



CAMP

Arcadia

ON LAKE MICHIGAN

TOGETHER



2026
SEASON
REGISTRATION
INFORMATION

MISSION: Camp Arcadia provides a Christ-filled setting for families, individuals and staff to connect with Christ and others amid the beauty of God's creation. Through vacation and retreat experiences at Camp, we are renewed in spirit, mind and body and are inspired to share the love of Christ in our lives, families and communities.

WHAT IS THE LCA? Camp Arcadia is owned and operated by the Lutheran Camp Association (LCA). The LCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization consisting of over 1,000 families and individuals. This group of committed Arcadians supports Camp Arcadia's ministry through their prayers, gifts, and by voting for the LCA Board of Directors and on other matters at the annual meeting. They are also given the opportunity to register early for a vacation at Camp Arcadia. Families or individuals may apply to join the Lutheran Camp Association for a one-time donation of \$600.

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When is the last time your family enjoyed a true vacation? Vacations can quickly become trips - complete with lists of reservations, expectations and decisions still to make. When did you last experience a truly restful and life-giving retreat? At Camp Arcadia, guests will discover a "little slice of Heaven," surrounded by the incredible beauty of the Lake Michigan shoreline and within the joy of an intentional Christian community.

For the parent with decision fatigue, Camp provides healthy meals served family style (with no planning, cooking, or cleaning required!) and a wide range of activities to keep family members happy all week long. For the families who find themselves always on the go, there are intentional opportunities to disconnect from the frenetic pace of life and enjoy slow, simple moments together. For the overworked, overburdened and overwhelmed, Camp offers a chance to be renewed in spirit, mind, and body.

Camp Arcadia has something for everyone!

Located in Northwest Michigan, Camp Arcadia is a non-profit, Lutheran, family retreat center and resort on the shores of Lake Michigan. It is owned and operated by the Lutheran Camp Association (LCA), which is composed of over 1,000 individuals and families who dearly love Camp. You do not have to be Lutheran or a member of the LCA in order to attend.

At Camp Arcadia, we strive to minister to each guest and each family. Family programming continues to be the largest focus at Camp Arcadia through our nine weeks of Family Retreats. Programs and retreats for men, women, teens, older adults, and confirmation groups give opportunities to serve people in every walk of life.

Our 2026 retreat schedule is located on page 8. We look forward to seeing you on the shores of Lake Michigan next season!

To learn more about Camp Arcadia, visit our website:
www.camp-arcadia.com.



TOGETHER A NOTE FROM CHIP

Recently I was describing Camp Arcadia to someone who had never been here. I told them to imagine one of the most beautiful places on earth complete with crystal blue waters, verdant forests and white sand beaches bracketed by towering bluffs. Then I told them that you get to enjoy God's beautiful creation with your friends and family, and you get to make new friends as well. Finally, I told them that at this uniquely stunning place where you are gathered together with people you love, you get to focus on the most important thing in life - growing closer to your Lord and Savior - Jesus. In fact, the whole community at this place is gathered together at the foot of the cross, giving thanks to God for His love and grace.

When I was done with my explanation of the Camp experience, it dawned on me that this is the magic of Camp Arcadia - it is the natural beauty, the community of believers, and our faith - together - that makes RKD a transcendent, transformative and generational experience.

Together in Christ the Camp Arcadia family comes together to resist loneliness and despair. At Arcadia you are reminded that you are not alone. We give thanks to God for Arcadia's Christ-centered community, for He knows we follow Him better when we do it together.



I hope that you are able to find your way to Camp Arcadia in 2026. I hope you can soak in the sun as it sets over Lake Michigan, enjoy much-needed time with family and friends, and remember that God's love is for you.

In Christ.

Chip

Chip May, Executive Director



COMING TO CAMP ARCADIA

FACILITIES

Camp Arcadia is nestled on the shores of Lake Michigan – surrounded by beautiful forests and small town living. With the simple charms of a resort built in the 1920s, Camp’s setting invites guests to disconnect from the hustle and bustle of everyday life in order to reconnect with God and each other.

Enjoy your morning cup of coffee on the front porch accompanied by sweeping lakefront views, play all day in Northern Michigan summer temperatures (70-80*), watch God’s artistry in the sky as you watch the sunset over Lake Michigan, and feel the lake breeze through your window as you drift off to sleep. Camp Arcadia gives you the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of God’s creation to the fullest with your family and friends.

Camp Arcadia is set on 110 acres of lakefront and woodland property, nestled in northwestern Michigan dune and orchard country. Our facilities include a basketball court, tennis courts, a baseball/soccer field, a low ropes course, a Craft Shop, nature activities, hiking trails, shuffleboard courts, and an

expanse of shoreline for exploring and enjoying. Camp’s three main buildings are located around a central patio area on the Lake Michigan shoreline. All buildings have ramps and are universally accessible.

Many guests stay in the Inn, which houses 44 rooms as well as the dining room where most meals are served. Guests may also choose to stay in one of the five Camp-owned cottages located about a block from Camp Arcadia. For more detailed information about our facilities, please visit our website.

DINING

Sharing meals with friends and family will be a highlight of your stay at Camp Arcadia. As the community gathers together around tables in our dining room each day, guests are renewed in body and spirit, sharing good food and great conversation. Many meals are served family style and feature fresh local produce and locally raised meats, alongside healthy sides and delightful desserts. We are able to fully accommodate several dietary restrictions, serving guests who are gluten free, nut

free, and vegetarian, however, due to the nature of Camp’s meal service, we are unable to eliminate cross contamination. At Camp Arcadia, we do all the work so you get to enjoy and relax!

PROGRAMMING

Camp Arcadia’s programming is family-centered and has something fun for everyone! The wide array of activities offered daily can keep even the most active family member busy all day long. With the opportunity to choose how much (or how little) to participate in each day, Camp is the perfect fit for every member of your family. Each week features a pair of “deans” who are spiritual leaders for the week, offering daily Bible studies for adults and lead the community in worship.

