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Dear Parent,

Thank you for contacting *Midcourse Correction* about our weekend challenge camp program. We are sorry that you have a need for our services, but are glad that we are here to lend you assistance with your son or daughter. We have been operating for 20 years, initially out of Pine Hills Camp, in Brighton, but we have since transitioned to another camp in the Flint, Michigan area.

Enclosed you will find the *Parent Information Packet* promised you. The *Parent Packet* contains a description of the Midcourse Correction weekend challenge camp program, a "what to bring" sheet, and a permission/medical slip.

Challenge camps are generally scheduled twice a month through the year. Slots are filled on a first come, first served basis. To enroll your son or daughter, send the completed Permission Slip (both sides) along with payment made payable to: Midcourse Correction. The cost of camp is \$425 **payable only to Midcourse Correction in full at the time of booking**. Please refer to the "Program Cost and Requirements" section on the page to follow for cancellation policies. **Personal checks not accepted less than 14 days from camp** (please send Money Order or Cashier's Check under 14 days or pay with VISA/Mastercard). Mail payments only to our Brighton office address.

Before sending your permission form and check, please **call to confirm** space availability and complete a screening interview. This interview is to ensure we are able to meet your needs in dealing with your son or daughter.

**Registration** takes place between 6:00 and 6:45 pm on the Friday afternoon of your confirmed date. Please plan to attend a short orientation between 6:45 and 7:15 pm.

**Graduation** and pick up is at 4pm Sunday. If someone other than a legal parent/guardian is picking up your child, we will need a signed note from you turned into us on Friday to this effect.

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Our 2-hour *Midcourse Parenting* mini forum and seminar is at 2pm on Sunday. This session is highly recommended as it is part of the camp and is facilitated by one of our senior staff. There is no additional charge for attending, but you will need to sign up on Friday at registration.

Thank you for inquiring about Midcourse Correction.

Sincerely,

Richard Wood, Executive Director

Stacy Holmes, Honor Co. Director



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### ***PROGRAM DESCRIPTION OF CHALLENGE CAMP WEEKEND***

**Location:** Covenant Hills, Otisville Michigan

**Length:** 46 Hours, Registration is at 6pm Friday, Graduation is at 4 p.m. Sunday

#### **PROGRAM BRIEF**

Midcourse Correction runs an outdoor challenge camp for kids at risk. Our lead staff combined has over 30 years experience in such programs. Our primary objective is to help incorrigible youth develop self-confidence and a higher concern for the effect their choices have on others. The goal is to be a preventative wake up call for youth that are on a self-destructive path.

The program is an intense and highly structured 46 hour training; implementing such tools as daily calisthenics, high adventure ropes courses, marching, teamwork initiatives, and work projects. Seminars, which include guest speakers and videos are woven throughout the weekend, covering such topics as:

**"Cancelled Lives":** A video and discussion that describes life inside juvenile detention, jail, and prison facilities. We consider this our "wake up call" to encourage the youth to look down the road and decide how far into the juvenile system they want to travel.

**"What's to Become of Me":** A discussion of how all choices have positive and negative consequences on our future. Emphasized is the need to develop the mental, physical, social, and spiritual areas of our life to be a balanced person and make better choices.

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**"Life on the Wire"**: A creative session designed to show in a visual way how our positive and negative decisions have impacted our life. Others may affect our lives, but for the most part our lives are affected by our own choices.

**"What You Believe is not What You Think"**: This session teaches the truth that our "actions" reveal to the world what we believe. It is very important that our actions follow what we say we believe and value, otherwise we have only succeeded in fooling ourselves.

**DOES IT REALLY WORK?** Midcourse Correction 46 Hour Basic Training is of course not a cure all for negative patterns, and every youth is unique and will respond uniquely. However we have found very often that participation is a strong catalyst for taking steps in a positive direction and being more open to working with and receiving help from family, counselors, probation officers etc. And that is our hope for your son or daughter.

