



Dear Agape,

We are happy and honored you will be a part of a Christ centered summer 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 (SOS) Camp. We look forward to your time spent here as 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 SLM Staff**

Arrival Time: Sunday, 2:30-3:00 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. 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.

Departure Time: Friday, 1:00 - 1:30pm

Please make arrangements to be picked up or depart camp at 1:30pm. If you need to leave early and are under the age of 18, it is SLM's policy that a 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 Southwest 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, 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)
- Modest Swimsuit
- Hat (optional)
- Rain Jacket or Poncho
- Flashlight
- Water Bottle
- Nice or Fun Clothes for the dance (optional)

You may want to mark belongings with Agape'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:

- Fireworks
- Electronics of any kind (iPod, Video Games, etc.)
- Weapons
- Tobacco, E-Cigs, Alcohol, or Drugs

Camp Life in 2023

Housing: Agape, SOS 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: Campers will go through a line to get their food and will eat outside unless the weather does not permit. If your camper has a food allergy please let us know ahead of time so we can prepare and make sure it's safe for them.

Day-to-Day: Your time as an Agape will be spent ensuring that the needs of campers attending SOS 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 activities 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 7:00am and go until about 9:00pm. You can expect to work hard, but can also expect a memorable and rewarding week.

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: Your medical needs will be cared for daily by SLM's Health Care Manager. Your temperature will be taken twice a day. All our summer staff members are first-aid certified and trained in CPR. All medications will be turned in to the Health Care Staff upon arrival. **Please have medications labeled in a zip lock bag when you arrive.** Agape will have the opportunity to discuss individual needs with the Health Care Manager during orientation. If an Agape becomes ill during the camp session, they will be treated according to written and approved doctor's treatment procedures. SLM Staff will notify a parent/guardian if an Agape (under 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 camper 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. Expenses not covered by the family policy due to accident, may be sent to SLM and submitted to our insurance company.

Code of Conduct: All Agape and parents/guardians (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.

Background Check: All Agape 18 years old and older 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 buy anything. You can put money on your account prior to arriving at camp or you can bring money when you come to put on your account.

Phone Policy: In case of an emergency during SOS 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. This allows Agape to focus on campers' needs and not be distracted during the day when they have other responsibilities.

Mail: To ensure delivery of mail during a 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!