



**Dear Agape,**

We are happy and honored that you will be a part of a Christ centered week of service here at Shetek Lutheran Ministries (SLM) as an Agape Volunteer. Thank you for being willing to share your gifts during the week of Sharing Our Services (S.O.S.) Camp. We look forward to your time spent here as an Agape! 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 July 5, 2:30 – 3:00 pm**

Please arrive no earlier than 2:30 pm so that we may be available to welcome you, as staff will be busy with other responsibilities until that time. You will spend your time on Sunday learning about what it means to be an Agape and being trained in that role. This training is very important, even for individuals who have been an Agape in the past. If you are unable to arrive at this time please contact SLM to notify us of your expected arrival time.

**Departure Time: Friday July 10, 3:30 pm Departure**

Please make arrangements to be picked up or depart camp at 3:30pm. If you need to leave early and are under the age of 18, 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.

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**Directions to SLM**

SLM is located in South-western 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**
- Agape 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**
- Sturdy Shoes**
- Modest Swimsuit**
- Rain Jacket or Poncho**
- Water Bottle**
- Flashlight**
- Hat (Optional)**
- Nice or Fun Clothes for the dance (Optional)**
- Canteen Money (Optional)**

When packing for camp you may want to mark your belongings with your 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:**

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

## CAMP LIFE

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**Housing:** Agape, S.O.S. Campers, and SLM Staff Members stay in cabins. Each cabin has bunk style housing and a small bathroom and sink. A shower house is nearby with additional toilet and shower facilities.

**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:** Your time as an Agape will be spent ensuring that the needs of campers attending S.O.S. Camp are met. Along with the assistance of the summer staff, you will be paired with 1-3 campers with special needs. You will spend your week encouraging campers to participate in daily activity events such as boating, swimming, Arts & Crafts, worship, etc. You will also be responsible for assisting campers with daily tasks and at meal times, ensuring that campers see the nurse at scheduled medication times and befriending some incredible campers! Your day will begin around 7:00 am and go until about 9:00 pm. You can expect to work hard but can also expect a memorable and rewarding week.

**Staff:** SLM's 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:** Your 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. Agape will have the opportunity to discuss individual needs with the Health Care Manager during registration and/or orientation. If an Agape becomes ill during the camp session, he/she will be treated according to written and approved doctor's treatment procedures. SLM Staff will notify a parent/guardian if an Agape (under the age of 18) 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 Agape but does not carry health or sickness insurance. In the event of an accident or sickness, medical bills will be directed to the Agape's parents (or personal) 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 Agape and parents (if Agape is under the age of 18) should read through the enclosed behavior policy and sign the health form to acknowledge that you have read it and agree to follow it.

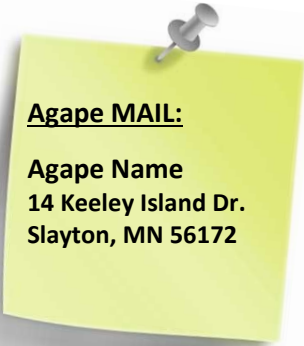
**Background Check:** All Agape over the age of 18 will be asked to undergo a background check.

**Camp Fees/Payments:** There is no cost to this program as you are at camp to serve. However, there is also no monetary compensation for your service as an Agape. You are at camp as a volunteer.

**Camp Store (Canteen):** SLM has a canteen in which snacks, clothing and novelty items are available for purchase. If you would like to bring spending money to purchase items, you are welcome to do so. Everyone with money 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.

**Phone Policy:** In case of an emergency during S.O.S. week, families can contact camp. Agape may bring a cell phone with them to camp. However, cell phone use will be limited to specific evening hours when Agape are free of their duties with campers. Outside of this time, cell phones will be stored in a locked area at camp. This allows Agape to focus on campers needs and not be distracted during the day when they have other responsibilities.

**Agape Mail:** To ensure delivery of mail during an Agape's stay, it is best to send mail early, in some cases even before the Agape leaves home. Agape will not have internet access but you can email a note from your Campwise/registration account and we will deliver it.



**Agape MAIL:**

**Agape Name**  
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**We look forward to welcoming you to camp!**