

Camp and Retreat Ministries of the Dakotas and Minnesota Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church

Mission:

Experiencing...Christ, Creation, and Community through camp and retreat ministries

Core Values:

We do this as we:

- Provide Sacred Places Apart
- Nurture Christian Faith and Discipleship
- Teach Creation Care and Appreciation
- Partner With United Methodist Churches & Agencies
- Extend Christian Hospitality And Community
- Develop Principled Spiritual Leaders
- Inspire and Equip Lives for Love and Justice

Outcomes:

Disciples and leaders, who hear and respond to God's call to:

- Share Faith
- Love and Accept Everyone
- Serve Others
- Trust God

Dakotas Conference Camping Ministry Outcomes
A Living Document

Campers will claim and become their best self, claiming God's call on their life. Camp will grow Christian leaders who:

- Articulate faith
- Love and accept everyone
- Serve others
- Trust God

Early Elementary (Grades K-3)

- Articulate faith
 - God loves me; Jesus loves me
- Love and accept everyone
 - God loves you
- Serve others
 - God wants me to help others
- Trust God
 - God hears my prayers; God listens to me

Elementary (Grades 4-6)

- Articulate faith
 - Where do I see God
 - God is . . .
- Love and accept everyone
 - God made us different and that is good
 - I accept what is special in me and in others
- Serve others
 - I can make a difference; I can claim my power
 - Responsibility both locally and globally
- Trust God
 - 24/7 God; God is always with me
 - Know and practice spiritual disciplines

Middle School (grades 6-8)

- Articulate faith
 - See Self in context of God's story
 - Salvation – claim faith and claim to continue their journey

- Tell how they experience God
- Love and accept everyone
 - Claiming and supporting others as they claim their identity
- Serve others
 - Seeing beyond self to connect faith and the world – take personal responsibility
- Trust God
 - God will speak to me
 - God still loves me – even in the questions asked

High Schol (grades 9-12)

- Articulate faith
 - Defining personal evangelism – applicable and appropriate
- Love and accept everyone
 - Live in the Wesleyan middle with health
 - Living with quadrilateral
- Serve others
 - Outside your comfort zone
 - Service as a part of faithful life
- Trust God
 - Identify, claim and use your gift – hearing calling of life