

ALL THINGS NEW

OKOBOJI

Just off the shores of West Lake Okoboji lies 100 acres of beautiful camp, conference and retreat opportunities in the heart of the Iowa Great Lakes vacation land. Okoboji campers enjoy a wide variety of on-site activities including high & low ropes challenge courses, off road go-karts, archery, climbing tower with zipline, disc-golf, mountain boarding, fishing, crafts, wagon rides through our rolling prairie, hiking, Bible Study, campfires, drama, music, sports, group games and MUCH MORE in the green grass of Okoboji's park-like setting.

Come swim, canoe and tube on one of the only "blue water" lakes in the world.

Campers who choose specialty camping events also travel to amusement parks, water parks and many more of the areas hottest attractions. Campers and guests enjoy wonderful home cooked meals, clean/air-conditioned/heated facilities and warm Christian hospitality.

The activities and opportunities that campers experience at Okoboji can stick with them for the rest of their lives! Camp provides the acceptance and support of a Christian community and positive relationships with caring adult leaders.

At Okoboji, Christ is shared in song, word, worship and example.

We provide an unforgettable summer experience, where campers can discover and explore exciting activities in a carefully supervised, Christian environment. Lives are changed forever!

PICTURED ROCKS

Resting quietly hilltop we are nestled among abundant timber forest and rock bluffs along the scenic Maquoketa River. On-site we offer real-rock climbing and bouldering, climbing tower with zip line, challenge course, geocaching, mountain boarding and Frisbee golf, while for offsite adventure we enjoy caving at Pictured Rocks Park and canoeing/kayaking/ tubing a 7-mile stretch of the Maquoketa River. Our swimming is done indoor at our neighbor Camp Courageous' pool complex where people of all ages enjoy the water rock-climbing wall, volleyball net, basketball hoop and numerous pool toys.

Our campers enjoy newly-renovated, climatecontrolled cabins and a camp experience created just for them. Our Christ-centered staff is here to support and care for individuals that have been entrusted to us. We nurture the spiritual growth of our campers by having United Methodist Pastors/Ministers active in our summer program as Spiritual Directors. These men and women provide guidance, teaching, and encouragement to the faith formation of each and every camper.

At Pictured Rocks there is adventure around every corner, but this experience is much more than that. Through intentional community, creative play, and spiritual exploration, campers transform and return home with more confidence, clarity, and are better equipped to face their life challenges. Big things happen at Pictured Rocks where lives are changed as we encounter the love of Christ in the beauty of God's Creation.

WESLEY WOODS

344 acres overlooking spectacular rolling hills and scenic valleys. We offer traditional lodging in cabins/dorms and adventure outpost camping that includes tents, a Sears & Roebuck Home, tepees, covered wagons, farm barn – and now a log cabin.

Campers can choose from an abundance of activities – canoeing or pontoon rides on Lake Ahquabi or swimming in the pool; or Broken Arrow Pond with the iceberg and blob; or try the challenges of team building on the Stormy Hollow low ropes course or the Stormy Heights high ropes course.

We have 30 horses for trail riding or lessons in the outdoor arena or the barn. Our home cooked meals over the campfire or in the dining hall are delicious.

We have numerous chapel activities, such as stargazing, campfires, and hikes where you can experience God's creation in a different light.

Our indoor activities include ping pong, pool, foosball, four-square, table games; and our outdoor games include such favorites as basketball, volleyball, ultimate Frisbee and soccer.

Wesley Woods is where campers make new friends, worship Jesus, and have fun while discovering how to grow into the people God designed them to be.

Our campers are a blessing to our staff, and we are intentional about ministering through small groups to provide personalized attention for the campers. We look forward to serving them and growing in Christlike fellowship while they are here and through the stories they will share when they are home.



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Worship Resources for Camp Sunday 2013

2013 Camp Theme: “All Things New”

“Many of Jesus’ parables present pictures of what is possible when God is totally in charge of our human affairs. They illustrate how different God’s ways are from humanity’s standards of fairness, status, prudence, and piety. God’s in-breaking into our human reality is often without warning and the individual must determine God’s word in and for that moment.”

—from 2013 curriculum by New Earth, Christian Resources for the Outdoors

Litany (images from Acts 17:19-34)

God made the world and everything in it.

God gives us the power to live.

The Lord of heaven and earth doesn’t live in temples built by human hands.

God gives us the power to move.

God doesn’t need help from anyone.

God gives us the power to be who we are.

God made all nations, and decided when and where every nation would be.

God gives us the power to live, to move, and to be who we are.

We are all God’s children.

Thanks be to God.

