you can only turn in what was clearly labeled on the health form and it must be in the original packaging! No loose pills allowed. If you have any changes for medication, you will need to fill in a new health form. Please ask for one prior to Monday morning so that you don't spend time filling it in the morning of camp.
6. If your child has medicine that is normally given here at East, it will be packed in a separate bag for staff to take to camp (unless you noted otherwise on your form).
7. **Students that have inhalers and EpiPens should keep that with them at all times while at camp for their own safety. A cinch sack to carry these is recommended.**
8. We will use East's Facebook page to post pictures from our trip. Please check periodically throughout the three days for pictures and updates.

### Wednesday Pick-up Procedures (October 8)

1. We will arrive back at East between 1:45 and 2:00 p.m. I will use East's Facebook page to give updates on our arrival time. Please make arrangements to have your child picked up at this time. Students will not be allowed into the building and need to go home. You may have another parent pick up your child, if needed. Bring your patience - the parking lot will be packed with **hundreds** of cars and people!
2. Luggage and students will be dropped off outside of the gym at East. **Please help unload luggage as the buses arrive. Students may not exit the bus until all luggage is removed.**
3. Medication given to us while at camp will be available for pick-up outside door 5's entrance.

### Also included in this packet for your convenience:

1. Directions to camp and a map (students that exhibit a fever will be isolated and sent home from camp immediately)
2. A list of the curriculum while at camp
3. A packing list

For your reference ~ Camp Emergency Phone Number 810-629-9622 (8-5 PM)

Your child will be very involved while at camp. We do not anticipate any behavior problems. However, if your child cannot handle him/herself in an appropriate manner, you will be called to pick up your child from camp. Refunds will not be given. Please discuss with your child how to make good choices while at camp, especially with our parent volunteers and camp staff.

I can't wait to start on our camping adventure next Monday! As always, if you have any last minute questions please email me at [melanie.formosa@pccsk12.com](mailto:melanie.formosa@pccsk12.com)

Happy Camping - Mrs. Formosa

# What to Pack for Camp Copneconic

## What-to-Bring Checklist

Proper clothing is crucial to a comfortable stay at camp. We run activities rain or shine, and sometimes the weather isn't always on our side. Please make sure to mark all personal belongings with the student's name. This is a multi-season list, so please edit accordingly.

### Bedding

- Sleeping Bag or Blanket
- Bottom Sheet or Fitted Sheet (Copneconic mattresses are Twin-Size)
- Pillow & Pillowcase

### Clothing

- Pajamas
- Daily changes of Socks & Underwear (Extra Socks during cold and wet months)
- Light T-Shirts
- Shorts, Jeans, or Pants (Depending on Season)
- Sweaters or Sweatshirts
- Warm or Light Jacket (Depending on Season)
- Rain Gear (**VERY IMPORTANT**)
- Waterproof Boots
- Hat and Mittens (**REQUIRED FOR WINTER**)
- Shoes (Should be closed-toe. Most of our activities require them)
  - A second pair of shoes, in case the first get wet, is recommended

### Personal Articles

- Toothpaste & Toothbrush
- Bath Towel(s) & Washcloth
- Comb & Brush
- Soap & Shampoo
- Chap stick & Sunblock (Depending on Season)

### General Equipment

- Water Bottle (**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**)
- Flashlight
- Large Plastic Bag for Dirty/Wet Clothing (Garbage Bags work great)
- Insect Repellent (NO Aerosol Sprays please - these are easily abused)

### Optional Equipment

- Pencil, Journal or Notebook
- Camera & Film (Disposable recommended - With student's name visible)
- Book
- Small card game

### Please Do Not Bring:

Pets/animals, money, cell phones, radios, CD players, iPods/MP3 players, knives, food, candy, gum, matches, cigarettes, firearms & archery equipment, blow dryers, electrical equipment, electronic games, or weapons of any sort. **We are a drug & alcohol free environment.** If alcohol or drugs are found or suspected, authorities may be notified. We cannot guarantee the safety of electronics and are not responsible for lost or damaged items. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a fun and safe environment!

Remember - no cell phones or other electronics !

