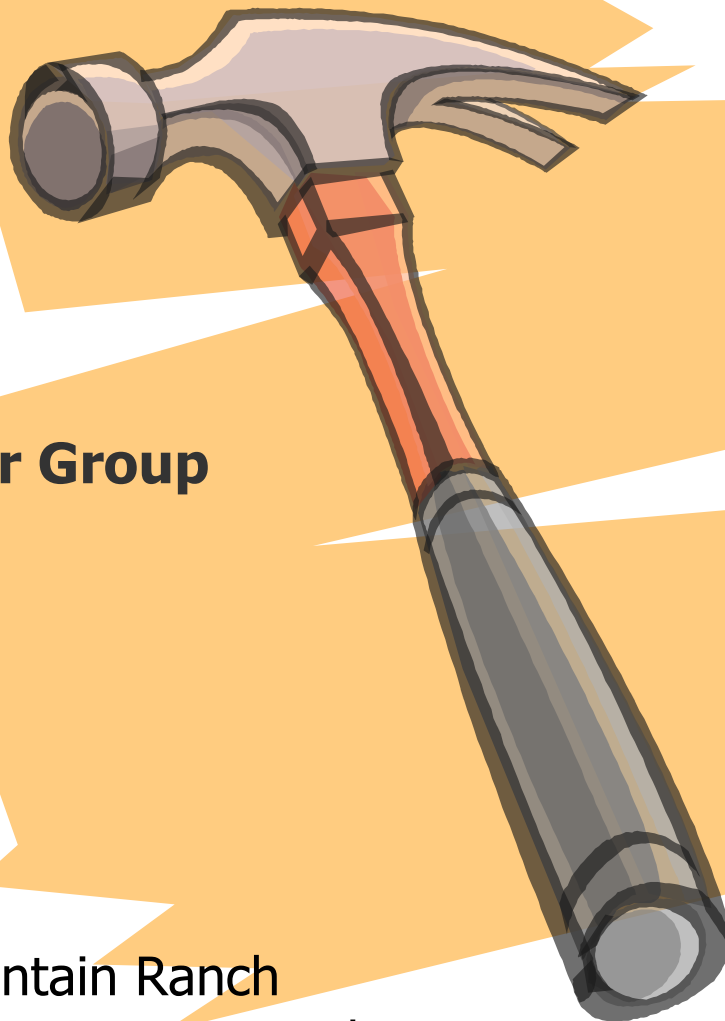


Pine Ridge

Servant Camp

2012

Manderson Site



**Booklet for Group
Leaders**

Atlantic Mountain Ranch
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Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota

Dear Servant Camp Group Leader,
Manderson Site 2012

Greetings. We are very glad that your group has signed up to be a part of our servant camp program in Manderson, South Dakota, this coming summer. Manderson is a small village, located in the middle of the western part of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, just north of the village of Wounded Knee.

We hope that this will be a very enlightening, interesting and faith-enriching experience for you and your group. To learn from and share with the people of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is, we believe, a rare privilege. It is not only an opportunity to do a service project, but primarily an opportunity to grow in spiritual awareness and to gain the kind of understanding of ourselves and others that can come from an encounter with another culture.

As you know, your trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation involves moving into the midst of another culture. This means that there will be a need for patience, flexibility and an open mind. We are convinced that, allowing for some flexibility, your servant camp week will be a memorable, growing and learning experience for your group.

This servant camp manual will help you in your preparations for camp. It includes:

- What is a Servant?
- Details for the Leader, Directions and Emergency Numbers
- Servant Camp Questions
- Cross-Cultural Learning
- The Church Camp Experience
- Tentative Servant Camp Schedule
- The Packing List – What to Bring
- Toward a Shared Experience
- Resources for Additional Preparation



As a way of preparing for your experience, you may wish to read books or watch DVDs on Native American topics. There are other resources available at libraries, bookstores and DVD rental stores. The resource list in this packet offers some good sources of Indian history and issues.

Please note that your group is responsible for providing transportation to Pine Ridge and throughout the week on our journeys around the reservation. Feel free to call us at 605-673-4040, or email mary@losd.org if you have any questions about the servant camp program. We look forward to serving your group this summer!

Yours In Christ,
Molly Sasser-Goehner, Director
Mary Stutz, Assistant Director
Outlaw Ranch and Atlantic Mountain Ranch

WHAT IS A SERVANT?

