

CAMP

*Chetek*

SUMMER 2024

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SUMMER STAFF 2024

PRE-ARRIVAL PACKET



# Summer Staff Arrival Dates

## Pre-Training

Lead Counselors .....	May 20
TEAM Counselors .....	May 20
Cook Staff .....	May 20
Lifeguards .....	May 20
Wranglers .....	May 20
Office Workers .....	May 20
High Ropes .....	May 20

## Summer Staff Training

Program Staff .....	May 28
Counselors .....	May 28



## Important Travel Information:

Summer Staff should arrive at camp in time to be settled by 4 pm.

If you need to fly, the closest airport is Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP). The airport is two hours from Camp Chetek. Please notify the office of your planned arrival time so we can pick you up.

The camp program will conclude after our farewell banquet on Saturday, August 3, which ends at 3:00 pm. A free shuttle from Camp Chetek to Minneapolis/St. Paul will be provided on **Sunday, August 4**. There is NO shuttle service provided on Saturday, August 3.

We offer a limited number of positions to help with a camp rental for two weeks directly following the summer. These positions include a small stipend. If you're interested, contact the camp staff before making travel plans.

# What to Expect

*A quick summary of this summer at Camp Chetek*

## **Pre-Training – May 20-25**

Specialized training for Lifeguards, TEAM Counselors, Cook Staff, Wranglers, Nurses, and LEAD Team.

## **Welcome Banquet – Tuesday, May 28 at 6:00 pm**

Summer Staff Training begins with our Welcome Banquet and Special Services with Brent Sivnksty.

## **Staff Training – May 28-June 11**

We take time each morning for Bible reading, prayer, and PACE groups.

- Training sessions in the mornings with Pastor Randy and Brent and Scott Sivnksty
- Group training in the afternoons along with work projects
- Music practice and preaching service each evening with Evangelist Brent Sivnksty
- Camp Chetek Sunday: June 3rd in Minneapolis at Gospel Light Baptist Church. Visiting the inner-city neighborhoods in the afternoon inviting camper to ICO week

## **TEAM (Teens Entering Active Ministry) Training Sessions #1 – June 10-29**

32 high school students in 10th-12th grade arrive for a week of intensive leadership training and two weeks of serving and mentoring.

## **ICO (Inner City Outreach) – June 12-15**

Our first week of camp gives us an amazing opportunity to impact 150 campers from inner-city Minneapolis. Churches and individuals help sponsor these campers for a unique experience at Camp Chetek, giving us the exciting opportunity to share the gospel with the campers.

## **Junior Camps I, II, & III – June 18-23, July 8-13, and July 29 – August 3**

Junior campers (3rd-6th grade) come for an exciting week of camp. Many are experiencing camp for the first time.

## **Family Camp – July 1-6 & TEAM Training Session #2 – July 1-20**

Families arrive for a week of preaching and activities that everyone can enjoy. The camp staff participate in the Fourth of July Parade in Chetek on Monday, July 4th. Counselors serve as stewards for the families.

## **Teen Camps I, II, & III – June 23-29, July 15-20, and July 22-27**

Teen campers (7th-12th grade) love coming to camp and hanging out with their friends while enjoying our activities. As a Summer Staff, we desire to help each camper take the next step in their walk with God. These weeks provide a multitude of discipleship opportunities. Begin praying how God can use you to be an encouragement in someone's life.

## **Primary Camp – July 29 – August 1**

Primary campers (K-2nd grade) get to experience camp for three days.

## **Camp Chetek Sundays**

Our entire summer staff will visit three churches on Sundays throughout the summer. The choir and groups will present special music and teach SS classes and Jr. Church. The afternoon services provide a chance to give testimonies from the weeks of camp.

## **Closing Banquet and Sendoff Service – Saturday, August 3 at 1 pm**

One final farewell before you return home from a great summer of ministry.

# Items to Bring

**Our Spiritual Theme this summer is from 1 Peter - Hope in Hard Times**

**Ladies:** A black skirt for the camp picture and Camp Chetek Sundays

**Men:** Black pants for the camp picture and Camp Chetek Sundays

**Here are some items that may come in handy:**

## ***Cabin***

Portable storage drawers (cardboard, plastic, etc.)  
Extra mirror  
Extra blankets  
Bedside rug and comfort items for cabin, if desired  
Bed lamp  
Fan  
Umbrella

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



## ***Clothing***

Two pairs of tennis shoes (one inexpensive pair for water activities)  
Work clothes  
Service clothes  
Swimsuit  
Flip flops (for showers)  
Laundry bag/basket  
Warm clothes

## ***Personal***

Paper, pencils, clipboard, Bible (KJV) for cabin devotions and Scripture memory  
Caddy for cosmetics and/or shower supplies  
Watch  
Kleenex  
Backpack  
Towels/washcloths  
Bug spray/sunscreen

**You can help our program by:**

1. Bringing any songs, skits, jokes, cheers, or costume items that could be used by your cabin or team to help set the mood and momentum for this summer's theme: **Amazon Adventure**. Campers and counselors will be divided into two teams - *the red team and the blue team*.
2. Bringing any musical instruments 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.

# *Camp Chetek* Overview

## **A Brief History of Camp Chetek**

Since the early 1900s, 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. Initially owned by a Presbyterian group, a fellowship of Independent Baptist churches purchased the campgrounds in 1944. As of 2024, Camp Chetek has been operating for 80 years. The camping program was incorporated in 1925 and is governed by a board of trustees consisting of pastors and laymen from local churches.

