

Camp Minneboji
June 25 – July 1, 2017
Theme: “Sola’s”

DIRECTIONS TO THE CAMP

Our camp is held at **CAMP OKOBOJI - LCMS** on the west side of West Lake Okoboji in northwest Iowa (not "Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp ELCA," that is nearby, just to the north of Camp Okoboji - LCMS).

Persons traveling Interstate 90, exit at the "Lakefield" exit (exit 64), and go south on Minnesota Hwy # 86, which, in Iowa, becomes Iowa Hwy # 86. After you have crossed Hwy #9 (at a 4-way stop), continue south on Hwy 86 for about six miles. Turn east (left) onto Edgewood Drive. (There is a large "CRESCENT BEACH RESORT" sign on the west side of the road, and a much smaller “Gull Point State Park” sign, where you turn from the highway toward the lake on Edgewood Drive.) Proceed about ¼ mile on Edgewood Drive. Then, turn right onto the campgrounds. If you get to Crescent Beach Resort, you’ve just missed the driveway to our camp!

MINNEBOJI CAMP DIRECTOR

Pastor David Otten (605) 630-9541
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
611 E Logan Ave
Gettysburg, SD 57442

MINNEBOJI CAMP DEAN

Pastor Greg Lehr (605) 338-5226
Zion Lutheran Church
1400 S Duluth Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
glehr@zlcfs.org

MAILING ADDRESS DURING CAMP WEEK

Regular Mail

(child’s name)-Minneboji
% Camp Okoboji
1531 Edgewood Dr.
Milford, Iowa 51351

E-Mail

mail@minneboji.com
(In subject line, put child’s name;
include cabin name, if known.)

CAMP TELEPHONE NUMBER (712) 337 3325

Camp Website

For more information about Camp Minneboji, including pictures and maps, Medical and Registration Forms - check out

Website: www.minneboji.com

Facebook: [campminneboji](https://www.facebook.com/campminneboji)

CAMP REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration at Camp is on June 25, at the Christian Life Center. It begins at 3:00 pm and closes at 5:00 pm.

Camp Minneboji Fee: \$370 (\$390 after May 1) for students who have completed grades 4 through 8. A Pre-Registration Fee of \$150 is required.

Honors Camp Fee: \$400 (\$420 after May 1) for students who have completed 9th grade. A Pre-Registration Fee of \$150 is required.

Please make checks payable to: **Minneboji Lutheran Camp**

Each Camper must send in at least the \$150 Pre-Registration fee along with the Camper Registration Form and Medical Form. The remainder of balance due is payable on June 25 at Camp Registration. The Registration fee will not be returned unless the reservation is canceled before **June 1**. If you must cancel, call Pastor Otten (605-630-9541) immediately. This will leave an opening for another camper.

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

- **Minneboji Camp Week begins with on-site registration (3:00-5:00 pm) on Sunday, June 25 and ends at 10:00 am on Saturday, July 1. NOTE:** Camp policy forbids pets at Camp Okoboji. So Camp Okoboji Administration asks that parents not bring pets to camp when kids are dropped off and picked up.
- **Camp Fees** include the privilege to enjoy and participate in the Camp Program for the week (including an outing to Arnold's Park), room and board for the week, the use of the camp and sports equipment, and insurance for costs of injuries not covered by your family policy. A Minneboji T-shirt is also included in your camp Registration fee!
- **Camp Fees** do not include the cost of Canteen Services, postage, souvenirs, etc. We suggest that \$20 to \$25 is sufficient spending money for treats. If planning to purchase film, T-shirts, etc., additional money would be needed. We operate a banking system for all campers. All cash is deposited at the "Bank" with Pastor Otten. No cash is to be kept in the cabins or on the person. Camp Okoboji T-shirts can be purchased at the time of Registration or at the conclusion of camp.
- **Spending Cards:** All spending money is deposited in the bank (with the camp director) at Minneboji. Daily bank hours are offered for the purchase of these "spending" cards. \$3.00 cards will be issued as needed (maximum of one per day until later in the week) from your account in the bank for use in the Camp Store (Canteen).
- **No Cash** will be accepted at the Camp Store after Registration day, until the closing Saturday morning. All unused money in your account will be refunded to you on Saturday morning. However, no refunds will be given on partly used spending cards; they can be spent on Saturday morning.

