Early bird deadline is April 30!

2019 Dakotas United Methodist Camps

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## Dakotas United Methodist Camps
### 2019 Calendar

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- Storm Mountain Center
- Wesley Acres Camp
- DAK Youth

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Welcome!

Dear Campers and Families,

A huge welcome to you from the United Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministries of North Dakota and South Dakota. You may be considering a first-time camping experience. Or perhaps you are looking forward to returning for another summer adventure. We’re happy you’re thinking about camping with us! A camping experience at Lake Poinsett Camp, Storm Mountain Center, or Wesley Acres Camp has been part of countless people’s faith stories for generations. Time at camp provides children, youth, adults, and families with life-changing and faith-shaping opportunities to experience Christ, Creation, and Community in a truly unique way. Campers learn new activities; make new friends; spend time in nature; grow in skill, confidence, and leadership; and have fun doing it in a carefully supervised environment.

As a former camper, I spent time around a campfire, swam in the lake, learned to play the guitar, made crafts, hiked, learned to sail, explored nature, and made lots of friends. These experiences plus learning about God helped me grow. My time and experiences at camp changed my life forever.

Today as a parent and leader, I see the impact that time at camp has on the hearts and lives of our children. Sending your child(ren) to a fun-filled, Christ-centered, and life-changing week (or weeks) at summer camp is an investment in their lives. It makes a difference in who our children become. It matters.

There are a lot of camping opportunities available for the 2019 camping season. Our dedicated and caring staff are eager to share them with you and your children. I am confident as you browse this brochure, or dig deeper on our website, you will find something that excites you! With hundreds of events for all ages offered all summer long, there is something for everyone!

If you’ve been to camp before, you know the fun that awaits this summer. If you’re 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 staff regularly review every facet of camp programs and operations to ensure a safe and quality camp experience for all participants. Lake Poinsett Camp and Wesley Acres Camp are accredited through the American Camp Association, the national accrediting body for camping programs. Storm Mountain Center will seek accreditation in 2019. To earn accreditation, camps must comply with hundreds of health, safety, and program quality standards. Only one in five camps nationwide achieves this distinction.

Age-range Key
Based on grade completed in 2018-19 school year

- **Younger Children**
  Grades K-2

- **Older Children**
  Grades 3-5

- **Youth**
  Grades 6-12

- **Adults**
  Ages 18+

- **Family/Intergenerational**
  All ages

- **Special Needs**
  Ages 10+ to adult
Lake Poinsett is a beautiful camp 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 provides the perfect place for all ages to take time away and learn about the love of God.
Grandparents & Me
Ages: grandparents with child(ren) ages 5-12
(##580) Grandparents & Me 1 June 12-14 (two-nights)
| Cost: $164 per person |
| Dean: Pastor Steve Ziebarth |
(##581) Grandparents & Me 2 July 7-10 (three-nights)
| Cost: $230 per person |
| Deans: Jeff & Cynthia Nelson |
(##582) Grandparents & Me 3 July 10-12 (two-nights)
| Cost: $164 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.

Sand, Surf & Son
| Cost: $410 | Grades: 3-6 |
| Dean: Pastor Nicole Anderson |
(##545) June 16-21

Join us for the ultimate water sports adventure! Splash on the water trampoline. Tube behind the boat. Kayak, canoe, and paddle board. 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.

Teddy Bear Camps
| Cost: $75 per person | Ages: adult(s) with child(ren) up to age 12 |
(##535) Teddy Bear 1 June 17-18 | Dean: Morgan Fischer |
(##536) Teddy Bear 2 June 19-20 | Dean: Morgan Fischer |
(##537) Teddy Bear 3 July 15-16 | Dean: LPC Staff |

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.

Water Mania
| Cost: $410 | Grades: 6-8 |
| Dean: Kristy Liebe |
(##550) June 23-28

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

Super Hero Camp
| Cost: $164 | Grades: 2-4 |
| Dean: LPC Staff |
(##507) June 24-26

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.