There are many words for SERVANT in the Greek translation of the New Testament. Almost all of them carry meaning that cannot be given to us through the English translation. Since each of these terms has a particular meaning of its own, each also has a message for us. John Schultz once wrote a small but powerful booklet entitled *Portraits of a Servant*. A few excerpts from the book help us begin to prepare to be servants for a week.

- "All Christians are called to servanthood, to help other people live."
- "Servanthood is an all day, anywhere and everywhere being."
- "Servants plan for service, but in the midst of their programs for action, they are often met by changing situations which demand much flexibility because the structures of servanthood are always changing."
- "Servants serve people. They serve "on the run" in a variety of free form, spontaneous responses to the needs of people."
- "In contrast to usual procedure, the servant does not demand a position of respect, status, or strength as a prerequisite for service."

One of our finest South Dakota journalists, Kevin Woster, wrote a small article entitled *Feeling The Pain, Key to Racial Accord*. "Until you and I can feel the pain of the Native Americans, we walk even on the reservation lands with a spirit that is at odds with their spirit. We must look back . . . to the broken treaties, to the dislocations of people and their marvelous culture, to the intentional attempts to destroy their communities of life, to the beautiful expressions of their spirituality. . . before we can begin to understand their reluctance to accept us. They are rightly suspicious of our motives. They tend to look with disdain at our statements about wanting to be brothers and sisters with them."

The posture of our Servant Camps, as we move onto the lands of the reservation, will be one of building relationships with the people we meet, as we become servants, learners, listeners, sharers, and friends.

Prayer of St. Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*



DETAILS FOR THE LEADER OF SERVANT CAMP GROUPS

Payment of Fees/Refund Policy A billing statement will be sent to your group. The balance is due two weeks in advance of your camp week. If a camper is not able to attend, the \$100 deposit is non-refundable, but is transferrable to another camper from your church group. If we are not notified of a cancellation at least 2 weeks before your camp date, there is also a \$25 service charge per person.

Health Forms: Be sure that all campers bring their health forms with them. All forms should be checked ahead of time for complete information. You can find a form at www.losd.org/resources.

Phone Contact: For questions regarding registration, call Cheryl Lundeen at 800-888-1464. For questions about program or facilities or other details, call Mary at Outlaw Ranch, 605-673-4040 through May, or at 605-673-1020 or 673-3435 in the summer.

In case of an emergency during the camp week, contact Mary at 605-673-1029 (cell), or call Atlantic Mountain Ranch at 605-673-3435 or call Outlaw Ranch at 605-673-4040.

Cell Phones: We ask campers not to have cell phones during the week of camp because this detracts from focusing on daily activities and building relationships with the group (and frankly, we don't get good reception on the reservation). For the week of camp, adults are asked to collect cell phones from the youth.

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.

Insurance: 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.

Transportation: Your group is responsible for ALL transportation (including the transportation of three staff members) to your various work and touring sites. There MUST be a seat belt for all of the occupants. Please carry proof of insurance for all vehicles and drivers.

ARRIVAL: Sunday 4:30–5:00 p.m. Mountain Time, at Pinky's Store, Manderson. If your group has travel problems and will be arriving late, please call and leave a message at Pinky's Store (605-867-5184).

DEPARTURE: Friday after breakfast and worship.

Directions to MANDERSON from Interstate 90:

Exit at Kadoka (exit 150)

Go south on Highway 73 for 46 miles to Highway 18.

Go right (west) on Highway 18 for 48 miles to Highway 27.

Go right (north) on Hwy 27 for 8 miles to Wounded Knee intersection.

At Wounded Knee go northwest on Hwy 28 for 9 miles to Manderson.



SERVANT CAMP QUESTIONS

Why Servant Camp?

Servant events 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 with others, and working together with others to make this world a better place in which to live.

What are the goals?

- To proclaim the gospel and to hear the gospel proclaimed in word and deed.
- To learn from another culture:
 - In order to better understand ourselves and others.
 - In order to enrich our lives, especially our lives of faith through learning from and experiencing another culture.
- To wrestle with and reflect on the issues of poverty, oppression, and social injustice in light of their complexity, their human face, and in the context of faith.
- To experience a degree of connectedness to the suffering and the joys of others whom we may usually think of as much different from ourselves.
- To provide campers with the opportunity to express their faith, stretch and grow as people, and feel a sense of accomplishment and adventure, all of which strengthen faith and self-esteem.

What is the structure of Servant Camp?

Groups of 10-15 youth and adults arrive at Pinky's Store in Manderson, South Dakota, between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday. The camp staff will meet you and take you to the servant camp base site. Supper will be provided by the Atlantic Mountain Ranch staff. You will get settled into your living areas, meet the staff, have an orientation to the reservation and what to expect for the week, and end the day with worship.