Psalter

UM Hymnal p. 826, Psalm 104

Song Suggestions

from 1989 *The United Methodist Hymnal*

- 62 All Creatures of Our God and King
- 191 Jesus Loves Me
- 581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service
- 583 Sois la Semilla (You Are the Seed)
- 584 Lord, You Give the Great Commission
- 399 Take My Life, and Let It Be
- 77 How Great Thou Art
- 107 La Palabra Del Señor Es Recta
(Righteous and Just Is the Word of Our Lord)
- 109 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace
- 122 God of the Sparrow God of the Whale
- 560 Help Us Accept Each Other

from *The Faith We Sing* song book

- 2059 I Am Your Mother (Earth Prayer)
- 2060 God the Sculptor of the Mountains
- 2222 The Servant Song
- 2152 Change My Heart, O God

- 2270 He Has Made Me Glad
- 2153 I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
- 2176 Make Me a Servant
- 2062 The Lily of the Valley
- 2279 The Trees of the Field

also consider

God of Wonders
Indescribable
The Air I Breathe
Top of My Lungs
Wonderful Maker

Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong
Laura Story & Jesse Reeves
Marie Barnett
Tony Wood, Ryan Wingo and Jim Odom
Matt Redman and Chris Tomlin

Scripture

These will be used at camp during the summer of 2013.

A New Thing Isaiah 43:19-21

New Creation Psalm 104:24-33; Genesis 1-2:3

New Shape Jeremiah 18:1-6; Isaiah 64:8; Genesis 2:4-7

New Expressions Exodus 31: 1-13; Luke 10:38-42

New Understanding Acts 17:19-34

New Life Ephesians 4:1, 15-16, 22-32; Acts 11:26

New Community Philippians 1:3-6

Benediction / Prayer of Dedication (images from Ephesians 4)

Speaking the truth in love,

let us grow up in every way toward being like Christ.

God, grant us newness of life.

Rising above all ignorance, greed, and dishonesty

let us go forth to love others as Christ loves us.

God, grant us newness of life.

Turning away from corruption, anger, dishonesty, and gossip

to forgive others as we have been forgiven in Christ.

God, grant us newness of life.

This day and always

may others see in us

the God who loves them.

So be it.

Amen.



How you can support...

Recognize Campers!

- List their names in the church bulletin or newsletter.
- Ask them to share their experience with you when they return.
- Have them write a paragraph about their camping experience for the bulletin or newsletter.

Invite Others!

Plan your

Camp Sunday

Select a Sunday between now and April and plan a great time to get people thinking about camp.

- Worship Service Resources and bulletin insert for worship were mailed to your church or you can download them from www.IAcampsandretreats.org
- Invite a guest speaker to preach and/or speak to the Sunday School, youth groups, After School program, etc. Have someone who can explain about the camp ministry and the work going on at our sites. Contact campsites for speakers.
- Use past campers or camper leaders for worship leaders, song leaders, or for short talks.
- Instead of singing the traditional hymns, try throwing in some camp songs for fun.
- Gear up! You and your congregation can switch from your Sunday wardrobe to camping gear: T-shirts, sweat-shirts, hiking boots, jeans or shorts. You can even bring props like a backpack, flashlight, or canteen.
- Create a Camp Worship Center with rocks, sticks, leaves, plants, tent, branches, pinecones, or shells.

If you can't pick just 1 day, pick a month and have short promotional each week.

Assisting Campsites

All our sites are dependent on the goodwill, gifts and volunteer assistance from local churches and members. Two of the traditional areas that help us immensely are:

- **Work Day** Call a campsite and schedule a workday to help maintain a safe place for God to meet with people. Help is needed for projects within a wide variety of skill levels.
- **Charitable Assistance** All our sites traditionally depend on gifts, especially for the expansion and updating of facilities. Our sites and conference center office appreciate inquiries about gifts and estate planning techniques.

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Plan a Retreat or Family Reunion

Our doors are open year 'round in order to serve you. Each year, more and more groups are finding our United Methodist Camps and Retreat Centers the perfect location to hold a retreat, church meeting, family reunion, holiday party or other function. Call for more information.



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Catalogs and Brochures

We have current catalogs and brochures for every family in your congregation – no charge! This information includes details on all camping events, dates, descriptions, contact information, prices and more. Call us and we'll get you as many as you need!

Fundraising

- Encourage different groups within your church (UMW, UMM, etc.) to include support for campers in their budget.
- Ask your church administrative council or board to include camperships in the annual budget.
- Serve a special "camp" meal after church and ask for a freewill donation. Other meal fundraisers could be: Spaghetti supper, potato bar, Sweetheart Banquet, Mother/Daughter Banquet, Father/Son Banquet, Pancake breakfast or supper.
- Bake sale, cookie exchange,
- Hold an "A-Thon": Bike-a-thon, skate-a-thon, sing-a-thon (use your imagination)
- Hold a service auction: clean yards or wash windows, etc.
- Car wash (do donations, or have people pledge for number of cars to be washed)
- Penny trails (each Sunday School class competes for who can collect pennies to make the longest trail).
- Take up a specific offering for camperships or for a donation to a campsite.

Get Involved!

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