

Dear Northern Pines Camper and Parents,

We are so excited that you have decided to join us for a week of experiencing Christ, creation and community through Senior High Christian Youth Camp June 9 - 14! During our time at camp, we will come together with the junior high students for some classic camp experiences, but we will also take time to dig deep into our faith on our own around and outside of camp.



As you prepare for your camping experience, here are a few things that you will want to know:

- Please plan to arrive at camp on June 9th between 3 and 5 pm. There is a caravan traveling from Normandale Hylands UMC, but you must reserve a spot in advance. To do so, contact Mike Solberg (mike@nhumc.net) or call the church office (952-835-7585). Campers taking the caravan will leave NHUMC following the 9:30 am worship service and return on Friday at approximately 3pm. The roundtrip cost of the caravan will be \$50 per person to cover safe and reliable rental vans, gas, and lunch both ways.
- Pick up at the end of camp will be on June 14th between 10 and 11 am.
- Don't forget to fill out the Camper Medical Information and Authorization, Release of Liability and Camper Medication forms prior to your arrival at camp. Each of these forms is available online or through the Camp Minnesota office.
- We will be spending part of a day at Itasca State Park at the Headwaters of the Mississippi River. You will need to have shoes or active/athletic sandals (no flip flops!) that you will wear when we walk across the source of the Mississippi River.

Northern Pines Camp and Retreat Center is located at 20033 County 1, Park Rapids, 56470. Since it's always fun to receive mail, let your friends and family know to send a letter a few days early so that it is sure to arrive during camp. They may also e-mail you at NPCampers@campminnesota.org

To get to Northern Pines from the intersection of Highways #71 and #34 in Park Rapids: Go east on #34 to the first stop light. Turn left on County Road 1. Drive 2 miles to Northern Pines Camp on your left.

We look forward to seeing you in June! In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to let us know. Northern Pines staff can be reached at northernpinescamp@campminnesota.org, 218-732-4713 or www.northernpinescamp.org, or you can reach Tony at pastor.tony.fink@gmail.com or 507-235-5579, or Marianne at atwaterrosendlacumc@gmail.com or 320-219-3341.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Tony Fink and Rev. Marianne Ozanne
Co-Deans

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Things to Bring to Camp:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Health and Waiver Forms | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medication needed during camp | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag and pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate (modest) Sleepwear | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bath towel and toiletries | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable clothing and shoes for outdoor activities (shoes will get wet) | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing utensil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate (modest) swimsuit, sandals and towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Spending Money for canteen and/or Wednesday evening service offering |

Things **NOT** to Bring to Camp:

- Alcohol, drugs, tobacco
- Lighters, fireworks, weapons, firearms
- Pets
- Food or Candy
- Valuable items that could be lost or damaged

Personal Electronics Policy:

Campers and Counselors are NOT PERMITTED to use personal electronics during ANY group times or activities. We request that personal electronics (cell phones, mp3 players, etc.) be left at home and not brought to camp where they can become a distraction, a means of getting into trouble, and create potential for damage or theft. Northern Pines Camp and/or NHUMC will not be responsible for or liable for the loss, damage, or theft of any personal electronics. Students will be allowed to use their personal electronic devices during free time periods, only inasmuch as they do not become a distraction from the overall camp experience.

Please talk with your camper BEFORE camp and encourage him/her to try to appreciate the camp experience without relying on a cell phone or mp3 player! If a student is observed using a personal electronic device during a group activity, the phone will be confiscated from the student for one camp day.

Dress Code:

Please plan to wear clothing, sleepwear, and swimwear that is comfortable, but also modest and appropriate. This includes:

- T-shirts or tank tops with at least 1-inch straps
- Shorts or skirts that reach to mid-thigh
- Swimsuits that for girls cover midriffs and for boys cover thighs

The Camp Deans and counseling staff reserves the right to monitor campers' attire and may ask you to change your outfit if necessary.