Dear Parent,

Thank you for contacting Midcourse Correction about our weekend challenge camp program. We’re sorry that you have a need for our services, but are dedicated to lending assistance with your son or daughter. Midcourse Corrections has been in operation for 25 years, initially out of Pine Hills Camp, in Brighton, but has since transitioned to Covenant Hills Camp in the Flint, Michigan area.

Challenge camps are generally scheduled twice a month throughout the year. The cost of camp is $475 payable only to Midcourse Correction, in full, at the time of booking. To enroll your son or daughter, please go online to [www.midcoursecorrection.org](http://www.midcoursecorrection.org) to fill out the Registration forms. Please refer to the “Program Cost and Requirements” section for our cancellation policies. Personal checks not accepted less than 14 days from camp. Visa, MasterCard, and Discover cards are accepted.

Enclosed you will find the Parent Information Packet. The PIP contains a description of the Midcourse Correction weekend Challenge Camp program, a detailed packing list and location of the camp.

Before sending your child’s registration form and payment, please call to complete an intake interview to ensure your child is a fit for our program.

- **Registration** takes place at 6:00p.m. Friday, on the weekend you selected for your child. Please plan to attend a short orientation between 6:45 and 7:00 p.m.

- **Cyber Security & Parenting seminar** is at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. This session is highly recommended to ensure the success of your child’s participation in the program. It is for all parents and family members who support your child on a daily basis.

- **Graduation** and pick up is at 3p.m. Sunday. If someone other than a legal parent/guardian is picking up your child, we will need a signed note from you turned in on Friday.

Thank you for inquiring about Midcourse Correction.

Sincerely,

Gordon Trask
Executive Director
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION OF CHALLENGE CAMP WEEKEND

Location: Covenant Hills Camp: 10359 East Farrand, Otisville, MI 48463

Length: 45 Hours, Registration is at 6 p.m. Friday, Graduation is at 3 p.m. Sunday

PROGRAM BRIEF

Midcourse Correction runs an outdoor challenge camp for kids at risk. Our lead staff members have over 30 years’ experience in various youth 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 ultimate 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 45 hour training; implementing tools such as: calisthenics, high ropes courses, drill & ceremony, marching, knot tying, teamwork initiatives, and work projects. Seminars include guest speakers and videos which are woven in throughout the weekend, and cover the following topics:

"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 wish to travel.

"What’s to become of me": A discussion of how all choices have positive and negative consequences on their future. The need to develop the mental, physical, social, and spiritual areas of our life to become a balanced person and to make better choices in emphasized.

"Life on the Wire": A creative session designed to show how positive and negative decisions have impacted their life. This also includes the impact outside sources have had in the children’s lives, as well as family, friends, etc.

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

DOES IT REALLY WORK? Midcourse Corrections 45 Hour Challenge Camp was rated by Livingston County Court with a 93% success rate. While the program is not a “cure all,” the skills and confidence they will gain over the weekend has been proven to change lives. After the program, with the help of their families, counselors, probation officers, etc., these children are more open to working with and receiving help.
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 learn how to work together as a team and positively deal with “giving up”
- To develop analytical thinking and problem solving skills.
- To challenge physical/mental abilities and encourage a positive work ethic.
- To build confidence through new experiences and accomplishments.
- To minimize selfishness
- To develop a growing, and genuine concern for others.
- To help realize strengths and encourage their emotional development.
- To help recognize and curb negative attitudes and actions.
- To understand challenging life experiences and how to apply alternative reactions
- 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 Camp Drill Instructors
- 6 meals - starting with dinner on Friday through Sunday lunch.
- Weekend evaluation sent to referral source (parents or courts) within 5 days of camp end
- Graduation certificate (T-shirt) if program is passed.
- Mandatory Parenting Clinic on Sunday at 12:00 p.m. before graduation

PROGRAM COST AND REQUIREMENTS:

- Cost: $475 per camper per weekend (Payment required before space can be reserved)
  - Cancellations are accepted on a case-by-case basis. 24 hour notice must be given and a forfeit of the $75.00 registration fee will be assessed. If your child does not show up for camp, and no notification was given, a forfeit of the entire camp fee will incur.
- Completed Registration Form Online at www.midcoursecorrection.org - REGISTER
- 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. 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 the Honor Company program, which is crucial for their continued improvement after Challenge Camp.

SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS: Please have your son/daughter at Covenant Hills by 6:00 p.m for registration. There is a parent orientation session from 6:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. following registration. Only parents/guardians are permitted to pick up their son or daughter Sunday, unless special arrangements have been made in advance in writing. At 12:00 p.m. on Sunday the Parenting Session begins. Graduation is at 3pm.
Packing Recommendations

___ Sleeping bag & Pillow

___ Four sets of clothing that can get dirty. *Leggings *Yoga pants, and *Skinny pants are not permitted. Please ensure your child has clothing that fully covers their body.

___ 3 pair of shoes or boots. *They will get wet and muddy.

___ Sleepwear

___ Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, towel, and deodorant

___ Weather Specific Items:

   Winter: Coat, Hat, Gloves, Winter Boots

   Summer: Poncho, compression shorts, sunscreen, bug spray

___ Prescribed medications in original bottle. *Do not pack these items in your child's luggage, these items will be given to Medical Officer at Registration.

___ (1) Empty trash bag to put all wet/dirty clothes into. *If trash bag is not provided, the child will be putting their wet/dirty clothing back into their luggage.

IMPORTANT: Campers will be outside 85% of the program. Please pack their with appropriate clothing for the cold, rain, or warmer months.

NOTE: What NOT to bring:

-Cell phones/Tablets -Weapons -Alcohol
-Cigarettes/Vapes/tobacco -Watches/jewelry/wallet -Food, gum, candy, mints
-Lighters/matches -Make-up/Belts -Magazines/Books

*Asterisk indicates important information about that item.

All articles brought in will be searched thoroughly.

Any questions about what to bring? Please call the office.
Midcourse Correction Challenge Camp takes place at Covenant Hills Camp, located northeast of Flint.

**Covenant Hills Camp**
10359 Farrand Rd
Otisville, MI 48463

From Detroit: 72 miles  From Ann Arbor: 73 miles
From Lansing:  65 miles  From Flint: 21 miles

**Please visit the “contact us” tab at [www.midcoursecorrection.org](http://www.midcoursecorrection.org)**
or search Google Maps for a visual map to camp.

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**From I-75:**
If you are on I-75, take Exit 131 (Montegue/Clio) toward Clio (East) Vienna Rd (11 mi.) to M-15 turn left. M-15 (1mi.) to Farrand turn right.

**From U.S. 23 South:**
Take U.S. 23 Merge onto I-69 E via EXIT 117A toward Flint/Port Huron Turn right (North) Take Exit # 145 Turn left (North) onto MI-15 continue approx. 12 mi. Right on Farrand.

**From I-69 West:**
Take I-69 to Exit # 145 to Clarkston/ Davison. Turn left (North) onto MI-15 continue approx. 12 mi. Right on Farrand.

**From I-69 East:**
Take I-69 to Exit # 145 to Clarkston/ Davison. Turn right (North) onto MI-15 continue approx. 12 mi. Right on Farrand.

**Once You’re on Farrand Rd:**
Covenant Hills Camp is located on the left (about 1 mile). Turn left after the ranch style house (there are signs for Covenant Hills Camp). Follow the signs to the registration area. Please stop at the small white check-in building for directions to registration. There will be staff directing you to where we will register your child and to assist you in any way. Midcourse Correction phone is (810) 227- 0243 then **dial 7 to reach the camp’s Commanding Officer.**