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2020 Calendar

Camp site key



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Storm Mountain Center



Wesley Acres Camp



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Welcome!

Dear Campers, Families, and Friends,

I believe in camp! I believe that camp is a wonderful and powerful place for children to grow in many ways! I believe that a camper's self-esteem, self-confidence, sense of awe and wonder, leadership development, and character are developed at camp. Most importantly, I believe that people of all ages experience Christ, Creation, and Community at our Dakotas-Minnesota area camps in impactful ways that change their hearts and lives. My life was changed by time spent at camp, perhaps yours was too.

Our dedicated team of professional staff is preparing for an exciting summer; and our most important goal is that campers of all ages are provided a safe place to grow and learn. Sending your children to a fun-filled, faith-focused, experience at summer camp is an investment in their lives. Campers will learn new skills, make new friends, live in Christian community, spend time in nature, experience ways to grow in their relationship with God, and have fun doing it in a carefully supervised environment.

You may be considering a first-time camping experience. Perhaps you are looking forward to returning for another summer adventure. We're happy you are thinking about camping with us!

There are many exciting opportunities available for the 2020 camping season. I am confident as you browse this brochure or visit our website, you will find something that piques your interest! With hundreds of events for all ages offered all summer long, there is something for everyone!

If you have been to camp before, you know the fun that awaits this summer. If you are considering camp for the first time, this is the summer to see what everyone is talking about! See you soon at camp!

In Christ,
Keith Shew

Director of Camp and Retreat Ministries
Dakotas and Minnesota Conferences of The
United Methodist Church



WHY CAMP?

An organized camp experience is a vital component in the development and education of the whole child. Camp promotes community, teaches critical thinking, embraces the natural environment, provides an opportunity to "unplug," and creates future leaders, all in a safe and structured environment. Time at camp has a lasting impact on the lives of children.

WHY DAKOTAS CAMPS?

Your Dakotas' camps expand the camp experience even further by intentionally including opportunities and activities that allow campers to develop a deeper relationship with God. Campers see how God is at work in their own lives and the world. Camp is an extension of the Dakotas Conference of The United Methodist Church and a powerful partner with our local congregations. Time spent at your Dakotas' camps is cited as one of the biggest influences in an individual's lifelong Christian discipleship and development as a leader.



Mission

Helping campers and guests to experience Christ, Creation, and Community through camp and retreat ministries.

CORE VALUES

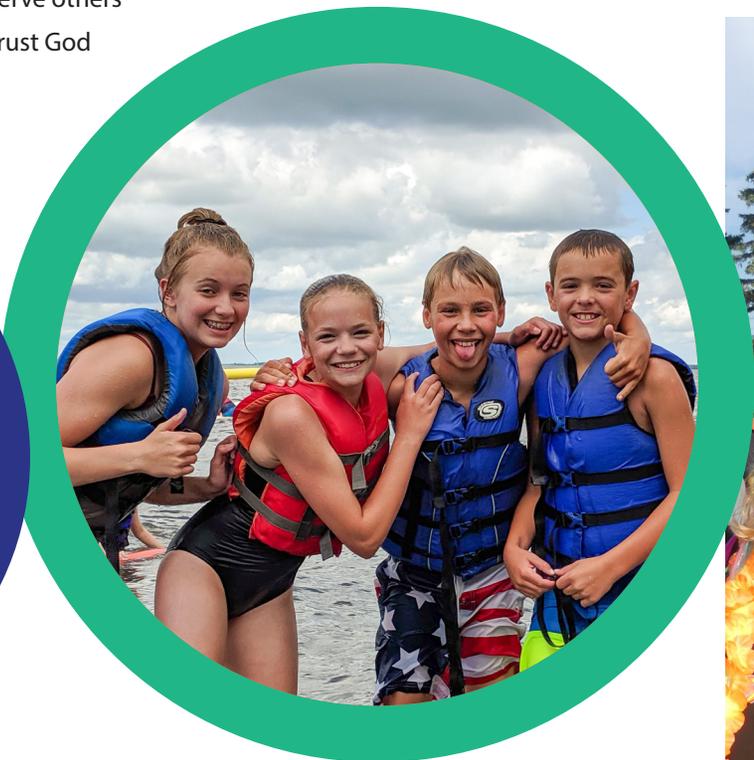
We fulfill our mission as we:

- Provide sacred places apart
- Nurture Christian faith and discipleship
- Teach creation care and appreciation
- Partner with United Methodist churches and agencies
- Extend Christian hospitality and community
- Develop principled spiritual leaders
- Inspire and equip lives for love and justice

OUTCOMES

Disciples and leaders who hear and respond to God's call to:

- Share faith
- Love and accept everyone
- Serve others
- Trust God



CAMPER SAFETY IS TOP PRIORITY

Dakotas' camp staff regularly review every facet of camp programs and operations to ensure a safe and quality camp experience for all participants. All camps owned and leased by the Dakotas Annual Conference of The United Methodist church are accredited through the American Camp Association, the national accrediting body for camping programs. To earn accreditation, camps must comply with hundreds of health, safety, and program quality standards. Only one in five camps nationwide achieves this distinction.



GRADE-RANGE ICONS

Based on grade completed in 2019-20 school year. For example the symbol to the right indicates a camp that is open to children who have completed Kindergarten, first, second, or third grade.





Christy Heflin
Lake Poinsett Camp Director

Lake Poinsett CAMP

Lake Poinsett Camp is located right on the shoreline. Enjoy summer water sports like canoeing, boating, fishing, swimming, and tubing. The glowing sunsets provide a time to reflect on your faith and God's love for all of creation.

Come to meet friends, learn, and grow in God's love. Campers will grow in faith through campfires, Bible study, crafts, singing, and more.

Lake Poinsett camp provides the perfect place for all ages to take time away and learn about the love of God.





