



Dear Counselors-In-Training,

We are happy and honored that you will be a part of a Christ centered summer here at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. SLM is a great place to gather as a Christian community and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. SLM is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA) which means our staff are committed to following high safety standards. The SLM summer ministry team is excited to welcome you to camp! Please read the enclosed information carefully so that you will know what to expect for your time at camp. If you have additional questions before your arrival, please contact us.

- The Shetek Lutheran Ministries Staff

Arrival Time: Sunday 3:00 – 3:30 pm Returning CIT Co-Counselors: Sunday 1:00 – 1:30 pm

Please arrive no earlier than the designated time so that we may be available to welcome you, as staff are busy with other responsibilities until that time. If you are unable to arrive at this time please contact SLM to notify us of your expected arrival. CIT Co-Counselors will join the SLM staff in our pre-planning and prayer before welcoming other campers to camp. You may have a different arrival time if you are a CIT on a Day Camp Team for the week. If so, we will contact you with the arrival time.

Departure Time: 12:00 Worship, Picnic Lunch, 1:00 pm Departure

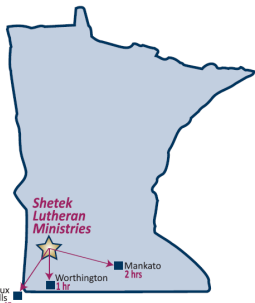
Families are invited to join us for closing worship followed by lunch. If your camper needs to leave early it is SLM's policy that an Camper Release Form must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian. To receive this form, please see camp's website or contact camp.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

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Directions to SLM

SLM is located in Southwestern Minnesota about 8 miles north of Slayton on Lake Shetek.

For more detailed directions go to SLM's website.

From Highway 59: From the north or the south, turn east on Valhalla Rd. You'll follow Valhalla for about 2 miles and will cross three causeways. The road will fork, but stay to the left. Follow signs for Shetek Lutheran Ministries which will be on your left.

Coming from the West or East: Take Highway 30 to Highway 59. Go north on Highway 59 then follow the directions above.

PACKING LIST

- Completed Health Form & Medications**
- Letter of Call**
- Sleeping Bag & Pillow**
- Pajamas**
- Personal Toiletries: toothbrush, soap, shampoo etc.**
- Beach Towel, Towel & Washcloth**
- Sunscreen & Bug Spray**
- Shorts & T-shirts for warm weather**
- Pants & Long-sleeved shirt for cool weather (layers)**
- Socks & Underwear**
- 2 Pairs Shoes, (1 pair running shoes for games)**
- Sandals/old shoes for canoeing**
- Modest Swimsuit**
- Hat**
- Rain Jacket or Poncho**
- Bible**
- Water Bottle**
- Flashlight**
- Camera (Optional)**
- Stationery (Optional)**
- Canteen Money (Optional)**
- Offering Money (Optional)**

You may want to mark belongings with CIT's name. Lost and found is held after the summer camp season for 4 weeks after which articles are donated to a worthy cause. We do our best to get items that are left behind to their owners but camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items. **Please leave all valuables at home.**

Please Do Not Bring:

- cell phone
- electronics of any kind (iPod, video games, etc.)
- fireworks
- weapons
- tobacco, alcohol, or drugs

CAMP LIFE

Housing: CITs stay in cabins that can accommodate up to two cabin groups. Cabin groups consist of about 6-10 youth and 1 counselor. Each cabin has bunk style housing and a small bathroom and sink. A shower house is nearby with additional toilet and shower facilities. CITs on Day Camp Teams stay in local communities with housing provided by a congregation or onsite.

Meals: Most of our meals are shared buffet style in SLM's Dining Hall. We strive to provide quality and nutritious food. If you have special dietary concerns, please be sure to notify camp ahead of time and indicate it on your health form.

Day-to-Day: CITs serve and grow in leadership skills while leading and participating in activities alongside SLM Staff and campers. CITs participate in many activities throughout a typical camp day including Bible study, worship, swimming, arts & crafts, games, environmental education, boating, etc. – all in God's Creation! CITs who attend week long sessions get to experience a one night camp out in which they sleep in tents and cook meals over a fire.

Staff: The summer ministry team consists of young adults who are committed to safety, loving youth, and following Jesus. All of our summer staff complete an application, interview, background check, training, and are certified in CPR/First Aid.

Health Care: CIT's medical needs will be cared for daily by SLM's Health Care Manager. All our summer staff members are first-aid certified and trained in CPR. All medications will be turned in to the Health Care Staff during registration. CITs will have the opportunity to discuss individual needs with the Health Care Manager during registration and/or orientation. If a CIT becomes ill during the camp session, he/she will be treated according to written and approved doctor's standing orders. SLM Staff will notify a parent/guardian if your CIT requires any advanced medical care beyond the basic care provided by the camp health staff. Please be sure to notify camp of any special physical or dietary needs before your arrival at camp so our staff can make proper arrangements. If you did not fill it out online, bring your completed health history form with you to camp!

Insurance Information: SLM carries secondary accident insurance on each camper but does not carry health or sickness insurance. In the event of an accident or sickness, medical bills will be sent directly to the camper's parents for their insurance to pay. Any expenses not covered by the family policy due to accident, may be sent to SLM to be submitted to camp's insurance company.

Code of Conduct: All CITs and parents/guardians should read through the enclosed behavior policy and sign the health form to acknowledge that you have read it.

Letter of Call: Please read and sign the enclosed CIT Letter of Call and bring it with you to camp.

Camp Fees/Payments: Please bring final payments, excluding those made by your congregation with you to camp. The balance of your camp fee is due upon arrival. Once you have completed CIT Training, there is no cost to return as a CIT Co-Counselor.

Worship Offering: Each CIT is encouraged to consider bringing a monetary offering to be given at registration. CITs will learn more about the ministry made possible through these gifts during a camp worship. **If you would like to share a gift please submit it online with your payment or bring it with you to registration.** CIT offerings will be shared equally with:

Bangladesh School Project: The school provides quality educational services for children experiencing poverty in the Dinajpur and Rangpur areas of Bangladesh. In the past we have provided tuition, desks, and support to build a playground.

Camp Love's Embrace: A local overnight children's grief camp for children ages 7-14 who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, grandparent, best friend, or other person of significance in their lives.

Camp Store (Canteen): Each CIT receives a snack and beverage per camp store time which has been included in the registration fee. CITs are welcome to bring extra spending money to purchase clothing or novelty items and will open a canteen account during registration. Purchases will be deducted from the account and the balance refunded on the last day of the camp session. The camp store will be open during registration and following closing worship on the last day of the camp session for families and friends to enjoy.

Mail and Phone: To ensure delivery of mail during a CIT's stay, it is best to send mail early, in some cases even before the camper leaves home. CITs will not have internet access but you can email a note from your Campwise/registration account and we will deliver it. Phone calls are discouraged with the exception of emergencies.



CIT MAIL:

CIT Name
SLM Week Attending
& Counselor (if known)
14 Keeley Island Dr.
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We look forward to welcoming you to camp!