**Welcome to Youth and Intergenerational Summer 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
  + **Explorers, iBelong, and Fish Camp will be camping this year, please bring a sleeping bag**
  + Grandparent/KID and Beginners will stay in the 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 (no bikinis/speedos)
* Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc.)
* Clothing for the week for recreation
  + Long pants and long sleeves/sweatshirts
  + Raincoat
  + Short-sleeved shirts and shorts
* Underwear and socks
* Hat, sunglasses
* Flashlight
* Bible
* Water bottle
* Fan
* Shoes (2+ pairs)
  + One pair of tennis shoes/ running shoes that are **closed toe**
  + *Recommended:* shower shoes

**What not to bring:**

* Candy and Snacks ~
* Cell phones ~
* Other electronic devices (tablets, gaming equipment, etc.)
* Tobacco and vape products\*
* Controlled substances\*
  + Weapons (including pocketknives and pepper spray)\*
  + Clothing that promotes inappropriate behavior or substances

**\***This program operates under a zero-tolerance policy in regard to weapons, alcohol, tobacco produces, and illegal drugs. Campers with these items will be sent home with no refund.

~ Campers found with cell phones or candy and snacks will have those items stored either locked in the Camp office, or in a plastic container in the kitchen (snacks and food). We don’t allow cell phones because of the safety risk it can pose, campers are less engaged in camp activities, and constant contact with home can make homesickness worse. We *never* prohibit campers from contacting home, and will work with campers/home to coordinate those conversations. All phone calls will come from the Camp’s main phone line.

Thank you for your understanding.

**Arrival and Departure times:**

**Full Week Programs (Fish Camp, iBelong, LTE, Explorers, Night Owls, Night Hawks)**

* Check-in runs from 3pm- 4:30pm on the Sunday your program starts. *Please do not arrive before this time frame.*
* **New to 2025:** Our program ends at Noon on Friday with closing worship.

**Beginners/ Grandparent/KID:**

* Check-in runs from 3pm-4:30pm on Sunday*. Please do not arrive before this time frame.*
* **Beginners:**  Program ends at 6:30pm on Monday following a short closing program (which will start around 6:15pm).
* **Grandparent/KID:** Program ends at Noon on Wednesday with closing worship.

**Pioneers**

* Check-in runs from 3pm- 4:30pm on the Sunday your program starts. *Please do not arrive before this time frame.*
* **New to 2025:** Program ends at 6:30pm on Tuesday following a short closing program (which will start around 6:15pm). You are welcome to join us for dinner on Tuesday evening (5:30pm).

**Camp Rules/Information:**

* Please be respectful at Camp Onomia. If you wouldn’t do it at home, you probably shouldn’t do it here. This includes, but isn’t limited to: camp property, animals, other people, and other people’s belongings.
* Obey safety regulations around camp. They are there to keep everyone safe and happy.
* For your safety, wear shoes at all times. Sharp rocks and bees hide underfoot!
* Campers are not allowed to leave camp at any time without the direct supervision of a staff member and/or prior permission of a parent or guardian. **If you need to pick up your camper early, you must let us know ahead of time or at check-in.**
* ***PLEASE keep their cell phone at home!*** Cell phones should not be brought to camp. Cell phones are a distraction to the community we build at camp and can actually enhance home-sickness. In emergencies, campers are able to call parents using the camp phone. Parents can reach campers when necessary by calling the office.
* All medications must be in their original container (Prescription AND over the counter medications) are to be turned into health services during check-in. If you have not completed a health form online, that must be done as well.
* All campers are expected to fully participate in camp activities. If campers are unable to participate in certain activities, please notify us at check-in.
* 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 leaders, your parents will be contacted to come and get you. We have a zero-tolerance policy for bullying, harassment, or bringing of prohibited items to camp. We do not take situations like this lightly, and expect parents to come and pick up their camper as soon as possible. Camp can be the best experience of your life. We will do our best to help you make that happen!
* Campers may be transported off-site at times for a program activity. Only camp vehicles with a qualified driver will be used for off-site trips.

**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:**

**All registration fees are due by June 1st**

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 they need 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 STORE**

Our Canteen offers a wide variety of sweets and snacks, ranging from candy and chips to ice cream and pop. We suggest youth in our week-long programs bring $10-$30 per week if they want to participate in our camp store. Money can easily be deposited online when you register or deposited during check-in and any remaining balances can be refunded or offered as an offering during check-out. All money to be used for the camp store or canteen must be deposited online or during check-in, no cash will be accepted during the camp week. Also, the store will be open during check-in and check-out to browse our wide selection of cool camp gear, water bottles, and other merchandise.

**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 (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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