

Camp Chetek

A Note from the Director

Dear Summer Staff,

The summer is approaching quickly and we look forward to seeing you soon. I pray that the Lord will prepare your heart and mind for your summer of ministry here at Camp Chetek. This packet is intended to give you information on things to expect when you arrive here at camp. I hope that it will be a help to you as you prepare.

Please take time to look over and memorize the Camp Chetek purpose and theme verses.

Camp Purpose:

Camp Chetek's purpose, as a fundamental Baptist Ministry, is to glorify God by using the controlled environment of Christian camping to help churches of like faith and practice fulfill the great commission to evangelize the lost and make disciples of those who believe.

Camp Theme Verses:

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matthew 28:19-20

The summer's theme is "African Adventure." Our desire is to see God use His word to help us each person understand their purpose in life.

Theme verse for summer 2008:

Acts 20:24 *"But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."*

Please contact me if you have any questions. We are looking forward to a great summer.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Randy
Camp Director

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General Camp Overview

A Brief History of Camp Chetek

Since the turn of the century, God has used the facilities and programs of Camp Chetek to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This beautiful 125 acre Bible camp is situated in the north woods of Wisconsin on the shores of the Chetek Chain of Lakes in the city of Chetek. The campground, originally owned by a Presbyterian group, was purchased by a fellowship of Independent Baptist Churches in 1944. The camping program has been incorporated since 1925 and is governed by a board of 22 trustees, consisting of pastors and laymen from local churches.

Director

The camp has been blessed to be directed by many godly men over the years. In the spring of 2004, the camp board called Randy Tanis, youth pastor of 21 years at Calvary Baptist Church in Watertown, Wisconsin, to become the next director at Camp Chetek. Along with the Camp Chetek staff, Randy Tanis is carrying on the tradition of godly leadership here in northern Wisconsin.

Program

The camp operates a year-round program including youth camps, family camp, carnivals, retreats for ladies and men, fishing and golf tournaments, and an annual pastor's workshop. One of the specialized ministries of the camp is the Junior Missions Outreach Week, which is designed to reach inner-city, underprivileged children with the Gospel, and then reach their families through local church follow-up.

The programs of the camp are well planned, highly structured, and continually evaluated for effectiveness. The camp's programs are open to children of any faith or practice. Young people have the opportunity to experience a diversity of activities including horseback riding, water-skiing, tubing, archery, go-karts, paintball, a shooting range, and unique games created by the camp's program staff. The summer staff will have two weeks of training and serve for eight weeks in the ministry.

Results

Camp Chetek places a strong emphasis on evangelism and missions. Through the preaching of God's Word, hundreds of young people come to Christ each year and many other life-changing decisions are made.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Psalm 118:23

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Summer Staff Expectations

Camp Chetek expects the following things from those planning to work this summer:

1. **To glorify God in all that you do.** (*I Cor. 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*)
2. **To learn how to serve our Savior by serving others.** (*Acts 20:19 **Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait for the Jews.***)
3. **To be submissive to the authorities placed over you.** (*Heb. 13:17 **Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.***)
4. **To work with a staff and do your part to keep unity and harmony.** (*Eph. 4:3 **Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.***)
5. **To have a testimony above reproach in all that you do.** (*I Thess. 4:12 **That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.***)
6. **To grow in your personal walk with God.** (*Col. 1:10 **That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;***)
7. **To develop relationships with others.** (*Phil. 2:4 **Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.***)
8. **To learn how to be a spiritual leader.** (*Joshua 24:15 **And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.***)

Dress Standard

All summer staff must follow the dress standard as pertains to campers and outlined in the camp's brochure. In addition, camp staff should adhere to the following:

Ladies:

1. Hair should be cut in a feminine style and be a natural color. Earrings limited to two pair.
2. Shirts must be loose-fitting and cover the top of the shoulder. No low necklines, please.
3. Shorts and skirts must come to the top of the knee.
4. Shorts and pants should not be tight-fitting or low-riding.
5. The evening chapel service attire is a skirt and a blouse or a dress. This also applies to Sunday church services.

Men:

1. Hair should be off the ear and off the collar. No earrings or necklaces at camp.
2. No tank tops.
3. Shorts must be knee-length.
4. The evening service attire is a collared shirt and long pants. Sunday service attire is a collared shirt and tie with long pants.

Dating

We realize that during the course of our camping season that it would not be unusual to have young men and ladies begin relationships that would lead to dating.

We also realize that you are here to have a ministry, working together with us to impact lives for Christ.