Fish On
| Cost: $184 | Grades: 3-6 |
| Dean: Jim Heflin |
(##520) June 26-28

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

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| Cost: $410 | Grades: 3-6 |
| Dean: Pastor Nicole Anderson |
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Parents & Me Camp
| Cost: $160 per person | Ages: parent(s) with child(ren) up to age 12 |
| Dean: Christy Heflin |
(##540) June 28-30

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.
LPC Son Seekers 1
| Cost: $164 | Grades: K-3
Deans: John & Cindy Srstka
(#501) June 28-30
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.

Water Sports Splash
| Cost: $300 | Grades: 7-9
Deans: Pastor Mark Tracy, Jesse Hurkes, & Ben Gietzen
(#565) July 15-19
Join us for exciting water sports, fun games, group activities, and time in the sun. Add great music, campfires, friends, and adventure, and you’ll agree...it’s a great time to learn more about your friends, yourself, and God. We will have two meals in the dining hall each day. Breakfast will be in the cabins each morning.

Mini-Camps
| Cost: $164 | Deans: LPC Staff
(#510) Mini Camp A June 30-July 2
Grades: 1-3
(#511) Mini-Camp B June 30-July 2 | Grades: 4-6
(#512) Mini-Camp C July 31-August 2 | Grades: 1-3
(#513) Mini-Camp D July 31-August 2 | Grades: 4-6
Perfect two-night event for new campers or returning ones. Shepherds are welcome. See page 27 for a description of the role and responsibilities for a shepherd.

Brownies, Cookies, and More
| Cost: $164 | Grades: 4-6
Deans: LPC Staff
(#527) July 16-18
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.

Elementary Sampler
| Cost: $328 | Grades: 3-5
Dean: Linse Lundberg
(#518) July 8-12
Join us 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: $328 | Grades: 6-8
Dean: Pastor Clay Lundberg
(#519) July 8-12
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.

LTC (Leadership Training Camp)
| Cost: $480 | Grades: 9-12
Dean: Pastor Peggy Hanson
(#575) July 21-27
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 Ripples. The ripple effect affects us all! Be sure to register early.

Games Galore
| Cost: $246 | Grades: 3-5
Dean: Matthew Bader
(#525) July 28-31
Immerse yourself in fun! Campers will spend time playing games and sports, swimming in the lake, learning about God, and making new friends.
Crafts, Photography & More  
| Cost: $246 | Grades: 3-5  
Dean: Morgan Fischer  
(#530) July 28-31  
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.

Sailing Camp  
| Cost: $256 | Grades: 6-10  
Dean: Sean Binder  
(#563) July 28-31  
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.

Lacrosse Camp  
| Cost: $164 | Grades: 4-7  
Dean: Jim Heflin  
(#547) July 31-August 2  
Come try our new inaugural Lacrosse Camp. Learn the basic skills of throwing, catching, scooping, and shooting. Join us for this dynamic camp. Don’t have a lacrosse stick? No worries—we will provide everything you need.

LPC Summer’s Last Blast  
| Cost: $246 | Grades: K-5  
Dean: Christy Heflin  
(#505) Summer’s Last Blast 1  
| Cost: $252 | Grades: 6-9  
Dean: Anne Osborne  
(#506) Summer’s Last Blast 2  
Join us for this 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 is your camp set in the Black Hills National Forest. The 247-acre site offers adventure for all ages and abilities. God welcomes all into his loving creation. We invite you to experience it while hiking, swimming in the creek, exploring the gold mine, playing outdoor games, making new friends, and sitting around the campfire. We are excited to share this camp experience with you.
SMC Circle of Friends
| Cost: $184 | Special Needs
Deans: Peggy & Vaughn Heckel (#605) May 31 - June 2
Take a break from your normal summer routine. Come spend some time with God and friends at camp. The pace of the camp is geared for school-aged and older mentally and/or physically challenged campers. There will be activities, crafts, campfires, lots of music, and Bible studies. A camp buddy (caregiver) needs to register and accompany each camper (at no charge) and will participate in all camp activities.

High Point
| Cost: $410 | Grades: 9-12
Deans: Kristen and Pastor Travis Krogman (#611) June 9-14
No need to feel low; come to High Point and feel alive! Join us for an energizing week while God takes us to new heights through local service projects and mission work. Build on new relationships as you go to a higher point in your faith and still have fun!

Peak Experience
| Cost: $440 | Grades: 5-7
Dean: Zach Gors (#613) June 9-14
A week full of action! Lots of hiking, climbing, and one day at 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're ready to get the most from this camp.

