Camp Concordia

Spring 2019 Newsletter

CC exists to provide opportunities (engage experientially) to encounter Christ in the midst of God's creation - enriching body and soul

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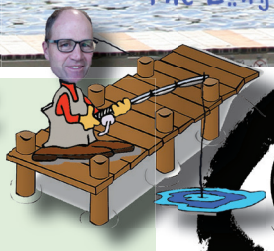
The Long Stroke



From the Doc

The Past

On a cold April day in 2014, a truck arrived at Camp Concordia with all of our belongings ready to be unloaded. Within the first month the part-time maintenance and part-time secretary announced their departure, I was shown the results of frozen water-lines in the girls bathrooms, only a few dozen campers had registered for camps starting in June, there was unexplainable debt and summer staff to hire. Thankfully, the interim director chose to stay through the summer, the prior director had gotten doors on buildings, leaves cleaned up, etc. with volunteers from a period of disrepair in the early 2000's and I was with a group of board members who were ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

The Future

On April 1, 2019, five years later, God has blessed this ministry beyond measure (although we work hard to show you measures in this Annual Report). I am grateful that we are able to focus on our true mission, that is sharing Jesus Christ with children, youth and families from across Michigan and the surrounding area. The debts are paid, the books are in order and we have a plan for the future.

It could be that God may change the vision of the board of director's, but until that day comes, we are zipping full speed into the future with your help, your financial support, prayers and encouragement.

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Making Camp ZIP

Stepping off of the Zip Line platform is a little scary and a little exhilarating. When it's done it's a lot of fun and most campers ask, "Can I do it again?"

Thanks to all those who donate toward the purpose of Camp Concordia. We hope it is a little scary, a little exhilarating, and in the end, you will see the amazing work that has been done with your money and you will think to yourself, "I can do that again."

You CAN!

By the way, if your name or organization was accidentally left off this list, please let us know. We would love to give you credit for helping to make Camp Concordia Zip into the Future.

Thank you!

$1-$49

Anonymous
Atonement Ladies, Dearborn
M/M T Bland
M/M T Boyer
M/M D Derusha
R Driscoll
M Gardner-Knauff
S Genther
W Goetsch
M/M R Harmelink
M/M C Hauss
R Kelley
L Kieda
F Lehnen
M/M R Leistner
S McMullen
S Neumann
M/M O Nieman
Our Redeemer WIGs, Muskegon
M/M M Palazzolo
M/M R Parent
D Raycroft
M/M N Refalo
M/M P Smyth
M Soderstrom
M/M J Spinoso
M/M M Thomas
M/M T Walter
M/M B Woons
M/M M Zwyghuizen

$50-$99

E Gingerich
Grace Sunday School, Coopersville
M/M H Graupner
M/M T Hoese
M/M J Jackson
M/M G Johnson
M/M W Karpenko
M/M R Krueger
J Laidlaw
J Lovatt
M McNitt
M/M T Mcquiston
Messiah Service Guild, GR
M/M J Ohashi
K Oliver
M/M P Pillsbury
S Reemsnyder
A Samsell
M/M K Sanders
M/M D Seitz
M/M T Shaeffer
M/M A Sheridan
M/M B Spletzer
St. Andrew Ladies, Portland
M/M J Teneyck
M/M T Van Dyke
E Varblow

$100-$249

M/M D Anderson
M/M J Bartzsch
M/M D Barz
M/M M Boucher
M/M J Bruinsma
Chapel of Lakes Dorcas, Mecosta
M/M C Clark
M/M R Cochrun
M/M D Dahl
M/M J Eggert
M/M L Esselman
M/M P Garchow
M/M M Golchert
M/M F Graves
M/M R Groggel
C Hale
M/M M Hein
Holy Cross Ladies, Belding
M/M L Kettner
K Kocsis
M/M A Kuhn
M/M S Leistner
M/M P Lytikainen
J Meek
M/M D Meyer
M/M C Morton
S Oisten
M/M D Porter
M/M R Rehmer
M/M W Rexius
M Rivers
Sandtveit Family
M/M M Scheel

M/M G Schroeder
E Seely
St. Michael Lutheran, Portage
M/M T Wampfler

$250-$499
M/M J Boeve
Camper Canteen Donations
R Carpenter
Girls of Grace, Coopersville
E Knight
M/M D Marasus
J McMullen
M/M J Pellerito
L Reiner
M/M J Swigart
Trinity, Reed City
M/M M Wieneke
M/M J Williams