Mission Possible

| **Cost: \$100** | (No early bird discount) | *Ages: Adults, Youth, and Children (An adult must accompany children under 10.)*

Deans: LPC Staff
(#547) May 31-June 3

This camp is perfect for churches, youth groups, or individuals that want to come help with some service projects but also have fun. Come help us perform a variety of much needed projects around camp. In addition to working around camp, participants will have time to swim, play games, and have devotions. Families will room together. Youth may come by themselves if they are 11 and older. Counselors will supervise them.

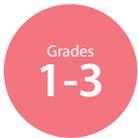


Teddy Bear Camps

| **Cost: \$79 per person** | *Ages: adult(s) with child(ren) up to age 7*

Dean: Morgan Fischer
(#535) Teddy Bear 1 June 1-2
(#536) Teddy Bear 2 July 20-21
(#537) Teddy Bear 3 July 22-23

This camp is designed for a parent, grandparent, or important adult to share that first camp experience with their child(ren). Come join us for 24 hours of fun. Stay in the beautiful retreat center. Bring your favorite teddy bear and come meet new friends. **Note: Each member of your party must register! Please make sure to list roommate/cabin mate requests so we know who will be staying with you at camp. Recommended for children under seven. Older kids may attend with permission of the camp dean.**



Mini-Camps

| **Cost: \$172** |
Deans: LPC Staff (A & B), Lexi Johnson (C & D)

- (#510) Mini Camp A** June 14-16 | *Grades: 1-3*
- (#511) Mini Camp B** June 14-16 | *Grades: 4-6*
- (#512) Mini Camp C** July 8-10 | *Grades: 1-3*
- (#513) Mini Camp D** July 8-10 | *Grades: 4-6*

All the fun of a weeklong camp packed into a fraction of the time! Get ready for waterfront fun, crafts, games, outdoor chapel, and more. While our mini camps give first time campers a taste of the ultimate overnight camp experience, we have campers that return to mini camp summer after summer! Shepherds are welcome. See page 27 for a description of the role and responsibilities for a shepherd.



Middle School Mania

| **Cost: \$172** | *Grades: 6-9*
Deans: LPC Staff
(#517) June 14-16

Middle school campers are busy! That is why we designed this two-night camp just for you. Spend time tubing, swimming in the lake, playing games, growing in your faith, and making friends to last a lifetime. S'mores included!



Women's Getaway

| **Cost: \$172** | *Ages: women 18 and older*
Dean: Christy Heflin
(#590) June 14-16

Calling all women! Come join us for some rest and relaxation at the lake. We will have a variety of options for you to pick from including: candy making, crafts, swimming, boating, hiking, Bible Lessons, and more. If you are a mom of campers in grades 1-9, they can attend one of our action-packed summer camps offered this week. Single rooms available at additional cost.



Fish On

(#520) Fish On 1 June 16-19 | **Cost: \$278 per person** | *Grades: 3-6* | Dean: Jim Heflin
(#521) Fish On 2 July 8-10 | **Cost: \$192 per person** | *Grades: 7-10* | Dean: Missy Anderson

Fish on in hopes of landing a Lake Poinsett monster walleye. These camps are for beginner and master anglers alike. Share your love of fishing in a Christian setting, make new fishing buddies for life, and discover the beauty of creation.



Brownies, Cookies, and More

| **Cost: \$258** |
Grades 4-6
Dean: Morgan Fischer

(#527) June 16-19

Baking brownies in a cardboard box?! You bet! Join us to find out how. Besides creating delicious treats together, there will be opportunities for camp games, water play, and learning about God.





Family

Grandparents & Me

Ages: grandparent(s) and child(ren) ages 5-12

(#580) Grandparents & Me 1 June 17- 19
(two-nights) | **Cost: \$172 person** | Dean: LPC Staff

(#581) Grandparents & Me 2 June 29-July 1
(two-nights) | **Cost: \$172 per person** | Dean: LPC Staff

(#582) Grandparents & Me 3 July 12-15 (three-nights) | **Cost: \$242 per person** | Deans: Jeff & Cynthia Nelson

(#583) Grandparents & Me 4 July 15-17 (two-nights) | **Cost: \$172 per person** | Deans: Jeff & Cynthia Nelson

Calling all grandparents! Bring your grandchildren to camp for a fantastic time! Stay in the beautiful air-conditioned rooms at the Living Waters Retreat Center. Spend time experiencing God in a multitude of ways. Campers will have Bible studies, arts and crafts, games, and more. **Note: Each member of your party must register! Please make sure to list roommate/cabin mate requests so we know who will be staying with you at camp.**

Grades
6-8

Water Mania

| **Cost: \$430** | *Grades: 6-8*

Dean: Kristy Liebe
(#550) June 21-26

Enjoy lots of time at the waterfront, play tons of water games, make new friends, and spend time with God.

Grades
2-4

Super Hero Camp

| **Cost: \$172** | *Grades: 2-4*

Dean: Morgan Fischer
(#507) June 22-24

Throw on your super hero cape and head on over to the lake for games, swimming, campfires, and more! We will learn about super heroes of the Bible along with some inspirational everyday heroes.

Grades
K-3

LPC Son Seekers

| **Cost: \$172** | *Grades: K-3*

Deans: John & Cindy Srstka
(#501) June 26-28

Come join us for an action-packed weekend! Experience a variety of camp activities in a short time.

Shepherds are welcome. See page 27 for a description of the role and responsibilities for a shepherd.

