



October 2009

To: **Pastors and Christian Education Directors**

From: **Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota - NeSoDak**

Re: **2010 NeSoDak Day Camp Program Application**

Enclosed is important information about applying for next summer's Day Camp program supplied by the NeSoDak staff. Enclosed is an information sheet to answer many of your questions about the details of Day Camp and an application form for those interested in applying. We are using this application system so that each congregation will have an equal opportunity to apply for the Day Camp week of their choice.

Please make sure your Christian Education committee is aware of this material.

If your congregation is interested in hosting a Day Camp, please follow these steps to apply and reserve a week.

- 1) Send in the complete application with your choice of dates or apply online at www.losd.org/daycamp by December 31, 2009.
- 2) We will confirm your choice of week for a Day Camp by mid-January and send you a contract and information manual in February.
- 3) You will return your contract within 45 days with a 25% deposit based on total day camp bill according to estimated camper numbers (minimum deposit of \$325.00) to confirm and hold reservation.

Lutherans Outdoors will receive applications through December 31, 2009. If you call or apply after this date we will do our best to offer you a week, but cannot guarantee any openings.

Please note that we plan to have the program from **Sunday evening through Thursday evening with staff leaving on Friday morning.** If you are anticipating a different schedule, please note that schedule on the application. If you have any questions please feel free to me at our office at (605) 947-4440, fax me at (605) 947-4379 or e-mail: liz@losd.org

Liz Franken,
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Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota



Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota's Day Camp program is a unique experience for youth in your congregation to experience our summer Christian camping program in your community as partners in ministry. A team of carefully selected and well-trained staff will bring a Bible study curriculum, arts and crafts projects, music, worship skills, tons of games, leadership and a whole lot of energy for an impactful week of faith, fun and fellowship. Day Camp is an opportunity to bring a unique blend of outdoor ministry and congregational ministry to your hometown.

Youth Program

The NeSoDak Day Camp program brings your youth the opportunity to experience camping ministry in their community. The program is for **youth completing grades 1-6**, but resource materials can be sent to congregations that would like to run their own program for pre-school and kindergarten youth. Daily activities include games, worship, Bible study, arts and crafts, group building activities, servant learning projects and more. Each Day Camp has a unique program according to community and congregational ideas and needs.

Schedule

Day Camp starts on **Sunday night with a kick-off** event for families, volunteers and staff. The kick-off event can be designed to fit the needs of your congregation and serves as a chance for families and staff to get acquainted before Monday morning. Traditionally, Day Camp runs **Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. In order to fit the needs of your congregation, alternative options may include afternoon or evening camps. Day Camp ends with a Thursday evening "campfire" program for the whole congregation or community.

Congregational Support

Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota works in partnership with congregations to provide an amazing week of Day Camp. The congregation will provide a whole bunch of youth, day camp coordinator, safe environment, meals and housing for the LO staff, volunteers and the ability to continue growth throughout the youth's faith journey.

High school and adult volunteers are welcomed and encouraged to provide additional supervision and leadership in conjunction with the LO staff. If a congregation has over 50 campers, LO requires two volunteers for every 10 extra youth or LO recommends a second day camp.

LO Staff

Lutherans Outdoors staff will provide an influx of energetic role models to lead your youth in a Christ-centered fun filled week. **LO will send a team of three to five** carefully selected and well-trained staff members to lead Day Camp. Staff will arrive one hour before the Sunday kick-off to meet with the coordinator and volunteers. Staff will depart on Friday morning after breakfast.

Cost

Congregations pay a **minimum of \$1140.00** for Day Camp plus a **mileage fee of \$0.30 per mile** to and from NeSoDak to the Day Camp site. The congregation will pay an **additional \$38.00 for each camper beyond the minimum of 30 campers.**

Please have a pre-registration process in place. It becomes a financial problem for the LO budget if actual registration does not meet the congregation's projections and we hire too many staff. There will be an extra charge of

\$215 for each unnecessary counselor sent to a Day Camp. For example, if the congregation projects that 40 youth will be at the Day Camp, and LO sends 4 staff, but there are only 30 who actually attend, then there will be an extra charge of approximately \$215 for the extra staff member.

We strongly urge accurate pre-registration to avoid sending unnecessary staff. The LO Day Camp coordinator will need your final registration numbers ten days before your Day Camp begins.

Application and Reservation

Application is **first-come, first-served through December 31**. Additional application forms are available online at www.losd.org/daycamp. Please mail applications to NeSoDak at 3285 Camp Dakota Dr. Waubay, SD 57273. You will be notified by mid-January as to which week has been selected for your congregation. **LO will send out contracts in February which are to be returned in March with a 25% deposit based on total day camp bill according to estimated camper numbers (minimum deposit of \$325.00).**

Questions

For questions about Day Camp programming or application, please contact Liz at the NeSoDak office by calling 605-947-4440 or emailing liz@losd.org.



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Name of Congregation(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Pastor's Name _____ Church Phone # _____

Name of Day Camp Coordinator(s) _____ Home Phone # _____
Contact Person

E-Mail _____ Cell Phone # _____

Initial Estimate of Number of Youth _____
(Firm number is not required until 10 days before Day Camp begins)

<input type="checkbox"/> Congregational Day Camp
<input type="checkbox"/> Community-Wide Day Camp

Available Day Camp Weeks		
<i>Please number your first through third choices of dates for your Day Camp.</i>		
_____ June 6-10	_____ June 13-17	_____ June 20-24
_____ June 27-July 1	_____ July 4-8	_____ July 11-15
_____ July 18-22	_____ July 25-29	_____ August 1-6
_____ August 8-12		

Please mail this application to: NeSoDak
3285 Camp Dakota Drive Phone: 605-947-4440
Waubay, SD 57273 Fax: 605-947-4347

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