



Servant Camp at Atlantic Mountain Ranch (AMR)

Information for Campers and Parents – 2012

Black Hills Servant Camp

Servant camps are designed to provide meaningful times of action and reflection on our faith. During servant camp, campers actively participate in learning from others, sharing their faith, and working together to make this world a better place in which to live. The service projects this summer will include construction with Habitat for Humanity, trail maintenance with the U.S. Forest Service, and helping non-profit organizations and senior citizens in Custer.

Several Servant Camp manuals including much more detailed information will be sent to your group leaders to help the group prepare for the trip.

Arrival Time: Registration is between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. (Mountain Daylight Time) on Sunday at Atlantic Mountain Ranch.

Departure Time: by 10:00 a.m. on Friday.

Insurance Info –

Lutherans Outdoors does not carry any health insurance for campers. If we must take someone to the doctor for treatment, the camper is responsible for all costs. Personal property is not covered by camp insurance and any claims for loss or theft will need to be submitted to your personal homeowner's/renter's insurance company.

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Life at Camp

Atlantic Mountain Ranch is located in the southern Black Hills just northwest of Custer. Your group leader has directions to AMR.

Housing: Campers will live in simple bunkhouses with no electricity, and an outhouse nearby. A modern dining hall and shower house are located a short distance away.

Meals: Wholesome and well-balanced meals are prepared by the camp staff with help from the campers. Packed lunches are taken to the work site each day. If you have any special dietary needs, please notify us ahead of time.

Schedule/Staff: We will spend Sunday evening in group building and orientation for the upcoming week. A large portion of each day Monday through Thursday will be spent in service projects. The rest of the day will be spent in Bible study and discussion, recreation, mealtime chores, worship and singing, with some time for relaxation and getting to know each other better. Two Atlantic Mountain Ranch staff will be with your group at all times.

Offering: Each week we take an offering at camp. Financial gifts will go to the **Lutherans Outdoors Campership Fund**. We will also be collecting canned goods for the Custer Food Pantry, especially canned beans, tuna fish, peanut butter, and tomatoes.

Payment of Fees/Refund Policy

Fees are to be paid two full weeks in advance. A billing statement will be sent to your youth group. Please notify us immediately if you cannot attend. The \$100 deposit per person is not refundable, but is transferrable to another camper going from your church group. Do not bring payments to camp.

The Packing List

(Bring camping clothes for warm days & cool nights)

- Sleeping bag** (good for 30 degrees)
- Pillow**
- Work boots/sturdy shoes**
- 2nd pair of shoes** (for relaxing at campsite)
- 2 pair of shorts**
- 2 pair long pants** (work pants or jeans)
- 4 t-shirts** (no tank tops-*chance of sunburn*)
- 5-6 pairs of socks** (thin & heavy)
- Underwear**
- 1 lightweight long sleeve work shirt**
- Warm jacket or sweatshirt**
- Wool sweater or polar fleece layer**
- Towel/washcloth**
- Rain gear** (coat & pants best)
- Gloves/knit hat for warmth**
- Bible**
- Notebook, pen**
- Flashlight** (with extra batteries)
- Toiletries**
- Sun screen, lip balm, insect repellent**
- Cap, hat or bandanas** (for sun protection)
- Medications** (please send prescriptions in the original bottle with the doctor's directions on the label)
- Water bottle** (20 oz to liter size) - optional
- Backpack** (school book bag size)
- Clothes for your van trip home**
- Optional items** (sunglasses, camera, deck of cards, hacky sack, frisbee, your favorite work gloves)
- Your health form**

Personal belongings should be labeled to help identify items in the lost and found and get them returned to you.

DO NOT bring cell phones, junk food, electronic devices (i.e., MP3 players, iPods), tons of toiletries, clothing with inappropriate slogans or logos, knives, fireworks, weapons, pets, illegal substances (alcohol, drugs, tobacco products), or other unnecessary or dangerous items.

Canteen: You may purchase sweatshirts, T-shirts, snacks, etc. Clothing prices range from \$12 - \$40.

Cell phones: We ask campers not to have cell phones during the camp week, as this detracts from the focus on serving and building relationships with the group. You may be asked to turn your cell phone in to your adult leader for the camp week.

Questions? For questions regarding registration, please call Cheryl Lundeen at 800-888-1464. For questions about the program or facilities, call Molly Sasser-Goehner or Mary Stutz at 605-673-4040.

Thoughts Before Camping in the Black Hills

Weather: Elevations range from 5,000-7,000 feet. In summer, one may encounter frost, rain, hail, and snow as well as 85-90 degree days. Bring clothing that can be layered for varying conditions. At camp, staying dry is important. Rain gear is a must.

Footwear: Make sure you have good work boots or sturdy shoes, not athletic shoes, for your work projects. This does not necessarily mean buying a new pair of boots. Make sure boots, whether new or used, are well-broken-in to your feet. This will help prevent blisters. Make sure you have good, heavy socks to wear with your boots.

Sleeping: It may get down close to freezing at night, so a warm sleeping bag is important. You will be sleeping in unheated cabins on bunk beds with mattresses.

Gloves: The camp will provide work gloves, but if you have a favorite pair, bring them along.

The Servant Camp Address:
Atlantic Mountain Ranch
11760 Custer Limestone Rd
Custer SD 57730

Phone: **605-673-3017** or **605-673-3435** (summer only)
or **Outlaw Ranch 605-673-4040** (year-round)

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