At Camp Arcadia, you’re invited to play tennis, kayak, enjoy the beach and Lake Michigan, hike, bike, play games and organized sports, golf at nearby championship courses, shop in local resort towns, visit area sights like Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, watch the sunset over the lake, enjoy ice cream at Camp Arcadia’s Trading Post, and relax or read a

book on one of our Adirondack chairs next to the lake.

Worship is an integral part of each Camp Arcadia experience. Whether you’re here for a weekend or a longer retreat, you will have the opportunity to worship at our Chapel on the Beach, an outdoor worship space overlooking Lake Michigan.

Camp Arcadia offers a variety of programming throughout each season including family weeks, teen weeks, and fall retreats catering to confirmands, older adults (50+), men’s and women’s groups. We also offer Respite Care for guests with special needs and their families during some retreats. (Reach out to Camp for more information!)

Want more detailed information about facilities, dining or programming?
Scan the QR code or visit
<https://camp-arcadia.com/about-arcadia>



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

HOW TO REGISTER FOR CAMP ARCADIA

Registration for Camp Arcadia's 2026 Season opens on December 1, 2025. To register, you must complete and submit your registration form either online or by returning your paper registration form (included at the end of this brochure) to Camp Arcadia.

There are three ways you may submit your registration form:

1. You can submit your registration form online by visiting camp-arcadia.com.
2. You can send your completed paper registration form via mail to PO Box 229, Arcadia, MI 49613.
3. You can return your paper registration form to the Camp Arcadia office in person.

All retreats are filled on a first come, first served basis, *with the exception of Camp Arcadia's Family Week Retreats*. Camp Arcadia does not accept registration forms via fax, email or text.

The priority registration deadline is January 5, 2026.

Each year, many of the Family Week Retreats are filled to maximum capacity with a waitlist of families hoping to secure their spot. Due to the high volume of requests for these retreats, Camp Arcadia conducts Family Week Retreat registration as a drawing. Please see the section below for more details. (Note: generally, Family Week Retreats in July and early August are in highest demand.)

Note: The paper registration form included with this brochure may be used to register for any Camp retreat *with the exclusion of Fall Confirmation Retreats*. To register for Family Weeks, Summer Starter, Lutherhostel and Labor Day Weekend, use one form **per household**. For Teen Retreats, Men's Retreats and Women's Retreats, please use one form **per person**.

THE DRAWING FOR FAMILY WEEK RETREATS

When registration opens on December 1, 2025, both LCA member and non-member registration forms for Camp Arcadia's Family Week Retreats will be accepted, but LCA members are given priority within the drawing process. **Only registration forms submitted and/or postmarked by the priority deadline, January 5, 2026, will be included in the drawing.**

After we have received all registrations sent by the priority deadline of January 5, we fill each Family Week Retreat to 75% capacity with LCA members before we return to fill remaining spots.

We will email you the results of your registration request by February 11, 2026. If you get in, your deposit will be processed. If you do not get in, you will be placed on a waitlist and your deposit will not be processed.

Participation in this registration drawing does not guarantee that you will be registered for a retreat at Camp Arcadia. We try our best to accommodate as many guests as possible.

LCA MEMBERSHIP AND PRIORITY REGISTRATION

One of the perks of Lutheran Camp Association (LCA) membership is priority registration. However, your membership does not guarantee that your family will get into a retreat at Camp Arcadia.

SENDING FORMS AFTER JANUARY 5, 2026

All registration requests submitted online or postmarked after January 5, 2026 will be processed in the order that they are received. If all the retreats on your registration form are full, we will not process your deposit and will place you on the waitlist. Depending on the volume of registrations we receive, we expect to notify you about your status within 7-10 business days after February 11, 2026 or after you submit your registration form (if after February 11).

WAITLIST

Guests who are not accommodated through the registration process will be placed on waitlists for all retreats listed under "retreat preferences" on their submitted registration form. To ensure the security of your financial information, we will not retain your deposit payment information if you are put on a waitlist. Upon being moved off of the waitlist and into a retreat, we will call to collect payment information for the full deposit amount to be paid at that time.

GROUP RESERVATIONS DURING FAMILY WEEKS

Multi-family groups are welcome to register together for Family Week Retreats. Groups of up to 30 people from more than one mailing address wishing to attend the same week are considered "Group Reservations." To make a Group Reservation, follow the following steps.

1. Select a Group Contact Person. This person will act as liaison and coordinator between the Camp Office and the members of the group.
2. Submit your registrations by the priority deadline (**January 5, 2026**) as follows: either enclose all registration forms together in one envelope and mail them together OR submit separately, indicating the Group Contact Person on each registration form (either by mail or online). Please note that the Group Contact Person should be the same person on all forms for the group.

Group Reservations are most easily accommodated in the weeks earlier or later in the summer. If LCA members wish to submit a group reservation, all families included in the group reservation must be LCA members to receive the LCA membership priority registration.

"Our grandkids can't wait to come back - God is here in a fun way for them."



ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- To increase the likelihood of getting into Camp Arcadia for a Family Week Retreat, please provide multiple options in the Retreat Preference section of your registration form.
- Confirmation emails will be sent when possible, so **please include a working email address on your registration form**.
- Vacation rates are for the entire retreat. Late arrivals, early departures or missed meals do not reduce the cost.
- During Family Week Retreats and Labor Day Retreat, teens 15 years and older will be housed with other teens as space allows, unless parents request otherwise. Males are usually housed in the Assembly dorm, and females are housed in Inn rooms.
- Room assignments are made according to your needs; we make every effort to ensure your comfort and grant your preference. Consideration is given to the number of people in your party, bed space and health needs.
- Most retreats will run from Sunday afternoon through the next Saturday morning. Your confirmation letter will contain additional details on check-in and check-out times.

CANCELLATIONS & CHANGES TO RESERVATIONS

Please notify the Camp Office immediately of any changes or cancellations.

