

# SUMMER STAFF

*Building Lives for Eternity.*



CAMP  
*Chetek*

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## LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

The Lord has given us a beautiful piece of property located in an ideal part of the country. The Camp Chetek campground sprawls over 125 acres in the beautiful Wisconsin north woods and boasts almost a mile of shoreline on the 3,800-acre Chetek Chain of Lakes. With average temperatures in the high seventies and low eighties, it is a perfect place to spend the summer!



## SUMMER TIME EXCITEMENT

During the summer, thousands of different people visit the camp, whether they be a camper, sponsor, family member, preacher, pastor, layman, former staff, or someone who has memories from 75 years ago when they were a camper. We have a rich history of the Lord working in the lives of staff, campers and visitors. It is an amazing experience to be a part of the excitement that happens each summer at Camp Chetek.

*Pedal Karts*      *Horses*      *Lakefront*





# SUMMER STAFF

*Making a difference for eternity*

Although staff members are eager to start the summer ministry, we take time for two full weeks of staff training before campers arrive. Every day is packed with solid Bible teaching, practical tips and useful training as we train the staff “from the ground up” and fit them for the service. The time is highlighted by enriching staff revival services that touch hearts and transform lives as God works to mold the staff into what He would have them be. This is also a time for staff to audition for our summer musical groups. You will have opportunity to use your talents for the Lord in our ladies ensemble, men’s ensemble, and mixed ensemble. Instrumental solos and groups are used for offertories during the week, and everyone gets a chance to sing in the summer staff choir.

## A DAY OF TRAINING

RISE & SHINE

MORNING

DEVOTIONS (45 MIN)

DEVOTION SHARING

BREAKFAST & CLEANUP

COUNSELING SESSION

ACTIVITY/SESSION

LUNCH & CLEANUP

NOON

FOCUSED TRAINING

SUPPER & CLEANUP

BREAK

MUSIC PRACTICE

EVENING SERVICE

TESTIMONIES/CAMPFIRE

EVENING

LIGHTS OUT

## STAFFING ARRANGEMENT

Camp Chetek enlists a large number of staff in relation to the number of campers that attend. We not only hire a full counseling staff, but a complete support staff as well. This allows each member of the summer staff to completely focus on his or her task that week. Instead of having to leave their campers to run an activity or supervise the waterfront all afternoon, a counselor is free to stay with their campers 24/7 to supervise, observe behavior and help encourage spiritual growth through personal interaction. This helps the counselor to build bridges of communication and companionship that wouldn’t be possible otherwise. By the same token, the support staff member has the freedom to focus on accomplishing their assigned task without the worry of what his or her cabin is doing at that time. This arrangement feeds into our “Direct Impact” philosophy.

## “DIRECT IMPACT” PHILOSOPHY

Camp Chetek believes in summer staff having a “Direct Impact” on campers. This philosophy is borne out through many avenues, including the staffing arrangement seen above. Following the Biblical principle of discipleship, we provide many opportunities for summer staff to have one-on-one interaction with campers and use those opportunities to impact them for Christ. Much of our two-week training program is focused on directing campers’ attention and conversation to Christ. We believe that summer staff having a “Direct Impact” on campers’ lives is what yields the fruit seen through the years of this ministry. It also provides relationships that keep many staff members in contact with campers throughout the years.



# FAMILY ATMOSPHERE



As soon as you step foot on the camp grounds, you will notice an atmosphere that is friendly and inviting. Although it takes all kinds of people to make up a camp staff, the common goals we share form a family bond among our staff who desire to see God's work go forward. The people you serve with will leave an eternal impact on you, and many of these friendships will last for years to come. Working side-by-side with someone for an entire summer (with the end result of seeing people come to Christ and grow in Christ) is an incomparable way to create relationships that are based on right principles and values.



