

# *Camp Chetek*

## A Note from the Director

Dear Summer Staff,

The camp season is coming quickly, and we are looking forward to having you join us. 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 it will be a help to you as you prepare.

Sometime in the next few weeks, one our staff will be contacting you to make sure you received this packet, and to confirm your planned date and mode of arrival. You will also be asked for your Social Security number to complete a background check. Please email Davy at [david@campchetek.org](mailto:david@campchetek.org) with the best phone number and time to reach you.

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*

### **Theme verses for summer 2012:**

*But **godliness** with contentment is great gain. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, **godliness**, faith, love, patience, meekness. 1 Timothy 6:6 & 11*

Our desire is to see each staff member and camper “Pursue Godliness” in a greater way. To facilitate this, please read I Timothy 1-6 before you arrive at camp and find out how many times the word “godliness” is used (KJV).

Please join us in prayer for the Summer Staff (see enclosed list). We are looking forward to a great summer.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

In Christ's love,

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# General Camp Overview

## A Brief History of Camp Chetek

Since the early 1900's, 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 21 trustees, consisting of pastors and laymen from local churches.

## 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 toolbox. One of the specialized ministries of the camp is a week of camp called Inner-City Outreach, designed to reach inner-city, underprivileged children with the Gospel. The families of these children are reached through local church in the Minneapolis area.

The programs of the camp are well planned, highly structured, and continually evaluated for effectiveness. 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, pedal go-karts, paintball, a shooting range, and unique games created by the camp's program staff.

## 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, an ordained minister of the gospel and 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.

## Permanent Staff

The full time year around staff is comprised of the Director, Randy Tanis, Program Director, Davy Mulder, Facilities Manager, Kipp Malmanger, Business Manager, Benn Malmanger, Food Service Manager, Pete Mitchell and Office Manager, Rhonda Montgomery.

## Summer Staff

The summer staff consists of over 75 volunteers who come together for two weeks of training and eight weeks of serving and ministering to campers.

## 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*

# Summer Staff Expectations

Camp Chetek expects the following effort from each volunteer planning to minister with us this summer:

1. **To glorify God in all you do.** (*1 Cor. 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*)
2. **To learn 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 submit 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 the Camp Chetek permanent and summer 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.** (*1 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 God-honoring 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 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.*)
9. **To uphold the standards and practices of Camp Chetek before campers and whenever you speak of this ministry to others including on Twitter, Facebook, blogs, etc.**
10. **To remember and seek to further Camp Chetek's stated purpose and theme verses.**  
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## *Dress Standard*

### **Camp's brochure**

**Please note:** Any clothing worn must be loose-fitting, come to the top of the knee, and cover the shoulders. No low necklines, please. Do not bring clothing with questionable advertising. Camp Chetek reserves the right to ask any camper to change his/her clothing if, in the estimation of the staff, it is immodest.

All summer staff must follow the dress standard as pertains to campers and outlined in the camp's brochure. **Nice Khaki Pants for young men and Khaki skirt for young ladies will be needed** for Camp Chetek Sundays when all the staff will be representing the camp in different local churches. 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 should not be tight-fitting or low-riding.
4. Loose fitting slacks or knee length shorts and t-shirts can be worn by girls for activities.
5. Modest swimwear, knee length shorts and dark shirt for skiing and tubing.
6. 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 chapel service attire is a collared or polo shirt and long pants. Sunday church service attire is a collared or polo shirt and long docker-style or dress pants (no jeans, ties optional).

## *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.

## ***Personal Computers***

During the “camper week” all computers / laptops must be turned in to the Camp Office. These will be secured and returned on Saturday after work assignments are complete. Please turn in all laptops and personal electronic media to be secured in the office by breakfast each Monday.

Permanent Staff may authorize computer use for camp projects only (Program Assistants, Lead Counselors). One computer will be provided for guest/sponsor use during the week. This computer will be password protected and will not be used by Summer Staff. Weekend use of this computer by the Summer Staff will be available. Please be considerate of others.

1. Laptops, iPhones, iPads, or iPods may not be used at any time in any cabin.
2. The camp network is made available to you for limited usage:
  - a. Communicating with Family, Friends through email (i.e. sending out Support updates)
  - b. Catching up on News, Sports
3. The camp network is NOT to be used for:
  - a. MySpace
  - b. Inappropriate websites
  - c. Illegal activities (i.e. bit Torrent, illegal file downloads)
  - d. Games (Solitaire, Online Games)
4. In accordance with the Camp Video Policy, computers are not to be used for viewing DVD's or video clips.

