



**WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**SUMMER CAMP 2024**

**PRE-CAMP PACKET FOR PARENTS**

## **A NOTE TO FAMILIES**

**We are so excited to welcome campers to Wayzata Community Church Summer Camp. Camp is a set-apart space where students have the chance to be themselves, grow in relationships, and experience the love of God.** Our team has been planning for this summer for more than six months now. We have an incredible young adult staff assembled to lead and serve at each of our camp sessions to make sure that the time we share is filled with joy and memories that will last a lifetime.

We are honored that you have signed your child up to experience summer camp. We aim to create the safest camp environment possible physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Our theme this year is the Summer Olympics! Together we will play fun games, explore how God loves us, and remind one another that we live our best lives as a part of a team!

In this information packet, you will find details about our camp programs, packing lists, and important contact information. We encourage you to review this information carefully and reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. We believe that summer camp is not just about having fun, but about personal growth and faith development. All our activities and experiences are designed to foster confidence, community and faith.

Thank you for choosing Wayzata Community Church Summer camp. We are honored to be a part of your child's summer journey and we look forward to sharing stories of an amazing summer!

**Grace and peace,**

**Your Camp Staff**

**Rev. Danielle Jones, Jodie Nyberg, Michele Ramert, Mike Solberg and Ann Hunhoff**

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **Camp Address:**

Chi Rho Center  
5750 Porter Ave NW  
Annandale, MN 55302

**To reach leadership at Camp, messages should be left at 952-246-1192.** (If leadership is occupied with camp programming, we will return your call as soon as possible.)

Email: [camp@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:camp@wayzatacommunitychurch.org)

Parents please call in case of emergency **ONLY**. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## **WCC 2024 SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS**

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

Friday, June 14 - Wednesday, June 19

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Session 1: Wednesday, June 26 – Monday, July 1

Session 2: Saturday, July 13 – Thursday, July 18

### **CHILDREN'S**

Session 1: Friday, June 21 – Monday, June 24

Session 2: Monday, July 8– Thursday, July 11

## TRANSPORTATION

Campers are transported to and from Chi Rho Center by buses, operated by professional drivers. Camper luggage will be checked at curbside and loaded onto buses at Check-In. Chaperones will be on each bus to maintain a positive experience on the way to and from camp. To preserve the fullest camp experience, late arrivals and/or early departures are discouraged, but can be accommodated in certain circumstances.

The experience of camp is designed with the expectation that all campers will be there for the entire camp session; any changes in the makeup of the camper population affects not only the absent person but all of those in camp.

**Any late arrivals or early departures must be approved by the Camp Director, at least 7 days prior to the camper's session.** \*\*There will be an adult chaperone on each bus to camp.

### **Return Procedure**

All campers will be returned to WCC at 12:00 p.m (noon) on the final day of the session. The bus may be 10-15 minutes delayed, based on traffic. See the Bus Schedule below.

### **Bus Schedule**

**Camper Drop-Off Time is NOON**

**Camper Pick-Up Time is NOON**

Camp Session	Camper Drop Off Date	Camper Drop Off Location	Camper Pick Up Date	Camper Pick Up Location
High School Camp	Fri., 6/14	WCC West Entry	Wed., 6/19	WCC West Entry
Elementary Camp #1	Fri., 6/21	WCC West Entry	Mon., 6/24	WCC West Entry
Middle School Camp #1	Wed., 6/26	WCC Founders Hall (front of church)	Mon., 7/1	WCC West Entry
Elementary Camp #2	Mon., 7/8	WCC West Entry	Thurs., 7/11	WCC West Entry
Middle School Camp #2	Sat., 7/13	WCC West Entry	Thurs., 7/18	Messiah United Methodist Church

## CHECK-IN

*\*Note for packing: Camp is a tobacco-free, vape free, drug-free, alcohol-free and weapon-free environment. Tobacco, vapes, illegal drugs, alcohol, and weapons are strictly prohibited. Any deviation from this policy will be cause for immediate removal from camp.*

Children must be supervised at Check-In by a parent/guardian until they board the bus.

Upon arrival please make your way to the following stations:

#### **1. General Check-in Station**

- Confirm name & receive cabin assignment
- Pick-up camper t-shirt and lanyard.

#### **2. Curbside Bag Check**

- Your camper's bag will be tagged according to cabin assignment and loaded onto the bus. Make sure you remove all medications from camper luggage so that they can be logged by the Camp Nurse.

### 3. Camp Nurse Check-In Station

- Our head Medical Professional, Mary Jane Hochstein, will confirm your camper's medications, insurance, and other health related items.

### 4. Camp Store Station

- We are not accepting cash for items this year. Please deposit money into your camper's account before sending them to camp. No refunds will be given.