## **Program**

Camp Chetek runs programs year-round, including youth camps, family camps, carnivals, ladies' and men's retreats, fishing and golf tournaments, and an annual pastors' toolbox. One unique ministry of the camp is Inner-City Outreach (ICO), in which underprivileged inner-city children are sponsored to come to a free week of camp. When they come, we present them with the gospel and a taste of God's love. The families of these children are reached through local churches in the Minneapolis area. The camp's programs are well-planned, highly structured, continually evaluated for effectiveness, and open to children of any faith and practice. Young people can participate in various activities, including horseback riding, water tubing, archery, pedal karts, paintball, shooting range, and unique games created by the camp's program staff.

## **Director**

Many godly men have directed Camp Chetek 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, WI, to become the next director. Along with the camp staff, Randy Tanis carries on the tradition of godly leadership here at Camp Chetek.

## **Permanent Staff**

The full-time staff consists of Director Randy Tanis; Program Director Matthew Sheppard; Facilities Manager Kipp Malmanger; Maintenance Assistant Eric Rhine; Business Manager Benn Malmanger; Food Service Manager Jonathan Rose; and Office Manager Danael Kluver.

## **Summer Staff**

The summer staff consists of around 65 volunteers who come together for two weeks of training and eight weeks of serving and ministering to campers. They occupy a variety of positions.

## **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 others make life-changing decisions.

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

# Summer Staff Expectations

*Camp Chetek expects the following 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 – Endeavoring 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.** (*Josh. 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 social media and via email.** (*Psalms 19:14 – Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.*)
10. **To remember and seek to further Camp Chetek's stated 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 Cor. 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*

# Summer Staff Information

## Dress Standard

Our dress code is intended to help our volunteer staff put forth a professional, activity-appropriate, and modest image that creates a safe place for young people to learn and grow without distraction while also providing a biblical image of womanhood and manhood.

For all: any clothing worn must be loose-fitting, come within a hand's width of the top of the knee, and cover the shoulders and midriff. No low necklines or clothing with questionable advertising. Camp Chetek reserves the right to ask any camper/staff member to change his/her clothing if it is considered immodest in the estimation of the Permanent Staff. Pants (or other long split garment) are required for horseback riding. Additionally, camp staff should adhere to the following:

Ladies:

1. Piercings are limited to the ear only.
2. Shirts must be loose-fitting and cover the top of the shoulder. No tank tops, but sleeveless shirts that come to the edge of the shoulder are acceptable. No low necklines. No crop tops. Light-colored shirts or shirts with burnout material or sheer fabric need to have a tank top underneath.
3. No undergarments may be visible.
4. Shorts must come within a hand's width of the top of the knee and should not be tight-fitting or low-riding. Please be careful regarding clothing with stretch material to make sure it does not fit too snugly. Yoga pants, leggings, and jeggings are not appropriate as pants while at camp. Pants must be loose-fitting. Any rips in pants above the knee must have a patch. No writing across the back of pants, jeans, or shorts.
5. Modest swimwear (a one-piece swimsuit or overlapping tankini), appropriate-length shorts, and a DARK-colored T-shirt are required for skiing, tubing, and any water activities. One-piece swimsuits are highly recommended for tubing.
6. Evening chapel attire is a dress, skirt, or loose-fitting or tailored dress pants. Any skirts or dresses must come to the bottom of the knee or longer when standing or sitting, and the slit may not come above the top of the knee. No denim pants of any color are allowed for services.
7. When performing on the platform, skirts, dresses, or pants must be approved ahead of time by one of the staff wives. For Camp Chetek Sundays, ladies must wear a black skirt that comes to the bottom of the knee or longer when standing or sitting and has been approved ahead of time by one of the staff wives.

Men:

1. Hair should be off the ear, off the collar, and natural in color.
2. No earrings, necklaces, or piercings.
3. No tank tops.
4. Shorts and swim shorts must come within a hand's width of the top of the knee and be loose-fitting. No writing across the back of pants, jeans, or shorts. No torn or ripped shorts or jeans. No low-rise jeans. No skinny-fit jeans or pants.
5. Evening chapel attire is a collared or polo shirt and long pants. Sunday church service attire is a collared or polo shirt and long docker-style pants or dress pants. No jeans for Camp Chetek Sundays.
6. Undergarments, such as boxers or underwear, should not be showing, including when sitting down. A belt may be necessary to help with this.

## Dating

We realize that during the course of our camping season 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 serve in ministry, working together with us to impact lives for Christ.

Please follow these guidelines in your relationships:

1. Sunday evening at 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. No physical contact.
3. No single dating. This means that one guy and one girl are not to be alone together at any time, unless permission has been granted. Dating must be done with another couple or group.
4. Dating TEAM members or campers is not allowed.
5. Be aware that campers or younger staff members may become infatuated with college-aged staff members. Please discourage this.

## Personal Computers



During the camper week all computers, laptops, and tablets must be turned in to the office by breakfast on Monday. These will be secured and returned on Saturday after work assignments are complete.

Permanent Staff may authorize computer use for camp projects only. One computer will be provided for guest/sponsor use during the week. This computer is password-protected and not available for Summer Staff use during the week, but Summer Staff may use it on the weekend. Please be considerate of others.

## Automobiles



Summer Staff are allowed to bring a vehicle to camp for weekend use only. Cars should be parked in the designated area by breakfast on Monday morning and not moved until after lunch on Saturday.

## Cell Phones



Summer Staff are allowed to have cell phones, but they are not to be used for personal activities during the week. If this privilege is abused, Camp Chetek reserves the right to revoke a staff member's cell phone privileges.

## Bonus!

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Email me ([pr@campchetek.org](mailto:pr@campchetek.org)) this phrase: "Hope in Hard Times."

Please list any special prayer requests.

Tell me your favorite candy bar!

