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2018 Calendar

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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. Whether you are considering a first-time camping experience or are looking forward to returning for another summer adventure, we're so happy you're here! 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. A time at camp provides children, youth, young 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 camp fire, 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 a 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 so many camping opportunities in 2018 and our dedicated and caring staff are eager to share them with you and your child. 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, 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 the Dakotas Annual 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.



**Dakotas United
Methodist Camps**

Dakotas Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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. In 2017, Lake Poinsett Camp and Wesley Acres Camp achieved accreditation through the American Camp Association, the national accrediting body for camping programs. Storm Mountain Center will seek accreditation in 2018. 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 2017-18 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





Christy Heflin
Lake Poinsett Camp
Director



LAKE POINSETT

Camp



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.



Lake Poinsett Camp





Sand, Surf & Son

| Cost: \$390 | Grades: 3-6

Dean: Nicole Anderson

(#545) June 17-22

Come for a water sports adventure along with games, skits, songs, and campfires.



Teddy Bear Camps

| Cost: \$65 per person | Ages: Adult with child(ren) up to age 12

(#535) Teddy Bear 1 June 20-21

(#536) Teddy Bear 2 July 17-18

Come join us for 24 hours of fun. Stay in the beautiful retreat center. Bring your favorite teddy bear and come meet new friends.



Splash Mania

| Cost: \$390 | Grades: 6-8

Deans: Aryln Coalter and Kristi Liebe

(#550) June 24-29

Enjoy this fun-filled camp that will have tons of water games, waterfront time, and fellowship.



Mini-Camps

| Cost: \$156 |

(#510) Mini Camp A July 5-7 Grades: 1-3

(#511) Mini Camp B July 5-7 Grades: 4-6

(#512) Mini Camp C August 1-3 Grades: 1-3

(#513) Mini Camp D August 1-3 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.



Fish On

| Cost: \$176 | Grades: 3-6

Deans: Jim Heflin and Missi Anderson

(#520) July 5-7

Try your luck at catching a big one in Lake Poinsett, make new friends who like to fish, and enjoy fellowship among campers.



Grandparents & Me

Ages: Grandparents with child(ren) ages 5-12

(#580) Grandparents & Me 1 July 8-11 (three-nights)

| Cost: \$220 per person |

Deans: Jeff and Cynthia Nelson

(#581) Grandparents & Me 2 July 11-13 (two-nights) | Cost: \$156 per person |

Dean: Steve Ziebarth

Stay two or three nights with your grandkids in an air-conditioned room in the retreat center.



Elementary Sampler

| Cost: \$312 | Grades: 3-5

Dean: Linse Lundberg

(#518) July 9-13

Join us for an exciting time sampling and exploring all that camp has to offer!



Middle School Sampler

| Cost: \$312 | Grades: 6-8

Dean: Clay Lundberg

(#519) July 9-13

Join us for an exciting time sampling and exploring all that camp has to offer!



Parents & Me Camp

| Cost: \$150 per person | Ages: Parents with child(ren) up to age 12

Deans: Jim and Christy Heflin

(#540) July 13-15

Join us for a fantastic time with your children! Stay in a beautiful air-conditioned room in the retreat center.





LPC SonSeekers 1

| Cost: \$156 | Grades: K-3

Deans: John and Cindy Srstka

(#501) July 13-15

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.



Games Galore & More

| Cost: \$234 | Grades: 3-5

(#525) July 16-19

Come join us for lots of games and sports. Fun times will be enjoyed by all.



Crafts, Photography & More

| Cost: \$234 | Grades: 3-5

Dean: Morgan Fischer

(#530) July 16-19

Come join us for lots of crafts, photography, and more. Fun times are in store for everyone. You may bring a camera, but it is not required.



Water Sports Splash

| Cost: \$322 | Grades: 7-9

Deans: Mark Tracey and Jesse Hurkes

(#565) July 16-20

Join us for water sports, games, and time in the sun.