$500-$999
M/M G Humphries
M/M K Kane
M/M F Lovett
M/M T Oltman
M/M T Povich
M/M S Randa
St. Matthew, GR
St. Peter, St. Johns
T Venema
M/M S Wilson
Women of Holy Trinity, Lakeview
M/M D Yee

$1,000-$4,999
M/M Bonnell
Bill Braman Estate
M/M J Burgmeier
Christ, White Cloud
M/M T Ernst
First, Charlotte
E Garchow
Holy Cross, Jenison
Hope, Grand Rapids
M/M D Humphries
M/M M Lovett
Mt. Calvary, Greenville
M/M C Oldenburg
M/M R Smeeding
St. Peter's, Rockford

$5,000-$9,999
R Evans
M/M T Ludford
B Oldenburg
M/M B Wireman
W Wrede

$10,000-$15,000
Anonymous
M/M J Newkirk

2018 In Honor of Terry Ludford:
by Russel & Kathleen Harmelink
by Freda Lehnen
by Michael & Susan Palazzolo
by Keith & Paula Sanders

2018 In Loving Memory of:
Michael Murphy by Doug & Vera Humphries
Ron Lovatt by Fred & Nada Lovatt
Kenneth A. Oldenburg by Craig & Mary Oldenburg
Walt Reiner by Lois Reiner
Michael Schmidt by Charles & Florence Snyder

Grant $ and Other $ received in 2018
Bill Braman Camp Concordia Endowment Fund
Greenville Area Community Foundation
Michigan Church Extension Fund

Special thanks to Thrivent Action Team Leaders who made things happen with $6,500 in seed money.
Projects accomplished include:
- Parenting with Love & Logic Workshop
- Youth Leadership Workshop
- Newsletter & Brochure mailings
- Building updates, repairs and painting
- A boat storage shed
- Deck Overhang
- Golf Outing
- Waterfront updates
- Picnic Table Repair

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Also through Thrivent Choice, member dollars, Camp Concordia received $4,084 in charitable outreach funding in 2018.

Donations of Items 2018:
Tractor Parts & Repair (R Evans)
Vehicle Battery (W Goetsch)
Mattresses (D Steffan)
Program Equipment (Windemuller)
Kitchen Steam Tables (Anonymous)
Challenge Course Signs (Adventure Experiences)
Baking Pans (D Oldenburg)
Lumber (M/M Schulz)
Trash Can (E Landheer)
Row Boat (R Comstock)
Boat Winterization (M/M Lovett)
Ink Cartridges (M/M Schulz)
BBQ Grill (T Powell)

Donations of Services 2018:
Advanced Pest Management
Gravel Graders
Heartwood Construction
Thompson Well Drilling
Lakeside Surfaces
Yellow Rose Transport

Ways others have supported
Amazon Smile
Heart of West MI United Way
- Amway
- City of Grand Rapids

PayPal Giving Fund
Metal Recycling
- Wolgast Construction

Golf Outing Sponsorships:
Eagle Sponsors
- Anonymous
- Dental South - P Garchow
- Hope, GR
- M/M D Humphries
- M/M T Ludford
- MI Church Ext Fund
- Mt. Calvary, Greenville
- G Joseph Pasman, Jr
- Vicky and Dusty Rhoades
- Sysco Corp - T Shaeffer
- Thrivent - Scot Fay

Birdie Sponsors
- Rehmann CPAs - Anderson
- Dick Wilson Family

Par Sponsors
- Dr Gary & Cynthia Humphries
- Hurst Funeral Home
- Isabella Bank
- Petersen Oil & Propane

2018 Volunteers:
M/M J Blanchard
V Christensen
K Draper
A Evans
R Evans
W Goetsch
GR Area Church Youth
Haak Family
A Johnson
M Karagoulis
M Knehans
D Lawrence
A Lovatt
J Lovatt
M/M M Lovett
T Ludford
L Magera
K Malling
A Mellema
Messiah Men, GR
M/M E Newberg
M Oldenburg
M/M W Rexius
A Rohde
Schulz Family
St. Matthew Youth, GR
L Stuart
J Tomezak
K Welsch
West MI LHS
West MI Confirmation Yth
S Wilson
S Yetzke

