

What is Happening At Your Camp?

Camp Okoboji

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February 5-7 Engaged Enrichment
February 12-14 Beginning Experience
February 19-21 IDW Confirmands' Retreat

Winter Hours are in effect!

January 1, 2010 – March 31, 2010 the Camp office will be open Tuesday –Friday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm .

New this year!

On March 5-7, 2010 professional fisherman Jim Hudson is holding an Ice Fishing Clinic in the Okoboji area, this clinic is being hosted at Camp Okoboji. You can find more information and register for this event at www.lrn2fish.com Daily devotions will be held in The Refuge.

Fish Shack Completed!

Fisherman of all kinds when you come to Camp Okoboji you will now have a wonderful new facility to clean your fish! Located near the maintenance shed, the fish shack has two fish cleaning stations, a restroom, and a freezer in which to put your fish cleanings. It is heated for those cold winter days of ice fishing! Come check it out!

2010 IDW Confirmands' Retreat!

Pastor Paul Egger is the dean for the 2010 IDW Confirmands' Retreat. A registration brochure has been sent out in the IDW Monthly, by email to all the pastors and youth workers of the District, and is also available on the Camp Okoboji Website. This retreat is for all students who will be confirmed in 2010. The theme is "Jesus is...." A highlight of the retreat is the "Ask the pastor" session! The dates are February 19-21, 2010. The students will also practice and perform a choir anthem to be sung at Immanuel in Spirit Lake on Sunday morning.

2010 S.P.A. Women's Retreat

The dates for the 2010 S.P.A. (Spiritual and Physical Alignment) are April 23-25, 2010. Our Bible study facilitator and entertainer will be Jan Struck from "Struck with Laughter" ministry! Ladies, mark your calendars NOW! You don't want to miss this opportunity. Contact Lori Gamble for more information and to get on the mailing list! Registration will begin February 1, 2010!

2010 Registration Information

The 2010 Registration Booklet and Forms will be on the Website in the next few weeks and will also be mailed in February. Watch for all the exciting happenings coming this summer!

2010 Volunteer Counselors

The 2010 Volunteer Counselor forms are on the Camp website. Please fill them out and send to Lori Gamble. Volunteer Counselors are needed for Calm Down Retreat, Life Aquatic Camp, Jr. High Week, Cub Week, and Youth Week. College aged people are needed for Calm Down, Life Aquatic, and Youth Week. You must be at least 17 to counsel for Cub Week and Jr. High Week. Please spread the word for the summer of 2010!

2010 Traveling Camp VBS

Is your congregation, community or circuit looking for a way to give your current Vacation Bible School a new look? The Camp Okoboji Traveling VBS could be your answer! The team will be using the Iowa District West Camp VBS Curriculum – The Truth Train! Information about costs and the variety of formats available can be obtained by contacting Lori Gamble at lori.camp@lidwlcms.org or by calling the Camp Office.



SEE THE NEED, FILL THE NEED

Please put any or all of these announcements in your congregation's bulletins this month! YOUR camp needs YOUR help!

It is only the middle of the winter and with all the snow and cold weather it is a good time to plan that WARM summer get away to Camp Okoboji. Whether it be a vacation or summer employment check out our Website, www.campokoboji.org for information on summer camps and employments! Print off the application and send it in!

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has announced that it is ending the GivingPlus[®] Program and congregational funding through the Care in Congregations Program. These will be replaced with the new Thrivent Choices Program which will debut in the spring of 2010. More information can be found on the Thrivent website at www.Thrivent.com.

Please check our Website to find all the latest on our WANTS AND NEEDS LIST!

Camp Okoboji is always looking for volunteers to help with various mailings and other projects around camp. We have lots of indoor projects this winter! If you would like to help for a day or more and would like to be on Lorene's calling list, please give her a call at 712-337-3325 and give her your information and areas you'd like to help! Meals and lodging will be provided for those who come!

What you need to know!

WHO? All youth who are being confirmed in 2010! Each congregation is asked to send at least one male and one female chaperone. Rule of thumb is 1 for every 8 youth, if you have both male and female Confirmands you are encouraged to provide one male and one female chaperone.

WHERE? Camp Okoboji

WHEN? February 19-February 21, 2010

The retreat will begin in the evening and end at NOON on Sunday.

HOW MUCH? \$105.00 per camper for registrations post marked on or before February 1, 2010 This includes lodging, meals, snacks, and materials. **Those registering after February 1, 2010 will pay \$125.00.**

WHY? To help confirmed youth know and love God's work in our Synod, District, and congregations and to prayerfully and intentionally discuss God's blessings and work FOR THEM within the congregational setting.

Contact any of the following for more information:

Paul Egger, Camp Dean - 712-282-4700 (office) or email pdegger@hotmail.com

Bob Riggert, District Youth and Education Executive - 515-576-7666 or email bob.riggert@idwlcms.org

Lori Gamble, DCE, Camp Okoboji Program Director - 712-337-3325 or email lori.camp@1idwlcms.org

All Forms (Registration and Health) can be found and downloaded at www.campokoboji.org

Iowa District West Confirmand Retreat February 19-21, 2010

Jesus is...



Teaching, Living, Sharing, Serving,
Jesus Christ, God's Son, Our Savior

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\$125 afterwards**

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Information You Need to Know!

Camp Dean: Pastor Paul Egger (712) 282-4700 or e-mail:
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What to Bring (AND WHAT NOT TO...)

Bring:

1. Clothing for winter weather—boots, gloves, hats, warm clothing!
2. Nice clothes for Sunday morning worship at Immanuel in Spirit Lake, IA
3. Sleeping items (sleeping bag, pillow, PJ's, teddy bear)
3. Personal items (toothbrush/paste, soap, towel, etc.)
4. Bible
5. Completed health form and a copy of both sides of your health insurance card.

Do NOT Bring:

1. Cell phone
2. Radio, Discman, Gameboy, etc.
3. Your entire life savings!
4. Expensive items

Let's not have any valuable items lost, broken, or stolen! Leave them at home.

Confirmand Retreat Registration Form

7:00 p.m. February 19—12:00 p.m. February 21, 2010

Cost \$105.00 Post marked On or Before February 1, 2010, \$125.00 after Feb. 1

Name _____ I am a Confirmand _____ I am an adult leader _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth date: ____/____/____ Gender: M or F Grade (if applicable) _____

Home phone: (____) ____-____ Camper email address: _____

Confirmand's Custodial Parent (s) name: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone: (____) ____-____ Cell phone: (____) ____-____ Work phone: (____) ____-____

Email address: _____

Congregation (include address/city/state) _____

Pastor/DCE/ or professional church worker signature _____

Roommate Preference (Limit 3)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Registraton/Check in Friday at 7:00 PM

Please include entire registration fee of \$105 with the completed form to the address to the right. A confirmation letter and health form will be sent to you the week following the deadline.

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