### 5. Optional Station for writing personalized notes for your campers.

- We know campers love to hear from their family while at camp. We will have a letter writing station at Check-In. Feel free to write as many letters as you would like. ***There is a new "no care packages" policy this year.***

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## **GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION**

### **Camp 2024 Theme: SUMMER OLYMPICS TRAINING FACILITY**

We are excited to announce that YOUR CAMPERS have qualified for the 2024 Summer Olympics, and they are invited to WCC Summer Camp at Chi Rho to train for their upcoming Olympic debut! The Olympics celebrate the incredible gifts and backgrounds of people globally; in a similar way, God uniquely gifts each of us with skills, strengths, and passions. Although there are medalists in every Olympic event, the underlying point of the Olympics is not to just collect hardware but also to inspire unity. This summer, we will be celebrating both what makes us unique and what makes us a community, much like how Paul describes the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12.

"The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ." - 1 Corinthians 12:12 (NLT)

Theme costumes can be based on Olympic symbolism, a sport, a particular athlete, or maybe you could even create your own Olympic event to represent in costume. Take as much creative license as you want; we cannot wait to see what you come up with!

### **Camp Schedule**

To keep the surprise alive for campers, we do not publish our camp schedule. If there are specific questions or inquires about our schedule, please email [camp@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:camp@wayzatacommunitychurch.org)

## Staff

Our staff is made up of incredible young adults who pour their heart and soul into ensuring your camper has the best week of their summer. Our staff is trained extensively and include members who are lifeguard and CPR certified.

## Payment Schedule for Summer Camp

Families will have the following options for camper payment installments:

- Pay in full on or before May 15, 2024.
- Two payment plan (Equal payments on March 15th & May 15th)
- Three payment plan (Equal payments on March 15th, April 15th, & May 15th)
- All credit cards set on installments will be charged automatically.

## Camp Store

Campers have opportunities each day to buy specialty items at the camp store. Clothing items and gifts, such as hats, t-shirts and sweatshirts range in price from \$5 to \$50. You will have the opportunity at check-in to put cash on to a “debit card”, which will be kept at the Camp Store (preferred). Parents should use their own discretion in the amount of extra money sent with their camper. **No refunds will be given on camp store deposits.**

## Cell Phones

To keep camp as “sacred space,” it is important that cell phones are kept at home. This policy insures the experience of each individual camper, as well as the group community that is formed. Thank you for supporting us in this effort!

Please remember that phones are available and used by the Camp Director, in cases of emergency or necessary contact from parents at home. **If campers mistakenly bring phones they will be kept by the Camp Director until the session has ended.**

## Meals

Three meals and an evening snack are provided daily by the Chi Rho Center staff. In addition, campers are able to purchase snacks at the camp store each afternoon.

**\*\*CAMP IS NUT FREE\*\***

**We are able to accomodate most dietary restrictions. Please make sure your campers needs are well documented on their Campsite profile, or feel free to send an email to Camp.**

**\*\*\* Due to food allergies in camp, please do not send any additional snacks or food with your camper. \*\*\***

## **Homesickness**

Homesickness can be a normal part of going to camp, particularly for the first-time camper. You may wish to tell your child that they may miss home, but they will also have many new and amazing experiences and may even end up wishing camp were longer.

Please do not make promises that your child can call or come home. It has been our strong experience that this is not helpful for campers. We will be in contact if the situation requires that. Rest assured your camper will be cared for in a supportive, nurturing manner. Camp staff are prepared for helping children adjust to camp while minimizing homesickness.

Within any group of peers there is the possibility for social challenges. Our camp staff will be intentional in discouraging hurtful or exclusionary behavior, and to helping to mediate any conflicts that exist or arise. Our daily activities are based on the principles of safety, inclusivity, and fun; never at the expense of anyone's feelings, sense of value or well-being. Any bullying or mistreatment of a camper is unacceptable and will be confronted by the camp staff and the Camp Director.

## **Prohibited Items**

Camp is a tobacco-free, vape free, drug-free, alcohol-free and weapon-free environment. Tobacco, vapes, illegal drugs, alcohol, and weapons are strictly prohibited. Any deviation from this policy will be cause for immediate removal from camp.

## **Camper Inclusion**

WCC's vision is to "Inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus." Wayzata Community Church Summer Camp does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender expression, disability, national or ethnic origin in administration of its camp-administered programs, educational policies, admission policies, or scholarship programs.

Wayzata Community Church Summer Camp is continuously listening, learning, and growing. We want camp to be as safe as it possibly can for all of our campers. If there are specific ways camp can adapt to make your camper feel as welcomed and comfortable as possible, please do not hesitate to reach out.