# SERVANT'S SPIRIT



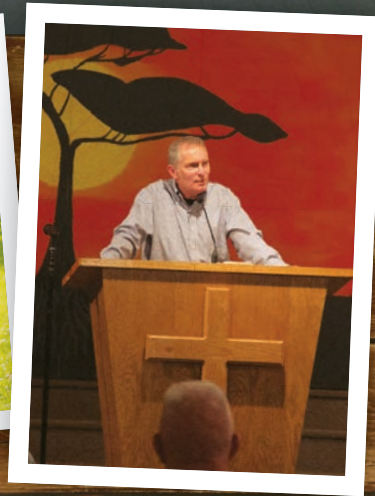
When Pastor Randy Tanis became Camp Chetek's director in 2004 he brought with him his philosophy of ministry... to teach people to serve. Christ set the example for us as he came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. That is exactly what happens at Camp Chetek every summer. Summer staff are taught that to truly lead others in the way they should go, they must first serve Biblically. It is truly incredible to see how the Lord can change the hearts of those who come each summer to minister to others. Although the staff comes to minister to campers, they often find themselves ministered to in greater measure.





## EMPHASIS ON THE GOSPEL

Serving the local church undergirds every aspect of our ministry at Camp Chetek. The focus and emphasis the gospel is immediately noticeable through morning, evening and missions chapels. We seek to display God's glory through local church outreach, advertising to communities, and making scholarships available to help bring unsaved campers to hear the gospel. Every year our campership is made up of many unsaved campers, which translate into incredible opportunities to share the message of salvation with the lost.



*Soulwinning in Minneapolis during Training*

“ God truly made a difference in my life this summer, through the hands-on-experience counseling and from the preaching of His Word. The challenges taught me to rely on His Word and have caused me to rely completely on His guidance. ”

*- Summer Staff Member*

## SIZE OF CAMP CHETEK

Many campers enjoy attending a large camp where there is always a lot happening and the hustle and bustle of large games and activities makes for an exciting week. Others would prefer a small, intimate camp setting with increased individual attention. It is exciting to realize that it is possible to have both! With an average week of 200 campers, Camp Chetek is big enough to have an incredible array of amazing activities such as pedal karts, shooting range, tubing and skiing, horseback rides, mini golf, and much more. However, it is also small enough to provide that individual camper attention so important to having a great week of camp. Of course, if this is true for campers, then it is even more true for our summer staff! Camp Chetek is small enough that you will find many ways to be involved and serve during your stay here, yet big enough that you will have plenty of opportunities to see God's hand at work in lives all around you.

## LEARNING/SHARING DYNAMIC

Although many ministries across the world are giving Godly young people an opportunity to minister, camp offers a dynamic that is hard to beat anywhere else. The vibrant preaching of God's servants will stir your heart and challenge you in every area of your spiritual life. The opportunity to immediately share with campers what you have learned will allow you to apply it in a way that will impact you even more and cement those truths. This learning/sharing dynamic allows for powerful Christian growth that is unrivaled at many other times in your life. Like a fresh pool of water that has both an inlet and an outlet, staff members benefit from the unique opportunity to learn and teach every day.

*..... Experience God's Word changing lives.....*



## BROAD SPECTRUM OF COUNSELING

At Camp Chetek, we offer a wide range of experiences for not only our counselors, but for all those serve with us during the summer. Rather than having to choose a single age group, summer staff minister to Juniors, Teens, Families and Inner-city kids in one summer. This all adds up to a wonderful, varied and growing experience that will change your life forever!



## INNER CITY OUTREACH

All year long, Camp Chetek makes great efforts to raise support for underprivileged, junior age children to come to camp for free! All the effort pays off when we see the busses roll into camp from the inner-city areas of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Counselors then begin to express Christian love for these campers, some of whom have seldom seen love in action. Throughout the week, we see God transform their hearts from tough, on-the-street mentalities to hearts drawn by Christ's love and broken over their sin. Seeing God work in this way is an encouraging way to begin the summer.

# SUMMER STAFF Positions

\*All positions must be high school graduates with an understanding of biblical counseling

## COUNSELORS

Be a leader to a cabin of campers, guiding them through the daily schedule, being aware of their spiritual needs and in tune with the Lord's working in their lives. Camp experience preferred.



## LEAD COUNSELORS

Male and female lead counselors assist the counselors in guiding their cabin. The lead counselor is essentially a counselor to the counselors. This position requires spiritual maturity and prior camping experience.