REGISTRATION and INSURANCE FORMS

- Camp Minneboji is for all students who have completed grades 4 through 9.
- Fill out a registration form, included toward the end of this booklet or on the website. Please double-check to make certain it is filled out properly and complete on both sides.
- Registration Forms along with the Medical Information Form should be mailed to the Camp Director: **Pastor David Otten, 611 E Logan Avenue, Gettysburg, SD 57442**
- Every Registration must be signed by your Pastor, Vicar, or DCE. You may request one cabin mate. Include that name on your registration form. Generally, no more than four campers from one town will be assigned to the same cabin.
- Please complete a Camp Okoboji Health Information Form and return it with the Camp Registration Form. Please attach a copy of your Health Insurance Card to the Health Form. In signing the medical form, parents or guardians are giving their permission for Camp Staff persons to seek emergency or acute medical attention for their child at the most readily available Medical Treatment Center, if deemed necessary by our staff of nurses. Such emergency or acute medical attention is sought without further parental/guardian permission unless a parent or guardian makes a request, in writing, that they be contacted prior to Camp Staff seeking such emergency or acute medical attention.
- Camper Excess Insurance is provided by Camp Okoboji, and is intended to help in case of injury (not illness) and will cover costs not covered by your family policy (i.e., “excess” costs, or the deductible of your policy, up to the limits of Camp Okoboji’s policy. If a family has no insurance, “Camper Excess Insurance” covers for that child in the case of injury). Eye glasses, contacts, hearing aids and other personal possessions are not covered by the Camper Excess Insurance.” Parents/guardians, please carefully provide this information, for all campers, in case of an emergency!
- Need a ride to Camp? The bus route starts at Miller, SD then heads north to Redfield, follows Highway 37 south to Mitchell and then takes I-90 to Okoboji. The stops and route are subject to change depending on riders. Cost is \$15.00 on way or \$25 round trip. Contact Pastor Brown in Mitchell with any questions. See Registration Form to sign-up for the bus and make the payment.

The capacity of the camp (available cabin space) is 325.

The camp will fill early -- Register early!

Registration cut-off is June 1 (or when camp is full).

Non-Discrimination Statement

Camp Minneboji and Camp Okoboji, the site of Camp Minneboji, do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap.

- **The Camp Store** is operated by the Camp Okoboji staff. You can buy soda pop, candy, film, souvenirs, stamps, toiletries ... almost anything you want to get during the designated Camp Store hours.
- **Talent Show:** If you have a talent you'd like to share at the Variety Show on Thursday, please bring what you need (music, instruments, etc.) to camp with you. There will be announcements and opportunities to sign-up at camp for the Talent Show.
- **Every effort** is made during Minneboji Camp Week to give your child a wonderful camp experience. We try to do everything possible to take care of your youngster. Every cabin has a counselor who's in charge of the cabin and sleeps in the cabin with the children at night and is with them during the activities during the day. We do all we can to take care of that bit of "homesickness" that some of the youngsters experience. You can rest assured that your child will be taken care of in our Christian Camp. With Christian influence and under God's eternal protection, our Minneboji Camp Week is a wonderful, Christ-centered experience for your son or daughter.
- **We ask parents** to be aware that the camp is not a "confinement" center. Though we will do all in our power to provide for the personal needs of your child, we depend upon a spirit of cooperation on the part of all our participants. It follows that the camp personnel cannot and do not assume liability in violation of camp rules.
- **Contacting Campers:** Although there is access to telephones on the Camp grounds, we strictly discourage the use of the telephones by campers. **NO CELL PHONES SHOULD BE BROUGHT BY CAMPERS!** We also ask that parents not call their children except for emergencies. Parents, please do not encourage your children to call home from camp! This only encourages homesickness! Instead, we encourage the use of regular mail and e-mail on the part of parents (campers will not be able to e-mail home, due to the large number of campers). Davyd Titze, our Webmaster, has set up this e-mail address for reaching Minneboji Campers: mail@minneboji.com
- **Parents wanting to visit Camp** later in the week should first check with the Camp Dean or Camp Director prior to the visit.
- **The camp nurse will handle** the distribution of medications as needed. If you must take special medication, please furnish the Camp Staff with the medication you are taking and the exact daily requirements. A refrigerator is available for the storing of any medications requiring refrigeration.
- **If there is any damage** done by a camper to any part of the Camp property, he/she will be billed for it and this must be paid before the camper will be allowed to leave the Campgrounds to return home.
- **Camp Minneboji** has consecrated Christian Counselors interested in Christian Ministry and Christ-centered relationships with boys and girls that devote their time and talents for the Camp Week. Pastors and other professional church workers from South Dakota lead the Camp activities.
- **The Staff and Counselors** receive no pay. However, their room and board is paid for them out of the total operational expenses.

