

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.

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 can be downloaded from www.campminnesota.org/campambassadors
- 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, plants, tent, branches, 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.



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.

Camp & Retreat Office 612-230-CAMP (2267) or toll free 1-855-622-1973

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.

Summer Ministry Jobs!

Wanted: Caring Christians as counselors, nurses, cooks, lifeguards, craft leaders, office workers, canoe instructors, cleaning and maintenance helpers, photographers, teachers, and pastors.

Staff need to be age 18+

For an application contact a campsite. Salaried and volunteer positions with room, board and training provided. Share your faith in action. Make a positive difference in the life of campers.

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!

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