Zipping into the

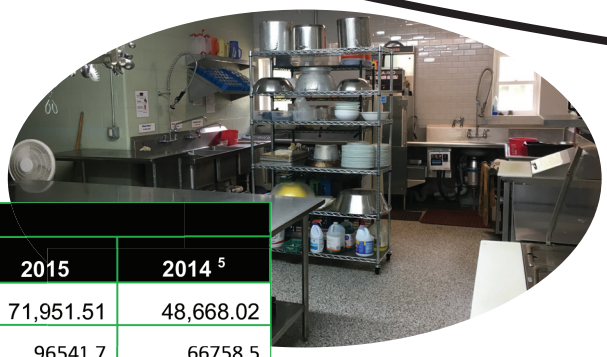
Income $255,865

$88,670 GOAL
$74,804 so far

2018

You EXCEEDED the GOAL

In a prior newsletter, we asked you to consider stepping up and helping Camp Concordia meet a necessary target to achieve a sound ministry goal for 2018. Hoping for another $14,000, you surpassed the goal and provided over $92,000 in contributions for the year. Thank you.



Unaudited 2018 Annual Report

Zipping In	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014 [5]
Gifts to Operations	92,330.39	94,946.19	93,640.09	71,951.51	48,668.02
Camps, Rental Fees	130,443.65	123,175.18	72,248.38	96541.7	66758.5
Designated Gifts to Operations	21,791.08	20,329.20	8,724.00	7,278.97	17,370.17
Other Income[1]	11,300.73	21,714.86	10,574.79	23,132.60	12,430.55
Total In	**$255,865.85**	**$260,165.43**	**$185,187.26**	**$198,904.78**	**$145,227.24**
Zipping Out					
Staff Salaries & Benefits [2]	93,042.03	92,121.48	82,780.45	80,554.94	61,367.85
Payroll Taxes	6,384.51	6,639.14	5,417.27	4,521.65	5,362.44
Insurance	32,127.04	37,891.04	29,405.25	28,481.80	22,333.89
Building/Maintenance [3]	30,494.55	35,316.19	10,025.33	16,639.17	17,164.25
Utilities	12,344.62	13,061.78	9,985.98	11,119.37	14,525.30
Food and Kitchen	7,866.29	8,584.29	4,678.99	6,857.53	5,660.83
Promotion	5,562.39	5,449.43	4,463.86	7,199.92	4,360.78
Program	8,759.83	7,306.96	3,298.97	4,044.68	1,474.45
Gov. Fees, Bank Fees Professional Fees	10,392.57	10,386.71	8,147.37	9,527.11	7,878.87
Other Expenses [4]	7,770.51	9,665.03	6,311.96	7,725.12	13,835.17
Total Out	**$214,744.34**	**$226,422.05**	**$164,515.43**	**$176,671.29**	**$153,963.83**
Net Operating Income	**$255,865.85**	**$260,165.43**	**$185,187.26**	**$198,904.78**	**$145,227.24**
Net Income [6]	**$ 41,121.51**	**$ 33,743.38**	**$ 20,671.83**	**$ 22,233.49**	**$ (8,736.59)**

[1] Camp Store, Grants, Endowment, Misc
[2] includes summer staff, food service staff, maintenance and year-round staff w accountable plan (significant increase in 2015 reflects moving from 1 staff per cabin to 2)
[3] 2017 & 2018 includes kitchen upgrades to all stainless, dishwasher and epoxy floor; plus continued building repairs for health and safety
[4] Staff Recruit, Administrative/Office, Camp Store
[5] New director started in April of 2014
[6] This allows Camp Concordia to be able to add additional year-round staff and continue its building upgrades with increased emphasis.

old Line of credit

Camp Concordia has been able to pay off debt and establish an emergency fund in place of paying thousands of dollars over the years to retain a line of credit that required interest payments on top of debt. What does this mean? Every dollar you contribute to Camp Concordia is going to its work with families and children through program, building improvements and very reasonable summer camp fees. Imagine, this includes budgeting for 2 summer staff per cabin for accountability and safety, training, quality food and an incredible, Christ-centered, faith forming program.

