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VLM SUMMER CAMP

Whether you are joining us for the first time or 12th time, for one day or a whole week, for a more traditional camp experience or a specialty program, we cannot wait to welcome you to camp! The mission of Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry is to provide Christ-centered spiritual growth, leadership development, and outreach in God's great northwoods. Our programs are intentionally crafted to provide these experiences for each and every person that comes to VLM camps. We invite you to experience the quiet of creation, depth of faith community, and the strength of those connections alongside our incredible summer ministry team in 2024. We look forward to seeing you at our two unique ministry sites; Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion.



CAMP VERMILION

Camp Vermilion is located on the west end of Lake Vermilion, near Cook, MN. The rugged terrain and more rustic feel provides an adventurous twist to the daily camp activities. Its proximity to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness helps shape experiences and leaves campers and guests wanting more of this sacred

space. Camp Vermilion is home to our beloved Voyageurs Canoe Country program, guiding youth and adults to experience life and faith unplugged. With Canoe Country as our focus, your time here offers the love and skills of camping and canoeing in every program. Canoe Camp offers an even bigger emphasis on these outdoor skills. Camp Vermilion offers programs of all ages, K-12, sending campers into the wilderness in new and exciting ways.

CAMP HIAWATHA

Situated on sandy shores and overlooking the crystal clear water of Deer Lake, Camp Hiawatha is known for its family - friendly facilities and large open ball field. In addition to introducing some of the youngest campers to a lifetime of camping and building on that love of camp with our elementary and junior high programming, Camp Hiawatha offers popular Family Camps, and our Rendezvous Camp for adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers, it is also the home of Hockey Camp and Type - 1 Diabetes Connection Camp - providing unique experiences in a Christ -centered environment. Camp Hiawatha is truly a gathering place where faith and life are explored with loved ones, new friends, and a vibrant faith community.



Icon Key Age/Completed Grade Required **A/G**

Location **V** Vermilion **H** Hiawatha **Date** **Date**



VLM CAMPS

Leaders in Training (LIT)

G 10-12 H V June 23-28 & June 30-July 2

Required Training: June 23-28 (CV) and June 30-July 2 (CH) **Options to return as LIT at Camp Hiawatha or Camp Vermilion:** July 7-12, July 14-19 and July 21-26

Looking for a new challenge in your VLM camp experience? Ready for more than one week of camp? Interested in developing your leadership skills? Ever wondered what it may be like to work at camp? If you said “yes” to any of these questions, then our Leaders in Training (LIT) program might be for you! This program offers a leadership model to meet the needs of our current high school students. Leaders in Training Campers will come for an extended training experience. In 2024 the first week (June 23-28) at Camp Vermilion will be specific to the LIT cohort focusing on learning about theology, outdoor education, leadership skills, team building, facilitating conversation, leading small and large group games, all the ins and outs of camp, and more! The second program week will be a half-week at Camp Hiawatha (June 30-July 2) and will provide an opportunity for the LIT cohort to practice planning and leading activities and implement their skills learned the week before. LITs will come back to camp the same summer for anywhere from 1-3 weeks, with options in 2024 of July 7-12, July 14-19 and July 21-26. These dates and assigned site will be determined with the VLM Director of Programs to meet the LIT’s schedule, interests, and program needs. This program is application-based. Please look for the “Leaders in Training Application” and “LIT Reference Form” on our website, or contact programs@vlmcamps.org for more information!

Venturers

G 2-4 H V June 30-July 2

This two-night program is another great way to introduce your child to an overnight experience without committing to a full week of camp. Venturer campers will experience many of the same activities as a week-long program - daily worship and campfires, Bible study, large group/all-camp games, swimming, waterfront activities, creative arts, community living, and meeting new friends. Venturers stay in a cabin with 5-6 friends and a VLM counselor, and each day is filled with new adventures. Venturer campers have the opportunity to try out campfire cooking alongside the overnight discoverer campers. They'll roast hot dogs and s'mores while learning about fire safety and making new memories! This program begins with drop off on Sunday afternoon and ends with a closing program at 4pm the final day.