# A Typical 3-Day Schedule

## **First Day**

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10:30	Arrival
10:45	Camp Orientation & Move In
11:30	<b>Lunch</b>
12:30	Project Earth Activity
1:30	Break
1:40	Project Earth Activity
2:40	Break
2:50	Project Earth Activity
3:50	Break
4:00	Project Earth Activity
5:00	Break
5:15	<b>Dinner</b>
6:15	Cabin Time
6:45	Evening Activity
8:00	<b>Snack</b> / Depart for Cabins
10:00	Lights Out / Quiet Hours

## **Last Day**

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7:45	Move Luggage Out of Cabins
8:15	Breakfast
9:15	Project Earth Activity
10:15	Break
10:25	Project Earth Activity
11:25	Break
11:30	Closing Ceremony & Slide Show
12:00	<b>Lunch</b> and Departure

## **Middle Days**

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8:15	<b>Breakfast</b>
9:15	Project Earth Activity
10:15	Break
10:25	Project Earth Activity
11:25	Break
11:30	<b>Lunch</b>
12:30	Project Earth Activity
1:30	Break
1:40	Project Earth Activity
2:40	Break
2:50	Project Earth Activity
3:50	Break
4:00	Project Earth Activity
5:00	Break
5:15	<b>Dinner</b>
6:15	Cabin Time
6:45	Evening Activity
8:00	<b>Snack</b> / Depart for Cabins
10:00	Lights Out / Quiet Hours

# East Camp Copneconic Curriculum 2025

## Archery

From Ancient Asia to Medieval Europe and Early America, the bow played a crucial role in civilization. Copneconic's version sees archers learn the basics of the sport, receive hands-on instruction, and partake in some friendly target competition.

## Canoeing

Mirroring early Americans of the past, students embark on a journey around Lake Copneconic. After a lesson on paddling and canoe safety, campers will take an expedition under the guidance of one of our lifeguard certified instructors.

## Disc Golf

Students will head out to our 9-Hole course and break into small groups to play a few rounds of this popular sport. First, instructors will demonstrate rules, proper throwing technique, and course safety. Campers elect to keep score if they wish, and will experience obstacles such as the 'Spaghetti Trap' and 'Sleepy Hollow Pumpkins.'

## Human Foosball

Human Foosball is an indoor or outdoor game where campers take the role of a Foosball Table, and remain in seated positions while playing a traditional game of soccer, with a few fun camp rules and twists! This activity is also a great indoor alternative for poor weather.

## Lost

In this imaginary scenario, the group has been stranded in the deep woods of Copneconic. They are taught the essentials of survival through a map and compass lesson, shelter building instruction, and a unique fire building challenge. Groups navigate from checkpoint to checkpoint (with an instructor) completing these tasks in order to survive. Each small group will earn and keep points by accomplishing their challenges, and hopefully keep enough points to survive the fierce Copneconic wilderness!

## **Creek Freak Zip Line**

Safely harnessed, participants will take an exhilarating zip line ride across camp's deep Swartz Creek ravine! Zip-liners will be caught on the far side of the creek and make the hike back up the hill to encourage their fellow zippers!

## **High Ropes**

'The Swing', 'Hour Glass' and 'Postman's Walk' are just some of the fun and challenging high ropes elements waiting to be conquered. The high ropes course is a two-story structure built with varying challenges. Students will step outside their comfort zone and choose a challenge suited to their ability. Self-confidence, encouraging others, and embracing new challenges are some of the skills students will strengthen during this unique experience.

## **Fishing**

This exciting class gives campers an opportunity to try their hand at some classic fishing on Lake Copneconic. Students will receive instruction before going out to our fishing dock with a life jacket, a fishing pole, and bait in search of 'Big Charlie' the Large Mouth Bass!

## **Horse Sense**

This interactive ranch class introduces horses and their behavior to participants. Campers will study a horse as it demonstrates its unique six senses and learn why and how domestic horses inherited these instincts from horses in the wild. Campers will then get to meet and hang out with some of Circle C Ranch's horses and ponies! Campers will not ride horses in this activity.

## **In Cold Blood**

Reptiles, amphibians, snakes, lizards and so much more will be covered during In Cold Blood. Students will get hands-on experience with many of our live creatures. Instructors discuss characteristics of cold-blooded animals, their unique features, and the role they play in our environment. Campers will discuss these topics, have their questions answered, and handle many of our cold-blooded friends if they choose to!

# Driving Directions to Camp Copneconic (from East Middle School)

← from East Middle School, 1042 S Mill St, Plymout...  
to YMCA Camp Copneconic, 10407 Fenton Rd, F...

1 hr 2 min (57.9 miles)



via US-23 N

Fastest route now, avoids crashes on I-96 W.

