

Minnesota Valley Lutheran Camp aka “Camp Shetek” and “Camp Luther”

PURPOSE

Minnesota Valley Lutheran Bible Camp exists to provide elementary age children the opportunity to worship the Lord and grow in their Christian faith as they participate in outdoor activities under the direction of Christian Counselors. It is sponsored by the WELS churches in southwest and south-central Minnesota and eastern South Dakota. **Any student who is entering 4th through 9th grade in Fall 2024 is eligible to enroll as a camper.** Please go to www.campshetek.org to register online. **We need a minimum of 70 campers by April 14 to conduct Camp this summer.**

REGISTER EARLY!

GOALS

- To help campers grow in their understanding of God’s Word so they may apply it to their lives.
- To help campers discover new ways they might express and practice their faith through their words and actions with other campers.
- To help campers learn good sportsmanship as they participate in the many and varied activities of the camp.
- To teach campers that each day of their life offers continuous opportunities to live praising and glorifying their God.

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Camp has often been referred to as “Camp Shetek.” In the past, this Camp was held at Lake Shetek State Park’s Zuya Group Campground, located near Currie, Minnesota. Because this campground is still under construction, camp will again be held jointly with “Camp Luther” at **Sibley State Park’s Group Campground, New London, MN**. For many years Camp Luther has been sponsored by WELS Churches in South Dakota, assisted by Great Plains Lutheran High School. In recent years the camp has been held at Sibley State Park.

Sibley State Park’s Group Campground has seven cabins with bunk beds – each accommodating 16 campers and 2 counselors. There is room for up to 112 campers. An additional building will be used for Arts and Crafts. A Main Lodge is used for meals and large group gatherings, such as daily Bible Study and devotions. Lavatory facilities are found in one common Bathroom building that is separate from all of the cabins. For a virtual tour of Sibley State Park, go to: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/sibley/index.html

2024 DATES

Camp will be held June 16th to 22nd, 2024. (Sunday afternoon through Saturday morning). All forms for registering may be found online at our website: www.campshetek.org. The web site will open on February 4, 2024.

Check-in time will run from 5:30 – 7 pm, Sunday June 16, in the Main Lodge

Check-out time will be Saturday, June 22, from 9:30 to 11:00 am

CAMPER FEES

Fees for 2024 are: **\$275 if registered by April 14; \$285 after that date.** (A \$75 non-refundable deposit is required with registration. This is part of the total Camp Fee.) These fees include all meals [17], lodging at the State Park, and a one-of-a-kind Camp T-shirt. Siblings will receive a \$20 discount on their camp fees.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Pastor Renz when you are considering registering. (Please do not wait until the first day of Camp.) Some financial aid is available! No one will be denied a place at camp because of financial difficulties. (jrenzner@gmail.com or 507-327-7222)

CANTEEN

Two canteens are scheduled each day. (Candy & snacks are monitored closely. No one will be allowed to overeat on canteen snacks.) Campers are encouraged to bring extra money for canteen. (The first 20 campers who register will receive a \$10 credit toward their Canteen.)

SCHEDULE

We plan a busy schedule each day with many learning opportunities. Time is taken to study God's Word and apply it to our lives. Activities are planned to give the campers ample opportunity to display and practice their Christian faith as they interact with other campers. The day begins at 7:30 am (breakfast at 8 am) and ends at 11 pm, but not before a nightly Campfire Sing-a-long and Devotion.

ACTIVITIES

Besides daily devotions & Bible Study, activities include: arts & crafts; swimming, volleyball, canoeing (we rent canoes from the State Park), campfire, singing, historic walks, biking (you will need to bring your bike from home), ultimate frisbee, kickball, lawn bowling, various board games, nature walks, skits, a movie night and countless other unique group activities. Our goal is to keep the campers as busy as possible, helping them to have fun and make new friends!

THINGS CAMPERS WILL NEED

Bring a sleeping bag & pillow (or sheets) for the bunk beds; several changes of clothing; a jacket or sweater (it does get cool at night); swimsuit; plenty of towels; soap & shampoo; toothbrush & toothpaste; several pair of good sneakers; mosquito repellent; a flashlight; a Bible; notebook; pen or pencil; stamps.

DO NOT BRING any knives, cigarettes, lighters, fire crackers, guns, (all the usual things that are hazardous), shaving cream, cell phones, porn or inappropriate music. If any of these unnecessary items, or other items the counselors deem to be harmful to some or all of the campers are brought, they will be confiscated for the week and returned to the camper AND his/her parents before he/she leaves. We reserve the right to look through a camper's belongings *if we suspect* something prohibited or dangerous has been brought.

Please help campers pack, so nothing questionable is brought by accident!

MEALS & SPECIAL NEEDS

So that we can better meet the needs of your child while he/she is at camp, please let us know if any camper has any special dietary needs, food allergies or other special needs – medical or emotional – when you register. There will be a special section on the online registration form for this information.

REGISTER EARLY

Since this is a joint venture, camp may fill quickly. So **register early**. If, however, we have not received 70 registrations by April 27, camp will be cancelled! Please go to www.campshetek.org to register.

QUESTIONS

If you have further questions about camp, you may call (or text) Pastor James Renz @ 507-375-3395 (home), 507-327-7222 (cell; leave a message), or e-mail: jrenzner@gmail.com.