



**Minnesota**  
**Annual Conference**  
of the United Methodist Church  
**Camping & Retreats Ministries**

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**You are coming to #329 Christian Friendship Camp 2, June 27-July 2 at Northern Pines Camp and Retreat Center!**



**IMPORTANT: Specific guidance around COVID-19 protocols at camp will be provided prior to the start of your event. Please watch your email for messages**

This letter confirms your registration for Christian Friendship Camp at Northern Pines Camp and Retreat Center. We are going to have an awesome time experiencing Christ, creation and community among the tall pines. You will have a lot of adventures, see old friends and meet new friends. We can't wait for our time together!

You will find the "Camper Health History and Authorization Form", "Release of Liability

Form", "COVID-19 Coronavirus Release of Liability Form" and other important information included with this letter. These forms are REQUIRED to attend camp and must be signed by participant's legal parent/guardian. If you misplace these forms, feel free to download them from our website or contact us to send more forms. You can bring these forms with you to check-in or mail them to camp ahead of time, but the easiest way to complete them is online. You are encouraged to use the electronic format and complete the forms at least two weeks prior

to camp to assist in a smooth check-in process.

We are looking forward to a wonderful time at camp. Please carefully read the rest of this letter as it has information that you will need to get ready for your time at Northern Pines Camp. Please contact us at [NPdirector@campminnesota.org](mailto:NPdirector@campminnesota.org) or call 218-732-4713 if you have any questions.



**What happens when I get to Camp?**

You'll want to arrive at camp during your check-in time. When you arrive at the camp you will be met by our greeter and directed through the check-in process. More details for pre-camp preparations and check-in procedures will be shared with you as we get closer to camp since Dept. of Health and CDC guidelines may be updated this spring.

**Please bring medication in the original prescription bottle or blister pack and put all medications in a gallon zip closure plastic bag. Please only send the amount of medications needed for a week of camp!**

Parents and guardians will also receive a camper ID card. The card must be presented to staff at your check-out time to pick-up



your camper. If someone else is picking up your camper, please make arrangements with the camp staff so we can confirm with the person picking up your camper prior to check-out day.

The camp store will be open for your camper during the week. We will inform you if the store will be open at check-in and check-out.

The camp store includes items such as: camp shirts, sweat shirts, jewelry, stuffed animals, blankets and other items. Payments accepted are: cash, check, and credit card.

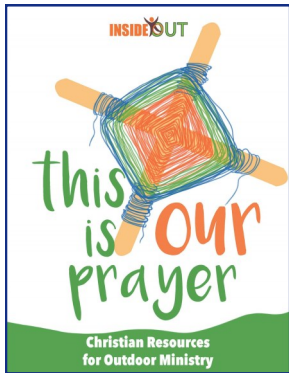
Remember, campers are required to be supervised by their parents or guardians until they are completely checked-in.



**Check in June 27:  
Sunday 3:00 - 4:00 pm**

**DIRECTIONS TO CAMP!**  
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.

## What happens at Camp?



Each day will include three meals and two snacks. After breakfast you will have Chapel Time. Our theme this year is "This is Our

Prayer" and each day there will be a key question that will guide our worship times and some of our daily activities. You will spend time in the morning doing some classic camp activities, such as crafts, fishing, and archery. Each afternoon you will have swimming and beach time and some fun Friendship camp games and activities. After supper, you will have worship and then a specially planned evening activity, one for every night. These evenings will consist of a talent show, dance, and award ceremony, to name a few. An evening campfire full of songs and fun may be part of the end of the

night before going to bed to sleep and get refreshed for the next day's activities.



## How do I contact my Camper?

Please like our Facebook page, Northern Pines Camp and Retreat Center, and follow us on Twitter and Instagram throughout the week to get updates and to see pictures of what our campers are experiencing.



Campers love to receive mail. Please allow at least 3 days for standard mail to reach camp. Keep in mind that for shorter events, you may need to mail letters before your camper leaves home for camp. You are also free to leave letters for your camper with the staff during check-in, to be distributed throughout

the week. Mail from home will make a great experience even better.

Campers may receive email at camp, but will not have access to a computer to respond. Our staff will print emails and deliver them to campers during lunch time.

Campers are allowed to use camp phones only for emergencies. If you have questions, concerns, or need to contact your child, please feel free to call the camp's number at any time.

Our staff is happy to assist you and will deliver your message to your camper as soon as possible.

In the event of an emergency, you may contact the camp 24 hrs a day

### Camper Mailing Address

Northern Pines Camp  
Your Campers Name  
20033 County 1  
Park Rapids, MN 56470

### Camper Email

NPcampers@campminnesota.org

### Camp Phone

(218)732-4713

## What happens at check out?



When you arrive at camp you will be directed by the greeter through the check out process. More details for check out procedures will be shared with you as we get closer to camp since Dept. of Health and CDC guidelines may be updated this spring.

Staff will collect your camper ID card you received at check-in. If camper ID cards are lost or misplaced, a photo ID and/or personal call from camp staff to the contact listed on the health form will be required. The health care manager will return any checked-in medications and needed medication forms at this time. You will also collect any unused cash and crafts from the week.

**Check Out July 2  
Friday 11:00 am**

## What to bring!

- \* Signed Health and Waiver Forms if not done online (preferred method)
- \* Medication needed during camp in a zip closure plastic bag
- \* Sleeping bag and pillow
- \* Bath towel, soap, shampoo, toothbrush and paste, personal hand sanitizer
- \* Sunscreen and insect repellent
- \* Bible
- \* Flashlight
- \* Camera, if desired
- \* Swimsuit, beach towel, sandals/water shoes, hat
- \* Clothing for each day (rainy days too)
- \* Jackets & Sweatshirt
- \* Tennis Shoes
- \* Money for canteen (suggested \$3/day) Camp store prices range from \$3-\$40
- \* A clean mask for each day of camp, put in small zip closure plastic bags

## What not to bring!

- \* Cell phones - If a camper brings a cell phone, they will need to leave it with a camp staff member during check in or send it home with a parent/guardian
- \* iPod/other electronic devices
- \* Sports equipment/ fireworks/ lighters
- \* Extra food/ snacks/ pop
- \* Alcohol/ tobacco/ drugs
- \* Pets of any type or size
- \* Weapons and Firearms

**It is never too late to bring a friend.  
Sharing camp with a friend makes a  
great experience even better!**