Yes! There is still time to register for summer camp. Year after year we hear stories from people about the impact that camp has had on their lives. There are many positive outcomes for campers. The six DAK-MN UMC camps provide sacred "places apart" for disciples and leaders to respond to God's call. Camp milestones often include love and accept everyone, serve others, share faith, and trust God. There are many exciting camps with different themes to perk everyone's interest!

**ALL ARE INVITED**
Sign up now for summer camp and year-round retreats.

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Mission: Helping campers and guests to experience Christ, creation, and community through camp and retreat ministries.

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SUMMER THEME 2018

BEYOND BELIEF!
The Universe of God

What if God was bigger than you ever imagined? Beyond Belief! is our newest summer camp theme. It invites campers to ask the big questions about God and explore how God can be seen in the vastness of creation, the power of community, and even in their own hearts.

Beyond Belief! includes games, worship, Bible studies, art projects, and service projects. Campers will discover how God’s endless love launches amazing adventures.

BRING A FRIEND $25

Did you know we offer $25 off registration for each new camper* you or your child brings to camp in 2018? This is our way of thanking you for helping us make camp even better by bringing along a friend!

*new campers are those who have not been to any DAKMN UMC camps in past three years.

Adopt A Counselor

For many years, UMC camps have welcomed a dynamic group of young adults each summer for an experience of a lifetime. This summer, we are starting an Adopt-A-Counselor program to connect you with summer staff! We welcome staff alum, campers, volunteers, and all folks interested in providing a word of encouragement or share a memory of what camp has meant to you. If you are interested in participating, here’s the scoop.

1) Hold camp summer staff in your prayers.

2) Send at least 3 pieces of mail between June 1 - August 1 to your camp staff member.

3) If you participate in social media; Like and Follow us (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Vimeo).

To Adopt A Counselor: Email your request to: Laura Eiesland. lauraedkmnareaumc.org

Wesley Acres: Ropes Course
CAMP ACTIVITIES

DAK-MN UMC camps have six beautiful sites located in picturesque settings. It is truly a gift to get away for the day, the weekend, or the week, to enjoy these wonderful spots. However relaxing and gorgeous the camps are, there is also a vast number of fun and energetic activities offered at each site. Campers of all ages enjoy the multiple activity options each day.

Here is a quick glance of the fun awaiting campers this summer!

- Archery
- Kayaks, Canoes
- Paddle Boards
- Fishing
- Crafts
- Hiking
- Ropes Course
- Swimming
- Water Toys
- Floating Water Slide
- Water Key Log
- Beach Toys
- Treasure Hunts
- Singing, Campfires
- Games
- Snack & Breaktime
- Camp Store Merch shopping
- Horseback Riding
- Team Challenge Course
- Gaga Ball
- Zip Line

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for the generous donations all of the camps have received. Prayers, monetary donations, wish list items, and volunteer time is so appreciated. Your help positively impacts our campers of all ages.

Hey Kids!
DRAWING CONTEST

Calling all kids ages 0 to 17! Draw a picture of your favorite activity, landscape, critter, or experience at camp. Two winners will be awarded a camp t-shirt and a canvas of their drawing. It will be put on display at the UMC conference offices, on camp websites, and at 2019 UMC Annual Conference sessions.

Submit your drawing via email or via US mail to the camp office to be considered. Please include the age and first name of the artist. Also note last name and contact information (which will be kept confidential).

Enter by August 1, 2018
Email: laura@dkmnareaumc.org
US Mail:
DAKMN Area UMC Camps
Attn: 2018 Camp Art Contest
122 W. Franklin Ave, Ste 400
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Online Donations:
dakcamps.org
campminnesota.org
Koronis Ministries: Water Fun

POINTERs FOR PARENTS

Summer camp is almost here! Don't forget to fill out the online camper health form.

Websites:
www.dakcamps.org
www.campminnesota.org

Our websites are full of helpful resources. Find information on camp details, FAQ's, packing lists, camp contact information, camp directions, and much more!

CAMPERSHIPS

Financial assistance is still available! If interested, submit an online campership application form.

EMAIL YOUR CAMPER

Send your camper a one-way email greeting, add camper name in subject line. They are typically distributed at mealtime. Or, you can turn in letters at registration to be handed out throughout the week.

Lake Poinsett Camp:
LPCampers@dakcamps.org
Storm Mountain Center:
SMCampers@dakcamps.org
Wesley Acres Camp:
WACampers@dakcamps.org
Koronis Ministries:
KORCampers@campminnesota.org
Northern Pines Camp:
NPCampers@campminnesota.org
Improvements on the facility and programs continue. New carpet and vinyl flooring were installed in the Red Pine dining hall early this spring. When the snow finally disappeared, New Wesley Cabin, Treehouses and the shower house got brand new roofs. After online voting determined campers’ excitement for a Key Log, a fundraising campaign started. Private donations got the "log rolling" and Detroit Lakes UMW added a big boost with a $500 donation. It is a synthetic log when filled with water floats, spins and reacts just like a traditional cedar log, it will be a fun addition!

KORONIS MINISTRIES
PAYNESVILLE, MN
A new full-time maintenance staff person has been hired and will be a welcome addition to the current camp staff. He comes with many mechanical and maintenance skills that will benefit the entire camp. The furry goats and stately maple trees continue to create many smiles. Guests and visitors love to interact with the goats and the sugaring continues in hopes of making maple syrup. The new rock-climbing wall will sure to be a camper favorite again this year!

KOWAKAN ADVENTURES
ELY, MN
The leadership team of Levi and Lara Ziegler continue their second summer season together at Kowakan Adventures. A new Teen Trek Boundary Waters Adventure session has been added for 13-18 year-olds. The rustic and unspoiled 40-acre base camp is located on the beautiful Section 12 Lake, east of Ely. Kowakan ("place of the Almighty") offers safe and fun guided group expeditions in June, July and August.

NORTHERN PINES CAMP
PARK RAPIDS, MN
122 W. Franklin Avenue, Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55404
Email: camps@minnesota.org  Tel: 855-622-1973
Sean Binder has been a leader in Dakotas UMC camping for many years and he begins his inaugural year as Camp Director. Look for many new and interesting camp sessions this summer. Updates to the vast camp property, completion of the American Camp Association survey for accreditation, and offering more year-round retreats, are just a few of the camp highlights.

A very generous legacy gift of approximately $1M from the estate of Jim and Deb Larson will bless camp for many years. "This spectacular gift will impact campers in many ways. The Larson family legacy will live on as their footprints will be sprinkled around camp," said Christy Heflin. Funds will be used to create an endowment for maintenance and improvements, to address immediate needs, and eventually add a playground area for campers.

There have been many updates at camp for a continued warm welcome to summer campers and year-round retreat guests. The swimming pool has been a large project with a complete resurfacing and new paint. Deep cleaning, repairs, and landscaping are also in process. Seventeen people from six different churches provided wonderful help during the May workday. Fargo First UMC is scheduling their own day to volunteer, we invite your church to do that too!