- **“Boji Blabber”** - A Daily Newspaper with announcements, news, and interesting "chatter" of what goes on each day is compiled by the Staff. Articles, poems, essays, and "graffiti" may be submitted by Campers for publication. Save the issues as souvenirs. They are "priceless."
- **Clean Cabins:** Each day two girls' Cabins and two boys' Cabins are awarded the Clean Cabin Award (banner). This is an aspect of our Camp Week that provides the opportunity for Cabins to enjoy a little competition and team work. Inspection of Cabins is done by a Staff Member during rest time, and the banner is given at the evening meal. Cabins are also cleaned on Saturday morning at the conclusion of our Camp Week.
- **Drivers:** The Saturday schedule concludes after the 9:30 am Closing Devotions. Drivers are asked to pick up their riders before 10:00 am on Saturday morning. (Remember, no pets are allowed on the Campgrounds!) Parents are invited to arrive early enough to join us for the Closing Devotion.

MOMS AND DADS, PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN TO TAKE ALL OF THEIR BELONGINGS WITH THEM WHEN THEY LEAVE CAMP.

PLEASE LEAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AT HOME AS YOU PACK

Cell Phones, Radios, i-Pads, i-Pods, MP3 Players, Laptop Computers and any other type of Audio Equipment or Electronic Games, Laser Pointers, Skateboards, Scooters, Hand-held Video Games and Walkie-Talkies.

**Fireworks, Knives (or any other weapons),
Alcohol and Tobacco products are strictly forbidden!**

CHECK OFF THESE ITEMS AS YOU PACK: (Please mark your belongings!)

Bible ___ Pencils ___ Swim Suit ___ Soap ___ Shampoo ___ Towels ___

Shower Flip-flops ___ Sleeping Bag/ Bedding/Pillow Case ___ Sunscreen _____

Wash Cloths ___ Camp Clothing (warm & cold & sports clothes) _____ Camera ___

Softball glove ___ Tennis shoes for sporting events ___ Dance Costume ___

Stamped/self-addressed envelope/postcard ___

(Blankets and Feather Pillows are furnished by the Camp.)

CAMP RULES

In order to safeguard each child and manage a good Camp, some Rules and Guidelines are necessary and must be strictly enforced. **PARENTS, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING RULES WITH YOUR CHILDREN:**

- ▶ Campers must be in their Cabins at 9:45 pm and lights out at 10:15 pm. Everyone in bed and quiet. All remain in cabins after 9:45 pm.
- ▶ Everyone will participate in the Scheduled Program (unless excused by the Camp Dean or Camp Director).
- ▶ Anyone leaving the Camp Grounds during the Camp Week without permission from the Camp Dean or Camp Director or anyone flagrantly breaking the above rules will be sent home! At that time a call will be placed to the parents, and no financial refund will be given, except spending money deposited in the Camp Bank.

DRESS AND BEHAVIOR CODE

Camp Minneboji is a Christian Camp and we expect that our clothing, including swimwear, will reflect Christian attitudes and taste. Young ladies should consider wearing one-piece swimsuits or “tankinis” for swim times. Special mention must be made of attire for the dance: only traditional T-shirts (1/2 sleeves), collared or polo shirts are allowed for the “tops” for both girls and boys. No tight-fitting shirts, spaghetti straps, tube-tops, or bare midriffs! This year’s dance will have a special theme (TBA on the Website and Facebook)!

While attending Camp, it is expected that manners, language and clothing will reflect the ideals and principles of the Camp. Therefore, the Camp Minneboji Staff reserves the right to request the Camper to change shirts or other clothing as necessary that convey inappropriate language, symbols, or pictures.

