**Welcome to Family Camps at Camp Onomia!**

We hope you will enjoy your stay. Camp Onomia staff will provide great program options for kids and adults Please join us for daily Bible study and worship opportunities, warm fellowship with other families, and hearty meals and laughter!

If you haven’t been with us, here is a list of things you may need:

**What to bring:**

* Pillow
* Sleeping bag or bedding (Retreat Center rooms generally have 1 full sized bed and a number of twin sized beds)
* Towels and wash cloth
* Bug Repellent
* Sun Screen
* Swimsuit
* Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc.)
* Clothing for the week/weekend for recreation and all potential weather conditions
  + Long pants and long sleeves
  + Raincoat
* Fan
* Comfortable Shoes

**What not to bring:**

We strictly prohibit weapons (guns, knives, firecrackers, matches, lighters, etc,) pets, and illegal substances. We strongly prefer no alcohol, drugs, or smoking on site. ANY use of alcohol must be restricted to your assigned lodging. Smoking and vaping is prohibited in all of our buildings and will only be allowed in designated areas (the parking lot). Thank you for your understanding.

**Arrival and Departure times:**

A note about arrival times. Since we are wrapping up summer camp programs or weekend retreats prior to our family camps, we will still be cleaning your spaces if you happen to arrive early. **You are very welcome to arrive early,** but will not be able to move into your rooms until closer to the posted arrival times.

**Family Holiday Weekend (July 3rd-5th)**

* Check-in begins at 7pm on Friday
* Departure at 11am Sunday

**Family Escape Weekend (July 25th-27th)**

* Check-in begins at 7pm on Friday
* Departure at 11am Sunday

**Family Camp Week (July 27th – August 1st)**

* Check-in runs from 3pm-4:30pm on Sunday
* Departure time: Noon on Friday

**Camp Rules/Information:**

* Please be respectful of property and others at Camp Onomia. This is a special and holy place.
* Obey safety regulations around camp. They are there to keep everyone safe and happy. This includes not swimming when no lifeguard is present at the waterfront.
* For your safety, wear shoes at all times. Sharp rocks and bees hide underfoot!
* Medications and health issues are managed by each family.
* All campers are invited to participate in all camp activities. If you will be leaving site over a meal time, please notify the camp cook so that we do not waste food.
* We know you will have a great time this week, but if you should intentionally cause harm to others, intentionally break something, or refuse to respect the camp staff, we will ask you to leave. Camp can be the best experience of the summer, please enjoy our time and space together!
* Day guests and overnight visitors will be asked to pay a pro-rated fee for the time they are here. Please make these arrangements with the camp office prior to your arrival so that we can plan accordingly.

**Directions:**

Putting “Camp Onomia” or our address (14202 Shakopee Lake Road Onamia MN 56359) into Google Maps will bring you directly to our site.

**From the South:**

Take US-169 north to Onamia. At Onamia, go left (west) on MN-27/Main St. Follow MN-27 through downtown Onamia and 1.6 miles west of town. Turn right (north) onto Shakopee Lake Rd/CR-26. Camp Onomia is about 2 miles north at 14202 Shakopee Lake Rd.

**From the North:**

Take US-169 south to Shakopee Lake Rd/CR-26 (there is a sign for Kathio State Park). Turn right (south) onto Shakopee Lake Rd. Travel about 5 miles south to 14202 Shakopee Lake Rd.

**FEE BALANCE AND REFUND POLICY:**

Deposits are not refundable or transferable. Deposit refunds are given only in the case of sickness or family emergencies, and must be requested before the scheduled start of the program. In these instances, $25 will be retained to cover administrative expense. All other cancellations forfeit your full deposit. Once the camper has checked in at the camp, if he or she needs to return home due to illness, emergency, or homesickness, we will return a pro-rated amount based on days stayed. Your original deposit will not be refunded. You will need to provide a written request for this refund. Campers who are asked to leave because of violations to our camp rules/information stated above will forfeit any refund opportunity. Thank you for your understanding.

**CAMP WEEKLY MISSION PROJECT:**

We believe that God is calling us to help others and to do good in the world. Every year, campers and guest have the opportunity to give (either cash or from their canteen account) towards a specific program which does good in the world, show the love of Christ, and helps us to recognize Christ in all people (Matthew 25:31-46). Summer staff decide on an organization each year, and recent years have seen gifts going to support Shobi’s Table, ELCA Good Gifts, and others.

We are looking forward to hosting you and your families this summer on the shores of Lake Shakopee. If you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to make your stay with us more comfortable please don’t hesitate to reach out prior to camp starting.

Where faith is nurtured, grown, and sown,

Camp Onomia Staff

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