Monday to Thursday we will interact with local youth and adults, visit significant reservation sites, listen to Lakota speakers, do construction projects, have recreation time, and engage in worship, Bible study, and sharing related to the group's experience.

Groups leave Friday after breakfast, clean up, and worship.

Who organizes each group's stay on the Pine Ridge Reservation?

Each group's stay is planned, staffed and coordinated by the staff of Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota. We work together with Lakota contact people on the reservation to line up specific service projects for each group as well as speakers to share with each group about Native American/Lakota culture and life on the reservation. We provide two to three staff members from Atlantic Mountain Ranch in Custer, South Dakota, who will be with you on-site in Manderson as programmatic guides and counselors, and to help facilitate your time there.

What is the weather like on Pine Ridge?

Pine Ridge has variable weather. The days in July and August can be very warm or hot with cool evenings and nights. Daytime temperatures are generally in the 80s and 90s, but can vary from the 60s to over 100 degrees. Nights are generally in the 60s and 70s. Summer can also be a time of storms, with rain, hail, or strong winds. You will need to **be prepared for changing weather.**

What about housing?

Our servant camp site is located just north of the village of Manderson. It is a two-level house with bunkrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen and eating area, a living room, and a deck for sitting. There is also an outdoor cooking and eating area.

What about meals?

We will provide groceries for Sunday supper and Monday breakfast (your group can help in preparation). Buying the groceries and preparation for all the other meals (Monday lunch through Friday breakfast) will be the responsibility of your group. We will help by providing a balanced meal plan for the week. We encourage you to purchase your food and groceries at the local business on the reservation. You can do your first shopping on Monday morning. There is also the option of buying your groups' lunch out once or twice at locally-owned eateries.

How much money do we need for food?

Groups feeding around 15-18 people spend about \$500-600 on groceries, plus the cost of eating out one or two times, which is a good cultural activity. Cash is fine, but most stores on the reservation also take a Mastercard or Visa. One restaurant requires cash. Please plan on feeding three camp staff in addition to your group.

What can we bring to share with the people of Pine Ridge?

Some groups ask what items they can bring from their congregation to leave with the people on Pine Ridge. Following are some items that are much appreciated by the youth and families on the reservation: blankets/quilts, basic toiletries, kid's shampoo, combs and brushes, hair ties and barrettes, books for all ages, balls, toys, games, cleaning supplies, basic first aid supplies, fly swatters, fly strips, light bulbs, washcloths and towels, umbrellas, laundry soap, kid's flip flops, caps & hats & visors, sunglasses, individual juice containers, healthy snacks, pickles, jam, arts & crafts supplies, paper. If you have further questions, please contact Mary Stutz at 605-673-4040 or mary@losd.org.

What kind of service projects will we be doing?

1. CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REPAIR PROJECTS:

Physical work projects include construction, renovation, painting, and repairs. The specific projects are determined in consultation with Pinky Clifford, a community leader and our host in Manderson. Her suggestions are the result of her consultations and arrangements with Lakota people on the reservation.

2. LOCAL YOUTH INVOLVEMENTS

We will make every opportunity to interact with and get to know local youth in the area at a neighborhood 'Kid's Time' in the afternoon.

Generally during the morning we work on a construction project, and in the afternoon we interact with local youth and visit historical sites on the reservation. It may vary from day to day. **Flexibility is the key to working within another culture.**



CROSS-CULTURAL LEARNING

We will be finding our way into the Native American community on the Pine Ridge Reservation as their guests. This is a sensitive posture for us as predominately White visitors. We ask that your group come to this experience in a spirit of patience, flexibility, acceptance of differences and with open minds. We need your help as we prepare ourselves for this journey into servanthood and cross-cultural learning.

1. SEEING SIGNIFICANT SITES

Groups should expect to do a lot of driving in order to learn and observe. It's a big reservation. Some of the reservation sites we usually visit include:

