

Swan Lake

Christian Camp & Retreat Center

Viborg, South Dakota

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The Importance of Guest Groups

I don't often comment about our guest groups. However, I do use previous newsletters as templates. I saw an article from 2017 that mentioned that we had hosted 60 groups on 40 different weekends with the average group being about 20 people. By comparison, in 2024 we hosted 120 groups on 48 weekends many of those staying three nights. The average weekend includes almost 50 guests. The blessing is that revenue from these groups now covers our operating costs and all donations from the last several years have gone entirely to capital improvements like the Worship Center.

In 2017 I drew attention to one of those groups. While this particular antidote is from that time, the pattern continues with other guest groups today. Joseph emigrated from Rwanda because of the genocide that happened during the 1990's. He is now very passionate about teaching others to share the message of the love of Jesus Christ, especially among the immigrant population of Sioux Falls. Consider how God works when the suffering of thousands of people in south central Africa leads to the message of salvation through Jesus Christ being proclaimed in South Dakota. Our Lord Jesus is turning pain and suffering into growth for His purposes. Now, my role in this is infinitesimally small. Our staff at

camp works to insure that these groups have a hospitable space to meet and a clean, comfortable room. Jesus is at work in the hearts of our guests. When you wonder what is happening at camp, I want you to think about Joseph and others like him. Pray that all of our guests experience Jesus Christ in his space.



*Be Still and Know that
He is God:
Rest, Fellowship and
Grow*

Mission Statement

2025 SUMMER Swan Lake CAMP

Christian Camp & Retreat Center
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MAY 31ST &
RECEIVE A
\$25 DISCOUNT!



Grow in your
relationship with
Jesus Christ through
devotions, Bible
studies, & nightly
campfires.



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Day Camp 1 (Pre-K-2nd Grade): June 12 (\$50)
Day Camp 2 (Pre-K-2nd Grade): June 13 (\$50)
Day Camp 3 (Pre-K-2nd Grade): June 16 (\$50)
3rd & 4th Grade #1: June 4-6 (\$155)
3rd & 4th Grade #2: June 8-11 (\$195)
5th & 6th Grade #1: July 13-18 (\$285)
5th & 6th Grade #2: July 20-25 (\$285)
7th & 8th Grade #1: June 29- July 4 (\$285)
7th & 8th Grade #2: July 6-11 (\$285)
9th - 12th Grade Camp: June 22-27 (\$285)
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Join our Staff for Summer 2025

Cabin counselor and summer program positions available now.

Contact Luke at 605 305-6515

Our Philosophy on Camp Fees

The camp board of directors believes that the expense of camp should never prevent any child from coming to camp. To that end, we strive to keep camp rates affordable. Even so, sometimes economics still seem overwhelming. If money is your issue, contact the camp for assistance. Past campers and parents generously support the ministry of Swan Lake Christian Camp and we can apply their generosity to help your child.

If you are in a position to help another child, know that the need is always present. You may donate at www.myslcc.com



The Way

This summer, we will acknowledge that the world is offering each of us so many conflicting paths to finding meaning for our lives. In our search for truth, dignity and purpose, we will open the bible to discover what Jesus meant when he said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." (John 14:6) We will swim in the lake, burn marshmallows and end each day around a campfire. We will play games, and make friends. The counselors, the bible leaders and other staff members will help to build community as they try to be living examples of what a life in Jesus looks like.

Summer camp is so much more than just a fun week. Friendships are forged. Sometimes career paths are altered. Many times Christ is revealed in ways that are transformational. Come discover how a week can change your life.

Sign up today at www.myslcc.com





Sharing Our Faith Testimony

This past week, I was at our weekly men's bible study when the question was asked, "Are you prepared to share your testimony with your children?" I sometimes share my immediate thoughts without full reflection before those words spill over my lips. In all honesty, I stated that I was willing to share my public testimony. However, there were probably, no, most definitely, parts of my life that I am reluctant to share with my kids, particularly the sins of some of my secret thoughts. Dan was sitting to my left when he hit me with the better response. "Our children don't need perfect parents. Our children need redeemed parents."

Our children do not need us to be perfect. They need to know that we know the Lord of the universe and that that Lord has also forgiven us, redeemed us at the cost of his own life and promised us a relationship by defeating death. Our children need to know that we believe in this God and that, because of our belief, that we will spend eternity with Him. They don't need to believe that our mostly good living has earned us anything. Our children need to know the story of how God met us personally and the a little of situation when we responded to His grace and love. They need to know that story. They need to know that our encounter was real, that it was personal and that we believe it. It is really a story of God's love. Our situation and the events of our encounter serve to give proper context. It's not about us. Our testimony is another story about the Lord of Easter reaching down to us and offering eternal hope. Sharing our testimony is about giving our children every advantage to believe in that same Savior for themselves. It is our most precious gift that we can give our children.

- Jerry Kroeker