

Camp Manito-wish Information 2026: Students Entering Grades 9-11

Dear Upper School Parents of Students Entering **Grades 9-11**,

With our annual Camp Manito-wish experience fast approaching, I am writing to provide important information so you and your child can be fully prepared for the trip. This information and more will be provided at the Manito-wish Parent Meeting on **Monday, June 1st, at 5:30PM** in the John Mitchell Theatre. The event is for parents and for the students entering grades 9-11. I hope you will make it a priority to attend that meeting, but in any case, I ask that you carefully note the following details.

Required Preparatory Tasks

- **Fill out the forms linked below:**

- 1). *Manito-wish Forms:*

Complete the [Manito-wish Health Form](#) by **Monday, July 27.**

Complete the [Program Understanding of Risk Form](#) by **Monday, July 27.**

- 2). *Prairie Form (must be signed by your provider):*

- Complete Prairie's [Health Physical Form](#). Your student's health physical must be current and signed by their provider. The school requires a health physical every two years. This can be emailed or dropped off with [Julianne Smith](#), the School Nurse.

Additional Prairie Forms (must be signed by your provider):

- If your student has any prescription medication please fill out: [Prescription Medication Form](#).
 - If your student has an Epi Pen please fill out: [Emergency Allergy Plan Form](#)
 - If your student has an Inhaler please fill out: [Asthma Action Plan](#)
- Send or drop off any Manito-wish forms to the Upper School Office.
 - Send or drop off or email all Prairie forms (Health Physical, Prescription Medication, Emergency Allergy, and Asthma Plans) to the Health Office no later than **Monday, August 10th.**
 - Deliver medication in the original container to [Julianne Smith](#), School Nurse, no later than **Monday, August 10th.** Contact her with all medical questions.

Travel and Packing

- On **Tuesday, August 18th**, students should arrive outside the Johnson Athletic Center at **8:45AM** to ensure a timely departure and arrival at camp in time for scheduled afternoon activities.

 THE PRAIRIE SCHOOL

- We will return on **Friday, August 21st, at approximately 5:30PM**. Please be courteous and arrive ahead of time for pickup so that faculty chaperones do not have to wait with the students.
- Students may not board the bus with open beverage containers. This includes soda bottles/cans, coffee mugs, sports drinks, water bottles, etc. Your student may bring a BPA-free water bottle (such as Nalgene), but it must be empty.
- On the trip to Manito-wish, we will stop at a rest area for lunch, but food services will not be available so students must bring a bag lunch. Your student's bag lunch may include an unopened, commercially sealed beverage.
- Faculty members may inspect luggage before departure or upon arrival at Manito-wish.
- Your child needs camp-worthy, weather-ready attire and supplies for the Manito-wish experience. The temperature and weather conditions can vary significantly, but all activities will proceed regardless. Please borrow or purchase items as needed so your child can be comfortable and protected. [Packing lists](#) can be found on the Getting Ready Page.
- Upon our arrival at Manito-wish, students will relinquish all phones and electronic devices for the duration of the Manito-wish experience. We will return their devices after we leave camp on Friday. Students should not bring their school-issued Chromebooks. Students who wish to take pictures must bring a camera separate from their phone or other devices; we recommend disposable cameras.
- **We will not stop for a meal on the ride home.** Manito-wish will provide a light lunch for the trip, but you may want to have something substantive for your student to eat upon their return.

I hope to see you at the Manito-wish Parent Meeting on Monday, June 1 at 5:30 PM, and thank you in advance for your cooperation with all the necessary preparations. As a wonderful start to our year, we are excited to return to camp and hope your student has a fun and productive experience there.

Lastly, if you are interested in staying to learn more about the new 12th grade experience this year that will take place at Camp Lookout in Frankfort, Michigan, that presentation will begin directly after the Manito-wish meeting and you are welcome to stay to learn more.

Kind regards,



Mari Grobschmidt
Head of Upper School