Treasure Seekers
| Cost: $410 | Grades: 5-6
Deans: Kerry Hilton & Pastor Marty Martens (#619) June 16-21
What treasures do you seek? What treasures does God seek for you? How can you seek God’s treasures this week at camp? Join us to find out! Cross-state bus is available. See page 15.

Harry Potter Camp
| Cost: $410 | Grades: 6-8
Dean: Pastor Laura Walters (#606) June 16-21
A magical week of camp in the Creekside Cabins. Your days will be filled with adventure and exploration. With the guidance of the head master, professors, and heads of house, teams will explore biblical themes and you will discover your own God-given gifts as you experience personal transfiguration. Cross-state bus is available. See page 15.

Heritage
| Cost: $410 | Grade: 4
Deans: Kelsey Morgan & Jessica Kremer (#610) June 16-21
You will find adventure and action in this camp geared towards fourth graders. You’ll discover more about your heritage in the Black Hills while panning for gold, discovering Indian folklore, logging trees, and being a missionary. Cross-state bus is available. See page 15.

Family Camp
| Cost: $145 per person (Family max: $580) | Ages: Intergenerational
Deans: Kerry Hilton & Pastor Marty Martens (#630) June 21-23
Family Camp is a great way for families to connect with each other and with God. You will find fun for all ages and a space 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.

The Next Normal
| Cost: $410 | Grades: 3-5
Deans: Pastor Peggy Hanson & Beata Ferris (#618) June 23-28
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. Cross-state bus is available. See page 15.

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**Rock That Doesn’t Roll**  
| Cost: $410 | Grades: 6-8  
Dean: Pastor Kori Lehrkamp & Pastor Karl Kroger  
(#615) June 23-28  
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. Cross-state bus is available. See page 15.

**Black Hills Trek**  
| Cost: $340 | Grades: 6-8  
Dean: Sean Binder  
(#604) June 23-28  
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.) Cross-state bus is available. See page 15.

**SOUL Camp**  
| Cost: $410 | Grades: 6-8  
Dean: Sean Binder  
(#626) June 30-July 3  
At Skills for OUtdoor Living camp, you will stay in cabins by the creek for a rustic outdoor experience. You will learn general outdoor living skills along with survival skills. Hiking, exploring, and learning about God’s great creation will fill your days. Come ready to rough it and participate in some hands-on learning.

**A Rockin’ Experience**  
| Cost: $164 | Grades: 8-12  
Deans: Bruce Junek & Justin Broveak  
(#601) July 12-14  
Join us for two days of beginning rock climbing while experiencing God’s wonders among the granite rock formations of the Black Hills. Celebrate at the end of the day around a roaring campfire. Experience camp life while staying in the cabins down by the creek. All climbing led by rock climbing instructors. (Limit 10 participants.)
Big Horn Mountain Experience
| Cost: $340 | Grades: 8-12
Dean: Sean Binder
(#603) July 14-19

Your camp begins and ends at Storm Mountain Center; in between you'll 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 for three nights and four days carrying all your gear in including: your tent, personal items, sleeping bag, and food. Register early as this camp is limited by the number of hikers the Park Service will allow on the trails.

SMC Son Seekers 2
| Cost: $164 | Grades: K-3
Dean: Pastor Holly Sortland
(#616) July 19-21

Designed to help first-time 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.

Ben's Epic Adventure
| Cost: $410 | Grades: 6-8
Dean: Ben McKirdy-Wilsey
(#602) July 21-26

If you love to be on the move, this is definitely the camp for you! Hiking, exploring, staying in the cabins by the creek and learning of God's love will fill your days and well into the evenings, too. Limited to 16 campers, so grab your friends and register early.

Family Fun-4-All
| Cost: $145 per person (Family max: $580) | Ages: Intergenerational
Deans: Brookings UMC Crew
(#607) July 26-28

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.
SMC Summer’s Last Blast
| Cost: $246 | Grades: 3-5
Deans: SMC Staff  
(#620) August 4-7
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.

Kidventures
| Cost: $164 | Grades: K-3
Deans: SMC Staff  
(#625) August 2-4
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.