Fishing Camp

| Cost: \$176 | Grades: 7-9

Dean: Missi Anderson

(#560) July 19-21

Come join fishing camp where you will reel in friends for life and hopefully some keeper fish!



LTC (Leadership Training Camp)

| Cost: \$455 | Grades: 9-12

Deans: Jeff Lathrop, Diane Kisch, and Linda Kay Hai

(#575) July 22-28

This camp rocks with a rich tradition and celebration of our Christian faith. This year's theme will be *Superheroes!* Be sure to bring a superhero outfit and register early. We'll see you there!





Movie Madness

| Cost: \$234 |

Deans: Wade and Theta Miller

July 29-August 1

(#555) **Movie Madness 1** Grades: 6-8

(#556) **Movie Madness 2** Grades: 9-12

Explore God's work, presence, and love in three modern secular movies.



Youth Sampler

| Cost: \$234 | Grades: 8-12

(#570) July 29-August 1

Come join us for a fantastic few days of fun activities. Enjoy arts and crafts, games, water front activities, music and drama, campfires and more!



LPC Summer's Last Blast

August 5-8

(#505) **Summer's Last Blast 1** Grades: K-5 | Cost: \$234 |

Dean: Christy Heflin

(#506) **Summer's Last Blast 2** Grades: 6-9 | Cost: \$244 |

Dean: Anne Osborne

Join us for this last blast of the summer. It will be an action-packed few days! Shepherds are welcome. See page 27 for a description of the role and responsibilities for a shepherd.





Sean Binder
Storm Mountain Center
Director



STORM MOUNTAIN Center



Storm Mountain Center is your camp set in the Black Hills National Forest. The 247-acre Storm Mountain Center 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.



Storm Mountain Center





Youth Worker Academy

| Cost: \$70 (no early bird discount) | Pastors and youth leaders

(#665) April 27-29

Join us for training and an amazing time of sharing and connection. This camp is for pastors and leaders who work with youth in churches across the conference. Sponsored by the Dakotas Conference Council of Youth Ministries. The speaker this year is Mark Oestreicher.



SMC Circle of Friends

| Cost: \$156 | Special Needs

Deans: Peggy and Vaughn Heckel

(#605) June 1-3

A great camp experience for all our uniquely gifted friends. The pace of the camp is geared for school-aged and older mentally and/or physically challenged campers.



SMC SonSeekers

| Cost: \$156 | Grades: K-3

Dean: SMC Staff

(#616) SonSeekers 2 June 10-12

(#617) SonSeekers 3 July 6-8

The first years of camp are an exciting time to begin growing in faith with the support of our shepherds. See page 27 for a description of the role and responsibilities for a shepherd.



Treasure Seekers

| Cost: \$390 | Grades: 5-6

Dean: Kerry Hilton

(#619) June 17-22

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 for this camp to find out! Cross-state bus is available. See page 15.



Harry Potter Camp

| Cost: \$390 | Grades: 6-8

Dean: Laura Walters

(#606) June 17-22

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 discover your own God-given gifts as you experience personal transfiguration. Cross-state bus is available. See page 15.



Heritage

| Cost: \$390 | Grade: 4

Deans: Kelsey Morgan and Jessica Kremer

(#610) June 17-22

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 folk lore, logging trees, and being a missionary. Cross-state bus is available. See page 15.



High Point

| Cost: \$390 | Grades: 9-12

Deans: Kristen and Travis Krogman

(#611) June 17-22

Come for an energizing week while God takes us to new heights through local service and mission work. Join us for this camp to find out! Cross-state bus is available. See page 15.





The Next Normal

| Cost: \$390 | Grades: 4-5

Deans: Peggy Hanson and Beata Ferris

(#618) July 8-13

Help create the new normal. Ignite the love of Christ within the world. Cross-state bus is available. See page 15.