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Family

Parents & Me Camp

| **Cost: \$168** | *Ages: parent(s) with child(ren) up to age 12*

Dean: Christy Heflin
(#540) June 26-28

Come stay in the Living Waters Retreat Center with your children ages 12 and under. We will keep busy with lots of games, crafts, Bible lessons, swimming, campfires, and more! **Note: Each member of your party must register! Please make sure to list roommate/cabin mate requests so we know who will be staying with you at camp.**

Grades
3-5

Games Galore & More

| **Cost: \$258** | *Grades: 3-5*

Dean: Matthew Bader
(#525) June 29-July 2

Immerse yourself in fun! Campers will spend time playing games and sports, swimming in the lake, learning about God, and making new friends.

Grades
3-5

Crafts, Photography & More

| **Cost: \$258** | *Grades: 3-5*

Dean: Morgan Fischer
(#530) June 29-July 2

If you have an interest in photography and crafts, this is the camp for you! Capture photos of friends and fun times. You may bring a camera, but it is not required.

Grades
6-10

Sailing Camp

| **Cost: \$268** |

Grades: 6-10

Dean: Sean Binder
(#563) June 29-July 2

Feel the Spirit move you across Lake Poinsett! Learn to set a sail, tack into the wind, and the difference between port and starboard in this action-oriented sailing experience.





Elementary Sampler

| Cost: \$344 | Grades: 3-5
Deans: Linse Lundberg and Jessica Kremer
(#518) July 13-17

Get ready for an exciting time sampling and exploring all that camp has to offer! Enjoy arts and crafts, games, waterfront activities, music and drama, campfires, and more.



Middle School Sampler

| Cost: \$344 | Grades: 6-8
Dean: Pastor Clay Lundberg
(#519) July 13-17

Join us for an exciting time sampling and exploring all that camp has to offer while growing deeper in our understanding of God! We'll play games, enjoy the waterfront, create crafts, and explore Christ and creation.



Sand, Surf & Son

| Cost: \$430 | Grades: 3-6
Dean: Pastor Nicole Clade (Anderson)
(#545) July 19-24

Join us for the ultimate water sports adventure! Splash on the water trampoline. Tube behind the boat. Kayak, canoe, and paddleboard. We've got it all. Bring a friend or make some new ones as we play zany games, put on fun skits, sing cool songs, learn about Jesus, and hang out around the campfire.



Family Fishing Weekend

| Cost: \$168 | Ages: families of all ages
Deans: Christy and Jim Heflin
(#585) July 24-26

This will be a fun and relaxing fishing weekend for the entire family. We will fish both evenings and Saturday morning. Expect a leisurely weekend without a lot of structure.

Note: Each member of your party must register! Please make sure to list roommate/cabin mate requests so we know who will be staying with you at camp.



LTC (Leadership Training Camp)

| Cost: \$504 | Grades: 9-12
Dean: Pastor Peggy Hanson
(#575) July 26-31

This camp rocks with a rich tradition and celebration of our Christian faith. Our focus is on youth leadership in our church and world while celebrating God's unconditional love, sharing in high-energy worship, studying aspects of faith, and leadership. It is a week filled with laughter, praise, wacky Olympics, and fun. **This year's theme will be "God in the Movies."** Explore holy themes found in everyday places. **Our scripture focus is on Philippians 4:8.** Be sure to register early!



LPC Summer's Last Blast

August 2-5
(#505) Summer's Last Blast 1
| Cost: \$258 | Grades: K-5
Dean: Christy Heflin

(#506) Summer's Last Blast 2 | Cost: \$265 | Grades: 6-9
Dean: Anne Osborne

This is our last blast of the summer! It will be an action-packed few days. Waterfront activities, games, Bible studies, and more. Shepherds are welcome. See page 27 for a description of the role and responsibilities for a shepherd.





Storm Mountain CENTER

Prepare your imagination to take flight from the moment you arrive at Storm Mountain Center. Surrounded by the ponderosa pines and dramatic rock faces of the Black Hills, you will experience peace and beauty along with adventure, worship, and community at Storm Mountain Center.

We invite youth, adults and children of all ages to join us for unforgettable camp experiences —hiking, swimming in Spring Creek, and joining friends in play and worship around the campfire as we share a summer adventure and explore our faith together.



Lara and Levi Ziegler
Storm Mountain Center Directors



Special Needs

SMC Circle of Friends

| Cost: \$192 | Special Needs
Dean: Carey McBride
(#605) June 5-7

Take a break from your normal summer routine. Come spend some time with God and friends at camp. The pace of this camp is geared for school-aged through older mentally and/or physically challenged campers. There will be activities, crafts, campfires, lots of music, and Bible studies. A camp buddy (caregiver) may register and accompany each camper (at no charge) and participate in all camp activities.

Grades 6-8

Wizarding Camp

| Cost: \$430 | Grades: 6-8
Dean: Pastor Laura Walters
(#606) June 14-19

Your days will be filled with adventure and exploration during this magical week of camp. With the guidance of the head master, professors, and heads of house, you will explore biblical themes and discover your own God-given gifts as you experience personal transfiguration.

Grade 4

Heritage

| Cost: \$430 | Grade: 4
Deans: Kelsey Morgan & Jessica Kremer
(#610) June 14-19

You'll discover more about your heritage in the Black Hills as you experience high-spirit adventure and action while panning for gold, discovering Native American folklore, logging trees and being a missionary. Perfect for curious and energetic fourth graders.

Grades 3-5

The Next Normal

| Cost: \$430 | Grades: 3-5
Deans: Pastor Peggy Hanson & Beata Ferris
(#618) June 28-July 3

What does it mean to be normal? Do we want to be normal? It's time to create the next normal... where people love one another; where we treat one another the same way we want to be treated. It only takes a spark to start a flame. Ignite the love of Christ within the world.



Grades 6-8

Grades 9-12

Wilderness Adventure Camps

| Cost: \$430 | Deans: SMC Staff
(#640) Jr High Wilderness Adventure
June 28-July 3 | Grades: 6-8

(#645) Teen Wilderness Adventure
July 5-10 | Grades: 9-12

Experience new adventures each day as you explore Storm Mountain and engage in the wonder of God's creation. You will stay in the Creekside Cabins with daily adventures including archery, hiking and wilderness skills. Your afternoons and evenings will be filled with swimming, games and campfires as we grow together in faith and friendship.



