

## **What is Happening At Your Camp?**

### **Camp Okoboji**

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Website: [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org)

December 30-January 1 FREEZE

December 30-January 5 Office Closed for New Years

January 17-18 Camp Board of Directors' and Staff Retreat

### **Winter Hours**

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

### **Winter Retreats!**

Book your fall and winter retreats in Bethel Retreat Center or Joppa Hall now by calling Lorene at 712-337-3325.

### **Family Cabins Available!**

Plan a winter weekend get-away. We have 9 family cabins available year round or try one of the remodeled Weber units. They have become very popular. Call Lorene at 712-337-3325 to make a reservation.

### **2010 Confirmands Retreat**

February 19-21, 2010 are the dates for the Iowa District West Confirmands Retreat. The theme is "Jesus is...". Registration brochure is in the District Monthly, on the Camp Website, or by calling the Camp office.

### **2010 Volunteer Counselors!**

The 2010 Volunteer Counselor forms are on the Camp website. Please fill them out and send them into 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 – Creation Station! Information about costs and the variety of formats available can be obtained by contacting Lori Gamble at [lori.camp@lidwlcms.org](mailto:lori.camp@lidwlcms.org) or by calling the Camp Office.



## **SEE THE NEED, FILL THE NEED**

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

Do you know any college aged students who love people and would like to share Jesus at the lake through outdoors ministry? We are beginning the process of looking for summer staff. Besides our typical general staff people we are also looking for individuals who would like to be a part of our traveling Camp VBS team. Contact Doug Kading or Lori Gamble if you are interested in any of these positions. Our applications for summer are on the Camp website – [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org)

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has announced that it is ending the GivingPlus<sup>®</sup> 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](http://www.Thrivent.com).

Take the challenge! Can your congregation fill a need for your camp? Did you know that just \$4.00 per member could keep the costs for our summer camps from going up? Please consider doing something special at your congregation to help us share Jesus at the lake! Contact the camp office and we will send a camp staff person to help you kick off any event!

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 in which 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 congregation 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](http://www.campokoboji.org)

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## 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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**Registration Cost \$105 If  
post marked on or before  
February 1, 2010  
\$125 afterwards**

## Information You Need to Know!

Camp Dean: Pastor Paul Egger (712) 282-4700 or e-mail:  
pdegger@hotmail.com

## 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. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Registration/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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