## East Middle School

1042 S Mill St, Plymouth, MI 48170

- > Get on M-14 W in Superior Township from Ann Arbor Rd

17 min (10.5 mi)

- > Follow US-23 N to W Thompson Rd in Fenton Township. Take exit 84 from US-23 N

37 min (43.8 mi)

7 min (3.6 mi)

- ↪ Turn right onto W Thompson Rd

2.1 mi

- ↶ Turn left onto Fenton Rd

0.9 mi

- ↪ Turn right onto Copneconic Dr

0.5 mi

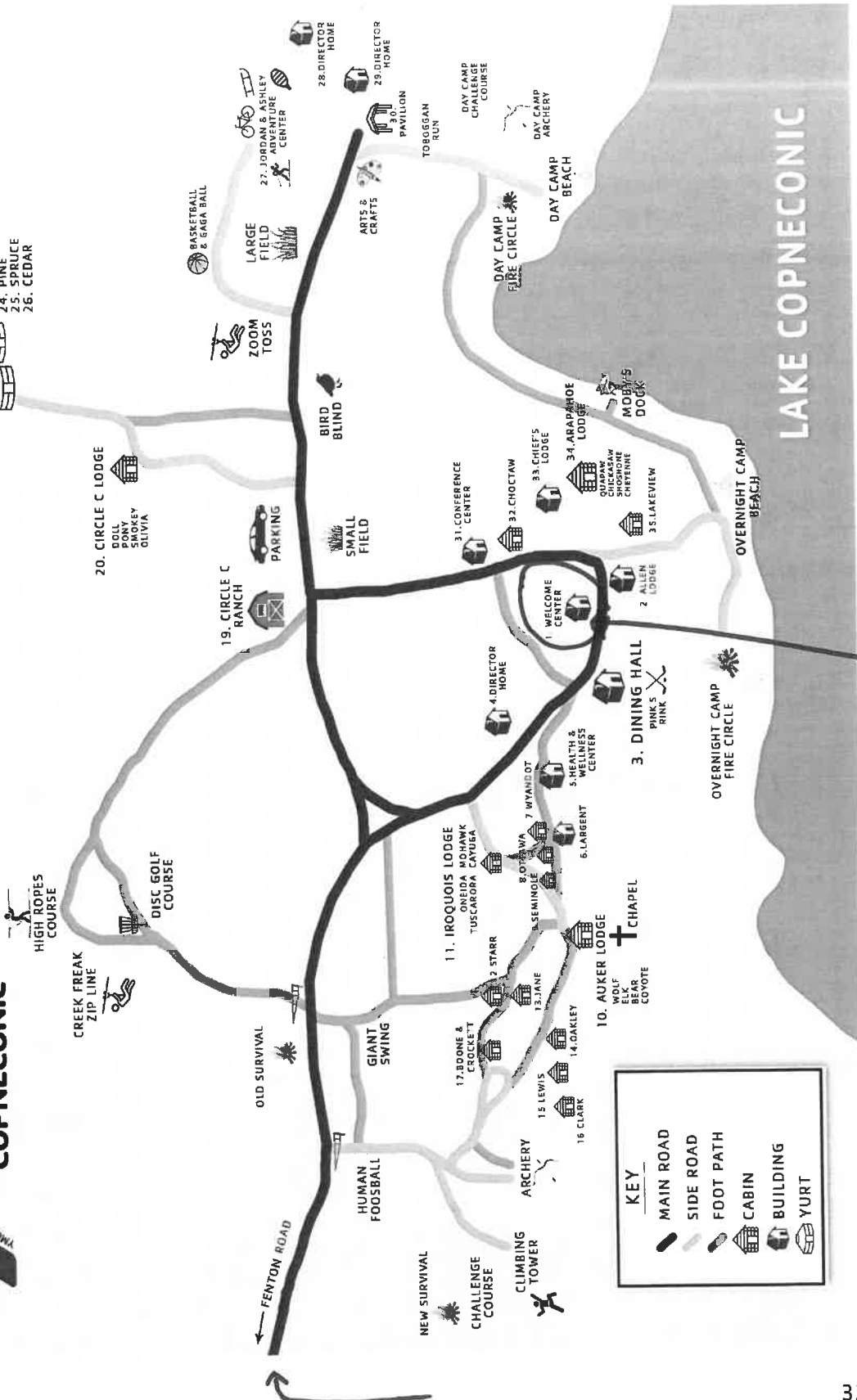
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📍 Destination will be on the right

## YMCA Camp Copneconic

10407 Fenton Rd, Fenton, MI 48430

**YURTS**  
21. MAPLE  
22. HICKORY  
23. OAK  
24. PINE  
25. SPRUCE  
26. CEDAR



**KEY**

- MAIN ROAD
- SIDE ROAD
- FOOT PATH
- CABIN
- BUILDING
- YURT

*If you need to pick up your child, this is where we will meet you*