## **PACKING LIST**

**Please label all items.**

- Clothing suitable for each day at camp, with extras and clothes that can get messy
- Socks and underwear
- A pair of closed toe shoes
- A pair of flip flops for the shower and water activities
- Sweater or long-sleeved sweatshirt
- Sleepwear
- Bathing Suit (two recommended)
- Rainproof lightweight jacket (preferably with a hood)
- Bedding (fitted sheets, comforter or sleeping bag)
- Pillow and pillowcase
- Towels and washcloths
- Bath towel
- Beach towel
- Toiletries
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight
- Personal items of your camper's choice (Bible, books, cards, journal, etc)
- 1-2 Water bottles
- Sunscreen and hat
- Costume ("Theme costume" should be related to Olympic Theme)
- Middle School/High School - neon outfit
- All ages - white outfit (that you don't mind getting ruined)

## **THANK YOU FOR NOT BRINGING:**

Tobacco, vapes, illegal drugs, alcohol, weapons, cell phones, or food items.

### **Lost & Found**

Lost & Found items will be kept at camp for one week and then will be transported to Wayzata Community Church with the next returning session. After 7 days any unclaimed Lost & Found items will be donated to a local charity.

### **Personal items**

Counselors cannot be responsible for the care of a camper's personal items. Please label all clothing and personal items. Valued and treasured items should only be brought to camp with the realization that they may get lost or damaged. Please help your camper limit the personal items they bring to camp.



## DIRECTIONS

### DIRECTIONS TO WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH

**From East:** 394 West to County Rd. 101 exit. South (left) to Wayzata Blvd. Go West (right) on Wayzata Blvd (veers slightly right at stop light). Continue to Wayzata Community Church, on the corner of Wayzata Blvd. E. and Ferndale Rd. Go North (right) on Ferndale.

**From West:** East on Hwy. 12 to County Rd. 101 exit. South (right) to Wayzata Blvd. Go West (right) on Wayzata Blvd. (veers slightly right at stop light). Continue to Wayzata Community Church, on the corner of Wayzata Blvd. E. and Ferndale Rd. Go North (right) on Ferndale.

## MEET THE CAMP STAFF!



### **CAMP DIRECTOR: REV. DANIELLE JONES**

Danielle has always loved Summer Camp. Camp was transformative in her life as a student, she served as a cabin leader in high school and college, she ran several Summer Camps in her student ministry work for more than 15 years and she is so excited to be a part of WCC's camp staff this summer. Danielle believes that camp is one of the most faith shaping events in a student's life. Our Camp team is looking forward to an incredible year at camp as we focus on building community, growing in faith, and having a whole lot of fun along the way! We look forward to seeing your student at camp!



### **DIRECTOR OF HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY: MIKE SOLBERG**

Mike started working with the high school ministry at WCC in August 2022. He brings over 10 years of camp ministry experience from his previous youth director role in Bloomington, and a number of years as a volunteer before that. Mike is passionate about creating space for honest conversations about faith and real life in a fun environment.



### **DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY: ANN HUNHOFF**

Ann joined the staff at WCC in September of 2022. She graduated from Grand Canyon University with a Bachelor's in Christian Studies and Youth Ministry in the fall of 2022. Prior to joining WCC, Ann's career started as a Youth Missionary and Ministry Coordinator in 2020, and before that, she had camp experience as a two-time summer staffer at Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp. Ann is passionate about camp ministry as it was instrumental to her own faith development and a stepping stone to her call to ministry.



### **DIRECTOR OF ELEMENTARY MINISTRY: JODIE NYBERG**

Jodie Nyberg has been on staff at WCC for 21 years. She previously worked as an elementary school teacher in Arizona and for the Minnetonka Public School system. She has been a part of the summer camp program since the beginning and has seen firsthand the way camp ministry can be life-changing for children and youth of all ages.



**DIRECTOR OF DISABILITY MINISTRY: MICHELE RAMERT**

Michele brings 11 years of experience as a middle and high school leader here at WCC, and over 15 years of experience working in elementary schools. Michele has seen the impact WCC Camp has had on two of her sons; both attended Summer Camp, and later served on the WCC Camp staff. She is eager to help cultivate a fun, faith-filled summer experience!



**CAMP NURSE: MARY JANE HOCHSTEIN**

My name is Mary Jane Hochstein, or MJ, as it is easier to shout and remember! I have been a Registered Nurse for 37 years, predominantly in the Emergency Dept., GI Nursing and Cardiology. This will be my ninth year as a Camp Nurse and I am very grateful for the opportunity to be part of the camp experience. Safety is top of the list — but I am also passionate about the lighted golf cart, nine square with the campers, and Hershey's Chocolate Bars. Oh, cannot forget coffee — I need coffee.