Grades 6-8

Black Hills Trek

| Cost: \$430 | Grades: 6-8
Dean: Sean Binder
(#604) July 19-24

Challenge yourself both physically and spiritually as you backpack through the beautiful Black Hills. Plan your spring and summer accordingly so you know your hiking shoes are comfortable and you are physically ready to carry your tent and all your gear! You will be on the trail in the midst of God's marvelous creation for three nights and four days. (Limit 10 participants.)





Rock That Doesn't Roll

| **Cost: \$430** | *Grades: 6-8*
 Deans: Pastor Kori Lehrkamp & Pastor Karl Kroger
 (#615) July 12-17

During this week, we will engage the subjects of faith, media, relationships, and culture. We will wrestle with following Jesus while living in a busy, messy world, and prepare to be faithful disciples. Most importantly, you will learn what it means to embrace your identity as a beloved child of God.



Big Horn Mountain Experience

| **Cost: \$430** | *Grades: 8-12*
 Dean: Sean Binder
 (#603) July 12-17

Your camp begins and ends at Storm Mountain Center. In between, you will travel to the Big Horn Mountains in Wyoming and experience the beauty as well as the challenges of God's awesome creation! You will experience the literal "mountain top" as you reach the summit, as well as the "mountain top" of emotion from a job well done. Learn more about yourself, your climbing buddies, and your God. You will be on the trail in the midst of God's marvelous creation for three nights and four days carrying all your gear including your tent, personal items, sleeping bag, and food. Register early as the number of hikers allowed on the trails by the Park Service limits this camp. **(Limit 10 participants.)**



Peak Experience

| **Cost: \$460** | *Grades: 5-7*
 Dean: Zach Gors
 (#613) July 12-17

A week full of action! You will hike, climb, and spend a day at the Aerial Adventure Park in Keystone. This camp will stretch and challenge you to learn about yourself, others, and God! Do a bit of training this spring and summer, so you are ready to get the most from this camp.



Kidventures

| **Cost: \$172** | *Grades: K-3*
 Deans: SMC Staff
 (#625) **Kidventures 1** July 19-21
 (#635) **Kidventures 2** July 26-28

This two-night camp is designed to help new campers get into the rhythm and possibilities of camp while having a friendly and familiar adult (shepherd) there to encourage, grow, learn, and have fun with. This is a great opportunity for those important beginning steps in personal faith and positive encounters with Christ and God's love. See page 27 for a description of the role and responsibilities for a shepherd.





Family

Family Fun-4-All

| Cost: \$155 per person
(Family max: \$620) |
Ages: Intergenerational
Deans: Brookings UMC Crew
(#607) July 24-26

Enjoy a fun-filled weekend of fellowship, Bible study, and the beauty of God's creation! Bring the whole family, and leave the cooking and dishes to us. A portion of Saturday will be unscheduled to allow for an activity of your choosing: discovering the sights of the Black Hills, exploring around Storm Mountain, or just sleeping in. **Note: Each member of your party must register! Please make sure to list roommate/cabin mate requests so we know who will be staying with you at camp. (Limit 21 families.)**

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Grades
8-12

A Rockin' Experience

| Cost: \$258 | Grades: 8-12
Deans: SMC Staff
(#601) July 31-August 3

Join us for two days of rock climbing adventure!

Experience God's wonders and awe-inspiring creation among the granite rock formations of the Black Hills. Try something new, or challenge yourself to go further and climb higher. You will spend your evenings around the campfire, swimming in Spring Creek, and growing together as a group. No climbing experience needed. **(Limit 12 participants.)**

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Grades
3-5

SMC Summer's Last Blast

| Cost: \$258 | Grades: 3-5
Deans: SMC Staff
(#620) August 2-5

Experience the joy of camp and the love of Christ before summer is over! You will hike, play, sing, swim, make new friends, and enjoy the great outdoors. This is an action packed camp and a great way to cap off summer with time spent exploring and growing together in faith.





Re-Wild Backpacking Camp
| Cost: \$430 | Ages: adults
Dean: Sean Binder
(#608) August 2-7



Renew your adult wild side and encounter new faith experiences as we trek the wilderness. We'll spend two nights at Storm Mountain doing local hikes and testing our gear before heading out Tuesday morning for three days and two nights of trekking in the Black Hills, and returning for a final night together at Storm Mountain. Whether you are backpacking for the first or fiftieth time, you will experience the unique and wonderful community of hiking and growing together both physically and spiritually.



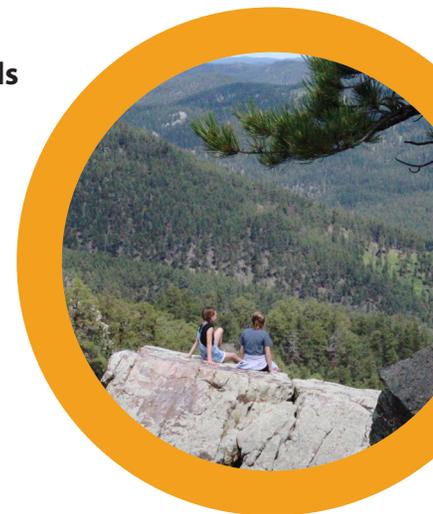
God, Guys, Golf, and Gears
| Cost: \$450 (No early bird discount) | Ages: adult men
Deans: Pastor Jerry Stravia & Pastor Cory Thrall
(#609) August 10-14

Good fellowship, great food, and fun rounds on three elite courses in the Black Hills make this camp a must for any gentlemen interested in golf. If you prefer a bicycle ride in the Black Hills, we have got you covered. Days will be your choice of either golf or gears. Evenings will be filled with shared fellowship and conversation.



