

Description of Lutherans Outdoors Summer Camps

NESODAK

The Location	On Lake Enemy Swim near Waubay in the northeast part of South Dakota.	
The Facilities	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, Juvenile Diabetes). Counselors will take turns leading Day Camps at various South Dakota congregations.	
The Activities	Swimming, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boating, biking, group building initiatives, arts and crafts, local wildlife preserve, group games, Bible study, morning worship and evening campfires.	
The Commitment	A three week intensive staff training, including one week of hands on experience while leading a day camp, <u>begins on May 20</u> . On-site camp begins on June 10 and <u>ends August 11th</u> .	
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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 6 th -12 th grades. 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, worshipping 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 <u>begins May 27</u> . It is important to be here by this date. Camp begins June 10 th and ends <u>August 6th</u> .	
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Outlaw Ranch

The Location	In the forest east of Custer in South Dakota's Black Hills.	
The Facilities	A dining hall, lodge, 15 cabins, shower/toilet facility, barn retreat center, barn chapel, stables/tack barn, various buildings for support staff.	
The Campers	One week for 6 th -8 th grades, two weeks for 3 rd -6 th grades, and six family camp weeks. Also a Counselor-in-Training and Peer Ministry program for 10 th -12 th graders. Each counselor will help lead several Day Camps in various South Dakota and Wyoming congregations.	
The Activities	Horseback riding, overnights, canoeing, arts and crafts, hikes, low-ropes initiative activities, group games, bicycling, 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 <u>begins June 10 and ends August 11th</u> .	
The Director	Rev. Molly Sasser-Goehner Outlaw/Atlantic Mountain Ranches 12703 Outlaw Ranch Rd Custer SD 57730	Phone: 605-673-4040 Fax: 605-673-3044 Email: molly@losd.org

Atlantic Mountain Ranch (AMR)

The Location	In the forest north and west of Custer in South Dakota's Black Hills.	
The Commitment	A two week intensive <u>staff training begins May 27</u> . It is important to be here by this date. Camp begins <u>June 10 and ends August 11th</u> . Some AMR staff will be required to attend Wilderness First Aid Training on May 25-26.	
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FORT COURAGE (AMR)

A replica of an 1880's stockade in a beautiful valley at AMR. Water is pumped from a well, cooking is done by campers over a campfire. Other facilities include shower house, sauna, and outhouses. Staff sometimes rotate to other programs including Day Camp.

The Campers	One 5-6 th grade week, one 6-8 th grade week, four 7-10 th 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 (AMR)

Servant camp on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for seven weeks. Eight weeks of Servant Camp projects based out of AMR, including creation stewardship in the National Forest and working on *Habitat for Humanity* houses or other construction projects, and SunCatcher Therapeutic Riding programs.

The Campers	Senior high youth and/or junior high youth.
The Activities	Two to three staff will lead each group of 10-15 servant campers. The weeks also include team building, worship, Bible study, and small-group community living. Additional emphasis on Pine Ridge includes recreation and kid's time, servant projects, cultural understanding, and visiting historic and cultural sites.

AMR ADVENTURES

A variety of outdoor adventure activities in the Black Hills including mountain biking, caving, geo-caching, kayaking, service projects, hiking, challenge course, horseback riding, and backpacking in the Black Hills or Bighorn Mountains. The summer will also include one week 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.

Joy Ranch

The Location	Located Northwest of Watertown, SD on a quiet lake amid prairie and farm fields.	
The Facilities	An 1880's prairie town design, complete with "old west" facades and high comfort, accessible facilities. Sixteen hotel style retreat rooms and four "bunkhouses" for up to 40 youth. Joy Ranch has been specially-designed to be fully barrier free, allowing people of all abilities to "experience Christ's love in community and creation."	
The Campers	Joy Ranch will host specialty medical camps and programs for people with disabilities, and retreats for youth, families, weddings, and businesses.	
The Activities	A dynamic horseback riding program will include therapeutic riding, buggy and trail rides. A lake with canoeing or paddle boats. Walking Trails.	
The Commitment		
The Directors	Kyle & Betsy Debertin Co-directors 16633 448th Ave. Florence, SD 57235	Phone: 605-886-4622 Fax: 605- E-mail: joyranch@losd.org

Lutherans Outdoors Summer Job Descriptions

Outlaw Ranch & Atlantic Mountain Ranch (AMR)

Program Director

- Responsible for direct supervision of staff, campers, and program activities for one of the programs at Outlaw/AMR or Day Camp.
- Assist with staff training.
- Lead daily staff meetings.

Assistant Program Director (Fort Courage or Outlaw Ranch)

- Assist the program director in supervision of staff, campers and program activities.
- Assist with Staff Training

Counselor

- Responsible to provide a safe, enriching, Christ-centered experience for campers.
- Teach Bible study, lead campfire/worships and devotions, lead games and group activities.
- Be with campers at all times during the camp week, unless on a scheduled break.
- Serve on a day camp team several times during the summer.

Arts & Crafts Coordinator

- Plan and implement an arts and crafts program for Outlaw Ranch.
- Order supplies, teach and assist the counselors in teaching crafts projects.
- Other duties around camp as assigned.

Wrangler/Assistant Wrangler

- Lead trail rides, being responsible for safety of riders and horses.
- Provide for proper care and feeding of horses, and keep records on horses.
- Care and maintenance of tack and supplies.
- Other program duties as needed.

