



## Grosse Pointe Public School System Middle Schools

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Dear Incoming Fifth Grade Families,

We are so excited to welcome you and your student to middle school. As part of the transition, this fall we are heading off to **5th-grade camp**. We are excited for this camp experience to occur at the start of the year, for an opportunity to build relationships and connections amongst our new fifth-graders. We thought you might like some information now as you prepare for the adventure of middle school ahead.

### Details for Fall 2026 Fifth Grade Camp

- **Location:** Bair Lake Camp (BLBC), located in Jones, Michigan
- **Dates**
  - **Parcells:** Tuesday, September 15-Thursday, September 17
  - **Brownell:** Tuesday, September 29-Thursday, October 1
  - **Pierce:** Tuesday, September 22-Thursday, September 24
- **Activities:** ziplining, rock climbing, archery, discgolf, team building challenges
- **Cost: \$300 (Families in need of financial assistance can reach out confidentially to their building principal - see email address below)**
- **\$50 deposit due August 28th**
- **\$250 balance due September 11th**
- **Informational Meeting:** 5:30-6 p.m. prior to Back To School Night

During the first week of school, the 5th Grade Camp Packet will be passed out to students and it includes permission slips, medication forms, and liability waivers.

You can make your down payment of \$50.00 or pay the full amount of \$300.00 using the formstack sign up links below.

- [Brownell Formstack Sign Up & Paypal link](#)
- [Parcells Formstack Sign Up & Paypal link](#)
- [Pierce Formstack Sign Up & Paypal link](#)

GPPSS has been partnering with BLBC for many years and has a contract with the camp for this year. Please know that while there is "bible" in the official camp name, the camp experience will be secular. Camp helps to support a team atmosphere among students and staff, and helps students to build skills that extend beyond the classroom.

We are looking forward to a great camp experience this fall.

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