Black Hills Trek

| Cost: \$325 | Grades: 6-8

Dean: Sean Binder

(#604) July 8-13

Challenge yourself both physically and spiritually as you backpack through the beautiful Black Hills. Cross-state bus is available. See page 15.



Rock That Doesn't Roll

| Cost: \$390 | Grades: 6-8

Deans: Kori Lehrkamp and Karl Kroger

(#615) July 8-13

In this week, we engage the subjects of faith, media, relationships, and culture. As we wrestle with following Jesus amidst living in a busy and messy world, we will prepare you to be faithful disciples. Most importantly, we will impress upon you what it means to embrace your identity as a beloved child of God. Cross-state bus is available. See page 15.



A Rockin' Experience

| Cost: \$156 | Grades: 8-12

Deans: Steve Horner and Justin Broveak

(#601) July 13-15

Join us for two days of beginning rock climbing while experiencing God's wonders among the granite rock formations.



Ben's Epic Adventure

| Cost: \$390 | Grades: 6-8

Deans: Emma and Ben McKirdy-Wilsey

(#602) July 22-27

Experience an active camp like no other. Hiking, exploring, staying in the cabins by the creek, and learning of God's love will fill your days and evenings. Limited to 16 campers.

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Big Horn Mountain Experience

| Cost: \$390 | Grades: 8-12

Dean: Gary Walters

(#603) July 22-27

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!



Focus

| Cost: \$390 | Grades: 8-12

Deans: Rick Pittenger and Russ Stone

(#608) July 22-27

Come focus on your photography skills and learn to focus on your relationship with Jesus as well. Campers will capture with their camera the bustle and beauty around Storm Mountain Center as they learn the finer techniques of photography. Must have your own digital camera.



Peak Experience

| Cost: \$430 | Grades: 5-7

Dean: Zach Gors

(#613) July 22-27

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.



Family Fun-4-All

| Cost: \$138 (Family max: \$552) | Ages: Intergenerational

Deans: Brookings UMC Crew

(#607) July 27-29

Enjoy a fun-filled weekend of fellowship, Bible study, and family time!



SMC Summer's Last Blast

| Cost: \$234 | Grades: 3-5

Dean: Lily Jones

(#620) August 5-8

You still have time to experience the joy of camp and the love of Christ before summer is over. You will hike, play, sing, swim, and enjoy the great outdoors.





God, Guys, and Golf

| Cost: \$435 (No early bird discount) | Ages: Adult Men

Dean: Kermit Culver

(#609) August 19-22

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. Good conversation and reflections on a book of the dean's choice add to your faith development in a strong Christian community.



Love of God's Hills

| Cost: \$234 | Ages: Intergenerational

Deans: Dave and Marcia Mack

(#612) August 26-29

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. Great for all ages.



Buffalo Round-Up

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

Ages: Intergenerational

(#621) September 27-28

A wonderful fall outing to experience the great fall colors and the thunder of the "herd" as they crest the hill in Custer State Park!



Relax, Refresh, Renew

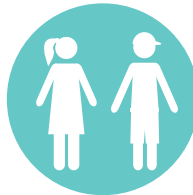
| Cost: \$150 (No early bird discount) |

Ages: Adult Women

Dean: Jo Flesner

(#624) October 5-7

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.



Confirmation Retreat

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

Deans: John Britt and Peggy Hanson

(#622) October 26-27

Experience connections with other United Methodist churches and confirmands. Learn about a part of our Christian and United Methodist heritage and 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 17-22 and July 8-13. 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.

\$90.00 Round Trip / \$45.00 One-Way





Brenda and Paul Lint
Wesley Acres Camp
Directors



WESLEY ACRES Camp

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



Elementary Camp

| Cost: \$390 | Grades: 4-6

(#725) **Elementary Camp 1** June 10-15 Dean: Jeff Lathrop

(#730) **Elementary Camp 2** August 5-10 Dean: Tara Bush

Come join us for a week filled with games, swimming, encounters with God and nature, and adventures with new friends.