## ***Automobiles***

Summer staff members are allowed to bring a vehicle to camp to be used on weekends only. Cars should be parked by breakfast on Monday morning and not moved until after lunch on Saturday. Cars are to be parked in the designated area.

## ***Videos***

During the summer, Camp Chetek asks the summer staff not to view DVD's or videos at any time (on or off camp property) unless the DVD or video is being shown by Camp Chetek.

## ***Cell Phones***

Summer staff members are allowed to have cell phones but they are not to be used for personal calls or texts from Sunday 11 pm – Saturday noon. Those who have been given specific permission to use cell phones for camp purposes should use caution to not let campers know that they have a phone. During the camper week, cell phones are to be turned off and put away (i.e. not to be used for a clock or alarm).

# Summer Staff Arrival Dates

**Leadership Service Team ----- May 19**

**Maintenance ----- May 21**

**TEAM Counselors----- May 21**

**Cook Staff----- May 21**

**Life Guards ----- May 21**

**Wranglers ----- May 21**

**Health Service Workers ----- May 21**

**Office Workers----- May 21**

**Program Staff ----- May 29**

**Counselors ----- May 29**

**\*Summer Staff should arrive at camp in time to be settled by supper at 5:30 PM.**

**\*\*Free airport shuttle from Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP) to Camp Chetek will be available on Monday, May 21 and Tuesday, May 29. There will be a fee of \$35 for other shuttle times. All flights should arrive by 3:00 PM. Please contact the camp staff with flight numbers and times.**

**\*\*\*The camp program will conclude after our farewell banquet on Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup> ending at 4:00 PM. A free shuttle from Camp Chetek to Minneapolis/St. Paul will be provided on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. No flights should leave before 4:00 PM on August 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*\*\*\*Camp Chetek offers a limited number of positions (to help with rental camps) for two weeks directly following the summer. These positions include a weekly allowance. If interested, contact the camp staff before making travel plans.**

# Items to Bring

- Ladies: A light khaki skirt for the camp picture and Monday night choir performance.  
(see note 5 under Ladies dress standards for evening services)  
Dress clothes for church services
- Men: Light khaki pants for the camp picture and Monday night choir performance  
Collared or polo shirt and dress pants for church services (ties optional)

*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:

## **Cabin**

- Portable storage drawers (cardboard, plastic, etc.)
- Extra mirror
- Extra blankets
- Bedside rug and "homey" items for cabin, if desired
- Bed lamp
- Small fan
- Flashlight and batteries
- Alarm Clock (without radio)
- Umbrella

## **Clothing**

- Two pairs of tennis shoes (one inexpensive pair for water activities)
- Work clothes
- Service clothes
- Swim suit
- Flip flops (for showers)
- Laundry bag / basket
- Warm clothes
- Rally time clothes (see note 1 below)

## **Personal**

- Paper, pencils, clipboard, Bible (KJV) for cabin devotions and scripture memory
- Bucket for cosmetics (girls) and shower supplies
- Watch
- Kleenex
- Backpack
- Towels/washcloths
- Bug spray/sun screen

**\*\*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 2012 is **“Quest for the Kingdom”** Campers and counselors will be divided into two teams with 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. Every camper is expected to adhere to the rules and participate in the entire camping program unless medically excused.
3. Your counselor is your authority.
4. All medicine must be turned into the nurse and she will dispense it at the appropriate times.
5. No coupling off, dating (especially emphasize during teen weeks).
6. No one is to leave the campgrounds without permission from the Director. If leaving the grounds, you must sign out and sign back in on the sign-out sheet in the office.
7. Absolutely **no fireworks or matches/lighters** on the campgrounds!
8. No swimming allowed except at specified schedules hours.
9. Swimmers are obligated to read and carry out the rules of the waterfront posted at the top of the steps above the swim area.
10. There will be no boating without the appropriate life jackets and proper supervision.
11. There will be **NO** boys allowed in the girl's cabin area and vice-versa.
12. 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.
13. All swimmers must go to and from the waterfront in bathrobes or suitable covering (regular camp clothes).
14. No two-piece swimming suits.
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. 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 as the camper prepares 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 to be worn everywhere except swim area.