- **Red Cloud School, Cemetery and Heritage Center Museum**
This one stop is an occasion to learn about Red Cloud and history surrounding this great Lakota leader. The school opens itself to examining the history of education on the reservation (from enculturation to current education that incorporates Lakota culture). Their museum includes prime examples of both traditional artifacts and contemporary Native art.
- **Sue Ann Big Crow Center**
Sue Ann was a teen-age basketball star who spoke out against drugs and alcohol and for positive youth roles on the reservation. One of her dreams was the establishment of a recreation center for teens and others. After a tragic fatal automobile accident, in her memory, this dream became a reality. This is a chance to learn about youth life on the reservation and have a burger and a malt (or Indian Taco) at the soda shop.
- **Wounded Knee**
A very significant historical and symbolic location. A massacre of men, women and children happened here over 120 years ago. In 1973, this was the location of a well-published occupation by the American Indian Movement (AIM). It is symbolic of a time of violence on Pine Ridge and other Indian lands and an element in the resurgence of cultural pride among Native peoples all over North America. This occupation was featured in a 1994 TV movie "Lakota Woman." This time period on Pine Ridge is also dealt with in the movies "Thunderheart" and "Incident at Oglala." While Pine Ridge is not now experiencing the violent conflict it did in the 1970's, this period of history has had a lasting impact.

2. LEARNING FROM PEOPLE ON THE RESERVATION

In addition to doing what we can to promote interaction with local people, we arrange speakers for servant camp groups. We are sometimes able to get speakers in connection with the above sites. We may also go to Oglala Lakota College where we learn about the college success story as well as about Lakota history, culture and contemporary issues. Sometimes we visit KILI radio, "The voice of the Lakota Nation," and other places. Usually a speaker or two comes to visit us at the servant camp base site.

THE CHURCH CAMP EXPERIENCE

In addition to the kind of learning and personal growth that comes from a significant cross-cultural experience and the satisfaction that comes from heeding the call to servanthood, Servant Campers experience the kind of community and individual growth that tends to be characteristic of all adventurous church camp experiences.

Essential to this church camping experience will be daily times of worship and Bible study. Some of the worship, in addition to reflecting a familiar camp style, may also incorporate a little of the flavor of the culture your group will be experiencing. Bible study will use the Bible as the essential resource while also asking campers to reflect on the experience they are having.

Finally, the camp staff and group advisors will play key roles. The camp staff will provide primary leadership for the week and serve as coordinators and resource people. They are also eager to develop significant positive relationships with the campers and to do all they can to make the whole experience as safe, fun, and meaningful as possible. Advisors who bring the servant camp groups are seen as key resource people and leaders along with the camp staff. A spirit of cooperation and partnership under the leadership of the camp staff will be one key to a great camp week.

Like most adventure camp experiences, both **organization** and **flexibility** will be keys to a positive experience for your group. Flexibility and a more relaxed view of time are important for our program as we work and live within the Native American culture.

ADULT ADVISORS AT SERVANT CAMP

We ask adult advisors to:

1. Be a part of the Leadership Team and attend staff/adult advisor meetings.
2. Support counselors by helping enforce camp policies and safety procedures; visit with staff for clarification.
3. Participate in worship and all group events.
4. Participate (based on your group's needs) in daily Bible studies led by counselors.
5. Give the camp staff feedback and suggestions about your group during the week, so that staff may better meet the needs of your group.
6. Understand that we have developed a framework that gives campers, adult advisors and staff the structure needed to have a solid, unified, community-building experience.

TENTATIVE SERVANT CAMP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

4:30-5:00 p.m. Arrival at Pinky's Store and the base site in Manderson
Settle in rooms
Group helps with supper preparation
Supper/KP

Evening Orientation
Overview of week, planning, sharing hopes and expectations
Evening Worship
Staff/Advisors meeting

MONDAY to THURSDAY

7:00 Rise and Shine
First Word

7:30 Breakfast/KP
Servant Project

- Construction/Renovation
- Bible Study

Noon Lunch/KP

Afternoon Touring Reservation
Local Youth Involvement – “Kid’s Time”

6:00 Supper/KP

Evening Possible time with local people, or touring
Games possibly
Evening Worship
Meeting of Staff and Advisors



FRIDAY

7:00 Rise and Shine
First Word

8:00 Breakfast/KP
Closing Worship, Reflections/Evaluations of experience
Pack up, move out and cleaning

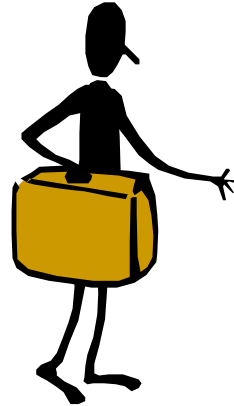
9:30 – 10:00 Goodbyes, hugs and hit the road

PLEASE NOTE: The above is very tentative. Scheduling needs to be flexible. Every day we will eat, work, learn, participate in Bible study, and worship.

THE PACKING LIST – WHAT TO BRING

The following is a list of personal gear that you should bring to Manderson.