Seekers

G 3-4 H July 7-12

V July 14-19

A week filled with all the great things camp has to offer! New friendships are formed as campers play, sing, worship, and laugh together. Opportunities to explore your faith are woven through each day as campers discover God's presence on the waterfront, around the campfire, on the ball field, and in the laughter around the lunch table. It will be a week of memories you won't soon forget. This is our first week-long program experience for younger campers. Seeker campers are introduced to cooking over a campfire and enjoy one campfire dinner and a trail lunch during their week at camp!



Trekkers

G 5-6 H July 7-12 July 14-19

V June 23-28 July 7-12 July 14-19

A balance of familiar camp activities combined with new opportunities are what the Trekker program is all about. Mixed in with favorite camp activities - swimming, games, crafts, waterfront activities, and campfire, are faith conversations that go a bit deeper. The Trekker program also includes a special “Trekker Day Out” where the campers get to explore and experience the wonders of God’s Great Northwoods more intentionally together. Part of the Trekker Day Out is a trail meal for lunch, and the opportunity to advance their skills cooking over a campfire for dinner! The trekker program is a great next step for campers to ask questions and explore faith!



Discoverers

G K-4 V H July 1 & 2

A first taste of camp that includes worship, swimming, games, S'mores, learning, and new friends. Come once or sign up for both days; we guarantee it will be one day filled with the best of camp! The program begins with registration from 9:00-9:15 AM and ends with a short recap of the day/closing program starting at 4:00 PM. Parents are welcome and encouraged to arrive slightly before 4:00 PM in order to join the group for this closing. Campers are asked to bring a swim suit, PFD for swim time, and a water bottle! We take care of the rest!

Discoverers Overnight

G K-4 V H July 1-2

All the fun of the Discoverer Program with an overnight! The Discoverer Overnight program begins with registration from 9:00-9:15 AM. Campers will stay overnight to cook out and worship around a fire until 4pm the next day. This is a great option for more games and fun for those who are ready for the next step, but not quite ready for a week-long experience.

Explorers

G 7-9 H July 14-19

V June 23-28 July 7-12 July 28-August 3

A week of camp that balances the independence of junior high campers with opportunities to enjoy your favorite camp experiences. Explorer campers enjoy an on site overnight camping experience during the week, as well as the chance to ask their big faith questions. Explorer campers have the opportunity to grow in their camping skills and will cook a dinner and breakfast over the fire while on their overnight. They also get to enjoy a trail meal for lunch during their week at camp! A week of Explorers provides a safe space to be yourself and develop deep friendships, all as you learn and grow in faith.

Sojourners

G 10-12 V July 28-August 3

With so many options available to Senior High students, spending a week as a Sojourner means a week with passionate, fun, and faith-full peers. Conversations are deeper, worships are more meaningful, and friendships last well beyond camp. A tight community is formed as Sojourners explore their faith, mentor younger campers, and experience new adventures at camp. Sojourner campers will also have an opportunity to participate in a service learning project, enjoy an overnight camping experience on Lake Vermilion (weather permitting). During their overnight they will get to try their hand at packing for a canoe trip and cooking meals like our Voyageurs Canoe Country does!



SPECIALTY CAMPS

Hockey Camp

A 9-14 **H** **June 23-28**

Hockey Camp is a Camp Hiawatha tradition. For more than 40 years, players and coaches have been gathering to combine their love of hockey with the faith foundation that makes them good team players both on and off the ice. While we take our hockey seriously, we also take learning and growing as a community seriously. Along with daily ice time, campers will enjoy swimming, games, worship, study, and time with friends. It is a program that provides the balance that every athlete needs.



