



# Hand in Hand

November 2024

## AUTUMN ABUNDANCE

Happy Thanksgiving! This autumn at camp we are thankful for the abundance of fall. Here is a glimpse at some of our fall activities.

- Manchester University Day
- 4 Afterschool program orientations
- 39 Afterschool sessions
- Bethel work day
- Northwood 7th grade
- Bethany high ropes
- 6 Homeschool days
- Hosted Outdoor Ministries Association retreat

Continue reading for ideas for winter fun, both indoors and out. Be sure to join us for our schools break day camps. Registration is open for both winter and spring break camps.

-Jessie K



## CONNECT AT CAMP

Dec. 7/8	Cookie Days	Jan. 25	Snow Camps
Dec. 7	Wreaths and Swags	Feb. 16	Eagle Watch
Dec. 9/11	Homeschool Adaptations	Feb. 12/14	Homeschool Wood
Dec.30—Jan 3	Winter Day Camp	Feb. 20—23	Scrap/ Craft Retreat
Jan. 20/22	Homeschool Water Wonders	March 8—9	Mother Daughter

***Please register 2 weeks in advance for events at [www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org)***

# 2024—2025 Homeschool Days at Camp Mack

**December 9/11: Awesome Adaptations**

**January 20/22: Water Wonders**

**February 10/12: You Wood No Believe It**

**March 10/12: Medieval Day**

**April 14/16: Survival Day**

*Additional details at [www.campmack.org/homeschool](http://www.campmack.org/homeschool).  
Limit 20 students per session.*

Follow *CampAlexanderMackOE* on Facebook for events, photos, and educational tidbits.



## **Who will eat the pumpkins?**

### **A Trail Cam Mystery**

During a rainy Monday afternoon, afterschool campers designed, cleaned, and carved pumpkins. For many, it was their first time ever carving a pumpkin.

They didn't take their pumpkins home, but instead we piled them in the wilderness area at camp and put out a trail cam to see who would visit.

Over the last few weeks, we have seen dozens of deer, a family of raccoons, numerous turkeys, foxes, two coyotes, a cat, and even a few squirrels nibbling on the pumpkins.

It has been enjoyable to use a trail cam to get a glimpse into the diversity of the wildlife at camp. Earlier this year we even saw an otter family, mink, great blue herons, muskrat, and more at the beaver dam under the bridge.

Trail cams aren't the only way we discover the mysteries of camp. Our campers get lessons in reading tracks and looking for other signs such as scat, feathers, and fur. How will you discover the wonders around you?



# Winter Fun!



## Pancake Art

Pancake art is a favorite indoor activity among our campers. Make some at home for delicious edible art.

### Supplies:

Electric Griddle, spatula, squeeze bottle, table knife

### Ingredients:

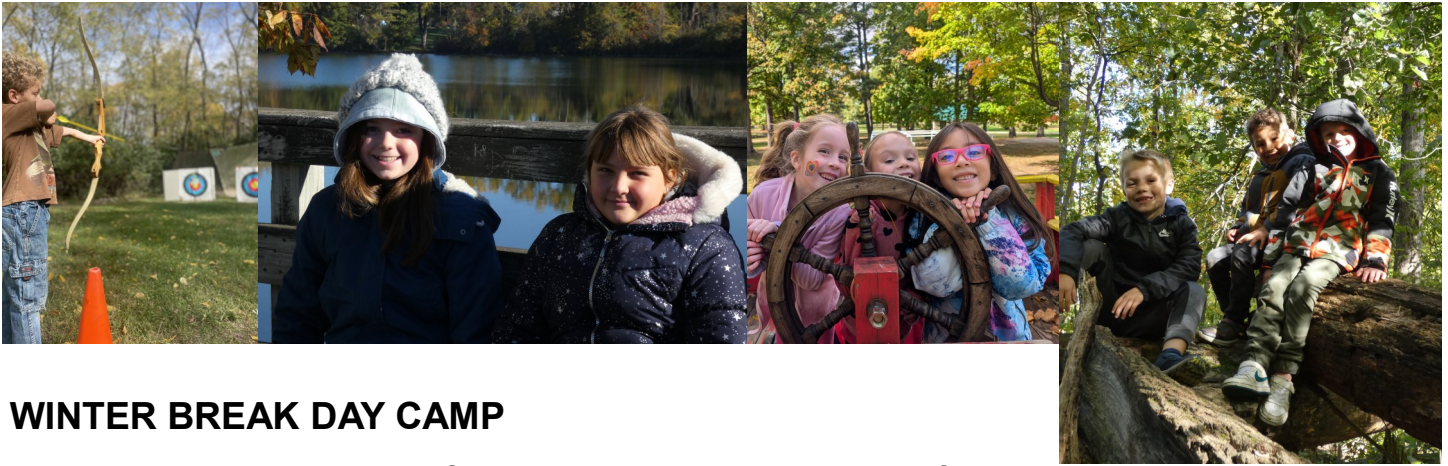
Pancake Mix (I prefer the Krusteaz brand where you just add water but we also made pancakes with a gluten free mix and added more liquids), food colors (I used gels), pancake syrup, water

### Instructions:

1. Prepare the pancake batter. We did not follow any specific measurements, but added enough liquid to make the batter the consistency of melted ice cream (or just a bit thicker). Use a hand mixer to get it super smooth.
2. Add pancake batter to squeeze bottles. Add a few drops of food coloring to the batter and stir with a table knife.
3. Preheat griddle temperature to 200 F degrees for 15 minutes. Lightly oil the surface
4. With the bottle tip close to the griddle, start with the outline of your picture and then add other layers. These layers can overlap previous layers. We loved adding a final outline to the picture to make it stand out more.
5. Once the picture is complete, turn the griddle up to 250 degrees F.
6. Forget everything you know about pancakes, and DO NOT flip the pancake when you see bubbles. Allow the pancake to turn from glossy to matte (loses all of its shininess). Now you may flip your pancake out onto a plate and admire your creation. (We used a spatula to loosen the pancake edges all the way around before making the flip.
7. Add syrup and enjoy. (For little hands, tearing the pancake into strips and dipping in a small cup of syrup worked well for snacking)







# WINTER BREAK DAY CAMP

Hope you enjoyed some of the memories posted above from Fall Break Day Camp. We are pleased to offer day camps over school breaks to provide childcare for families and great activities for kids ages Kindergarten-5th grade. Sign up today for a week of fun, December 30-January 3. It is only \$150 a week with 2 snacks and a lunch provided. Early arrival and late pick up options are available for an additional fee. 8:30a-3:30p daily. Register at [www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org)



Adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops

## DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER

### CHILLY

- 1-2 layers
- long layer
- outer layer to keep out wind, rain
- warm shoes water proof

### COLD

- 2-3 layers
- gloves
- 1-2 layers
- warm hat
- outer layer to keep out wind, wet snow
- boots water proof

### EXTREME COLD

- 3+ layers 1 insulating
- gloves
- 2+ layers
- warm hat
- face mask
- outer layer to keep out wind
- boots water proof

[weather.gov/cold](http://weather.gov/cold)