SMC Summer’s Last Blast
| Cost: $435 (No early bird discount) | Ages: Adult Men
Deans: Pastor Kermit Culver & Pastor Cory Thrall  
(#609) August 18-21
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. NEW this year – GEARS! If you prefer a bicycle ride in the Black Hills, we’ve got you covered. Days will be your choice of either golf or gears. Evenings will be filled with shared fellowship, good conversation, and reflections on a book of the deans’ choice.

Relax, Renew
| Cost: $150 (No early bird discount) | Ages: Adult Women
Dean: Pastor Jo Flesner  
(#624) October 11-13
Join us for an awesome women's weekend. You'll find both group time to build Christian community and time apart for Sabbath and renewal.

Lover of God’s Hills
| Cost: $234 (No early bird discount) | Ages: Intergenerational
Deans: Scott & Dyla Jensen  
(#612) August 25-28
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! Great for all ages. 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.

Buffalo Round-Up
| Cost: $70 (No early bird discount) | Ages: Intergenerational
Deans: SMC Staff  
(#621) September 26-27
A wonderful 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 bed time. 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.

Confirmation Retreat
| Cost: $70 (No early bird discount) | Grades: 6-9
Deans: Pastor John Britt & Pastor Peggy Hanson  
(#622) October 25-26
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. Each camper must register individually.
Ride the bus to Storm Mountain Center

The cross-state bus to Storm Mountain Center will run the weeks of June 16-21 and June 23-28. Choose the bus option when you register. To reserve your spot, you must pay the full bus fee. The fee is a flat rate regardless of where you board. The bus schedule, along with a list of bus stop locations, may be found in the forms section of our website, www.dakcamps.org. No refunds will be available.

$100 round trip / $50 one-way
Wesley Acres is a wonderful place to get away. 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, 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.

Wesley Acres Camp

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**My Craft Camp**
| Cost: $410 | Grades: 4-6 |
| Dean: Tara Bush |

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

**WAC Son Seekers**
| Cost: $164 | Grades: K-4 |
| (#705) Son Seekers 4 June 2-4 |

Dean: Holly Lathrop

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 in group games like gaga ball, 4-square, and 9-square in the air. Grow in faith while learning 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.

**Minecraft Camp**
| Cost: $410 | Grades: 5-8 |
| Dean: Pastor Clay Lundberg |

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.

**Capture the Experience**
| Cost: $410 | Grades: 9-12 |
| Dean: Pastor Jeff Lathrop |

(#755) June 9-14

How can you make camping even better? Capture all of that experience in photography and video. This is for senior high campers who are looking for a little adventure and a lot of memories. We’ll kayak/canoe down the creek, explore the ropes course, and create a time for building faith and friendships. Join us as we capture the experience.

**Junior High Basketball Blast**
| Cost: $410 | Grades: 6-9 |
| Deans: Coach Lynn Frederickson & Pastor Paul Lint |

(#745) July 22-27

God gives us many gifts to develop and use to glorify God, and basketball can be one of those. Come and grow in faith and skill. This camp will feature Coach Fred and the Pro Shot method.

**Canoe Camp**
| Cost: $410 | Grades: 5-8 |
| Deans: Pastor Kris Mutzenberger & Pastor Dayne Zachrison |

(#735) July 21-26

Learn the basics of canoeing or expand your knowledge, while expanding your faith. It’s all the fun of camp with extra time on the creek!

**Family Camps**
| Cost: $145 per person (Family max: $580) | Ages: Intergenerational |

(855) 622-1973 or www.dakcamps.org

(#770) June Family Camp June 14-16

Deans: Sjanna Boe & Jan Cossette

(#775) July Family Camp July 26-28

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.

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**WAC Circle of Friends**
**Cost:** $378 | **Special Needs**
Deans: Mandy Haiven-Bass & Pastor Quaya Ackerman
(#765) July 29-August 2

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, learning, worship, games, dancing, and joy of camp. Caregivers can contact the camping office or Wesley Acres Camp with questions.