Rendezvous

A 18+ **H** **July 31-August 2**

Rendezvous is a fun, Christ-centered camp experience for adult campers with developmental disabilities. It is three days/two nights packed with everything camp has to offer – games, swimming, worship, tie-dye, campfire, Bible study, creative arts, and the chance to make new friends with our staff and fellow campers! There are options to register as an individual or as a group. Participants who need significant assistance with basic daily tasks need to have a caregiver attend with them. Both participants and caregivers will need to register for the program. Please contact our main VLM office with specific registration questions for Rendezvous

Questions?

218-481-9080
vlm@VLMcamps.org



Scan here to learn more.

Canoe Camp

G 5-12 **V** **August 4-9**

Canoe camp is the place to both learn the basics and build on your skills. Campers spend time each day on canoeing, camping, and other outdoor education skills, mixed in among many favorite camp activities. Each age level program includes some type of overnight canoeing and camping experience. Canoe Camp is split into three different age and progression levels. Our Trekker Canoe Campers (5-6 gr) will enjoy day trips on Lake Vermilion, as well as an on-site overnight experience. The Explorer Canoe Campers (7-9 gr) will spend an overnight off-site, canoeing and camping on beautiful Lake Vermilion. Finally, our Sojourner Campers (10-12 gr) will head into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) for a 3-night canoe trip. We invite you to come each year and watch your skills improve as you work your way to a full-week BWCAW canoe experience.



Family Camp

Full & Half Week Options

All Ages **H** **Full Week: July 21-26** **Half Week: July 28-31**

Family Camp is spending time together in the beauty of the north woods. Each day includes opportunities for worship and Bible study, as well as swimming, waterfront activities, creating, games, and simply spending time together as a family. Our hope is that your family will be renewed in your time at camp – as you share meals, worship, play and grow in your faith together. Families are all shapes and sizes, so we welcome all to Family Camp – moms, dads, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, grandparents, grandchildren, individuals, friends, etc. We are pretty sure that after your Family Camp experience, you'll discover that your family got a whole lot bigger! There are options for full-week family camp from Sunday-Friday or a Half-Week family camp from Sunday-Wednesday.

T1-D Family Connection Camp

All Ages **H** **August 4-9**

Type 1 Diabetes Connection Camp is an opportunity for kids with T1-D and their parent(s) to spend time together at camp, alongside other kids and parents with similar life experiences. Each day includes opportunities for connections and fellowship, as well as swimming, waterfront activities, creating, playing games, and simply enjoying the beautiful Northwoods of Minnesota. Our hope is that you will be renewed in your time at camp – as you share meals, converse, play, and relax. Please check out our website or contact programs@vlmcamps.org for more information about this program!

Prices

	Program/ Grade Completed	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Week Long (Excluding Hockey and Canoe Camp)	Seeker (3-4), Trekker (5-6), Explorer (7-9), Sojourner (10-12)	\$725	\$625	\$540
Hockey Camp	Ages 9-14	\$870	\$770	\$685
Canoe Camp	Seeker (3-4), Trekker (5-6), Explorer (7-9), Sojourner (10-12)	\$770	\$670	\$585
Venturer	Grades 2-4	\$372	\$322	\$280
Discoverer Over Night	Grades K-4	\$210 Flat Rate		
Discoverer Day Camp	Grades K-4	\$50 Flat Rate		
Rendezvous	18+	\$282	\$233	\$190
Leaders In Training (LIT)	Grades 10-12	\$330 for 1 ½ weeks of training. Camper can then return to be an LIT Camper at no charge during the summer.		
Family Camp Full Week	Adults	\$485/ adult	\$385/ adult	\$300/ adult
Family Camp Full Week	Grandparent or Child 3+ Under 3 are free	\$250 Flat Rate		
Family Camp Half Week	Adult	\$388	\$308	\$240
Family Camp Half Week	Grandparent or Child 3+ under 3 are free	\$195 Flat Rate		
T1-D Connection Camp Full Week *20% Discount for shared housing.	Adult	\$485/ adult	\$385/ adult	\$300/ adult
T1-D Connection Camp Full Week	Child 3+	\$250 Flat Rate		

*** Tier 3 is only available through March 1**

Deposits

Week Long - \$100

Hockey - \$100

Canoe - \$100

Venturers - \$75

Discoverer Overnight - \$50

Discoverer Day - \$10

LIT - \$50 per week

Family Camps / T1-D - \$100

per Adult and/or Grandparent

Discounts

Bring a friend discount - \$50 (someone that has never been to camp and good for only week long programs excludes family camp.) Please send an email with the names of both of the campers to approve this discount.

