

The Wisconsin Congregational Association proudly presents

WICA CAMP 2024

**THE GANG'S
ALL HERE**



Who? Students completing **grades 3-12** in the spring of 2024

What? A super-**fun** week of building **faith** and **friendships**

When? Sunday, **July 7**, 3 PM – Saturday, **July 13**, noon

Where? Mt. Morris Camp & Retreat Center (near Wautoma, WI)

Why? Many kids call it “**the best week of the whole summer!**”

How? Registration details are on the following pages. Read on! :)

More on what WCA Camp is all about

It's about being away from "normal" life, being in a beautiful setting, renewing friendships and making new ones, getting more in touch with your spiritual side, becoming more aware of God's presence and guidance, learning from your peers and from some awesome adult leaders, sharing a lot of laughs, and making memories you'll treasure for a lifetime.

Activities include (in no particular order)...

Volleyball	Campfires	Ultimate Frisbee	Crafts
Singing	Nature hikes	Cabin devotions	Swimming
Discussions	Soccer	Disc golf	Communion
Basketball	Trivia	Yoga	Spikeball
Gaga Ball	Worship	Biblical reflections	Skit Night
Water Polo	Wiffle Ball	Great meals & snacks!	"Friday Finale!"

About grade levels...

- Students in grades 3-12 during the 2023-2024 school year are eligible to be 2024 campers.
- All grades worship, eat, and swim together.
- But for biblical discussions, devotions, campfires, etc., kids are grouped separately based on grade levels.
- For some of the sports and games, campers are grouped based on grade levels.
- And lodging is also arranged according to grade levels.

This year's leadership team includes...

Deb Hayden, member
First Congregational Church
Wauwatosa, WI

Brodde Peterson*, member
Heritage Congregational Church
Madison, WI

Bo Wilkinson*, member
Ozaukee Congregational Church
Grafton, WI

Rob Fredrickson*, Associate Minister
Ozaukee Congregational Church
Grafton, WI

Tonia Wallner, Director of Christian Education
First Congregational Church
Wauwatosa, WI

** = Indicates this person is also a former WCA camper!*

Most of our compassionate and gifted counselors are also former WCA campers.

The staff team also includes a top-notch kitchen crew and wonderful camp nurses!

Modeling inclusivity

First off, you don't have to be officially affiliated with a Congregational church to come to camp. Friends from other denominational backgrounds are always welcome. However, please understand that this is a Christian camp. We will pray, sing praise songs, talk about Jesus, and seek deeper understanding of God.

Additionally, please note that the WCA Camp leadership team strives to be welcoming and affirming toward all participants—campers, counselors, and other staff members. We seek to be open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, or sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity).

From the Directors:

Come join “the gang” at WCA Camp this year! We are excited to explore the Bible through the eyes of our favorite “Peanuts” characters as we look at their qualities. Charlie Brown and the gang all brought together their unique personalities and quirks to create a great group of friends who share love and kindness with each other. We want to welcome you to do the same at WCA Camp this year as you become part of our gang!

How much does it cost?

- If you register and pay on or before May 31: \$450 (\$50 deposit + \$400 balance).
- Starting on June 1, the fee will be \$500 (\$50 deposit + \$450 balance).
- The \$50 deposit is non-refundable. But if truly extraordinary circumstances cause you to cancel after paying in full, the balance can be refunded to you.
- Need-based support may be available through the Clayton Wakefield Memorial Scholarship Fund. You can apply online at wiscongregational.net/wakefield.
- Please contact Rob Fredrickson at rcf474@gmail.com if you’d like to donate to the Wakefield Fund!

Signing up – in just four easy steps!

1. REGISTER: Go to wiscongregational.net/register-camp, complete the on-screen form, and make your \$50 deposit/“down payment.”
2. DOWNLOAD FORMS: On the same webpage, you’ll see links to the health form (required) and the scholarship application form (optional).
3. SUBMIT FORMS: Sending forms online is strongly encouraged. But, if you prefer, the offline options are explained on that same webpage.
4. FINAL PAYMENT: Again, paying online for your balance due is strongly encouraged. But, if you prefer, the offline options are explained on that same webpage.