#### **SPECIFIC GOALS FOR PARTICIPANTS:**

- To give a "wake up call" It's time to get control of their lives before it's too late.
- To experience how to work together as a team and deal with frustration positively.
- To develop analytical thinking and problem solving skills.
- To challenge abilities and encourage a positive work ethic.
- To build confidence through new experiences and accomplishments.
- To minimize selfishness and develop a growing and genuine concern for others.
- To help realize strengths and encourage their development.
- To help recognize and curb negative attitudes and actions.
- To debrief challenge experiences and discuss how to apply them to real life situations
- To emphasize the importance of growing mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually.
- To challenge them to take responsibility for their actions and the resulting consequences.
- To encourage them to seek reconciliation with those they may have hurt.
- And finally to encourage participants to seek help and support from family and trusted teachers, counselors, coaches, and pastors to make a positive "Midcourse Correction".

#### **PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- Two Nights Lodging
- 24 Hour Supervision by 2-3 Challenge Course Drill Instructors
- 6 meals - starting with Friday evening through Sunday lunch.

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- Written evaluation sent to referral source (parents or courts)
- Graduation certificate (T-shirt) if program is passed.
- Optional 2 Hour Parenting Helps Clinic on Sunday at 2:00 pm before graduation

**PROGRAM COST AND REQUIREMENTS:**

- Cost: **\$425** per camper per weekend (Payment required before space can be reserved)
  - (No personal checks accepted within 14 days of scheduled weekend. VISA/Mastercard Accepted)
  - Checks **payable only to Midcourse Correction** and mailed to our Brighton office.
  - If cancellations are absolutely necessary, you will be refunded all but a \$50 administration fee, however, please note that we will allow entire cost to be transferred to a future camp date.
- Completed **Registration Form** required at least **5 days before camp**
- This program demands the full participation of all attending youth. Those potential campers that might be physically impaired or limited because of casts, splints, stitches, etc. may be ineligible.

**CAMPER EVALUATION:** Each participant is evaluated by their drill instructors upon exiting the program in the areas of Attitude, Cooperation, and Effort. Attitude is the most important. The camper needs to score a 6.0 or higher on a scale of 1 to 10 to pass. Campers that score less than 6.0 are strongly encouraged to return to camp at the next available camp date. Campers who pass are eligible for post camp mentoring programs offered by Midcourse Correction. Ask us for more info.

**SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS:** Please plan to have your son/daughter at Covenant Hills between 6pm and 6:45pm for registration. Please plan to stay for our orientation from 7:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. on Friday. Only parents/guardians are permitted to pick up their son or daughter Sunday, unless special arrangements have been made in writing. Pick up time is 4pm Sunday afternoon. Typically at 2pm on Sunday one of our senior staff will facilitate a **Parenting Helps Clinic** before graduation. This is optional, but you are strongly encouraged to attend. If you plan to attend, you will need to sign up Friday at Registration.



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## CHALLENGE CAMP WEEKEND

### TO BRING CHECKLIST

- \_\_\_\_\_ Sleeping bag or bedroll
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pillow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Multiple sets of clothes that can get dirty
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sturdy shoes or boots, at least two pairs. They will get muddy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sleepwear
- \_\_\_\_\_ Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, towel, and washcloth
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coat, hat, **gloves**, rain suit or poncho (according to weather)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Insect repellent (Seasonal)
- \_\_\_\_\_ All needed medications, inhalers etc

**IMPORTANT: CAMPERS WILL BE OUTSIDE 85% OF THEIR WAKING HOURS... NO MATTER WHAT. BE PREPARED FOR COLD, RAIN, OR HEAT. PAY ATTENTION TO THE WEATHER!**

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NOTE: What NOT to bring:

MP3 players/cell phones

Weapons

Alcohol

Cigarettes/tobacco

Watches/jewelry/wallet

Food, gum, candy, mints

Lighters/matches

Make-up

Magazines, Comic books

All articles brought in will be searched thoroughly.

Any questions about what to bring? Give us a call.

