



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: 3:30-4:00PM at the Lakota Retreat Center

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.

Departure Time: 12:00 Worship, 12:30AM Departure [ABC 3:00PM Worship, 3:30PM Departure]

*Adult Campers may bring cell phones. However, cell phone reception is often unreliable. At camp, one can pause from all the distractions of the world to play and pray. It is intended to be a place set apart from the busyness and loudness of technology. **We ask that adult campers refrain from using them in front of other campers.**

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

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Slayton, MN 56172



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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*
- 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 camper'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: Housing for Cross-Generational campers is in the Lakota Retreat Center. Lakota is a high comfort retreat facility with sleeping rooms and meeting spaces. Sleeping rooms within the retreat center have a private bathroom/shower. Linens and towels are provided.

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 to make sure it's safe for them.

Day-to-Day: Camp provides programmed activities for you to engage in throughout your stay, including Bible study, worship, swimming, arts & crafts, games, environmental education, boating, etc. – all in God's Creation! Our evening programmed activities will conclude around 8:00 pm to accommodate younger campers. We have board games available, and adults and older campers, are welcome to bring games or reading materials if you wish to stay up later. **GPGC will be doing tie-dye this year. Please send a 100% cotton t-shirt or pillowcase if your camper 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: SLM requests that **all** campers, adults and youth, complete a health history form and bring it with them to camp. Camp has over-the-counter medicine such as Ibuprofen, etc., available in our Health Care Center, so there is no need to bring such items with you to camp. If your family members have prescription medication that you'll be taking over the course of the camp session, we request that you keep this in a safe place within your sleeping room. If a camper 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 camper 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 camper'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 participants should read through the enclosed behavior policy and sign the health form to acknowledge that you have read it.

Worship Offering: Each camper is encouraged to consider making a monetary offering to support other ministries. Campers 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. Camper 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.

CAMPER MAIL:

Camper Name _____

SLM Week _____

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Camp Store (Canteen): Each camper receives a snack and beverage per camp store time which has been included in the registration fee. If you would like to purchase novelty items you can put money on your account prior to your arrival or upon arrival. Purchases will be deducted from the account and the balance refunded on the last day of the camp session.

Mail and Phone: To ensure delivery of mail during a camper's stay, it is best to send mail early, in some cases even before the camper leaves home. Campers 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.

We look forward to welcoming you to camp!