- ❑ Sleeping Bag/pillow
- ❑ Work boots/sturdy shoes
- ❑ Athletic shoes/sneakers
- ❑ 2 pair shorts
- ❑ 1-2 pair work pants or jeans
- ❑ 4 T-shirts (no tank tops – strong chance of sunburn)
- ❑ Cotton socks
- ❑ Underwear
- ❑ Flannel shirt or warm shirt for nights
- ❑ Jacket, fleece, or sweatshirt
- ❑ Rain gear (poncho or rain coat)
- ❑ Work gloves (leather/tough)
- ❑ Cap/hat (to keep sun off face and ears)
- ❑ Pen/pencil and paper
- ❑ Flashlight
- ❑ Bible
- ❑ Water bottle
- ❑ Spending money for camp T-shirt, events, powwows, native crafts (\$20-40+)
- ❑ **Health form**
- ❑ Also bring clothes for your group's van/car trip



Toiletries:

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| Sunscreen | Soap/shampoo |
| Toothbrush/paste | Washcloth/towel |
| Insect repellent | Deodorant |
| Lip balm | Lotion |
| Medicines (Please bring prescriptions in the original bottle
with the doctor's directions on the label.) | Feminine hygiene supplies |

Extras: (optional)

Hacksack, frisbee, deck of cards, book, camera, day pack for daily trips.

PLEASE do not plan to bring: cell phones, electronic devices (i.e., MP3 players, iPods), lots of toiletries, pets, clothing with inappropriate slogans or logos, knives, fireworks, weapons, illegal substances (alcohol, drugs, tobacco products), or other unnecessary or dangerous items.

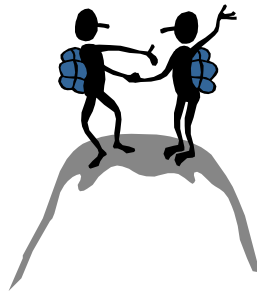
Be sure to bring your Health Form with you!

TOWARD A SHARED EXPERIENCE

Whether a worker at the servant event site or a member of the community back home, everyone can participate in this summer's experience. The servant event process of action/reflection has the capacity to make a difference not only to people encountered on the journey but also to those encountered daily. A shared servant event can transform the congregation's life and ministry.

As you plan and prepare for your Servant Camp event consider the following:

- Keep the congregation informed of the planning process through church newsletters.
- Invite the congregation to attend a servanthood Bible study or discussion with your group.
- Lead an education forum for others about servant events and Christ-like servanthood.
- Solicit support through congregational gifts of dollars, leadership, and servant camp participation.
- Hold a commissioning service acknowledging the inter-dependence of the church body. Discuss the likelihood that brothers and sisters in Christ will return a changed people. Covenant to support one another.
- Pray for one another while the servant event is underway.
- Send postcards from the congregation to Pine Ridge or from Pine Ridge to the congregation members (allow plenty of time).
- When you return, share servant camp stories with the congregation in worship, Sunday School, and special events such as a dinner/program.
- Initiate a plan on your journey home to continue to make service a part of the congregation's ongoing ministry.



RESOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL PREPARATION

Books

Bordewich, Fergus M. *Killing the White Man's Indian*. Anchor, 1996. An overview of some of the current political issues facing the nation's Indian people.

Brown, Dee. *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*. Pocket, 1981. History of the 19th century U.S. - Indian Conflicts.

Lame Deer (Fire) John, and Richard Erdoes. *Lame Deer, Seeker of Visions*. Simon and Schuster, 1972. Narratives of John Lame Deer's life and experience as a Lakota spiritual leader.

Lazarus, Edward. *Black Hills, White Justice, The Sioux Nation Versus The United States, 1775 to The Present*. Harper Collins, 1991. Political and legal history of the Lakota Black Hills land claim.

Powers, Marla. *Oglala Women: Myth, Ritual and Reality*. University of Chicago Press, 1986. In-depth study of the experiences of the women of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Smith, Rex Alan. *Moon of Popping Trees. The Tragedy at Wounded Knee and the End of the Indian Wars*. University of Nebraska Press, 1981.

Film and Video

"Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee." 2007.

"Incident at Oglala, the Leonard Peltier Story." Carolco, 1991.

"Thunderheart." TriStar Pictures, 1992.

"Lakota Woman." 1994.

Web Sites

Native American Art Exhibition: on-line gallery of national Indian artists.
www.artnatam.com

Lakota Dakota Information Homepage.
<http://puffin.creighton.edu/lakota>

Red Cloud Heritage Center, Pine Ridge, SD:
www.redcloudschool.org/museum/museum.htm