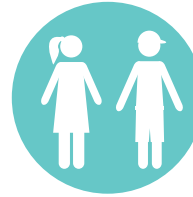
Minecraft Camp

| Cost: \$390 | Grades: 5-8

Dean: Clay Lundberg

(#740) June 10-15

Our creative God crafted for us God's Kingdom and challenges us to continue to build it; come to play, create, learn, and share through Minecraft.



Star Wars Camp

| Cost: \$390 | Grades: 7-12

Dean: Seth LaBounty

(#750) June 10-15

Participate in a Star Wars role-playing game while exploring biblical themes in the famous movies. Build, explore, and create characters and situations while building memories, exploring faith, and creating lasting friendships.



Family Camps

| Cost: \$138 (Family max: \$552) | Ages: Intergenerational

(#770) **June Family Camp** June 15-17 Deans: Sjanna Boe and Jan Cossette

(#775) **July Family Camp** July 27-29 Deans: Mike and 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.

WAC SonSeekers

| Cost: \$156 | Grades: K-3

(#705) **SonSeekers 4** June 29-July 1 Dean: Quaya Ackerman

(#710) **SonSeekers 5** July 12-14 Dean: Anita Tulp

Our first years of camp, as we begin to grow in faith, can be exciting and scary. Bring a friend and join the fun as we seek God's son.



Mini-Camps

| Cost: \$156 | Grades: 4-6

(#715) **Mini-Camp 1** June 29-July 1 Dean: Lisa Rhodes

(#720) **Mini-Camp 2** July 12-14 Dean: Quaya Ackerman

Pack your bags and all your energy because we are packing a week's worth of fun into 48 hours.



Canoe Camp

| Cost: \$390 | Grades: 5-8

Deans: Kris Mutzenberger and Dayne Zachrison

(#735) July 22-27

Learn the basics of canoeing or expand your knowledge, while expanding your faith.



Junior High Basketball Blast

| Cost: \$390 | Grades: 6-9

Deans: Lynn Frederick and 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.

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WAC Circle of Friends

| Cost: \$350 | *Special Needs*

Dean: Mandy Haiven-Bass

(#765) July 30-August 3

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.



Junior High Camp

| Cost: \$390 | *Grades: 6-8*

Dean: Brenda Lint

(#755) August 5-10

School is coming soon, but you still have time to experience the fun of camp and love of Christ. A week of pure joy at the end of the summer is just what you need. You will play, canoe, swim, and sing!



Senior High Camp

| Cost: \$390 | *Grades: 9-12*

Dean: Paul Lint

(#760) August 5-10

Senior high is a time to challenge yourself and a time of great growth. Explore the challenge course, spend time in service for others, and help shape the camp to be what today's youth need. Grab ahold of your own faith and the responsibility that comes with it.



CCYM Events

EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THE DAKOTAS
CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRIES
MORE INFO: DAKYOUTH.COM



Winter Connection

| Cost: \$40 | Grades: 6-12
(#800) January 26-27, 2018

Winter Connection is an annual event for both middle school and high school youth that takes place in McCabe UMC in Bismarck, ND; First UMC in Brookings, SD, and Storm Mountain Center in Rapid City, SD. This is an opportunity for youth around the area to gather, share, 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.



Youth Worker Academy

| Cost: \$70 | Pastors and youth leaders
(#665) April 27-29, 2018

Join us at Storm Mountain Center for an amazing training and time of sharing and connection for pastors and leaders that work with youth in churches across the conference.



2018 High School Mission Trip: Racine Recovery

Racine, Wisconsin
| Cost: \$625 (\$125 due with registration forms.
No early bird discount) |

Grades: 9-12

(#805) June 16-23, 2018

Join us as we help with flood recovery efforts and work with local relief and poverty agencies to make a difference for Christ. We will also stop in the Dells on the way home for a fun day together!