Canteen Manager

- Responsible for managing and operating the camp store at Outlaw Ranch.
- Display merchandise, reorder supplies as needed.
- Responsible for record-keeping and money management.
- Other duties around camp as assigned.

Maverick

- Responsible for off-site food service at Outlaw (breakfast trail rides, trail lunches, campouts, etc.).
- Packing, preparation, cooking, serving, and clean-up of food and equipment.
- Other duties around camp as assigned.

Food Service: Cooks, Bakers, Assistant Cooks, Kitchen Assistants

- Assist in preparation, serving, and clean-up of meals.
- Help keep the kitchen and food storage areas clean.

Outdoor Cook (AMR Adventures or Fort Courage)

- Responsible for preparation, serving, and clean-up of meals at an outdoor site.
- Work with campers to prepare meals for the group.
- Sometimes assist AMR food coordinator.
- Participate in program activities, such as worship, games, campfire.

Lifeguard

- Responsible for teaching, safety, and equipment in the canoeing program at Outlaw or the kayaking program at AMR.
- Be present at canoeing or kayaking activities.
- Occasionally accompany groups swimming at area lakes.
- Will also hold another position at camp, such as counselor, canteen assistant, or maintenance assistant.

Dining Room Host / Rendezvous Host

- Provide hospitality for campers and guests in the dining hall.
- Oversee the dining hall activities, directing set-up before meals, KP, and clean-up.
- Make coffee and set out snacks for breaks. Do kitchen laundry.
- Oversee cleaning of other areas of dining hall as needed.

Ranch Hand

- Help to maintain the camp facility under the direction of the facility manager.
- Routine building maintenance, custodial work, occasional construction, and grounds maintenance.

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Program Assistants

- Assist with weekly planning schedules
- Plan and assist with support staff lead activities
- Serve as Day Camp Coordinator
- Serve as Canteen supervisor
- Serve as Arts & Crafts supervisor
- Work with Assistant Directors in overseeing the on/offsite programs
- Assist with and lead work projects
- Plan and participate in daily program activities
- Serve as a leader in support staff and counseling roles

Summer Maintenance Worker

- Lead or designate work projects and chores (SWAS)
- Be directly responsible to the Maintenance Supervisor
- Participate in the daily program as possible

Health Care Worker

- Serve as 24 hour on-call health care resource
- Clean health care office and downstairs lodge bathrooms
- Check cabins & camp for cleanliness & possible health hazards
- Plan and participate in daily program activities
- Keeping and maintaining health care inventory and records

Assistant Cook

- Assist the Head Cook in all kitchen duties
- Plan and participate in daily program activities

Waterfront Director

- Plan and lead waterfront orientations for all waterfront activities
- Oversee, plan and participate in water activities
- Keep & maintain records for waterfront equipment and activities
- Assist in work projects
- Plan & participate in daily program activities
- Will generally hold another position at camp, such as assistant cook, program assistant or health care.

Camp Hands

- Assist with Kitchen and maintenance work projects on site
- Help plan and lead activities by serving on multiple day camp teams
- Participate in daily program activities
- Whole and half summer positions available

Counselors

- Responsible to provide a safe, enriching, Christ-centered experience for campers.
- Participate in all daily activities with campers at Day Camp and on-site.
- Teach Bible study, lead campfire/worships and devotions, lead games and group activities.
- Be with campers at all times during the camp week, unless on a scheduled break.
- Serve on up to six Day Camp teams.

Klein Ranch

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- Participate in all daily activities with campers at Day Camp and on Site.
- Teach Bible study, lead campfire/worships and devotions, lead games and group activities.
- Be with campers at all times during the camp week, unless on a scheduled break.
- Serve on up to six Day Camp teams.

Head Cook

- Prepare & plan daily/weekly menus
- Prepare & order food from suppliers
- Keep kitchen & food areas cleaned
- Keep records & inventories of food & supplies
- Plan & participate in daily/weekly activities including leading weekend worship services

Assistant Cook

- Assist Head Cook in preparing meals & taking care of kitchen responsibilities
- Lead Kitchen Party (clean up) with campers
- Be prepared to fill in for head cook
- Plan & participate in daily/weekly activities including leading weekend worship services

Health Care Provider

- Serve as on-call health care provider for campers/advisors/staff
- Organize & maintain clean, orderly health care facility & records
- Check bunkhouse for cleanliness, health hazards & damages
- Plan & participate in daily/weekly activities including leading weekend worship services

Wrangler/Assistant Wrangler

- Provide/assist with instruction, leadership & safety for all guests while working with the horses, equipment & grounds
- Provide/assist with horse care for the herd & other animals
- Maintain & upkeep records, inventory on all horse/ animal care
- Plan & participate in daily/weekly activities including leading weekend worship services

Program Assistant

- Plan weekly staffing schedules
- Supervise counseling staff
- Jointly run and maintain Canteen
- Maintain inventory and order supplies
- Assist in preparing and leading staff training
- Coordinate planning and leading of Hoot-n-Annie, opening worship and closing worship
- Plan & participate in daily/weekly activities including leading weekend worship services

Arts & Crafts

- Plan & prepare daily free time arts & craft options, as well as Bible Study enhancing crafts
- Order & maintain inventory of arts & crafts supplies
- Instruct staff on the arts & crafts possibilities
- Plan & participate in daily/weekly activities including leading weekend worship service