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Wayzata Community Church Summer Camp



WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH
125 Wayzata Boulevard East
Wayzata, MN 55391



2026 CAMP SESSIONS

- **HIGH SCHOOL CAMP**
Sunday, June 21 – Friday, June 26
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP**
Sunday, July 12 – Friday, July 17
- **ELEMENTARY CAMP - SESSION 1**
Monday, June 15 – Thursday, June 18
- **ELEMENTARY CAMP - SESSION 2**
Tuesday, July 7 – Friday, July 10

Friends and Families,

Welcome to the Summer Camp ministry of Wayzata Community Church. Summer Camp is a transformative “rite of passage” in the lives of so many children and teenagers. It is a time that uniquely gives students a chance to experience life in community, unplugged from technology, while experiencing the gifts of nature and the life of faith.

Believing that each student is a unique, unrepeatable miracle of God, we seek to welcome kids to join us for Summer Camp. Through a relational style of ministry it is our goal to provide each student with a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. We work hard to help everyone at camp see what their next step of faith is and all are welcome to explore faith in a safe and respectful environment.

Our unique style and philosophy of outdoor ministry is built on 5 central goals:

- **SAFETY:** first and foremost, everyone at camp is kept physically, emotionally and spiritually safe. From this foundation grows all our other goals.
- **FUN:** the best way to show a student that they are loved is to help them have good, clean fun – and lots of it! Fun builds trust, breaks down barriers and creates shared memories. We bake fun into everything we do at camp.
- **MESSAGE:** this is the “why” of Summer Camp. We will share an honest and compelling picture of God’s love as we experience it through Jesus Christ. The Gospel should be the best news we ever hear – that we are loved and called to love others while we serve others, too.
- **AFFIRMATION:** we love every student, just as they are. Period. There are very few places in the world where kids can be themselves without anyone asking them to perform (academically, athletically, musically, etc.). Campers will know that they are free to be themselves and that they are whole-heartedly loved with no strings attached.
- **COMMUNITY:** one outcome of accomplishing the first four goals is a profound experience of Community. Camp relationships often extend far beyond the camp experience.

We have another incredible summer planned for 2026. We will be back at the Chi Rho Center and we will be ready for all God will do through Camp this summer.

With joy!

The Camp and Family Ministry Team Staff

Check-in & Return Procedures

All Camp sessions check in at 12:30 p.m. on the first day of your camp session. Check-in takes place in the Gym and West entrance at Wayzata Community Church, 125 Wayzata Blvd. East. All campers will be returned to the church at 12:00 p.m. on the final day of the session. (The bus may be 10-15 minutes delayed, based on traffic.) Cabin assignments will be communicated at check-in.

Transportation

Campers are transported to and from Chi Rho Center on school buses, operated by professional drivers. Please make sure that your camper’s luggage makes it into the luggage trailer. Chaperones will be on each bus to ensure a positive experience on the way to and from camp.

Late arrivals/early departures

We strongly discourage partial camp experiences due to late arrivals and/or early departures. The experience of camp is designed with the expectation that all campers will be there for the entire camp session; any changes in the makeup of the camper population affects not only the absent person but all of those in camp. Any late arrivals or early departures must be approved by the Camp Director, at least 7 days prior to the camper’s session.

Food & Lodging

All meals take place in the dining hall, with meals prepared by the kitchen staff, and served by the Work Crew. During enrollment, you will be able to indicate any special dietary needs your child may have.

Camp Store

Campers have the opportunity each day to buy snacks and specialty items at the camp store. Camp Store deposits can be made in advance in Campsite. You will also have the opportunity at check-in to deposit money into your camp store account. Parents should use their own discretion in the amount of money that is deposited into their camp store account. We discourage campers from bringing cash to camp. Refunds will not be offered from the camp store.

Camp and Contact Information

Chi Rho Center
5750 Porter Ave NW, Annandale, MN 55302
Camp Director’s phone: (952) 246-1192
Camp Registrar’s phone: (952) 246-1181 (Kathy Handy)



CHI RHO CENTER

Chi Rho Center is situated on a beautiful peninsula on the shores of Lake Sylvia. Its location offers greater ease and access for all campers on one of Minnesota’s most pristine lakes. For more than four decades, Chi Rho Center has been an outreach of St. John’s Lutheran Church of Minneapolis. We are excited to be partnering once again with St. John’s, as we share a passion for camp and retreat ministries.