Please follow these guidelines in your relationships:

1. Sunday evening, 11:00 PM through Saturday noon, your focus needs to be on your campers and ministry responsibilities. The campers should not even know you are interested in each other! Please refrain from ALL dating activity during this time period.
2. If you are leaving the grounds, please sign out indicating your destination and expected time of return. Sign in upon your arrival back at camp. Sign-out sheet is in the camp office.
3. No single dating. This means that one guy and one girl are not to be alone together at any time. Dating must be with another couple or group.
4. Dating TEAM members and/or campers is not allowed.
5. Be aware that younger campers or staff members may be infatuated with college staff members. Please discourage this.

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Summer Staff Arrival Dates

Leadership Team ----- May 19

Staff Evangelists ----- May 19

Program Staff ----- May 19

Health Service Workers ----- May 19

Office Workers ----- May 19

Maintenance ----- May 19

TEAM Counselors ----- May 19

Cook Staff ----- May 19

Counselors ----- May 27

****Those arriving on May 18 should be at camp by 5:00PM in order to get settled and attend church that evening.**

****Those arriving on May 19 and May 27 should be at camp by supper time at 5:30PM.**

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Items to Bring

- Ladies: A light khaki skirt for the camp picture and Monday night choir performance
Dress clothes for church services
- Men: Light khaki pants for the camp picture and Monday night choir performance
Collared shirt and tie for church services

Please note: Platform dress is a skirt and blouse or dress for ladies and a collared shirt and long pants for men.

Here are some items that may come in handy:

Portable storage drawers (cardboard, plastic, etc.)
Rainwear
Two pairs of tennis shoes (one inexpensive pair for water activities)
Work clothes
Small fan
Extra mirror
Flashlight and batteries
Extra blankets
Paper, pencils, clipboard
Iron
Bedside rug and "homey" items for cabin if desired
Bucket for cosmetics (girls) and shower supplies
Flip flops (for showers)
Bed lamp
Alarm Clock (without radio)
Kleenex
Backpack
Laundry bag / basket
Warm clothes

*****You will need a sleeping bag or bedding for a single bed.*****

You can help our program by:

1. Bringing any songs, skits, jokes, cheers, yells, costumes, hats, etc. that could be used by your cabin or team to help set the mood and momentum for this summer's theme. Our theme for 2008 is "**African Adventure.**" The team colors will be red and blue.
2. Bringing with you any musical instrument you play. We can use sacred music presentations in the chapels and evening services and lighter or even humorous numbers for team songs.
3. Collecting a small file of games or competition events (the more unique the better) that your cabin can use for rainy days or free time.

GENERAL CAMP RULES FOR CAMPERS

1. Two key words: cooperation and participation
2. Your counselor is your authority.
3. All medicine must be turned into the nurse and she will dispense it at the appropriate times.
4. No coupling off, dating (especially emphasize during teen weeks).
5. No one is to leave the campgrounds without permission from the Director. If leaving the ground, you must sign out and sign back in on the sign-out sheet in the office.
6. Absolutely **no fireworks or matches/lighters** on the campgrounds!
7. No swimming allowed except at specified schedules hours.
8. Swimmers are obligated to read and carry out the rules of the waterfront posted at the top of the steps above the swim area.
9. There will be no boating without the appropriate life jackets and proper supervision.
10. There will be **NO** boys allowed in the girl's cabin area and vice-versa.
11. Girls/Ladies – Loose-fitting slacks or shorts may be worn except when otherwise specified. Any fashion worn must come at least to the top of the knee and cover the shoulders. Clothing with low necklines in the front or back is not allowed.

Boys/Men – Any fashion worn must come at least to the top of the knee and cover the shoulders. No tank tops.
12. All swimmers must go to and from the waterfront in bathrobes or suitable covering (regular camp clothes).
13. No two-piece swimming suits.
14. Every camper is expected to adhere to the rules and participate in the entire camping program unless medically excused.
15. Please do not litter. Trash cans are conveniently located.
16. Do not throw anything into the lake.
17. Bring your Bible, notebook and pencils to all chapel sessions.
18. No one may use the phones without permission from a camp staff member. A phone is available in Rothe Lodge for the counselors and camp staff/family. No cell phones for campers.
19. No radios/mp3/cd players are permitted in the cabins. If brought, they must be turned into the office, and will be returned to the camper as they prepare to leave camp.
20. No food is permitted in the cabins or the chapel.
21. No one is allowed out of the cabins after lights out.

22. All cabins must be cleaned each morning. There will be a daily inspection.

23. Shoes on everywhere except swim area.