Cancellation Policy for May - August Retreats:

- Cancellations before March 15: Your full deposit will be refunded.
- Cancellations between March 15 and May 15th: A \$100 cancellation fee per person will be applied.
- Cancellations after May 15: The cancellation fee is equal to the full minimum deposit.

Cancellation Policy for September - October Retreats:

- Cancellations before August 1: Your full deposit will be refunded.
- Cancellation after August 1: The cancellation fee is equal to the full minimum deposit; your deposit can be transferred to another guest if housing allows.
- Cancellations for Fall Confirmation Retreats should contact the Camp Office.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We never want cost to prohibit a family or individual from experiencing rest and renewal at Camp Arcadia. Applying for scholarships is now easier than ever! If you or someone you know would benefit from a retreat or vacation at Camp Arcadia at a reduced cost, visit:

www.camp-arcadia.com/scholarship to apply for available scholarship funds!

Are you an employee of a Christian church, school or camp? Are you a seminary student or recent grad? Are you hoping your child can attend a Teen Retreat? You and your family are eligible for specific scholarships set aside in the Arcadia Foundation! Visit www.camp-arcadia.com/scholarships to complete your application when you register!

If you have questions, please visit www.camp-arcadia.com/register or call the Camp Office: (231) 889-4361.

2026 CAMP ARCADIA RETREAT SCHEDULE

2026 CAMP ARCADIA RATES

DATE	RETREAT	RETREAT CODE	DEPOSIT**
May 22 - 25	Opening Weekend	OW	\$0
May 30 - June 5	Summer Starter Bill Yonker	SS	\$200
June 7 - 13	Alpha Teen Retreat Trevor Kunze*	ATR	\$250
June 14 - 20	Omega Teen Retreat Matt Popovits & Tanner Olson	OTR	\$250
June 21 - 27	Family Week 1 Scott Giger & Dave McGinley	FW1	\$175
June 28 - July 4	Family Week 2 Matt Popovits & Peter Nafzger* with Bob Unger †	FW2	\$175
July 5 - 11	Family Week 3 Ryan Tinetti & Sarah Salzberg with Bob Unger †	FW3	\$175
July 12 - 18	Family Week 4 John Nunes & Heath Carter with Sam Eatherton †	FW4	\$175
July 19 - 25	Family Week 5 Scott Bruzek & Arthur Just with Kevin Hildebrand †	FW5	\$175
July 26 - August 1	Family Week 6 Brian Davies & David Zahl with Blake Flattley	FW6	\$175
August 2 - 8	Family Week 7 Gabe Kasper & Tanner Olson	FW7	\$175
August 9 - 15	Family Week 8 Matt Hoffmann & Ken Chitwood	FW8	\$175
August 16 - 22	Family Week 9 Michael Newman & Conrad Gempf*	FW9	\$175
Aug 29 - Sept 4	Lutherhostel (Five-Night Stay) Bill Cwirla & David Fleming*	LH	\$200
September 4 - 7	Labor Day Family Weekend Jacob & Melina Smith*	LD	\$125
September 10 - 13	LLL Men's Retreat Michael Zeigler	LLL MR	\$125
September 18 - 20	Women's Retreat I Jamie Wiechman*	WR1	\$125
September 25 - 27	Women's Retreat II Cindy Koch	WR2	\$125
October 2 - 4	Arcadia Men's Retreat Chad Foster	RKD MR	\$125
October 9 - 11	Fall Confirmation Retreat I Doug Bender*	FC1	\$50
October 16 - 18	Fall Confirmation Retreat II Will Murphy*	FC2	\$50
October 23 - 25	Fall Confirmation Retreat III Sam Fink*	FC3	\$50
Oct 30 - Nov 1	Closing Weekend	CW	\$0

*This is a new presenter at Camp Arcadia. †Cantor – Church Music Leader.
**Children ages 2 and under are free and require no deposit.

		Summer Starter	Alpha Teen Retreat	Omega Teen Retreat	Family Weeks	Luther-hostel	Labor Day	Men's		Women's	Fall Confirmation
RETREAT CODE →		SS	ATR	OTR	FW 1-9	LH	LD	LLL MR	RKD MR	WR1 & WR2	FC1, FC2 & FC3
REGISTRATION FEE, \$ PER PERSON	On-Site Rates										
	Adult (18+)	645	--	--	788	590	345	310	289**	289**	135
	Adult, single occupancy	--	--	--	150	--	75	--	145	--	
	Teen (14-17)	--	595	595	599	--	320	--	--	--	175
	Youth (7-13)	--	--	--	440	--	220	--	--		
	Child (3-6)	--	--	--	305	--	165	--	--	--	
	Baby (0-2)	--	--	--	0	--	0	--	--	--	
	Minimum Deposit, per paying guest	200	250	250	175	200	125	125	125	125	50
HOUSING SURCHARGE, \$ PER HOUSING UNIT	Housing Surcharge	Summer Starter	All Family Weeks			Luther-hostel	Labor Day	Men's and Women's			
	Private Bath Inn Room	357			425	357	165	50 per person*			
	Aspen Cottage	350			445	350	180	50 per person*			
	Cedar Cottage	475			630	475	237	50 per person*			
	Birch Cottage	475			630	475	237	50 per person*			
	Spruce Cottage	395			585	395	215	50 per person*			
	Juniper Cottage	585			750	585	280	50 per person*			
	* This housing surcharge is a per person rate added to the registration fee. ** Thursday night add on \$75										

ADDITIONAL RATE DETAILS

Camp Arcadia rates (U.S. dollars) include lodging in a traditional Inn room, three meals daily, activities and use of all facilities. Listed rates are applicable for onsite guests - offsite guests should call the Camp Office for more information (231-889-4361). Ages of children are to be calculated based on their age at the start of vacation at Camp Arcadia. If applicable, housing surcharges are added once to the entire group's base registration fee. Housing surcharges for men's and women's retreats are \$50 per person staying in the housing unit. Thursday night add on rate includes lodging and breakfast on Friday.