Lover of God's Hills
| Cost: \$328 (No early bird discount) | Ages: adults 50+
Deans: Scott & Dyla Jensen
(#612) August 30-September 3

Some gentle hiking of His hills, inspiring songs and devotions, rich relationships, a touch of geology, and great food make this a most enjoyable camp. Invite your friends and come enjoy!



Family

Buffalo Round-Up

| Cost: \$70 (No early bird discount) |

Ages: Intergenerational

Deans: SMC Staff

(#621) September 24-25

You will not want to miss this unique fall outing to experience the great fall colors and the thunder of the buffalo herd as they crest the hill in Custer State Park! Join us for supper Thursday night before an early bedtime. Friday we will get up early and head for Custer State Park. There we will watch as riders on horseback roundup and drive the herd of approximately 1,300 buffalo. Not only is the roundup a spectacular sight to see, it is also a critical management tool in maintaining a strong and healthy herd in the state park. **Note: Each member of your party must register! Please make sure to list roommate/cabin mate requests so we know who will be staying with you at camp.**



Adults

Relax, Refresh, Renew

| Cost: \$158 (No early bird discount) |

Ages: Adult Women

Dean: Pastor Kori Lehrhamp

(#624) October 2-4

Experience a time to relax, refresh and renew your mind, body and spirit. In the beauty of creation, you will find both group time to build Christian community and time apart for Sabbath and renewal.

Confirmation Retreat

| Cost: \$70 (No early bird discount) | Grades: 6-9

Dean: Pastor Peggy Hanson

(#622) October 23-24

Grades

6-9

Experience connections with other United Methodist churches and confirmands. Learn about a part of your Christian and United Methodist heritage. Develop your faith while playing and studying during this retreat. Bring your own group leaders.





Brenda and Paul Lint
Wesley Acres Camp Directors

Wesley Acres CAMP



Spending time at Wesley Acres is a wonderful way to renew your spirit. Nestled in the valley of Bald Hill Creek, Wesley Acres offers camps and experiences for all ages. Join leaders who are passionate about the way God transforms lives. You can come and worship, play, learn, grow, and rest in God's loving arms. Whether you enjoy canoeing, kayaking, swimming in the pool, four-square, gaga ball, basketball, Frisbee golf, or time on the high ropes challenge course, you will find something to do and people ready to share this camp experience with you.





Grades
9-12

Counselor-in-Training (CIT)

| Cost: \$150 | Grades: 9-12

Dean: Brenda Lint
(#700) June 4-6

Are you interested in being a camp counselor someday? Would you like to help as a Counselor-in-Training this summer? Spend two days learning to be a part of the camp leadership team and earn a Dakotas UM Camping CIT certificate. Put your new skills to the test by signing up as a CIT for WAC June SonSeekers, which starts June 7. After completing your certification, you are welcome to serve as a CIT at any of our Dakotas UM Camps locations! CIT space is limited, and approval required from the site director at each location. See Dakotas UM Camps contact information on the back of this brochure.

Grades
K-4

SonSeekers Camp

| Cost: \$172 | Grades: K-4

Dean: Pastor Quaya Ackerman
(#705) June SonSeekers June 7-9
(#710) July SonSeekers July 12-14

A great beginning camp experience. Bring an adult shepherd or come on your own. We pack action, fun, and learning into two quick days. Swim in our heated outdoor pool. Canoe with a friend. Join us for group games like gaga ball, 4-square, and 9-square in the air. Grow in faith as you learn about God's son, Jesus Christ, who loves and rejoices with all who seek. See page 27 for the roles and responsibilities of a shepherd.

Grades
4-6

My Craft Camp

| Cost: \$430 | Grades: 4-6

Deans: Holly Lathrop & Tara Bush
(#725) June 14-19

Everything you would expect in an elementary camp with an emphasis on crafts. Create amazing take home crafts and build friendships with other campers. Explore the Bible and your talents. Find a place where you feel God's presence in nature, fellowship, and art.

Grades
5-8

Minecraft Camp

| Cost: \$430 | Grades: 5-8

Dean: Pastor Clay Lundberg
(#740) June 14-19

Our creative God crafted us for his kingdom and challenges us to continue to build it! Come to play, create, learn, and share through Minecraft.



Grades
9-12

Senior High Service Camp

| Cost: \$430 | Grades: 9-12

Dean: Pastor Jeff Lathrop
(#755) June 14-19

Join the mission field right here at Wesley Acres Camp. Spend the week doing all of the normal camp activities but add in a daily time of service. Finish repair projects, stain buildings, lead games for younger campers, and discover some of our local mission opportunities.

Family

Family Camps

Ages: Intergenerational

(#770) June Family Camp June 19-21

| Cost: \$153 per person (Family max: \$612) |

Deans: Sjanna Boe & Jan Cossette

(#775) July Family Camp July 30-August 2

| Cost: \$230 per person (Family max: \$920) |

Deans: Mike & Kris Kurtz

Come enjoy a great time away together. You will find something fun for all ages and a time for everyone to grow in faith and relationship. **Note: Each member of your party must register! Please make sure to list roommate/ cabin mate requests so we know who will be staying with you at camp.**





Grades
6-8

Middle School Mayhem

| Cost: \$430 | Grades: 6-8
(#733) July 19-24

Come enjoy the craziness that we call camp! We are combining Canoe Camp, Basketball Camp, and Junior High Camp in one awesome week. We will play, worship, and learn all in one large group but spend specialty time in a concentration of your choosing. Spend the week learning to CANOE and head down the creek; up your BASKETBALL game with coaches who use the pro-shot method; create ART and memories with take-home projects; make MUSIC with a focus on guitar and voice; or get your GAME on for board games, yard games, and more. See you at camp!