**Archery and More**
**Cost:** $246 | **Grades:** 4-7
Dean: Pastor Paul Lint
(#730) August 4-7

Take aim and learn archery or improve on your skills. Learn to aim for the mark while we learn the marks of a faithful Christian. This camp will have archery lessons and include all of the other things that make camp great. You’ll swim, play, canoe, learn, sing around the campfire, and make new friends. What a great way to end the summer!
**Winter Connection** | Cost: $40 | Grades: 6-12 (800) January 25-26

Winter Connection is an annual event for middle school and high school youth. Check out dakyouthe.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 will be: Is there an App for that?

**Youth Worker Academy** | Lake Poinsett Camp | Cost: $85 | Pastors and youth leaders (865) April 26-28

Join us for an amazing time of training, sharing and connection for pastors and leaders that work with youth in churches across the conference. Our guest presenter will be Jeff Dunn-Rankin of Youth Ministry Architects.


July 7-14

This is the national gathering of 6-12 grade United Methodist Youth! Join thousands for discipleship, worship, Bible study, mission work, and life-changing fun! We’ll travel down to Kansas City, spend Monday to Wednesday taking a dive into Urban Plunge mission and service experience, spreading the word of God and the love of Jesus. Then we will worship, study and celebrate with 8,000 youth from across the country on Wednesday to Saturday, returning home Sunday. Let us learn together what it means to Love Well. Find registration information at dakyouthe.org under the Happenings tab.

**DakYouth 2019** | Aberdeen, SD | Cost: $65 Early Bird; $75 after Early Bird | Grades: 6-12 (810) November 8-10

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: Recharge.

**LTC (Leadership Training Camp)** | Lake Poinsett Camp | Cost: $480 | Grades: 9-12 (575) July 21-27

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: Ripples. The ripple effect affects us all! Be sure to register early. We’ll see you there!

**Join the CCYM Team!**

All youth who are currently in grades 9-11 are welcome to apply. Applications are due May 1, 2019 and can be found at dakyouthe.org under the Who We Are tab. Together we grow in faith, friendship, and leadership.
Peace is a prayer for some and a life’s work for others. It’s a blessing we share and a longing within each of our hearts. Scripture is filled with stories of peace and justice, and camp is the perfect place to share them. Peace isn’t always easy, but it’s always worth the effort; because we know that peace works!

Peace Works, the newest summer camp curriculum resource from InsideOut, provides a fun, enriching, spiritual, and biblically-based camp experience for campers of all ages. From Bible studies about the biblical call for justice and peacemaking, to learning about how other cultures name and express peace around the world, Peace Works will educate and empower campers to become peacemakers in their communities. Creative arts projects such as peace cranes and peace poles will help campers express their personal hopes for peace and connect them to larger movements for peace around the world.
Register

(855) 622-1973 or www.dakcamps.org
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 2019, 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!

*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. After your church code is entered, the discount will be subtracted to reflect the portion of registration fees you are responsible for. 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?
A minimum deposit of $100 is expected at the time of registration. We accept Visa, MasterCard, and Discover 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 before your 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 info@dakcamps.org the camping office 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.

What is your cancellation policy?
Cancellations must be received in writing. Email us at info@dakcamps.org. Please see the following breakdown for applicable cancellation fees:

If cancellation is received:
• More than 21 days before the start of camp, a full refund will be given.
• Between 15-20 days prior to the start of camp, a full refund minus a $50 processing fee will be given.
• Between 8-14 days prior to the start of camp, a full refund minus a $100 processing fee will be given.
• 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.

Full refunds will be given 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 come, and what time to be picked up?
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, you will find the camp welcome letter, map, and Dakotas-Minnesota Area Parent’s & Camper’s Handbook in your Campwise online registration “dashboard” under the download forms tab. All other forms may be filled out under the online 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 UM Camps representative will contact you regarding your camper’s needs and integration services. Personal care attendants are welcome to attend camp with their camper.

For more information, please see the Parent’s & Camper’s Handbook on our Dakotas United Methodist Camps website at www.dakcamps.org.
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, you can use the same login information. If you have forgotten your login or password, please call our office at 855-622-1973, 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 all required information is entered.

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’re still having trouble, call the camp office at (855) 622-1973.

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 on the forms section found at the bottom of the page at www.dakcamps.org, 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, all of the required forms will be sent to the camper by e-mail or U.S. postal mail. Please let us know your preference. These forms must be filled out manually and brought to camp check-in.