“We were able to connect so much as a family and relax together in a way we haven’t experienced before in this wonderful environment”

CAMP ARCADIA MANAGEMENT TEAM

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2026 RETREAT DESCRIPTIONS

OPENING WEEKEND

MAY 22 - 25

This annual work weekend brings volunteers together to clean, rake, paint, build, and prepare the buildings for the coming summer season. Volunteers should come prepared to work efficiently to accomplish many tasks over the course of this weekend. Contact the Camp Office for more information.

SUMMER STARTER

MAY 30 - JUNE 5 BILL YONKER

WHO'S ON FIRST? PRACTICING FIRST PRIORITIES FOR HEALTHY/HOLY LIVING

Everyone wants to experience a vivacious, vibrant, victorious life! Yet restlessness, discontent, anxiety and fear are steering so many people's lives. There is more to life than plodding from activities and crises to more of the same. Focusing on the "Firsts" that the Bible tells us about helps get our priorities in order and leads us to live in the joy, abundance and freedom Jesus offers.

Pastor Bill Yonker serves as the Senior Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in East Dundee, Illinois.

ALPHA TEEN RETREAT

JUNE 7 - 13 TREVOR KUNZE

FOR TEENS GOING INTO 8TH, 9TH OR 10TH* GRADE.

**10th Graders can choose either the Alpha or Omega Retreat.*

Teens will spend a week with Trevor Kunze and adult counselors, being challenged to grow in a living and meaningful walk with Jesus. Lots of fun activities, time to learn, and the opportunity to make new friends make this retreat an awesome experience.

Trevor Kunze is in the process of launching a camp ministry called Three Trees Ministries in Colorado. After graduating from Concordia Wisconsin, he served as a DCE in CA and WI.

OMEGA TEEN RETREAT

JUNE 14 - 20 MATT POPOVITS & TANNER OLSON

FOR TEENS GOING INTO 10TH*, 11TH OR 12TH GRADE OR RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

**10th Graders can choose either the Alpha or Omega Retreat.*

Teens will spend a week with Pastor Matt Popovits, Tanner Olson, and adult counselors, exploring the interaction between faith and life's circumstances, concerns and conflicts. This is not advanced Sunday School, but a week of deepening faith in Jesus Christ and strengthening relationships with the Lord and with each other.

Rev. Matt Popovits is the Senior Pastor at St. Mark Houston in Houston, Texas.

Tanner Olson is an author, poet, and speaker living in Nashville, Tennessee.

FAMILY WEEK 1

JUNE 21 - 27 SCOTT GIGER & DAVE MCGINLEY

WRESTLING WITH GOD

While only one person in the Bible literally wrestled with God, every believer has moments when they question and challenge God. It can be the result of a personal or public situation, something that causes a crisis of faith or a moment of misunderstanding and concern. We can learn from the faith-filled people of the Bible to be guided through the wrestling without a loss of faith.

Rev. Dr. Scott Giger is the senior pastor of Cornerstone Lutheran Church, a large multisite church in central IN.

QUESTIONS THAT JESUS ASKED

Did you know that the Bible records that Jesus asked 307 questions, while Jesus was only asked 183 questions? We often view Jesus as the answer person, but he was also an amazing question asker. In these sessions, we will take some time focusing on the



questions that Jesus asked, because they are questions that are important for us to contemplate. The questions that we seek answers to are the questions that shape our lives for now and eternity.

Rev. Dave McGinley is the senior pastor at The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens.

FAMILY WEEK 2

JUNE 28 - JULY 4 MATT POPOVITS & PETER NAFZGER WITH BOB UNGER, CANTOR

THE SPACE BETWEEN US: HOPE IN THE HARDEST RELATIONSHIPS

Some of our most important relationships can also be the hardest; strained by political differences, past hurts, or simply not seeing eye to eye. Pastor Matt Popovits will share five biblical truths that can fill the space between you and those who are hard to love with hope and healing. We'll explore how God equips us to bridge divides, soften hearts, and reflect the One who closed the greatest gap of all, restoring us to Himself in Jesus Christ.

Rev. Matt Popovits is the Senior Pastor at St. Mark Houston in Houston, TX.

BEYOND THE MIRAGE: GENUINE COMMUNITY IN A LONELY, ANTISOCIAL CULTURE

Have you ever felt alone in a crowded room? Have you ever avoided people simply because they are exhausting to be around? Most of us have. Sociologists point out that our culture is both lonely and antisocial. What looks like community (even at church) is often an illusion. But as followers of Jesus, we have a unique calling and privilege. God sends us beyond the mirage toward a life of genuine unity in his Spirit.