Sibling Discount - \$40 (week long programs only excludes family camp.)

Multi week program - \$40 come for multiple weeks of programming (week long programs only, excludes Family Camp.)

Goalie Discount - \$200 if you are a goalie for hockey camp. Contact the office for this discount.

Registration

1. Head to vlmcamps.org
2. Check out the "Summer Camps" tab to learn more or click on "Register" on the top of our home page to start your registration today!
3. Login to your existing account or create a new account for registration
4. Create or update your family profiles and information
5. Select the camp session that is right for you!
6. For assistance or questions, please contact the main VLM office at vlm@vlmcamps.org or 218-481-9080

Schedule

WEEK OF	CAMP HIAWATHA	CAMP VERMILION
June 23 - June 28	Hockey Camp, ages 9-14	Trekkers, grades 5-6 Explorers, grades 7-9 Leaders in Training (LIT) WK 1
June 30 - July 2	Discoverers, grades K-4 (7/1, 7/2) Discoverer Overnight, grades K-4 (7/1- 7/2) Venturers, grades 2-4 (6/30-7/2) Leaders in Training (LIT) WK 2	Discoverers, grades K-4 (7/1, 7/2) Discoverer Overnight, grades K-4 (7/1- 7/2) Venturers, grades 2-4 (6/30-7/2)
July 7 - 12	Seekers, grades 3-4 Trekkers grades 5-6	Trekkers, grades 5-6 Explorers, grades 7-9
July 14 - 19	Trekkers, grades 5-6 Explorers, grades 7-9	Seekers, grades 3-4 Trekkers grades 5-6
July 21 - 26	Family Camp	Normandale Lutheran Church
July 28 - August 2	Family Camp(7/28-7/31) Rendezvous (7/31-8/2)	Explorers, grades 7-9 Sojourners, grades 10-12
August 4 - 9	Type 1 Diabetes Family Camp	Canoe Camp Trekkers, Grades 5-6 Canoe Camp Explorers, Grades 7-9 Canoe Camp Sojourners, grades 10-12

CANOE COUNTRY

Escape. Explore. Experience.

G 6-12

Families

Adults

V

Call to Schedule

Site: Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, out of Camp Vermilion, VLM

Ages: VLM offers opportunities for junior high (completed grades 6-8) and senior high (completed grades 9-12) youth, families, and adults. Contact us for more information!

Cost: \$650/person, minimum 5 people per trip

Dates: Early July through mid-August



Details

Voyagers Canoe Country provides more than simply gear and meals! Teaming with VLM for your canoe trip provides the opportunity to discover nature's wonders while experiencing all of the benefits of living in a faith community. Our staff are trained to not only guide trips but to lead discussions that take the lessons learned on the water and apply them to our faith and our life back home. A trip with Voyagers Canoe Country does not end with the final portage.

Each trip includes:

- Wilderness first aid and water safety certified guide
- Leave No Trace wilderness camping practices
- All group equipment including tents, packs and canoes (participants bring their own sleeping bags, sleeping pads, and clothing)
- Meals during your entire stay, at Camp and on Trail
- Lodging at Camp Vermilion on the first night of your stay. Trips choosing to come off trail Thursday may also opt to stay at camp Thursday night and depart Friday mid morning.
- United States Forest Service fees and paperwork
- Wide variety of trip options to meet your group's needs

Most trips consist of 8 participants and 1 VLM guide. Group size is set by the US Forest Service regulations. Larger groups are welcome to book several trips. Adult leader 21+ required for each trip.