Need help?
Contact the camping office at (855) 622-1973 (toll-free), Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (Central Time)

There are five ways to register for camp:

Visit www.dakcamps.org, and click on “Camp and Events,” and then the registration button.

Phone registrations can be made by calling: (855) 622-1973 (toll-free), Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (Central Time)

Paper registrations can be sent 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 forms 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 Camp and Event tab. 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 2019 (if under 19): _______________________

City: ____________________________

Birth date: ____________________________

State: ____________________________

City: ____________________________

Male ☐ Female ☐ Ethnicity (optional): ____________________________

State: ____________________________

Cell phone: ____________________________ Home phone: ____________________________

Zip code: ____________________________ Home e-mail: ____________________________

**Part 2: Camp Information**

Please enroll me in ____________________________

Please send ALL my camp materials and information via ☐ Regular mail only ☐ E-mail only

Camp number: ____________________________

Preferred e-mail address: ____________________________

Camp name: ____________________________

Roommate/Cabin Mate Request: ____________________________

Dates: ____________________________

Church name & City: ____________________________

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 (e.g. Down Syndrome)

☐ ADD ☐ Anxiety/depression ☐ Diabetes ☐ ODD

☐ ADHD ☐ Aspergers ☐ Eating disorder ☐ Physical disability

☐ Allergies (seasonal) ☐ Asthma ☐ EBD ☐ RAD

☐ Other ____________________________

Other info—please provide additional information if needed: ____________________________

*Required
It is the position of the Camp and Retreat Council that no potential camper be turned away from having an annual camp experience because of a personal lack of funds. We seek to provide campership grants based on individual and family needs. Our expectation is that your local church, personal funds, and conference support will combine to cover the registration costs. Campers with no connection to a local church may contact the camping office for information on support options. Apply online at www.dakcamps.org or check below. If you check below, we will send you a campership application that you must fill out and return to the camping office.

1. Send form to
2. Register online at: www.dakcamps.org
3. Scan and e-mail completed form to info@dakcamps.org
4. Call the central camping office at (855) 622-1973 (toll-free)
5. Fax form to: (612) 870-1260

Dakotas UM Camps
DAK/MN Area Central Camping Office
122 W. Franklin Ave., Suite 400
Minneapolis, MN 55404

**Name of each referred friend (Must be new campers to Dakotas UM Camps and must register for camp for discount to be applied. See page 22):**

**Note:** When registering for camp, we require a $50 deposit for a two night camp and a $100 deposit for a camp that is three nights or more.

Please send me a campership application via: ○ Regular mail ○ E-mail

Comments:

Cost of camp:

Storm Mountain Center bus fee:

Donation to camperships (optional): $   

TOTAL: $   

Early bird discount: $25 off per night for example a two night camp is $50 off. For example a two night camp would be $52 off ends April 30.

**Early bird discount ends April 30.**

**25% discount for each friend referred: $**

Church discount amount: $   

Additional payments can be made by calling the camping office at (855) 622-1973 (toll-free).

Visa ○ Mastercard ○ Discover

Card number:     Exp. date (MM/YY):     3-digit verification code

SIGNATURE:

Name as it appears on card (please print):

Credit Cards: Please complete the information below. Additional payments can be made by calling the camping office at (855) 622-1973 (toll-free).

PART 8: Register for Camp in One of Five Ways:

PART 2: Campership Request

PART 6: Camp Cost and Payment Information

PART 5: Bus Information

PART 4: Camp Registration Form
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 placed in cabins with the child/children they’re 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 $85.00.

Retreats, conferences, gatherings and events

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. Call the camps for more information, or to make arrangements. 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, then 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.
Early bird deadline is April 30!

All are welcome! There's a place for you here!

Wesley Acres Camp
Paul and Brenda Lint, Directors
1821 115th Ave SE, Dazey, ND 58429
wac@dakcamps.org
(701) 733-2413

Storm Mountain Center
Lara and Levi Ziegler, Directors
23740 Storm Mt. Rd, Rapid City, SD 57702
smc@dakcamps.org
(605) 343-4391

Lake Poinsett Camp
Christy Heflin, Director
40 South Lake Dr, Arlington, SD 57212
lpc@dakcamps.org
(605) 983-5547

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