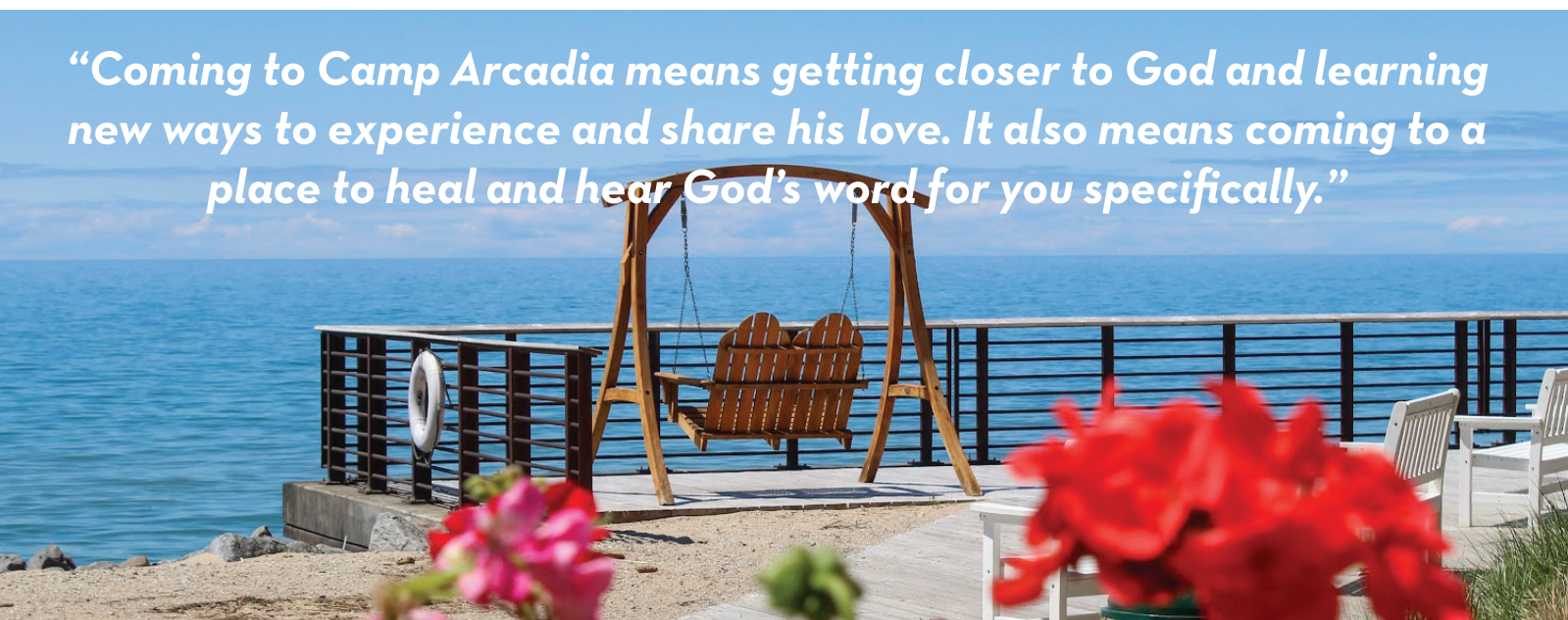
Dr. Peter Nafzger is an associate professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, teaching courses in preaching, Lutheran theology, and Christian formation.

Bob Unger is the Director of Worship and Music Ministry at Resurrection Lutheran Church and School in Cary, North Carolina and the Music Director of the North Carolina Boys and Girls Choirs.

“For our family, Camp is a time to slow down, unplug, and readjust our mindset and priorities.”



“Coming to Camp Arcadia means getting closer to God and learning new ways to experience and share his love. It also means coming to a place to heal and hear God’s word for you specifically.”



“God’s creation shines brighter at Camp Arcadia.”



FAMILY WEEK 3

JULY 5 - 11 RYAN TINETTI & SARAH SALZBERG WITH BOB UNGER, CANTOR

CURB THE CURSE: HELPING THE WORD CONNECT
In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus describes how the seed of his Word takes root and bears fruit—and how it fails to do so. In these sessions we'll look at the spiritual, cultural, and psychological factors that can keep the Word from connecting with others. Whether you are a parent, Sunday School teacher, church worker, or everyday disciple, you'll leave as a more confident and equipped sower.

Rev. Dr. Ryan Tinetti is Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and author of the book The Quiet Ambition.

PEOPLE OF THE WAY
In the Exodus, Yahweh not only provided the way out of slavery in Egypt, He also revealed the way He acts and what His character is like. This not only shapes how God's people live in the wilderness, but also how, in Jesus, we become people of The Way.

Sarah Salzberg teaches Old Testament at Orange Lutheran High School in Orange County, CA.

Bob Unger is the Director of Worship and Music Ministry at Resurrection Lutheran Church and School in Cary, North Carolina and the Music Director of the North Carolina Boys and Girls Choirs.

FAMILY WEEK 4

JULY 12 - 18 JOHN NUNES & HEATH CARTER WITH SAM EATHERTON, CANTOR

COMMON SENSE AND UNCOMMON SENSIBILITY
Our senses—hearing, seeing, tasting, smelling, and touching—are gifts to fortify our faith and beautify our lives with practical wisdom.

Dr. John Nunes has for four decades worked in the faith-based, non-profit sector, and now serves as the President of California Lutheran University.

“CITY ON A HILL”? U.S. CHRISTIANITY AT 250
As the nation commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we'll look back at the role that Christianity has played in U.S. life—and with an eye toward where we go from here. This week isn't just for history buffs. As people of faith trying to navigate this complex time we all have much to learn from the struggles and triumphs of the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us.

Dr. Heath W. Carter is Associate Professor of American Christianity at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Dr. Sam Eatherton is Kantor and Professor of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis where he leads worship, directs the choirs of the Seminary, and teaches classes on worship and formation.

FAMILY WEEK 5

JULY 19 - 25 SCOTT BRUZEK & ARTHUR JUST WITH KEVIN HILDEBRAND, CANTOR

THE TOUCH THAT HEALS THE WORLD
One joy of the Incarnation is that our Lord Jesus Christ has a body eager for touch — hands that cure, feet for anointing, a lap where children sit like kings, and even the hem of his garment heals. Come rejoice in the bodily, tactile, tangible, sacramental touch of Jesus that changes everything, blessing us here and now, guaranteeing our place someday in heaven, and ultimately healing the whole world.

Rev. Dr. Scott Bruzek is an Associate Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton, Illinois.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
The Gospels tell the story of Jesus, and the Acts of the Apostles tell the story of the church, how Jesus became a people. This is our story. Come and hear how, in the Acts of the Apostles, it is the touch of the church that heals the world, beginning with Pentecost when the Spirit of Jesus launched the church and continuing in Jerusalem with Peter and the twelve (Acts 1-12).

Rev. Dr. Arthur Just is a Professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne.

Kevin Hildebrand is Cantor at Concordia Theological Seminary and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN.

FAMILY WEEK 6

JULY 26 - AUGUST 1 BRIAN DAVIES & DAVID ZAHL WITH BLAKE FLATTLEY, MUSIC LEADER

LUKE: THE GOSPEL FOR OUTSIDERS LIKE US
More than any of the other Gospels, Luke reveals how, by the grace of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit, surprising figures can be major players in the story of God. Our time together will explore Scriptural narratives that highlight this reality, while also reflecting on and celebrating God's work in and through ragamuffins like us.