Basketball with Coach Lynn Frederick & Dave Hanson

Canoe with Pastors Kris Mutzenberger & Dayne Zachrison

Art, Music, or Games with Wesley Acres Staff



Grades
4-6

A.R.K.

| Cost: \$258 | Grades: 4-6
Dean: Pastor Paul Lint
(#730) July 26-29

Archery. Ropes. Kayak. Take aim and learn archery. Challenge yourself on the ropes course. Paddle the creek on a kayak. Do all these things along with other camp favorites like campfire, swimming, games, and Bible study.

WAC Circle of Friends



| Cost: \$394 | *Special Needs*

Deans: Mandy Haiven-Bass & Pastor Quaya Ackerman
(#765) August 3-7

Circle of Friends is the perfect camp for our uniquely gifted friends of all ages. Experience games, boat rides, music, and more. Wesley Acres is a safe and wonderful place for every single one of God's children. If you have a higher level of need, bring someone to work with you one-on-one, and enjoy the fun. Learn songs, worship, play games, dancing, and experience joy of camp. Caregivers can contact the camping office or Wesley Acres Camp with questions.



CCYM Events

Events organized by the Dakotas Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM). More info: dakyouth.org

Grades
6-12

Winter Connection

Locations: Rapid City, SD, Sioux Falls, SD, Bismarck, ND
| **Cost: \$40** | *Grades: 6-12*
(#800) January 24-25

Winter Connection is an annual event for middle school and high school youth. Check out dakyouth.org for the host church location in your district! This is an opportunity for youth around the area to gather, worship, and serve others. Each year there is a focus on a particular theme and scripture along with a unique and important component of service. **This year's theme is "Love is." Our scripture focus is 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.**

Adults

Youth Worker Academy

Storm Mountain Center
| **Cost: \$75** | *Pastors and youth leaders*
(#865) April 17-19

Join us for an amazing time of training, sharing and connection for pastors and lay leaders that work with youth in churches across the conference. **Our guest presenter will be Chris Hansen of Yellow Ribbon and Leadership Harbor.** Find out more at leadershipharbor.com and Yellow Ribbon's suicide prevention efforts at YRLNK180.org.

Grades
9-12

2020 High School Mission Trip: Serving C. Springs

Location: Colorado Springs, CO
| **Cost: \$575 (\$125 due at registration. No early bird discount.)** | *Grades: 9-12*
Deans: Pastor John Britt & Steve Hilton
(#806) July 5-11

We will mission to the poor and disadvantaged of Colorado Springs—a city of 500,000 an hour south of Denver—by serving in homeless shelters, food banks, community gardens, thrift stores, and other agencies that meet the basic needs in the community. Each team will rotate through different agencies Monday-Thursday to get four different experiences. We'll engage in daily devotions over lunch. Each evening we'll worship God and share our day's experiences. On Friday, we'll celebrate the ways that God has worked in us and through us. Join us to make a difference in the lives of others and to grow closer to Jesus.

Grades
9-12

LTC (Leadership Training Camp)

Lake Poinsett Camp
| **Cost: \$504** | *Grades: 9-12*
Dean: Pastor Peggy Hanson
(#575) July 26-31

This camp rocks with a rich tradition and celebration of our Christian Faith. Our focus is on youth leadership in our church and our world while celebrating God's unconditional love, sharing in high-energy worship, studying aspects of faith, and leadership. It is a week filled with laughter, praise, Wacky Olympics and fun. **This year's theme will be "God in the Movies."** Explore holy themes found in everyday places. **Our scripture focus is on Philippians 4:8.** Be sure to register early!

Grades
6-12

DakYouth 2020

Aberdeen, SD
| **Cost: \$75** | *Grades: 6-12*
(#810) November 13-15

DakYouth is an annual youth event like no other and is for both middle school and high school youth in the Dakotas Conference. Youth gather from all around the conference to learn about leadership, discipleship, and service. There are engaging speakers, workshops, inspiring worship, and fun entertainment for all to enjoy. **Our theme will be "Bent, not Broken." Our scripture focus is 2 Corinthians 4:8-9.**

JOIN THE CCYM TEAM!

All youth who are currently in grades 9-11 are welcome to apply. Applications are due **May 1, 2020** and are located at dakyouth.org under the Who We Are tab. Together we grow in faith, friendship, and leadership.



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SISTER CAMPS IN MINNESOTA

Find out more about United Methodist camps in Minnesota at www.campminnesota.org



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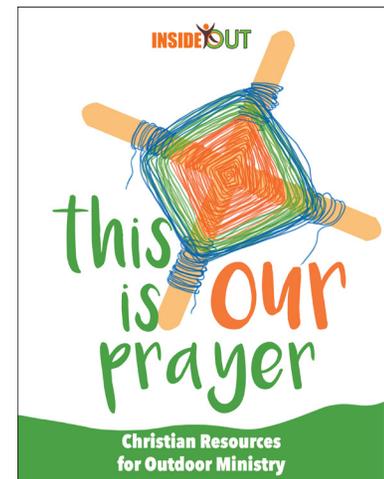
CURRICULUM

This is Our Prayer Discover new ways to connect with God

Some of us speak our thoughts and feelings to God. Others are quiet, settling their hearts to make space for God. Some pray through music, art, or movement. Some pray aloud, while others' prayers are whispers of the soul. Whether we fold our hands and bow or raise them up and look to the sky, God is longing to connect with us. God hears our prayers.