*Please note that **all aspects** of the registration process—including **all forms** and **all payments**—are to be completed on or before Friday, June 21.*

The Registrar, Deb Hayden, will email you to confirm receipt of your registration materials and payment. For other questions, contact Rob Fredrickson at rcf474@gmail.com.

Packing – necessities

- Shirts, shorts, shoes, socks, underwear, jeans, sweats, jacket, sleepwear
- Towels, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.
- Pillow, sleeping bag or sheets with blanket
- Bible (!!!), sunblock, insect repellent, flashlight

Packing – strongly suggested items

- Sandals (footwear must be worn except in cabin or pool!)
- Swimsuit, hat, sunglasses, poncho or umbrella, electric fan
- Frisbee, disc golf discs, or other sports equipment, ca\$h for snack bar and gift shop
- Watch (your phone is only to be used during free time, and then only in your cabin)
- One somewhat dressy outfit for the special Friday night dinner

Please don’t bring these...

Laptops, tablets, other electronics (The WCA will not be responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items.)

Definitely not allowed

- ⊘ Tobacco products of any kind, lighters, matches, other flame producers
- ⊘ Alcoholic beverages, drugs or drug paraphernalia (except necessary meds to be dispensed by the nurse)
- ⊘ Firearms, ammunition, knives, hunting equipment, weapons of any kind
- ⊘ Firecrackers, fireworks, explosives of any kind
- ⊘ Hoverboards, rollerblades, skateboards, scooters, mini-bikes, motorcycles, air conditioners, pets
- ⊘ Food (with the exception of cereal which must be kept in the dining hall)
- ⊘ Any clothing that might be deemed suggestive, inappropriate, or too revealing for our age mix

Where is it exactly?

Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center
W6016 Blackhawk Road
P.O. Box 676
Wautoma, WI 54982

Check out Mt. Morris online: www.mt-morris.org
1.888.MTMORRIS • Fax: 920.787.0072 • mtmorris@bugnet.net

👉 *This address can also be used to send mail to a camper during the week!*

Checking in

- Please be sure to arrive at camp **between 3 PM and 4 PM on Sunday, July 7.**
- All forms and all payments should have already been completed prior to Friday, June 21.
- Each camper's **medications** should be in the original containers, and bundled together in a ziploc bag. The camper's name and dosage for each medication should be clearly indicated.
- We strongly advise against campers driving themselves to and from camp. Those who do must turn in their **keys**. Campers will not be permitted to operate vehicles during camp.
- Counselors will be on hand to help campers locate their cabins and get settled in before activities start shortly after 4 PM.
- We place a high value on being together for the full week-long experience. Therefore, any late arrivals or early departures will need to be approved in advance, at the discretion of the WCA Youth & Camp Committee Chair (currently Rob Fredrickson).

During the camp week

All campers are expected to respect their fellow campers, the camp staff and the campgrounds. This means each camper is expected to comply with all instructions from camp staff, and make a good-faith effort to participate in all scheduled activities unless excused by a staff member. Campers may not leave the campgrounds without staff permission. Campers may not enter any cabin/sleeping area other than their own. Furthermore, indecent exposure, abusive language, disturbance of another's sleep, violation of another's privacy and/or property, and abuse of the campgrounds and facilities will not be tolerated, and may result in the camper in question being sent home immediately.

Departure

It's important that we depart from camp promptly so that preparations can be made for the arrival of the group using the facility just a couple hours after us. So please be sure to pick up your camper(s) right at noon on Saturday, July 13. Thanks for your cooperation.

The WCA Camp leadership team is super-excited, eagerly anticipating the week of July 7-13.

We look forward to welcoming YOU to WCA Camp – 2024...

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