Brian Davies serves as pastor of Lord of Glory Lutheran Church in Grayslake, Illinois, and as Chaplain for the Grayslake Fire District and the Round Lake Fire Protection District.

THE CROSS NEXT DOOR
In our week together, we'll explore Martin Luther's Theology of the Cross through the lens of five distinctly modern maladies: loneliness, vengeance, perfectionism, depression,



and nihilism. Don't worry, it'll be a whole lot more fun than it sounds! Expect plenty of humorous clips and illustrations from pop culture, with a healthy dose of scripture to ground us in the grace of God as we seek to understand our neighbors (and ourselves) better.

David Zahl is the director of Mockingbird Ministries, co-host of the Mockingcast, and author of Seculosity, Low Anthropology, and The Big Relief.

Blake Flattley is an accomplished singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist.

FAMILY WEEK 7

AUGUST 2 - 8 GABE KASPER & TANNER OLSON

INTIMACY AND ORDER: AN INVITATION TO RELIGIOUS SPIRITUALITY
Perhaps you've heard someone describe themselves as "spiritual but not religious." And if you've spent much time in the church, you've met folks who we might say are "religious but not spiritual." The invitation of Scripture is for us to have an intimate spirituality with God but that relationship is not meant to be divorced from Christ's church, but rather found within it. Join us as we explore what this looks like.

Rev. Gabe Kasper is Lead Pastor of University Lutheran Chapel in Ann Arbor, MI.

GETTING THROUGH WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH
We're all going through something – it's part of the human experience. So how do we get through what we're going through? Together, we'll explore how God meets us in our struggles and invites us to trust Him, opening our eyes to the

promise that everything will, in the end, be okay – even when everything doesn't feel okay today. With the help of humor, poetry, storytelling and Scripture, you'll be invited to look back with grace and move forward with hope.

Tanner Olson is an author, poet, and speaker living in Nashville, TN.

FAMILY WEEK 8

AUGUST 9 - 15 MATT HOFFMANN & KEN CHITWOOD

JACOB - HOLY SCOUNDREL
What can we learn from this bad boy of the Old Testament, who eventually bears the name for God's chosen people? How do Jacob's struggles relate to ours? What does he teach us about the long winding journey of faith, and the reach of God's grace for flawed people?

Rev. Matt Hoffmann has been the Lead Pastor of St. Andrews Lutheran Church and School in Park Ridge, IL since 2011.

THE STORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN FIVE OBJECTS
This series journeys through the surprising material world of Christianity, told through stories of five objects scattered across the globe. Through a patchwork of connected and varied human experiences, Chitwood takes us on a physical and historical expedition, exploring the role of incarnation, sacraments, the senses, and everyday objects that offer a deep witness to how faith is expressed through the physical and profane, not apart from them.

Rev. Dr. Ken Chitwood is a professional religion nerd, writer and scholar based in Germany.

FAMILY WEEK 9

AUGUST 16 - 22 MICHAEL NEWMAN & CONRAD GEMPF

THE GOSPEL WOW FACTOR
Being a follower of Jesus is not an institutional effort, a bureaucratic pursuit, a ritualistic exercise, or moral philosophy. It is the freeing, refreshing, and surprising journey of living in God’s grace and gifts. Join Michael Newman in examining five key Biblical personalities who reveal the delightful surprises of faith. Refresh your Christian life by discovering the Gospel Wow Factor!

Rev. Michael Newman is a writer, speaker, and former president of the Texas District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

ACTS: NEXT STEPS WITH THE FIRST BELIEVERS
Jesus said, “Follow me.” That worked great for the Gospels. But then he ascended into heaven. Now what? Suddenly, in Acts, the first Christians became a lot more like us: having to figure it out as they go. We’ll see together that the things that challenged them and solutions they found are more than a little like our own.

Dr. Conrad Gempf is a retired lecturer in New Testament at London School of Theology, where he taught and learned for over 30 years.

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AUGUST 29 - SEPT 4 BILL CWIRLA & DAVID FLEMING

GALLOPING THROUGH GALATIANS
St. Paul’s letter to the Galatians is one of the foundational books of the New Testament, setting out the central teaching of Christianity, that a sinner is justified by grace in Christ through faith in Christ apart from our works. Martin Luther thought this letter to be so important, he wrote two commentaries on it! We will take a four session gallop through Galatians with cameo appearances from Luther.

Rev. William M. Cwirla is pastor emeritus in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, having retired from congregational ministry after serving for nearly 30 years as senior pastor of Holy Trinity - Hacienda Heights, CA.

REVELATION: ENCOURAGEMENT FOR NOW
The last book of the New Testament weaves a beautiful and challenging tapestry of Old and New Testament threads to present an encouraging picture to Christians. The Lamb is with His Church! It is no wonder that the Revelation of Jesus Christ to Saint John has inspired much hymnody, art, and discussion. We’ll dig through Revelation, focusing on its encouragement for us today.

Rev. David Fleming is Executive Director for Spiritual Care for Doxology - The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel, as well as Associate Pastor at Our Savior Lutheran in Grand Rapids, MI.

LABOR DAY FAMILY WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 4 - 7 JACOB & MELINA SMITH

ENCHANTMENT VS ENTRAPMENT: RECONFIGURING YOUR GOSPEL IMAGINATION
Jake and Mel will explore how the power of story and play opens our faith up to a deeper sense of wonder and mystery and have revealed that God is always at work in unexpected and unfamiliar ways. They will explore the question of how an imagination captured by the Gospel, sets us free from the dominant stories of scarcity, fear, and control.

Rev. Jacob Smith is rector of the Parish of Calvary - St. George’s in Manhattan, NY and co-host of Same Old Song, the lectionary podcast of Mockingbird Ministries.

Melina Smith is Executive Director of Storymaker NYC, a ministry that provides resources to help pass on the faith to the next generation.

