



407 - Northern Pines Family Camp 3

Welcome to Northern Pines Family Camp 3, July 25 – 31, 2021. *This is our Prayer* – that you come as your own family group and leave with new friends, deeper friendships, and a closer connection with God, as you spend time in Christian community becoming a part of one of God's larger family groups.

Hopefully you indicated all family/ roommate requests, including any pets you plan to bring when you registered. If not, please make any corrections. This will be most helpful when cabin assignments are made. Along with this Dean's Letter you should download/receive the following forms: Release of Liability, Covid Release of Liability, Family Camp Health, and Medication Form. Plus a map with directions to Northern Pines Camp.

Things to bring to camp – bedding, clothing for the week including hot, cool and rainy weather items, swimwear, towels, toiletries, medications, fresh masks for each person for each day. You may want to bring – bikes, fishing gear, snacks, (including ingredients for S'mores), extension cords, games, lawn chairs, a yoga mat, cooler for Wednesday.

Do not bring: fireworks, alcohol, weapons.

Cabin assignments will be made a few weeks before camp begins. Cabin requests will be granted taking into account family/group size, pets, medical needs and the order camp registrations were received. At that time, I will indicate the number of beds and the size for each cabin. Each cabin has a refrigerator, though most are a mini size.

Each day will include 3 meals prepared for you and an evening vespers service. In addition, there will be crafts, adult enrichment gatherings, group games and activities, campfires, medallion hunts, beach time, a canoe trip, biking opportunities, water Olympics, a fish fry and more. As always you may choose to participate or spend time fishing, reading, napping, etc. Wednesday is a planned "free day" where families are encouraged to leave the camp and head off with your picnic cooler for the day. Itasca State Park is just a 30-minute drive and has bike trails, hiking, a large swimming beach and the headwaters of the Mississippi River.

Registration will begin at 3 pm on Sunday, July 25 in the lower level of Red Pine. Please register before you begin to unpack in case there has been a last-minute change in accommodations. The first scheduled camp activity will be supper at 5:30 on the upper level of Red Pine. After supper there will be a meeting with the camp director, Leslie. At least one adult from each family is requested to attend. Then, at 7:00 all are asked to gather for family introductions and ice breakers. A low-key evening is planned so families can continue to unpack and settle in.

Camp will conclude on Saturday morning following the breakfast meal.

This is our Prayer is the theme of all Minnesota United Methodists camps this summer. At Family Camp 3 we will explore some various forms of prayer and spiritual practices as we connect, share, and celebrate together.

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