DakYouth 2018

Aberdeen, SD

| Cost: Before Oct. 26th, 2018, \$70; \$75 after | Grades: 6-12
(#810) November 9-11, 2018

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.



YOUTH 2019: Love Well

| Tentative Cost: \$850 (includes hotel room for mission work and event) | Grades: 9-12

Save the date! July 6-14, 2019

We want to invite you to the national gathering of United Methodist Youth. We'll travel to Kansas City, spend Monday to Wednesday in local mission work, and then 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 and more details on Facebook or Twitter @youth2019.

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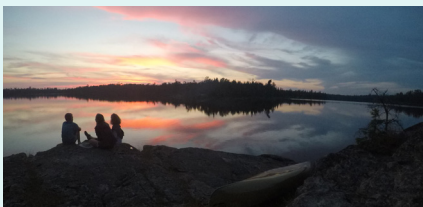
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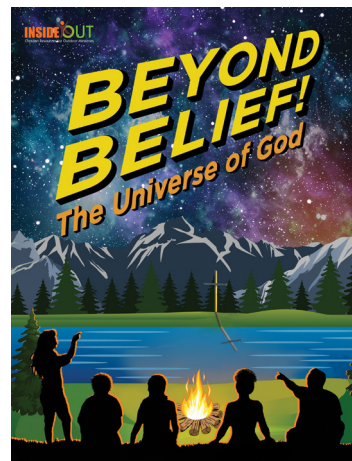


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CURRICULUM



Beyond Belief! The Universe of God will be used by all camps in 2018. Each day, campers will...

- learn that God already knows and loves them
- learn that God is bigger than what has been and what we imagine will be
- learn that hope is a necessary force in our faith lives
- see that God provides us tools to be who we need to be
- discern God's way for the world
- learn that responding to God's call can make a difference
- believe in God's power to work through them

The "Beyond Belief!" curriculum was created by an ecumenical team of veteran camp ministry professionals. It will help your campers ponder the BIG questions about God: What if God is bigger than you ever imagined? What if hope was real? What if you could change the world? Campers will explore how God can be seen in the vastness of creation, the power of community, and even in their own hearts. They will also discover how God's endless love launches amazing adventures and that God always has new mysteries to explore.

Register



Discounts and Incentives

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

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 2018, 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?

A foundation of our camping ministries is the inclusion and celebration that all people are created, valued and loved by God. 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 or set up a payment plan (requires on-line registration). Please pay the full cost of camp or have a payment plan confirmed before your arrive at camp.

Is financial assistance available?

Yes! Dakotas camping ministry is committed to allowing anyone who wants to attend camp to do so. No camper will be turned away because they can't afford to pay. 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 camping event of the camper's choice. Please see the SCHOLARSHIP page on our website, or contact the Dakotas camping office at (855) 622-1973 or info@dakcamps.org for more information or to apply.

What is your cancellation policy?

CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING. If cancellation is received prior to 21 days before the start of camp, a full refund minus a \$50 processing fee will be given. If cancellations are received less than 21 days prior to the start of camp no refund will be issued unless cancellation is due to 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 Camper Medical Information and Authorization Form, a Dakotas Camps Release of Liability waiver, a map to camp, a Dakotas Camps Parent's & Camper's Handbook and a welcome letter. **All paper forms must to be completed and brought with you to camp check-in.** The welcome letter include in your packet 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 welcome letter, map, and Dakotas Camps 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. If you prefer to have all the forms and camp information sent via U.S. postal mail or e-mailed as attachments, please contact the camping office. Please check your online account two weeks before camp starts to confirm all your forms are complete. **Forms completed online do not need to be printed and brought to camp.**

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

Registration Tips

Please visit www.dakcamps.org to register for your camp. 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!

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.

For campers who register online, please complete required forms (Camper Medical Information and Authorization Form, Release of Liability, Public Relations Release, and Medications Form) and view camper information (event welcome letter, map to camp, and Parent's and Camper's Handbook) in your online account. Online registrants may also download and print forms to be completed manually (if they choose not to complete them online.) 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 and camper information 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.**

THERE ARE FOUR WAYS TO REGISTER FOR CAMP:



Visit www.dakcamps.org, and click on "Camp and Events."