LLL MEN’S RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 10 - 13 MICHAEL ZEIGLER

Join the Lutheran Laymen’s League (LLL) for a weekend of spiritual growth, fellowship, relaxation and recreation. More information will be included on the Camp Arcadia website as it becomes available.

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler is the 10th Speaker of The Lutheran Hour, LHM, in St. Louis, MO.

WOMEN’S RETREAT I

SEPTEMBER 18 - 20 JAMIE WIECHMAN

RESTING YOUR WAY INTO THE PROMISED LAND
When the author of Hebrews mentions the land God promised to Abraham, he calls it, “Rest.” Rest is the promised land that the Israelites waited centuries to enter and initially missed because they doubted God’s power. Do you long for rest? Do the giants in your life seem stronger than God? Join us on a faith journey that delights in an inheritance far greater than human strength can achieve. Come, enter Jesus’ rest.

Jamie Wiechman leads Breathe Life Ministries with her husband, Steve - which offers retreats and spiritual direction and mentoring for individuals and couples. They live outside of Houston, TX.

WOMEN’S RETREAT II

SEPTEMBER 25 - 27 CINDY KOCH

ONCE UPON A CURSE: THE AUTHENTIC STORY OF FAITH
Everyone believes that life should be a joyful story from beginning to end. But somewhere along the chapters of life, we all experience disappointment, heartache and pain. However, the greatest tragedy is that we have forgotten to admit the depths of our daily, authentic struggle. Journey through Genesis 3 to discover the root of our unspoken frustration and



the everlasting solution. Together we will be the start of honest and healing conversations, in Christ.

Cindy Koch lives in Southern California with her family, in the midst of raising five children. She has authored three books and is currently pursuing a PhD at Concordia, St. Louis.

ARCADIA MEN’S RETREAT

OCTOBER 2 - 4 CHAD FOSTER

SACRED SYNTAX: NUMBERS, NAMES, & HOLY GROUND
Explore the deep connections between the Hebrew language, biblical geography, and numbers. Discover how places like Caesarea Philippi, Gethsemane, the Pool of Siloam – as well as numbers such as 666, 153, and 3 – reveal new layers of meaning in Scripture. Experience the power of God’s Word through its language and landscape.

Rev. Dr. Chad Yeshayahu Foster is both an ordained LCMS pastor and an ordained rabbi. He has studied at Christian seminaries and Jewish yeshivas in England, France, and Israel. Currently, he serves as the Senior Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Macomb, MI.

FALL CONFIRMATION RETREATS

These fall retreats are designed to be the perfect kick-off to the Confirmation year! Confirmands in 6th, 7th or 8th grade, along with their pastor and adult chaperones, will spend the weekend engaged in meaningful Bible study, group discussion, and fun team-building and Camp-wide activities.

FCR I: OCTOBER 9-11
Rev. Doug Bender is the lead associate pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Macomb, MI.

FCR II: OCTOBER 16-18
Rev. Will Murphy is the pastor of worship and creative arts at Webster Gardens Lutheran Church in Webster Grove, MO.

FCR III: OCTOBER 23-25
Rev. Sam Fink is the pastor at Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church in Howell, MI.

CLOSING WEEKEND

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 1

This volunteer weekend is when we close the Camp for winter. Come enjoy a weekend of work, fellowship and FREE ICE CREAM! Contact the Camp office for further information.



SERVING AT CAMP ARCADIA



Serving God's people at Camp Arcadia is a job like no other! No question, the work is hard but immensely fulfilling. Every retreat at Camp has at least one thing in common: a group of hardworking and faith-filled staff members. For so many guests, these staff members and the care they show are what truly set their vacation at Camp Arcadia apart from vacations anywhere else! Positions are available in kitchen, housekeeping, program, office, facilities, archives, media, and trading post. Many staff serve in more than one department during their time of service.

Staff have the opportunity to live and work here at Camp Arcadia on the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan. All our staff are housed and provided meals on-site. Staff are paid, or they are offered a travel stipend if they choose to volunteer their time as a way to support Camp's mission. There are opportunities for almost everyone to serve on staff!

SUMMER STAFF:

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve God by serving others? Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in leadership, in faith, and in relationship with a close-knit community? Our summer staff is a group of around 40 college-aged students who serve full time on staff from Memorial Day weekend through the middle of August. We think it's an exceptional experience that will benefit you personally as well as professionally... but don't just take our word for it. Here are some quotes from members of the 2025 Summer Staff:

"The experiences you have on staff simply cannot be replicated anywhere else. Over the course of a few weeks, Camp Arcadia becomes a second home and a second family. Camp will lead to a lot of personal growth and learning, as well as giving you an environment for some of the most fun



you'll have in your life. My advice? If there is any way you can join staff, you should not hesitate."
– Nathan

"I learned how to work hard and pay attention to detail. After working at Camp, I realized that I really did value serving and I gained the desire to continue to do so after leaving." – Liz

"Serving on Summer Staff is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work with some of the best people you'll ever meet in one of the most beautiful places in the world." – Analiese

INTERNSHIPS: Camp Arcadia is a great place to complete an internship - we are happy to work with you to meet the necessary requirements, create a meaningful time of service, and build leadership skills and experience. Past summer staff have completed internships in business management, social media/communications, family life ministry, music performance & education, baking, hospitality management, archives and more!

FULL SEASON STAFF: Full season staff commit to working on staff for Camp's whole season: Memorial Day through the end of October. Serving on full season staff is a great opportunity for students taking a gap year or recent graduates who might still be discovering what's next. Perks of serving



on full season staff include pay bonuses, increased time off once Camp transitions to weekend retreats, a fun and diverse community of seasonal staff, and leadership opportunities and experiences.

TEEN WEEK STAFF: We hire 12-15 additional adults per week to serve as counselors during the Alpha and Omega Teen Retreat weeks. This committed group of adults works closely with their own small group of 8-10 teens throughout the week, leading them through opportunities for faith development, teamwork, community building, and fun. Nurses and nurse's assistants are needed for these weeks as well.