In this new outdoor ministry resource from InsideOut, campers will explore the shared longings of the human heart and all the different ways Christians have prayed throughout history. Through Bible stories and spiritual practices, we'll discover a deeper connection with God and each other and grow into the beloved community of God, where everyone is invited, loved, and celebrated for who they are. This is our prayer! *This Is Our Prayer* summer camp curriculum includes:

- Bible studies centered on our longings and God's call to be a part of something bigger than ourselves
- Daily themes focused on our desire to be included, connected, heard, guided, and renewed, as well as to create change and to celebrate
- A new prayer practice for each day, such as prayer partners, a labyrinth, guided meditation, and collaborative art





Register

Discounts and Incentives

Register for any Dakotas United Methodist camp at Lake Poinsett Camp, Wesley Acres Camp, or Storm Mountain Center to receive our discounts and incentives. Some exclusions apply.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

Our early bird discount is \$5 per night. For example, a 5-night camp would have a \$25 discount.

**Early bird
deadline
is April 30!**

BRING-A-FRIEND INCENTIVE

For each new camper* you or your child bring to camp in 2020, you will receive \$25** off the price of your camp. This is our way of thanking you for helping us make camp even better by bringing along a friend! Just list the friend when you register and the discount will be applied when they register for camp.

*New campers are defined as those who have not been to any Dakotas camping event in the past three years.

**Discounts cannot exceed the cost of your event registration fee.

CHURCH DISCOUNT CODE

If your church offers a discount, please provide the church code when registering. Please contact your local church directly for information about discount codes.



Frequently Asked Questions

WHO CAN ATTEND CAMP?

Everyone is welcome at camp! Our camps are open to all regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability or handicap, national origin, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity (including gender expression), dietary restrictions or food service needs. Our camps do not tolerate discrimination, harassment, and bullying against any person for any reason.

HOW DO I PAY FOR CAMP?

We ask for a minimum deposit of \$100 at the time of registration. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express through our online registration system, and for mail or phone registrations. You may also mail in a check payment. If you are unable to pay in full at the time of registration, you can access your Campwise online account at any time to make payments (requires on-line registration.) We ask that you pay the full cost of camp, or have a payment plan confirmed, at least two weeks before you arrive at camp. **Please do not bring payment to camp!**

IS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE?

Yes! The Dakotas Conference of The United Methodist Church believes that every child should have a Christian camping experience, and no camper will be turned away due to a personal lack of funds. We provide scholarship funds to campers who need them most, based on individual and family needs. Our hope is that the individual's local church, personal funds and other sources of support will combine with campership support to cover the registration cost for one Dakotas United Methodist camping event per year. To apply, first enroll in the camp of your choice. Then complete our easy campership application in the **Forms section** of our website. If you have questions, feel free to email the camping office at info@dakcamps.org or call toll-free at (855) 622-1973.

HOW CAN I FIND ANOTHER CAMPER TO CARPOOL WITH?

It's always fun to drive to camp with a friend! We encourage those interested in carpooling to check with their local church or camp ambassador. **The camping office is unable to coordinate or arrange rides for campers.**

IS THERE A STORE AT CAMP?

There sure is! Check out our camp store for your favorite camp items, cold drinks or quick snacks! T-shirts, sweatshirts, and other fun gear are also available for purchase at each camp.

For more information, please see the **Parent's & Camper's Handbook** on our Dakotas United Methodist Camps website at www.dakcamps.org.

WHAT IS YOUR CANCELLATION POLICY?

WE MUST RECEIVE ALL CANCELLATIONS IN WRITING. Email us at info@dakcamps.org. Please see the following breakdown for applicable cancellation fees.

If cancellation occurs:

- More than 21 days before the start of camp, we will give a full refund.
- Between 15-20 days prior to the start of camp, we will give a full refund minus a \$50 processing fee.
- Between 8-14 days prior to the start of camp, we will give a full refund minus a \$100 processing fee.
- Less than 7 days prior to the start of camp, no refund will be issued.
- A no call/no show to camp will result in forfeit of all payments.

We will give a full refund in the event of a documented illness or family emergency. Please call the camping office at (855) 622-1973 (toll free) with any questions.

HOW DO I FIND OUT WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP, WHAT TIME TO ARRIVE, AND WHEN TO CHECK OUT?

If you registered by mail or phone, you will receive a confirmation packet within two weeks that will include: a camp welcome letter, all required forms, a map to camp, and a Dakotas-Minnesota Area Parent's & Camper's Handbook.

The camp welcome letter will list: what each camper should bring to camp, what they should NOT bring to camp, what to expect at camp, and instructions about times for check-in and check-out.

If you registered online, all required forms are located under the **Online Forms** tab in your Campwise online registration "dashboard." You will find the camp welcome letter, map, and Dakotas-Minnesota Area Parent's & Camper's Handbook under the **Download Forms** tab.

Please see the required forms section of the brochure for more details.

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?

Fill out the "Camper's Needs" information section on the registration form. Provide additional comments where indicated. A Dakotas United Methodist Camps representative will contact you regarding your camper's needs and integration services. Personal care attendants (PCA) are welcome to attend camp with their camper. There is no cost for attending PCAs, but they must register for camp.

Registration Tips

ONLINE REGISTRATION

When registering online for camp for the first time, please plan for the process to take about 15-20 minutes to complete. If you have registered online before, be sure to use the same login information. If you have forgotten your login or password, please contact our office, and we will be happy to help. Remember, registering online is the fastest and best way to guarantee your spot! Register at www.dakcamps.org.

We suggest you gather all the items needed before you start. Dakotas United Methodist Camps wants to make sure we have the most current information to keep campers safe and secure during their time with us. You will be able to search through available camps once you enter all required information.

After completing your online registration, you will receive an automated confirmation email. If you do not receive an email directly after you register your camper for camp, your registration is not processed. Review your registration for missing information then resubmit. If you are still having trouble, call the camp office.

A \$100 deposit is required with each camp registration unless otherwise indicated. The balance is due in full two weeks prior to the start of camp. For financial assistance, please complete the campership application located in the **Forms section** of our website, or check the campership application request on your paper registration form.

