

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

### **Camp Okoboji**

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June 5-7	Christ Lutheran Church Congregation Retreat - Remsen
June 7	Camp Fund Raiser – Red’s Omeletts
June 7-9	Kids’ Kamp
June 7-13	Okoboji Girls’ Basketball and Volleyball Camp
June 7-13	Life Aquatic Camp
June 12-14	Family Bike Camp
June 13	Camp Okoboji Auxiliary Annual Quilt Auction
June 14-20	Minneboji
June 14-19	Traveling Camp VBS – Kingsley, IA
June 21-24	Iowa District West District Convention
June 21-26	Traveling Camp VBS – Ida Grove, IA
June 25-28	Calm Down Retreat
June 26- July 2	Camp Okoboji Servant Event
June 29 – July 1	Jr. Joy Camp

### **Check the Website!**

Summer is fast approaching. Check [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) for all the summer camp opportunities.

### **Early Bird Deadlines!**

**June is the month for early the bird deadlines! The camps affected by these are: Jr. High Week, Cub Week, and Youth Week! Please get your registrations in NOW!**

### **2009 Quilt Auction**

The Quilt Auction will be held on Saturday, June 13 at 12:30 p.m. Be sure to check out all the beautiful quilts on our website. You can even print out the quilt booklet for yourself. Go to [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) and click on the quilt pin. It will take you right to the site to view the quilts. If you cannot attend the auction and would like to place a bid on one or more of the quilts call the camp at 712-337-3325 and leave your bid with one of the ladies at the front desk.

### **Financial Assistance is Available**

If you need financial aid in order to attend ANY of the summer camps at Camp Okoboji, contact Lori Gamble at Camp Okoboji 712-337-3325. This includes our youth camps and family retreats!

### **Cherry Pit Bowls**

The Auxiliary only has a few of the cherry pit bowls left the cost is \$15. Contact one of the Auxiliary Board members or call the Camp office if you would like to purchase one. The crocks are all sold out.

### **Family Vacation Opportunities!**

If you are still trying to decide what to do for a vacation this summer, why not try Camp Okoboji. Check our Website [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) for open family cabins. Come spend a week with us.

### **Camp Okoboji Store!**

The Camp Okoboji Store has many new T-shirts, sweatshirts, jewelry and more! Come check it out soon!

### **Building Families of Faith Retreat**

Plans are underway to start a new family camp in 2009! The dates are July 19-25, 2009. The camp is being designed for young families and couples who are just starting out. This retreat is one day shorter than our others. There will be various topics for adults, activities for children and child care for the very young. Topics will include parenting skills, how to do family devotions, faith stepping stones, playing with your children, and “ask the doctor”! We need at least 10 families to commit to this camp! Please contact Lori Gamble if you would like to know more about it! The Reverend Ben Dose, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Arcadia, will be our Bible study leader!

### **NEW ADULT RETREAT!**

**Coming September 25-27, 2009! This retreat is for adults/couples or single who are “Boomers”! Terry Dittmer, director of Synod’s Department of Youth Ministry, will be our keynote speaker. He will be addressing the boomers about the church of the future and their role as mentors to the youth of our world today! Don Wharton will be our music leader and will perform a concert on Saturday night! Watch for more details and special events during the weekend on our Website!**

### **Grace Place Retreat**

The 2009 dates have been sent for the next Grace Place Retreat at Camp Okoboji. It will be **September 28-October 2, 2009**. Dr. David Ludwig and Dr. John Eckrich will again lead all professional church workers through a week of renewal and enrichment. Go to [www.graceplaceretreats.org](http://www.graceplaceretreats.org) to register. Camp Okoboji is looking for financial support in order to defer the costs for the workers. If you would like to donate to this cause, contact Larry Stille by phone or email. His email is [larry.camp@lidwlcms.org](mailto:larry.camp@lidwlcms.org).

### **Family Bike Camp**

Is your family looking for an affordable weekend get away this summer? The program staff at Camp Okoboji has just the thing for you! Check out our Family Bike Camp on June 12-14, 2009! Families will stay in our dorm cabins, have opportunity to ride the Dickinson Country Bike Trails, have camp fire devotions, Bible study, games and much more! See our Summer Registration Brochure and our Website for information! All fees include program, meals, and lodging!

### 2009 Summer Registration Brochure

The 2009 Summer Registration Brochure has been mailed and is available on our Website, [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) Go to the quick links at the bottom of the page to download and print the information. If you did not receive your personal copy in the mail and would like one sent to you, please contact the Camp office.

### EXCITING PROGRAM

If you have completed grades 7-12 and looking for something new and exciting this summer you should go to [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) and find out about all of the exciting things happening at Camp Okoboji. For the third consecutive year **LIFE AQUATIC CAMP** is being held **JUNE 7-13**. **LIFE AQUATIC CAMP** is a week filled with “*on the water*” experiences that include swimming, boating, canoeing, paddle boats, and scuba diving. Register on-line and get in on an exciting time on the water and in the Word.

### MINNEBOJI

You say that you have checked out the Camp Okoboji schedule and you are busy during Concordia Cub Week and Junior High Week, then check another opportunity for kids in grades 4-9, an opportunity known as **MINNEBOJI**. **Camp Minneboji information and registration forms** are available from Camp Okoboji. This wonderful and memorable camping event is held at **CAMP OKOBOJI** June 14-20, 2009. You may go to [www.minneboji.com](http://www.minneboji.com) for additional information. Minneboji features Bible Study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, and the opportunity to meet new Christian friends. This year’s theme is “**WHO IS I AM?**” **It concerns our GREAT I AM (JESUS) and HIS “I AM” SAYINGS**. The camp registration fee is \$245 (\$275 for 9<sup>th</sup> grade “Honors” campers). The registration deadline is May 30.

### CALM DOWN RETREAT

This retreat is for students who have completed the 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades. During this 4 day 3 night retreat on JUNE 25-28 students will experience some of the liturgies of the church , do service projects both on and off camp, spend most of Friday on the Dickinsen County Bike Trails, and much more! Sign up today!

### 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!**

Did you know Camp Okoboji has family cabins available for your family to vacation together for a full week (from a Sunday to a Sunday)? Check our Website for availability or call Lorene at 712-337-3325.

**VOLUNTEER COUNSELOR opportunities** are available for individuals who are 17 years of age or older. There are still openings for Life Aquatic Camp, Jr. High Week, Cub Week, and Youth Week! Application forms are available at [www.campokoboji.org](http://www.campokoboji.org) or by calling the Camp Okoboji office at 712-337-3325.

**Is carpentry your expertise? Do you like to spend time in your woodworking shop during the long winter months? Are you looking for a wood shop class project?** Camp Okoboji has diagrams and pictures of a **picnic table and four benches** which can be built for the Dining Hall deck. Call 712-337-3325 and request a copy of the plans.