## PROGRAM STAFF

Coordinate activities and events including set up and take down of props, equipment care, event supervision, camp stores, participation in Skit Night and daily Rally Time, as well as waterfront activities during swim time. Lifeguard training and C.P.R.-Pro certification can be received during staff training at camp.



## T.E.A.M. COUNSELORS

Teens Entering Active Ministry is a unique opportunity for you to be involved with discipling teenagers while working along side them in daily maintenance tasks and cleaning duties.



## MAINTENANCE

Assist the maintenance coordinator in maintaining buildings, grounds, and equipment; painting; perform various landscaping and beautification projects; mowing, etc. May work with the T.E.A.M. in leading projects.



## NURSE

The camp nurse is always available for the campers needs. This position includes administering first aid in the event of an emergency, passing out daily medications, etc. Requirements include CPR and Red Cross First Aid training, being a sophomore or above in College and have nurse's training.



## WRANGLERS

Assist in daily care of the horses and stable area; saddle horses, help campers prepare for arena and trail rides, assist or lead trails. Experience with horses preferred.



## COOK STAFF

Assist the cook in the daily kitchen duties (i.e. prepping, cooking, cleaning, organizing, planning).



## OFFICE WORKERS

Assist in various office functions, including computer data entry, word processing, receptionist, clerical, filing, etc. An understanding of office software is helpful, but not required.



## MEDIA

Be creative and have fun experimenting, creating, and using the gifts God has given you. Assist with photography, video, multimedia, web, and graphic design. The photos in this brochure were all taken during the summer by our summer staff.





## WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Weekends bring a chance to rest from the busyness of camp and also enjoy relaxation and activities with the rest of the summer staff. Some activities often include Redneck bowling, cookouts, water activities, and the yearly summer staff party with delicious home-made ice cream! The fellowship and time with friends for relaxation allow the summer staff to be refreshed and ready to go for the next week.

## CHETEK SUNDAYS

Some weekends also include a "Camp Chetek Sunday" in which the staff have the opportunity to travel to a local church to minister in the Sunday services. These very exciting days transform the staff into nursery workers, Sunday School teachers, musicians and even preachers. We provide almost every aspect of the church's need for that day, while sharing the blessing of what God is doing at camp!

### *Weekend Ministry*



## STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scripture of the Old Testament and New Testament are verbally inspired of God, inerrant in the original writings, and that they are the supreme and final authority in faith and practice.
2. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three co-equal persons-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe Jesus Christ, who is God the Son, became man, begotten by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary, and that through eternity He continues to be true God and true man.
4. We believe man was created in the image of God; man sinned and thereby incurred both physical and spiritual death; all men are born with a sinful nature and consequently become sinners in thought, word, and deed.
5. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as a substitutionary sacrifice; all who believe in Him are saved on the grounds of His death and resurrection.
6. We believe the crucified body of our Lord was resurrected; He ascended into heaven and lives there as our High Priest Advocate before the Father.
7. We believe all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and thereby become the children of God.
8. We believe those who are born of the Spirit are to live the Christian life solely by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, according to the inspired Word of God.
9. We believe the true living Church, the Body of Christ, is composed of all regenerated believers, and its supreme mission is to fulfill Christ's Great Commission, in preaching the Gospel to all people. This mission is fulfilled through local churches composed of baptized believers working together for this purpose.
10. We believe believers are to observe the ordinances of baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper and are to unite with churches true to the Word of God and to continue faithfully in this fellowship.
11. We believe the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will return to the earth personally, bodily, visibly, and gloriously; and all believers should look for His pre-millennial coming, which is the blessed hope of the church.
12. We believe the bodies of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, will be resurrected; the saved to enjoy everlasting blessedness, and the lost to endure everlasting, conscious punishment.

### *Service Details*

Summer service at Camp Chetek is a volunteer position, but countless summer staff have seen God provide for their financial needs in a variety of ways. Many summer staff who request prayer from family and friends for the summer end up receiving monetary gifts as well. Home churches are often very happy to help support their young people who have a desire to serve God at camp for a summer. Generous donors to camp also allow us to provide several scholarships each year to returning staff members.

It is a step of faith to trust God to provide without knowing exactly where the money is coming from, but it is a great blessing each year to see God work in miraculous ways.



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