

The Year 2008 Programs of LUTHERANS OUTDOORS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

NESODAK BIBLE CAMP

The Location	On Lake Enemy Swim near Waubay in the northeast part of South Dakota.	
The Facility	A large lodge/dining hall, cabins for the counselors and their campers, various cabins for support staff, a shower house and a chapel. Waterfront is on three sides of the peninsula.	
The Campers	Several weeks for elementary school age, several weeks for junior high age, and several weeks for specialty camps (confirmation, music, water and wheels, Counselor-in-Training, American Diabetes). Counselors will take turns leading Day Camps at various South Dakota congregations.	
The Activities	Swimming, canoeing, paddle boating, biking, group building initiatives, arts and crafts, local wildlife preserve, group games, Bible study, morning worship and evening campfires.	
The Commitment	A two-week intensive staff training begins May 21. It is important to be here by this date. Camp begins June 3rd and ends August 13th.	
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KLEIN RANCH

The Location	North of Isabel on the Grand River in the Great Plains of northwestern South Dakota.	
The Facilities	An old ranch house with a new dining hall, several barns and quonsets for equipment and housing, several other bunkhouses, a shower/toilet facility.	
The Campers	Youth having completed the 7th -12th. Also a Wrangler in Training program for grades 11-12.	
The Activities	Horseback riding over the open prairie, camping out under the stars on the banks of the Grand River, attending area rodeos, hiking, visiting at a neighboring ranch, doing ranch chores at our ranch, worshiping at a Native American mission church, group games, group building initiatives, Bible study, morning worship and evening campfires.	
The Commitment	A two-week intensive staff training begins May 18. It is important to be here by this date. Camp begins June 3rd and ends August 13th.	
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OUTLAW RANCH

The Location	In the forest east of Custer in South Dakota's Black Hills.	
The Facility	A large lodge, a large dining hall, 15 cabins, shower/toilet facility, barn/chapel, stables/tack barn, various buildings for support staff.	
The Campers	One week for 7 th -8 th grades, two weeks for 3 rd -6 th grades, and eight family camp weeks. Each counselor will help lead several Day Camps in various South Dakota and Wyoming congregations. Also a Counselor-in-Training program for 10 th -12 th graders.	
The Activities	Horseback riding, overnights, canoeing, arts and crafts, hikes, low-ropes initiative activities, square dancing, group games, Bible study, morning worship, and evening campfires.	
The Commitment	A two-week intensive staff training begins May 27. It is important to be here by this date. Camp begins June 10 and ends August 17th.	
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ATLANTIC MOUNTAIN RANCH

The Location	In the forest north and west of Custer in South Dakota's Black Hills.
The Commitment	A two-week intensive staff training begins May 27. It is important to be here by this date. Camp begins June 10 and ends August 10.

FORT COURAGE

	A replica of an 1880's stockade in the lower valley at AMR. Water is pumped from a well, cooking is done by campers. Other facilities include shower house, sauna, and outhouses. Staff sometimes does rotation to other programs including Day Camp.
The Campers	Two 5-6th grade weeks, seven 7-10th grade weeks.
The Activities	Horseback trail rides, hikes, overnights, outdoor cooking, low-ropes initiative course, group games, helping with work projects, Bible study, morning worship, and evening campfire. Emphasis on outdoor adventure and community living.

SERVANT CAMP

	Servant camp on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for eight weeks. Nine weeks of Servant Camp projects based out of AMR, including creation stewardship in the National Forest and working on <i>Habitat for Humanity</i> houses or other construction projects.
The Campers	Senior high youth.
The Activities	Three staff will lead each group of 10-15 servant campers. Emphasis on Pine Ridge is on small-group living, recreation and kids time, servant projects, and multicultural exchange.

ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

A variety of outdoor adventure activities including backpacking in the Bighorns or Black Hills, mountain biking in the Black Hills, caving, geocaching, service projects, challenge course, and horseback riding. The summer will also include two weeks of programming for grandparents and grandchildren.

The Campers

Primarily senior high students, with a few weeks of junior high.

The Activities

The program is structured around small groups, typically two staff work with a group of 10-15 campers. Activities include outdoor camping skills, group building, small-group living, Bible study, and worship.

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If we are to sum up what is expected of staff members of Lutherans Outdoors camps, we couldn't do better than to quote these words by Mother Teresa, given November, 1985, to a group of sojourners in Calcutta, India. She made this following observation about being present to and caring for the people God sends us.

"God loves us so much. He gave his son Jesus. Now he gives us that love, and you must let Him have a free hand with you. Not giving up everything. . . that's not important. What is important is compassion and presence. The world has never needed you so much as today. Give Him a free hand so He can use you. It's not how much you spend or how much you give, but how much you love Him. It isn't BIG PLANS, but just letting Him use you today . . . not tomorrow, maybe, but just today.

Your business is to give Him a free hand so He can use you. It does not matter how small, even if you shake someone's hand or touch someone or give a glass of water in His name, it is enough. Jesus said, 'if you feed the hungry, you feed me.' Maybe you do not see the hungry in America, but I see the hungry everywhere. There is not only hunger for food, but I see a big hunger for love. That is the greatest hunger, to be loved. Through the compassion. Why did God choose you? He wants you to be real missionaries. Look at this great gift of God to you. Listen to the voice of God. God is always speaking to us. God wants from us deep love, compassion and forgiveness. God wants from you love and compassion in your own country. Open your eyes.

If you are afraid, offer that fear to God. Do not force yourself. If you force yourself, you may be more preoccupied with the forcing than with the loving."