



**Dear Campers,**

We are happy and honored you will be a part of a Christ centered summer here at Shetek Lutheran Ministries (SLM). 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 SLM Staff**

**Arrival Time: Sunday 4:00 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.

**Departure Time: 1:00 - 1:30pm**

If your camper needs to leave early 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.

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries**  
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Slayton, MN 56172

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[www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)




**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\*
- 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)\*
- Sandals/old shoes for canoeing
- Modest Swimsuit\*
- Hat\*
- Rain Jacket or Poncho\*
- Bible\*
- Water Bottle\*
- Camera (optional)
- Stationary (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
- Fireworks
- Electronics of any kind (iPod, Video Games, etc.)
- Weapons
- Tobacco, E-Cigs, Alcohol, or Drugs

# Camp Life in 2023

**Housing:** CITs stay in a cabin with their own cabin group. A cabin group consists of about 6-9 youth and 1 counselor. Each cabin has bunk style housing and a small bathroom/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 make prepare to make sure it's safe for them.

**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! **We will be doing tie-dye this year. Please send a 100% cotton t-shirt or pillowcase if your CIT wants to tie-dye!**

**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. All of our staff have also gone through the pre-screening process before camp started.

**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 upon arrival. ***Please have medications labeled in a zip lock bag when you arrive.*** CITs will have the opportunity to discuss individual needs with the Health Care Manager during orientation. If a CIT 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 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 directed to the CIT's parents 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 CITs and parents/guardians should read through the enclosed behavior policy and sign the health form to acknowledge that you have read it.

**Worship Offering:** Each CIT is encouraged to consider making a monetary offering to support other ministries. 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. CIT offerings will be shared equally with:

- **Rural Nicaragua youth:** Offerings will be used to help support computer literacy, clean water, and nutrition for low income families living in rural Nicaragua.
- **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. You can put money on your camper's account prior to your arrival or you can bring money to put on their account if you would like to purchase clothing or novelty items. 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 at pick up.

**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.

## **CAMPER MAIL:**

CIT Name \_\_\_\_\_

SLM Week/Counselor (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

14 Keeley Island Dr  
Slayton, MN 56172 \_\_\_\_\_

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