STAFF

Camp Director - for answers on any questions on Registration, contact:

Pastor David Otten, Emmanuel Lutheran Church (605) 630-9541
611 E Logan Avenue
Gettysburg, SD 57442

Camp Dean - for additional Camp Booklets/Registration Forms, Counselor information, contact:

Pastor Greg Lehr, Zion Lutheran Church (605) 338-5226
1400 S Duluth Ave
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105 glehr@zlcfsf.org

PROGRAMMING

Directors of Christian Education & Worship

Pastor Sam Bobby
Aberdeen, South Dakota

Pastor Tom Brown
Mitchell, South Dakota

The Camp Theme this year: “Sola’s”

Day 1: Scripture Alone

Day 2: Grace Alone

Day 3: Faith Alone

Day 4: Christ Alone

Day 5: Together Alone



Crafts (Team Leader: Tom and Bobby Mueller)

All Campers will participate in daily morning Craft Sessions, featuring Christian-themed projects. Materials will be furnished to complete the handicrafts you will take home. Our Camp craft projects will remind you, for years to come, that you attended Camp Minneboji in 2017!

Director of Music

Eric Larson, Memorial Lutheran Church
Sioux Falls, SD

This Camp is one of the best singing Camps around. Come ready to sing favorite songs – old and new – about our mighty and gracious God! Please note the Variety Show sign-up section on your Registration Form. You can still sign up at Camp, but start thinking ahead.

Director of Sports and Recreation

Pastor Chris Ascher
Sioux Falls, SD

Sports and Recreation play an important part in the fellowship and fun at Camp! Campers have the opportunity to select a favorite sport of the week during the afternoons! A non-competitive option for both boys and girls is Outdoor Education, led by Brech Miller. Please indicate your choices (1st, 2nd, 3rd) on the Registration Form.

Each sport will be planned so that everyone, of any age or ability, can enjoy the time spent in the activity! There will also be time to "wake up" and loosen up each morning with our famous Minneboji exercises on the Athletic Court. This is an opportunity to let God's fresh, new day fill us with energy and enthusiasm. (NOTE: Athletic/tennis shoes are required for participation in the afternoon sports activities! No sandals or flip-flops for sports!)

Mission Study

In our 69th year of Camp Minneboji we will again consider our responsibility and joy of being lights of the Light, Jesus Christ. The Campers will be better equipped to be “Ambassadors for Christ” anywhere, any time!

EVENING DEVOTIONS

Sunday: Pastor Lehr
Monday: Pastor Brown
Tuesday: Pastor Bobby
Wednesday: Eric Larson, DCE
Thursday: Pastor Ascher
Friday: Pastor Otten

Morning Devotions are led by Cabins (on a volunteer basis for a particular day); there are two or three Cabins working together to present the Morning Devotions.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Morning

6:45 Rise and Greet the Son!
7:15 Chapel
7:30 Exercise Time
7:45 Breakfast
8:30 Bible Study - A
Mission Study - B
Crafts - C
9:15 Music
Bank, Recess, Clean Cabins
10:00 Bible Study - B
Mission Study - C
Crafts - A
10:45 Music
Bank, Recess, Clean Cabins
11:30 Bible Study - C
Mission Study - A
Crafts - B
12:15 Lunch

Afternoon

1:15 Rest (Quiet) Time, Cabin Check
2:30 Get dressed for sports
2:45 Swimming, Sports
3:30 Recess and Canteen
4:00 Swimming, Sports:
4:45 Free Time
6:00 Supper

Evening

7:15 Organized Recreation
8:30 Canteen
9:15 Evening Devotions
9:45 ALL Campers in Cabins
10:15 Lights Out!

Evening Recreation

Each evening will feature a special fellowship and fun activity for all Campers. Tentative schedule is:

SUNDAY EVENINGCABIN CHALLENGE
MONDAY EVENING.....CONCERT
TUESDAY EVENING.....CARNIVAL
WEDNESDAY EVENING.....**Afternoon Outing (2-5 pm) CONCERT
THURSDAY EVENINGVARIETY SHOW
FRIDAY.....DANCE

**** ARNOLD'S PARK** is once again our destination for a few hours off-campus. The park, an Amusement Park on the shores of West Lake Okoboji, features many carnival rides, including their famous "Legend" Rollercoaster and a 63-foot high Ferris wheel!

