

What is Happening At Your Camp?

Camp Okoboji

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November 6-8 Men's Hunting Retreat
November 14 Camp Okoboji Foundation Dinner
November 20-21 Camp Okoboji Board of Directors' Retreat
November 20-21 C.H.A.O.S.

New Retreat for Men!

November 6-8 is a new retreat for men! This retreat is a pheasant hunting retreat. Hunting will take place at the Okoboji Game Farm just south of Milford, IA. Lodging and meals will be provided by Camp Okoboji. Devotions will be lead by the Reverend Phill Andreasen, pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake, IA. Cost is \$250. There is a limit of 20 participants. See the Camp website for registration forms and more information. Contact Doug Kading at doug.camp@lidwlcms.org or call the Camp office.

Winter Hours

Beginning November 30, 2009 – 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 Winter!

Plan a fall or 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.

C.H.A.O.S. [Christians Hyped About Our Savior]

It is the 4th Annual C.H.A.O.S. Retreat for students in the 6th-8th grades. This year's theme is "Identity – discovering who we are as God's Children!" The dates are November 20-21, 2009! Come for 19 hours of fun, fellowship, Bible studies, music, a service project and to reunite with other students you met during summer camp! All information is included in this month's District packet and is on the Camp Okoboji Web site.

New Retreat for College Students!

Plans are under way for a new retreat for college students. The dates have been set so mark your calendars – December 30, 2009- January 1, 2010! The name of the retreat is FREEZE! The purpose of the retreat is to FREEZE – stop, look, and listen to what God has in mind for you! Watch for more details in the coming weeks and months! Check the Web site regularly and spread the word!



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

During morning devotions, one of our summer Chaplains remarked that it seems he can accomplish more working with our youth during a week of camp than he can during a year of Sunday school. This year give a Christmas gift that keeps giving by sending your children, grandchildren, or that special young friend to Camp for an experience that will last a lifetime!

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 Web site at www.Thrivent.com.

Did you know that Camp Okoboji has made a special promise to you? It says "Our Promise of Jesus at the Lake – A friendly, safe, refreshing and relaxing Christian experience – an exceptional value for you and your family"! Take time to explore your church camp and check us out. How can we serve you?

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 Web site 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. 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!



CHAOS RULES

Two have already checked in ahead of you: **Jesus Christ, who has redeemed you by his death and resurrection, and Satan, who wants to devour your soul.** Youth are encouraged to place money and personal items in their suitcases. When items are left lying in the room, they are temptations for others. The camp, adult leaders, and staff are not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

1. Please take part in all activities. If unable to join in, then watch and support the group.
2. Camp Okoboji is your home for the weekend. In case of a family or medical emergency, the camp will make every effort to contact your parents or guardians.
3. Your rooms should be free of smoke, abuse, graffiti, water fights, profanity, and put-downs.
4. Pillows, blankets, and mattresses are to remain in the rooms.
5. Keep the camp free of litter.
6. Campers are permitted only in rooms assigned to them.
7. **ABSOLUTELY NO TOBACCO, DRUGS, ALCOHOL, OR WEAPONS WILL BE BROUGHT OR IN A CAMPER'S POSSESSION. Violating this rule means immediate dismissal from CHAOS.**

What to bring to CHAOS:

1. Your Bible and pencils or pens
2. Enough clean clothes to make it through the retreat
3. Washcloth, towels, soap, toothbrush/toothpaste
4. Pillow and/or pillowcases and sheets for a single bed, or a sleeping bag
5. Weather-appropriate sweater or jacket and footwear appropriate for outdoor activities.
6. Spending money for use in the Camp Store
7. A snack to share

CHAOS is designed to be a retreat away from the rest of the chaotic world, so please:

1. **Leave your cell phones at home.**
2. **Leave your radios and electronic games at home.**
3. Remember that there will be **ABSOLUTELY NO TOBACCO, DRUGS, ALCOHOL, OR WEAPONS.**

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CHAOS 2009

Christians Hyped About Our Savior

November 20 and 21
2009

For Students in
6th 7th or 8th Grades

"For in Him we live and

~~Camp~~
move and have our
being."

Acts 17:28

~~Okoboji~~

Contact Camp Okoboji for registrations
or check our Website
www.campokoboji.org

ADULT Registration for CHAOS November 20-21, 2009

**Fees:**

Adult Registration \$45.00

If paying by Credit/Debit Card Please fill in the following:

Card Number _____

Expiration Date ____ / ____ Security Code _____

Name _____

Billing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth Date ____ / ____ / ____ Age _____ Grade _____

Home Phone Number (____) ____ - ____ Cell Phone (____) ____ - ____

Email Address _____

Congregational Membership _____

Pastor, DCE, or Church Professional's signature _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number (____) ____ - ____ Cell Phone (____) ____ - ____

Email Address _____

T-Shirt Size (Adult): S M L XL XXLMake Checks payable to Camp Okoboji for the **full amount.****Mail to:** Camp Okoboji, 1531 Edgewood Drive, Milford, IA 51351**Adult Leader Agreement**

By signing below, I certify that I am at least 18 years of age. I will be responsible for the youth I am chaperoning and, with the help of God, will encourage them as they grow in their faith and participate in all activities at CHAOS. I have read and understand the *Adult Leader Covenant* attached to this sheet.

Signature _____

Publicity Release

I give permission for my picture (without name) to be used by Camp Okoboji for promotional purposes in printed and electronic publications.

Signature _____

Confirmation letters and health forms will be sent via USPS the week of November 2, 2009.

YOUTH Registration for CHAOS November 20-21, 2009

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Youth Registration \$45.00

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Expiration Date ____ / ____ Security Code _____

Name _____

Billing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Camper's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth Date ____ / ____ / ____ Age ____ Grade ____

Campers Home Phone Number (____) ____ - ____ Cell Phone (____) ____ - ____

Camper's Email Address _____

Congregational Membership _____

Pastor, DCE, or Church Professional's signature _____

Adult Leader's Name _____

*Reminder: All youth **must** have an adult leader.***Custodial Parent Information**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number (____) ____ - ____ Cell Phone (____) ____ - ____

Email Address _____

Other Parent Information (if different from Custodial parent) or other Emergency Contact

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number (____) ____ - ____ Cell Phone (____) ____ - ____

Email Address _____

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