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.



Fax form to (612) 870-1260.

Adults serving as shepherds, camp buddies, counselors, or deans must register on our website dakcamps.org.

1. Register for camp using the Camper registration tab. All volunteer deans must also be registered.
2. In addition to your required forms, you must complete the Volunteer Information Form.
3. Annual background screenings are required. A link to complete the screening will be e-mailed to you after your application has been processed.

NEED HELP?

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

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 2018 (if under 19): _____ City: _____
Birth date: _____ State: _____
 Male Female Zip code: _____
Cell phone: _____ Home phone: _____ Home e-mail: _____

Part 2: Camp Information

Please enroll me in: Camp number: _____
Dates: _____
Church name: _____
Church denomination*: _____
Roommate request: _____
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)*:

Name: _____ Work phone: _____ Home phone: _____
Cell phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Signature of guardian is required if under 18: _____

Part 4: Camper's Needs

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

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

- ADD Anxiety/depression Diabetes Genetic syndrome ODD
- ADHD Aspergers Eating disorder (e.g. Down Syndrome) Physical disability
- Allergies (seasonal) Asthma EBD Learning disability RAD
- Allergies (other) Autism OCD Other

Other info—please attach additional information if needed: _____

*Required

Camp registration form side 2

Part 5: Bus Information

A cross-state bus is only offered to Storm Mountain Center the weeks of June 17-22 and July 8-13.

Please have the bus stop and pick me up at _____

Please have the bus drop me on my return at _____

There are no refunds for the bus once you sign up. The bus schedule and fees can be found on the website at www.dakcamps.org.
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Part 6: Camp Cost and Payment Information

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

Cost of camp:	\$ _____	* Early bird discount is \$5 off per night. For example, a two night camp would be \$10 off and a five night camp would be \$25 off.
Storm Mountain Center bus fee:	\$ _____	
Donation to camperships (optional):	\$ _____	
*Early Bird discount:	\$ _____	**Name of each referred friend (Must be new campers to
Church discount amount:	\$ _____	Dakotas UM Camps and must register for camp for discount
**\$25 for each friend referred:	\$ _____	to be applied. See page 22): _____
TOTAL:	\$ _____	_____

Comments: _____

Checks: Make checks payable to Dakotas UM Camps.

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

Visa MasterCard Card number: _____ Exp. date (MM/YY): _____

Discover Amount to charge: \$ _____ 3-digit verification code _____
(on back of credit card by signature)

Signature: _____
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Part 7: Campership Request

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.**

I will need a campership in the amount of \$ _____ to go to camp this year.

Please send me a campership application via: Regular mail E-mail
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Part 8: Register for Camp in One of Four Ways:

1. Send form to***: Dakotas UM Camps
DAK/MN Area Central Camping Office
122 W. Franklin Ave., Suite 400
Minneapolis, MN 55404
2. Register online at: www.dakcamps.org
3. Call the DAK/MN Area Central Camping office at (855) 622-1973 (toll-free)
4. Fax form to: (612) 870-1260

***Don't forget to send in your \$100 deposit when you register.

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 on helping and may 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 have a clear background check on file in our camping office. 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.

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 impact the lives of children and youth, then apply to work at a Dakotas Conference camp! Seasonal staff positions are available in the areas of cabin leadership, activity leadership, and kitchen and maintenance help. Most seasonal positions include room, board, and certifications. Some year-round opportunities may be available as well. To apply, complete an application online at www.dakcamps.org or contact the camping office at info@dakcamps.org or call 855-622-1973.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER SPECTACULAR SUMMER AT CAMP!

-Staff of the Dakotas/Minnesota Area United Methodist Camps





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(605) 343-4391



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(605) 983-5547

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