REQUIRED FORMS

The following forms are required and must be completed by all campers: **Camper Health History and Authorization Form, Release of Liability Waiver and Public Relations Release**, and, if needed, a **Medications Form**.

For campers who register online, please fill out these forms under the **Online Forms** tab of your registration dashboard. If you would prefer to complete these forms by hand, you may choose to download and print them from the **Download Forms** tab. **Forms completed online do not need to be printed and brought to camp.** If not filled out online, forms **MUST** be printed, filled out, and brought to camp.

For campers who register by mail or phone, our office will send all of the required forms to the camper by e-mail or U.S. postal mail. Please let us know your preference. Bring completed forms to camp check-in.

DO YOU NEED HELP?

Contact the camping office at (855) 622-1973 (toll-free), Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (summer)/8:30a.m.-4p.m. (off season) or e-mail info@dakcamps.org.

There are five ways to register for camp:



Visit www.dakcamps.org, and click on the red **REGISTER** button at the bottom of the page



To register by phone, call (855) 622-1973 (toll-free), Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.



Send paper registration to Dakotas United Methodist Camps, 122 W. Franklin Ave., Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55404. Checks are payable to Dakotas UM Camps



Scan and e-mail completed registration form to info@dakcamps.org



Fax form to (612) 870-1260

Adults serving as shepherds, camp buddies, counselors, or deans must register at www.dakcamps.org.

1. Register for camp using the red **REGISTER** button at the bottom of the page. All volunteer deans must also register
2. In addition to your required forms, you must complete the **Volunteer Application**, located in the **forms section** of your online account.
3. **Annual background screenings are required.** A link to complete the screening is located in the Volunteer Application in the forms section of your online account.

Camp registration form side 1

Please note: You may register online at www.dakcamps.org. You may also register by mail by completing this form and mailing it and your deposit to: Dakotas UM Camps, 122 W. Franklin Ave., Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55404. Registration forms may also be faxed to (612) 870-1260. Questions? Call (855) 622-1973 (toll-free) or e-mail info@dakcamps.org.

Part 1: Camper Information

Full name: _____ Mailing address: _____
Grade completed as of June 2020 (if under 19): _____ City: _____
Birth date: _____ State: _____
 Male Female Ethnicity (optional): _____ Zip code: _____
Cell phone: _____ Home phone: _____ Home e-mail: _____

Part 2: Camp Information

Please enroll me in _____
Camp number: _____ Please send ALL my camp materials and information via
Camp name: _____ Regular mail only E-mail only
Dates: _____ Preferred e-mail address: _____
Church name & City: _____ Roommate/Cabin Mate Request: _____
Church denomination: _____
No Church Affiliation
Are you using a church discount? Yes No
Church code: _____
Name of church offering discount if different from above: _____

Part 3: Parent/Guardian/Emergency Information

Guardian 1 full name: _____ Relationship: _____
Guardian 1 work #: _____ Guardian 1 cell #: _____ Guardian 1 e-mail: _____
Guardian 2 full name: _____ Relationship: _____
Guardian 2 work #: _____ Guardian 2 cell #: _____ Guardian 2 e-mail: _____
Emergency contact (must be different than guardians)*: _____
Full name: _____ Relationship: _____
Work#: _____ Cell #: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature of guardian is required if under 18: _____

Part 4: Camper's Needs

Camper's dietary needs: None Yes, listed below (Examples: food allergies, restrictions, vegetarian, lactose intolerance, etc.)

Help us understand your camper's needs (disabilities, injuries, health issues, etc.). Check all that apply:

- No Health Concerns Allergies (other) Autism Genetic syndrome ODD
- ADD Anxiety/depression Diabetes (e.g. Down Syndrome) Physical disability
- ADHD Aspergers Eating disorder Learning disability RAD
- Allergies (seasonal) Asthma EBD OCD Other _____

Other info—please provide additional information if needed: _____

Other Camp Opportunities

BE A SHEPHERD

A shepherd is a person who helps to ensure our youngest campers have a great camp experience!

Shepherds should plan to be responsible for up to five campers, participate in all camp activities, supervise cabin time, and assist staff and deans as needed.

Whenever possible, shepherds will be housed in cabins with the child/children they are bringing to camp. However, when moms come with sons and dads with daughters, or if additional staff of the same gender is needed to meet required supervision ratios, shepherds may be placed in sleeping rooms away from their own child/children.

All adults working with campers (including shepherds) must complete an annual background check. All shepherds must register at least seven days prior to the beginning of camp to allow time for the background check to be completed.

Register early! There are a maximum number of shepherds for each camp. **The fee for shepherds is \$90.00.**

RETREATS, CONFERENCES, GATHERINGS, REUNIONS, AND EVENTS

Are you looking for a place to hold your next gathering? Wesley Acres, Storm Mountain, and Lake Poinsett are the perfect places! In addition to offering great summer programming, all three sites operate year-round as retreat and conference centers. Each year, more groups are finding the facilities, food, service, programming, and warm hospitality to be the perfect complement to their time together. For more information, or to schedule an event, please contact the sites directly. See contact information on the back of this brochure.

CAMP STAFF EMPLOYMENT

If you or someone you know is looking for a summer job that provides plenty of time outdoors, great fun with people of all ages, and an opportunity to positively impact the lives of children and youth, apply to work at a Dakotas United Methodist Conference camp! Seasonal staff positions are available in the areas of cabin leadership, program leadership, as well as kitchen and maintenance help. In addition to industry competitive wages, most seasonal positions include room, board, and certifications. Year-round opportunities may be available. All applicants must be 18 or older. To apply, complete an application online at www.dakcamps.org/camping/jobs. Contact the camping office with questions at info@dakcamps.org or call (855) 622-1973 (toll free.)



WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SUMMER AT CAMP!
-Staff of the Dakotas/Minnesota Area United Methodist Camps





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