

NESODAK Youth Camper Info



Your week at NeSoDak is a great place for campers to make new friends, grow in their self-esteem, learn about teamwork and help develop a Christian community of faith. NeSoDak is an American Camping Association accredited camp located on a peninsula on Lake Enemy Swim. There are lots of opportunities for swimming, paddle boating, kayaks, biking and canoeing as well as large and small group activities such as basketball, volleyball, gaga ball and other group games.

We are looking forward to seeing you! Please read this information carefully so that you will know what to expect for your week at camp!

ARRIVAL TIME: Registration is at 4:00 pm (Central Time) on the first day of all camp sessions. Please prepare to arrive by 3:30 pm so that we may be available to welcome you as well as say goodbye to our weekend guests.

DEPARTURE TIME: For 1 to 3 day camp sessions - 12:00 noon on the last day of camp (full or partial weeks).

CLOSING WORSHIP Parents and family members of campers are invited to join us at **11:00am for closing worship**. You are also welcome to join us for brunch at 10:00am on the last day of full and half week camp sessions. There is a **\$8.50 cost for brunch** and we ask that you let us know a day in advance so our cooks will be prepared.

HOUSING: Campers will stay in cabins that house up to 11 youth and 1 counselor in each. There are two villages of 5 cabins each. A shower house is nearby with toilet and shower facilities.



MEALS & DIETARY CONCERNS: Please help us make your stay more comfortable, we would like to be prepared for you.

*If you have special dietary concerns or food allergies, please notify the camp at 605-947-4440 ahead of time to help plan for your stay.

Meals are served from the Dining Hall and we often eat on the picnic tables outside by the lake.

PAYMENT OF FEES/REFUND POLICY: Balance due is to be paid two full weeks in advance. If paying individually - please send check payment or pay online. If paying through your church group, please follow the instructions of your pastor/youth director. **Do not bring payments to camp.**

SEND PAYMENTS TO:
Lutherans Outdoors in SD
2001 S Summit Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57197

Please notify us immediately if you cannot attend. There may be people on a waiting list to get into camp! The \$125 deposit is not refundable, but is transferrable to another camp or camper within the summer of 2014.

There is a \$25 charge if the camp office is not notified of a cancellation at least 2 weeks before the scheduled date.

DAILY SCHEDULE/STAFF: Our staff primarily includes college age and older people who serve as counselors, cooks, lifeguards, program staff members and camp hands. Counselors will lead the campers from First Word in the morning through all daily activities including Bible study, worship, chore time, fun skits, games, arts & crafts, time at the lake and rousing evening campfires. Check out the LO website for a tentative daily schedule.

HEALTH HISTORY AND MEDICATIONS: Don't forget to bring your completed health form to camp including both camper and guardian signatures. Please be as thorough as possible for the best care possible at camp. If you take medication regularly through the school year, please continue that schedule during your time at camp. All medications will be turned into the Health Care staff during tours of the Health Care Center on opening night. The only exceptions are medications for life-threatening conditions, which are discussed on an individual basis with our Health Care Staff. If you have any special physical or dietary needs, please contact camp at least one week prior to arrival so that our staff can make proper accommodations for an amazing week. Do not mail your camper's health history form to camp, send it with to them to turn in during registration.

IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT: Health Care staff is on duty 24 hours a day and all medication and first aid treatment is recorded and filed daily. If there is an emergency or serious illness, parents will be notified by camp staff. We normally use the Waubay Avera Clinic or Sanford Webster Hospital. Please make sure to fill out emergency contacts with phone numbers on the health history form.

INSURANCE INFORMATION: Lutherans Outdoors does not carry any health insurance for campers. If we must take someone to the doctor for treatment, the camper is responsible for all costs. Personal property is not covered by camp insurance and any claims for loss or theft will need to be submitted to your personal homeowner's /renter's insurance company.

THE PACKING LIST

- **Sleeping bag, pillow** securely rolled and packed in water-proof stuff-sack or garbage bag.
- **Two pairs sturdy shoes** (closed-toed & closed-back running shoes for games)
- **Plenty of socks**
- **Warm jacket**
- **Camping clothes for warm days/cool nights**
- **Towels and personal toiletries**
- **Raingear** The program will continue even if it's raining!
- **Flashlight**
- **Bible, notebook & pencil**
- **Camera** (no camera phones)
- **Cap, hat or bandana** for sun protection
- **Swimsuit/towel/sandals**
- **Medications** if needed (please be sure inhalers are filled and all medications are in original containers)
- **Sunscreen & bug spray**
- **Your Health Form**

PLEASE LABEL YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS: It really helps to identify items in the lost and found and get them returned to you.

DO NOT BRING: electronics (radios, Nintendo DS, cell phones, ipods, video games, cds, mp3 players, etc.), pets, fireworks, weapons, alcohol, drugs, junk food, excessive amounts of toiletries or other unnecessary or dangerous items. Please leave all valuables at home that would be a disappointment if they were broken, ruined or lost at camp.

OFFERING: Each week we take an offering at camp at closing worship. This year the offerings will go to the **Lutherans Outdoors Campership Fund**- "Kids helping kids" go to camp. We will also collect hospitality items such as bug spray, sunscreen, toiletries and sleeping bags.

THE CAMP STORE Campers will have an opportunity to hang out and purchase food, drinks and souvenirs at the canteen each day. T-shirts, sweatshirts and other clothing range in price from \$12 - \$35. Anyone with money will open a canteen account while touring the canteen on opening night. Purchases will be deducted from the account and the balance refunded on the last day of the camp session. The canteen will also be open following closing worship on the last day of the camp session for families and friends to enjoy.

IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER: NeSoDak staff monitor weather conditions carefully and move campers and guests to our storm shelter in the basement of the lodge as needed. We will notify parents when appropriate, so please do not call camp during a storm so we can keep phone lines open and take care of our campers.

DIRECTIONS TO NESODAK

NeSoDak is in the North East corner of South Dakota near Waubay on Lake Enemy Swim.

From Interstate 29: At exit #207 on interstate 29 take Highway 12 west. About 10 miles (just east of Waubay) there will be a sign directing you north to NeSoDak and the Waubay National Wildlife Refuge. Take this paved road north about 7 miles to the next NeSoDak sign. Go straight onto the gravel road and curve right onto the peninsula. You will enter the camp in ¼ mile. Our parking lot is in front of the Lodge just past the Chapel.

From the west (Aberdeen area): Take Highway 12 east through Waubay. 1 mile east of Waubay will be a NeSoDak sign to turn north/left and follow this road for about 7 miles to the next NeSoDak sign. Follow gravel road into the camp. NeSoDak is about 150 miles and is about a 2-1/2 hour drive from Sioux Falls.

To send your camper mail send to:

NeSoDak

Attn: (Camper Name)

3285 Camp Dakota Drive

Waubay SD 57273

**or email your camper at nesodak@losd.org*

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS?

Contact Laura Eiesland at (800) 888-1464 for information about registration.

Contact NeSoDak (605-947-4440) for questions about programming and facilities.

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BE SURE TO BRING YOUR HEALTH FORM WITH YOU TO CAMP