Policy Concerning Campers Eligibility

We accept all individuals. We want to make sure that our camp reflects the wide open, inclusive love that we know through Jesus. Please visit our website to read our essential eligibility criteria: www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/camp.

Registration Process

Beginning Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., register online for Summer Camp 2026 at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/camp. If you have not created an account in Campsite already, you will begin by creating an account for your family, including all your 2026 campers. Have your campers' current health immunization and insurance card handy when you go online, as this information will be required during the registration process. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required for each registered camper.

NOTE: We highly recommend that you create your family account in Campsite ahead of time, as this will make the registration process on January 13th more efficient.

Cabinmates

We recognize that a sense of security begins at the time of registration when kids can request other students to be their cabin mates. We offer a chance to request three cabinmates, and will go to great effort to accommodate at least one of these requests. However circumstances do arise that make it impossible to grant every request. Please be aware that groups are often divided between different cabins. All requests must be made 14 days prior to camp.

After registration is completed

1. Following the completion of enrollment in Campsite, including the \$100 deposit, you will receive an email confirming that your child is registered.
2. Changes made after your child has been registered for a camp session will be based on space and availability and require approval by the camp registrars. You may not change the registration of any child but your own. To request a change, send an email to Kathy at khandy@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

Camp Fees

- High School Camp \$630.00
- Middle School Camp \$630.00
- Elementary Camp \$495.00

Fees include all lodging, food, transportation, and a camp t-shirt. Space at Camp is limited. Register early to claim a spot in your preferred session. Campers can only attend one session, excluding Work Crew.

Payment & Refund Policy

All payments for camp are made through Campsite. Payments will be charged to your credit card on file.

- A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due at enrollment.
- In addition to the payment-in-full at enrollment, we offer the following two-payment option:
 - Pay 50% by March 15th
 - Pay balance by May 1st

No refunds on any camp payments will be given after May 1, 2026.

Please contact Dave Knoll with questions about camp payments at dknoll@wayzatacommunitychurch.org or 952-473-8877.

Scholarships are Available

Financial challenges will never be an obstacle for campers to attend camp. Wayzata Community Church is pleased to offer scholarships to individuals in need of financial assistance. Complete a Scholarship Application at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/camp.

Camp Staff



CAMP DIRECTOR: REV. DANIELLE JONES

Danielle has always loved Summer Camp. Camp was transformative in her life as a student, she served as a cabin leader in high school and college, she ran several Summer Camps in her student ministry work for more than 15 years and she is so excited to be a part of WCC's camp staff this summer. Danielle believes that camp is one of the most faith shaping events in a student's life. Our Camp team is looking forward to an incredible year at camp as we focus on building community, growing in faith, and having a whole lot of fun along the way! The work of camp begins in January so our team is already planning and preparing for summer 2026. We hope to see your student at camp!



DIRECTOR OF HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY: MIKE SOLBERG

Mike started working with the high school ministry at WCC in August 2022. He brings over 10 years of camp ministry experience from his previous youth director role in Bloomington, and a number of years as a volunteer before that. Mike is passionate about creating space for honest conversations about faith and real life in a fun environment.



DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY: ANN HUNHOFF

Ann joined the staff at WCC in September of 2022. She graduated from Grand Canyon University with a Bachelor's in Christian Studies and Youth Ministry in the fall of 2022. Prior to joining WCC, Ann's career started as a Youth Missionary and Ministry Coordinator in 2020, and before that, she had camp experience as a two-time summer staffer at Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp. Ann is passionate about camp ministry as it was instrumental to her own faith development and a stepping stone to her call to ministry.



DIRECTOR OF ELEMENTARY MINISTRY: JODIE NYBERG

Jodie Nyberg has been on staff at WCC for 23 years. She previously worked as an elementary school teacher in Arizona and for the Minnetonka Public School system. She has been a part of the summer camp program since the beginning and has seen firsthand the way camp ministry can be life-changing for children and youth of all ages.