END OF SEASON STAFF: In mid-August, many of our summer staff return to college and we welcome paid staff and volunteers aged 16+ to serve on End of Season Staff. This is a great opportunity to serve within a hardworking and fun community.

Our End of Season Staff come from all walks of life: retirees, adults taking a few days off work to serve, parents and their children (16+), recent college graduates or students taking a gap year. End of Season Staff are welcome to work for a weekend, a week, or stay for a few months. Positions are available in all departments.

If you're interested in serving on staff, visit www.camp-arcadia.com/serve or contact the Camp Office for more information (231-889-4361 or camp-arcadia@camp-arcadia.com). Applications open December 1st!



OPERATION STAFF 2026

Each year, we find INCREDIBLE staff simply because someone like YOU stopped to have a conversation with a young adult they thought would be a great fit to serve at Camp!

NOT SURE WHERE TO START?

Think of a young adult who would enjoy serving and thrive in the Camp Arcadia Community & have a conversation with them!

- Share about your Camp experience: a funny story, a "God moment" or talk about how Camp has impacted your family!
- Tell them why you think they'd make a great Summer Staffer.
- Offer to connect them with Camp's website or more information about Summer Staff!

SUPPORTING CAMP ARCADIA

Generations of dedicated Arcadians have come together to support Camp by providing for its future. By doing this, they ensure the continuation of Camp Arcadia and its mission to renew “the whole person - spirit, mind and body - amid the beauty of God’s creation and in fellowship with other Christians” for years to come.

By making a gift of any size to Camp, you are investing in this experience for current and future generations! Your generosity is vital to Camp Arcadia’s ministry. We depend on your financial support to continually improve the Camp experience for you and your family. Donations fund improvements to buildings, programs, grounds, and offer

financial scholarships to guests! They allow us to hire outstanding staff, prepare and serve healthy meals, and bring in engaging speakers, all while keeping our retreat rates affordable.

Every gift is impactful. You can make a gift by mail, over the phone, or online (www.camp-arcadia.com/give). You can also give to Camp’s ministry through a Donor Advised Fund, gifts of stock, by designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars or Qualified Charitable Distributions/Required Minimum Distributions from retirement accounts, and more! **Reach out to Sarah (sarah@camp-arcadia.com) for more information.**

OFFICE USE

Room#:

Retreat:

FAMILY RETREATS (FAMILY WEEK, LABOR DAY RETREATS)

Adult Name(s):

Address (STREET, CITY, ST, ZIP):

Phone Numbers: Home: Cell:

E-mail: Home Church:

City:

REGISTRANTS

LIST ALL REGISTRANTS AS YOU WISH THE NAME TO APPEAR ON NAME TAG, EVEN IF NAMES APPEAR ABOVE.

NAME (FIRST, LAST)	BIRTH DATE [MM/DD/YYYY]	GENDER M / F	GRADE	NEXT YEAR

RETREAT PREFERENCE

WRITE THE RETREAT CODE BELOW IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE

1ST CHOICE

2ND CHOICE

3RD CHOICE

4TH CHOICE

Photo/Media Release: By registering, I grant Camp Arcadia and its agents the right to use, reproduce, assign and/or distribute photographs, films, video tapes and sound recordings of me, for use in materials they may create for the sole purpose of promoting Camp Arcadia

☐ This is my/our first time at Camp Arcadia.

☐ This is a group reservation. (Name of Contact Person:)

☐ I/We wish to celebrate the birthday/anniversary of [NAME AND DATE] :

☐ I/We wish to dine with or near

Would you like us to follow up on any of the following accommodation requests while at Camp?

☐ Respite Care ☐ Dining Room Accommodations ☐ Other

☐ Does anyone in your family have dietary restrictions/food allergies? YES NO Which family member?

☐ Gluten Free ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Nut Allergy ☐ Dairy Free ☐ Other

☐ Please send me a menu prior to my stay at Camp so I can plan to supplement some meals accordingly.

HOUSING AND OTHER PREFERENCES

☐ Traditional Inn Room

☐ Inn Room w/ Private Bath (2nd Floor, Surcharge Applies)

☐ Inn Room with Universally Accessible Private Bath (1st Floor, Surcharge Applies)

☐ Camp-owned Cottage (Surcharge Applies)

☐ Aspen

☐ Cedar

☐ Spruce

☐ Birch

☐ Juniper

☐ Need 1st Floor Room for Health Reasons

☐ Single Person in Room (Surcharge Applies)

☐ No Housing Needed (Off-Site Rate Applies)

I’m staying at:

FOR TEENS/YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 15+)

☐ Assembly Dorm Room (boys)//
Inn Room with Other Women (girls)
(if space allows)

☐ Inn Room with Parents/Family Members

FOR SMALL CHILDREN/INFANTS...

☐ Pac-N-Play Needed

☐ Dining Room Booster Chair Needed

☐ Dining Room High Chair Needed

DEPOSIT

A. Total number of paying guests

B. Minimum deposit per person \$

C. Total deposit enclosed \$ [A x B]

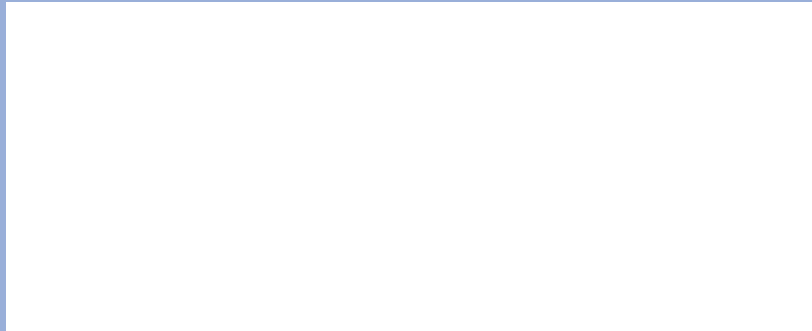
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Signature



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION



“When I am engulfed in the world’s chaos, I can count on Camp Arcadia to provide Jesus’ peace.”