HONORS CAMP

Honors Camp is a camp within a camp. The purpose of Honors Camp is to offer a special program of activity, study, service projects, and fun for 40 responsible young ladies and gentlemen who have completed the 9th grade (entering 10th grade in the Fall of 2017). Due to available housing, our Honors Camp is limited to 40 young people. The Honors Camp Program focuses on Peer Ministry Training, Team Building activities, and overall equipping and strengthening the Christian foundations of young people. In addition, Honors Campers will participate in special service projects as an opportunity to give back thanks for the blessings Honors Campers have been given through their Camp experience. For these service projects, Honors Campers will need to bring with them work clothes and work gloves.

Honors Camp Schedule: Honors Camp is a unique entity of Camp Minneboji. Honors Campers follow a distinct schedule from the rest of Camp Minneboji, as the Honors Camp schedule includes some special outings such as an afternoon at an Indoor Water Park, an evening supper at Pizza Ranch and an afternoon of water sports like skiing and tubing. Even though Honors Campers operate by a unique Honors Camp schedule, there are a number of times that Honors Campers interact with the rest of Camp Minneboji. Honors Campers serve a **distinguished leadership role** at Camp and consequently have leadership responsibilities to the younger Campers.

Honors Camp Leaders: Honors Camp is led by a team of adults that includes full-time Church workers, Pastors and DCE(s), as well as those who serve as Lay-leaders within their respective congregations. Pastor Jason Letsche, Brandon, SD is the Leader of the team.

The Honors Camp Registration Fee of \$400 (\$420 after May 1) includes all on-site Camp activities, Arnold's Park, the Indoor Water Park and Friday night pizza. For the extra events and for purchasing refreshments at the Camp Okoboji "Canteen," we suggest that you bring about \$30.00 to \$40.00 for spending money. Honors Campers are not issued Spending Cards during Camp week; they are allowed to carry cash with them (unlike the 4th-8th graders). You are responsible for your own money.

To register for Honors Camp, 9th graders are asked to mail the following items to Pastor **David Otten, 611 E Logan Avenue, Gettysburg, SD 57442:**

- ▶ A completed Camp Registration Form including the Honors Camp Application on the same Form.
- ▶ A completed Camp Minneboji Medical Information Form (center of book).

ALL CAMPER REGISTRATION FORM
MINNEBOJI CAMP WEEK: JUNE 25-July 1, 2017

NAME _____ BOY ___ GIRL ___
(please print plainly)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' NAMES _____

BIRTHDATE _____ AGE AT CAMP _____

GRADE COMPLETED BY CAMP DATE (circle one) 4 5 6 7 8 9

T-Shirt size for free Camp Shirt (circle one) youth medium youth large
adult small adult medium adult large adult XL

HONORS CAMP _____ (9th graders only; complete Honor's Camp Registration Form)

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____

YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO USE PHOTOS OF MY CHILD ON THE CAMP
WEB SITE: YES _____ NO _____

SIGNATURE OF PASTOR, VICAR or DCE _____

HOME CHURCH and LOCATION of Church _____

CHOICE OF CABINMATE (one only, please) _____

SPORTS: Indicate first, second, and third choices

GIRLS: Basketball ___ Softball ___ Volleyball ___ Kickball ___ Outdoor Ed ___

BOYS: Basketball ___ Softball ___ Outdoor Education ___

I WOULD LIKE TO RIDE THE BUS

\$15.00 (one way) _____ Starting at: _____

\$25.00 (round trip) _____ Ending at: _____

COMPLETE THE "CAMP HEALTH HISTORY" Form and send the Health Form with your Registration Form.

MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

"Minneboji Lutheran Camp"

RETURN REGISTRATION FORM by May 1 with either the full Camp Fee of \$370 (\$390 after May 1) or the Pre-Registration Fee of \$150.

HONORS CAMPERS are to remit the full Camp Fee of \$400 (\$420 after May 1) or the Pre-Registration Fee of \$150.

**Send forms and fees to: Pastor David Otten, 611 E Logan Avenue
Gettysburg, South Dakota 57442**

HONORS CAMP APPLICATION FORM

(THIS PART TO BE COMPLETED BY 9th Grade HONORS CAMPERS ONLY)

Why would you like to be a part of the Honors Camp?

What should happen at Honors Camp?

What qualities will you bring to our group of Honors Campers to help make our week great?

THIS PART TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR PASTOR, VICAR OR DCE

The Honors Camp is designed to involve mature Christian youth in a special experience. Do you recommend this young person for Honors Camp? Why?

Pastor, Vicar, DCE signature _____

Youth signature _____

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