DIRECTOR OF DISABILITY MINISTRY: MICHELE RAMERT

Michele brings 11 years of experience as a middle and high school leader here at WCC, and over 15 years of experience working in elementary schools. Michele has seen the impact WCC Camp has had on two of her sons; both attended Summer Camp, and later served on the WCC Camp staff. She is eager to help cultivate a fun, faith-filled summer experience!



CAMP NURSE: MARY JANE HOCHSTEIN

Mary Jane Hochstein, better known as MJ, has been a Registered Nurse for 37 years, specializing in Emergency Medicine, GI Nursing, and Cardiology. Now in her eleventh year as a Camp Nurse, she loves contributing to the camp experience. While safety is her priority, MJ also enjoys zipping around in the lighted golf cart, playing nine square with campers, savoring Hershey's chocolate bars, and starting every day with coffee!

Additional Staff

Counselors & Summer Staff

Our staff of college-age young adults (and graduates) includes many of the faces that your children have seen and gotten to know through camp over the past summers. These young adults have many natural gifts, and will develop these through an intensive 7 day staff training, as well as daily meetings and guidance from the Camp Leadership Team.

Through our careful selection process we recruit and train our staff in the important work of building relationships with kids. It is the heart of all that we do at camp.

Medical & Safety Team

We will have a nurse or doctor on the camp premises 24 hours of each day that camp is in session. Our medical team will be thoroughly supported to meet the medical and physical needs of each camper, including the treatment of illness or injury, administration of medicines from home, handling of any allergies, and coordination of any communication to parents, if necessary. Certified waterfront staff operate the swimming and boating area at all times. All of our waterfront staff are trained in Red Cross Water Safety to assure the best care and attention near the water.



experience with love and encouragement.

Children attending camp can expect lots of outdoor play time, time on beautiful Lake Sylvania, campfires, singing, silly skits and so much more. Our Children's Ministry Director, Jodie Nyberg, will be on site throughout the week of camp. Activities end at 9:30 p.m. each night, and the wake up call is at 7:30 a.m.

Children's Camp

For campers entering 3rd-6th Grade in the Fall of 2026.

Session 1: Monday, June 15 – Thursday, June 18, 2026

Session 2: Tuesday, July 7 – Friday, July 10, 2026

Session Fee: \$495.00

The WCC Children's camp experience is filled with safety, fun and faith! Our trained and experienced counselors are ready to help our youngest campers navigate their first overnight camp

Middle School Camp

For campers entering 7th - 9th Grades in the Fall of 2026.

Sunday, July 12 – Friday, July 17, 2026

Session Fee: \$630.00

Middle School Camp is an awesome next step after Children's Camp, with longer sessions, deeper dives into topics of life and faith, plus wakesurfing, tubing, night games, a live band and much more. Camp is a great time to unplug and connect in community through activities in nature, games, crafts, music and small group sharing.



High School Work Crew

We hope that incoming 10th-12th grade students will consider serving through our Work Crew Ministry. Work Crew is an opportunity for students to experience an extended service-based faith experience. Each session consists of a small group of students who are devoted to serving God, the camp, and the campers. This year, not all work crew experiences will be equal length. This is to accommodate our students' busy schedules and some shifts in our camp calendar. If our sessions fill, preference will be given to seniority, and then order of applications. To apply to

be on a Work Crew, visit our website at www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/camp.

Work Crew 2026 Sessions

Work Crew #1 - \$150

Monday, June 15 - Thursday, June 18

4 days, 3 nights

Work Crew #2 - \$100

Sunday, June 28 - Tuesday, June 30

3 days, 2 nights

Work Crew #3 - \$350

Tuesday, July 7 - Friday, July 17 (Saturday, July 11th - Off)

10 days, 8 nights



High School Camp

For campers entering 10th Grade through graduated 12th Graders.

Sunday, June 21 – Friday, June 26, 2026

Session Fee: \$630.00

This session is specifically designed to bring you all the best parts of camp you've loved with a few new surprises along the way. In this session, we sing our hearts out at Primetime, and we play hard on the field, and we have deep cabin conversations. In our downtime, we hang out by the lake, make friendship bracelets, or wakesurf. Friendships made at camp are some of the best, and we want you to experience a week in this great, loving community!

Friends are always welcome—so spread the word and get ready for the best week of the summer!