Future

2019 Board of Directors

DCE Steve Wilson (St. Johns, Rochester) - President
DCE Luke Esselman (Grace, Coopersville) - V. Pres.
Kelly Oliver (Our Savior, Grand Rapids) - Secretary
Bill Goetsch (Holy Cross, Belding)
Bill Schultz (Bethel, Howard City)
Terry Ludford (St. Paul, Kalkaska)
Ed Newberg (Immanuel, Grd Rapids)

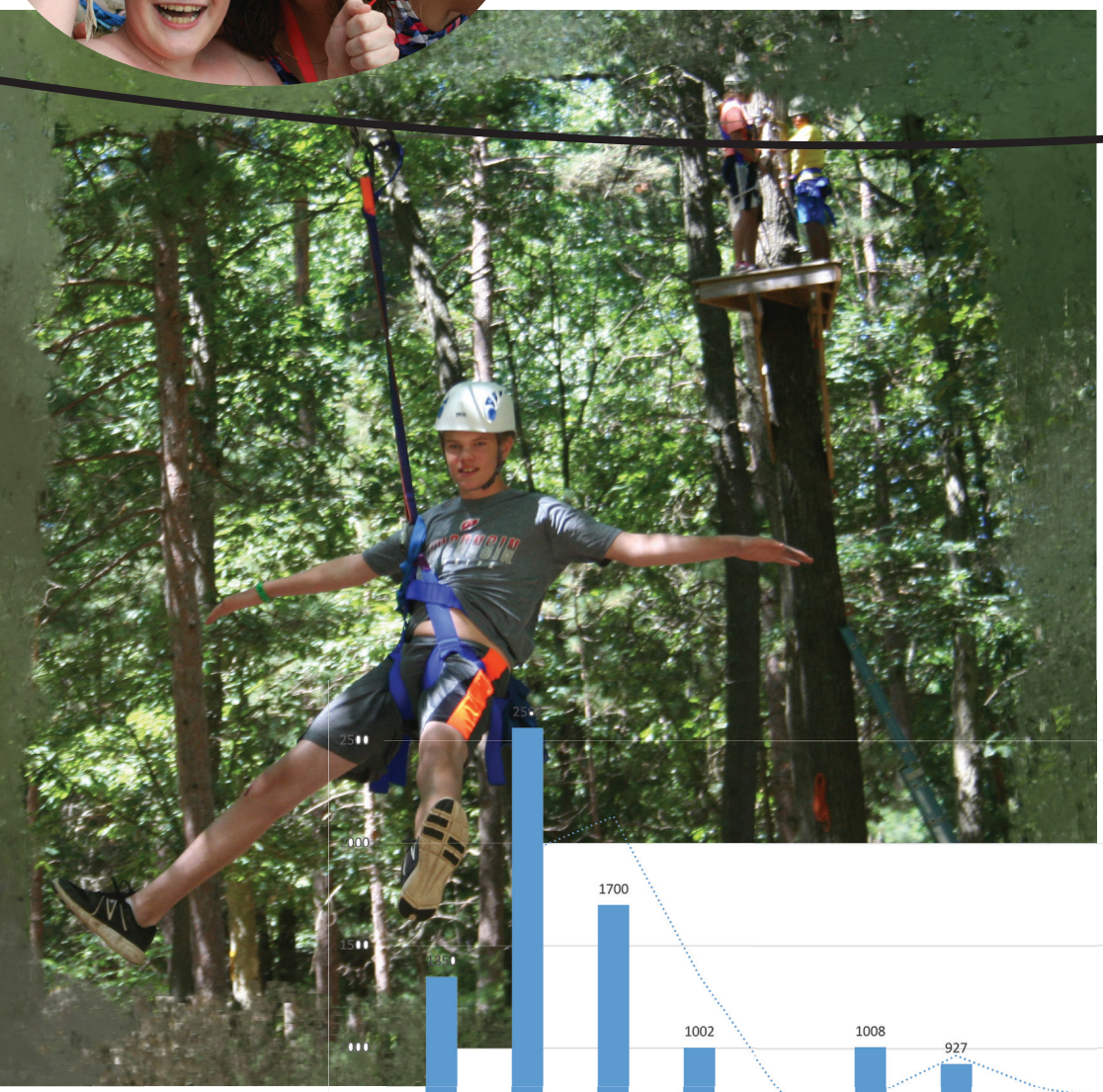
9-Stage Master Plan

This past fall, 2018, the Camp Concordia Board of Directors had a consultation visit from Mr. Gary Vought, Executive Director of Camp Luther in Three Lakes, WI. The board continues to move forward with its 9-Stage Master Plan of facility, program and staffing improvements as the Lord provides funding.

Camp has already completed most of **Stage 1**, which includes a new furnace in the east meeting room, upgrades and winterization in the camp kitchen, storage, polished bathhouse floors, and waterfront additions.

Looking forward to **Stage 2,** which includes additional staff, more high ropes course, main lodge roof repair and fireplace repair.

Stage 3 includes the new Bathhouse (or micro-Lodge). Thanks to your support, volunteerism and prayers that help make all this happen.

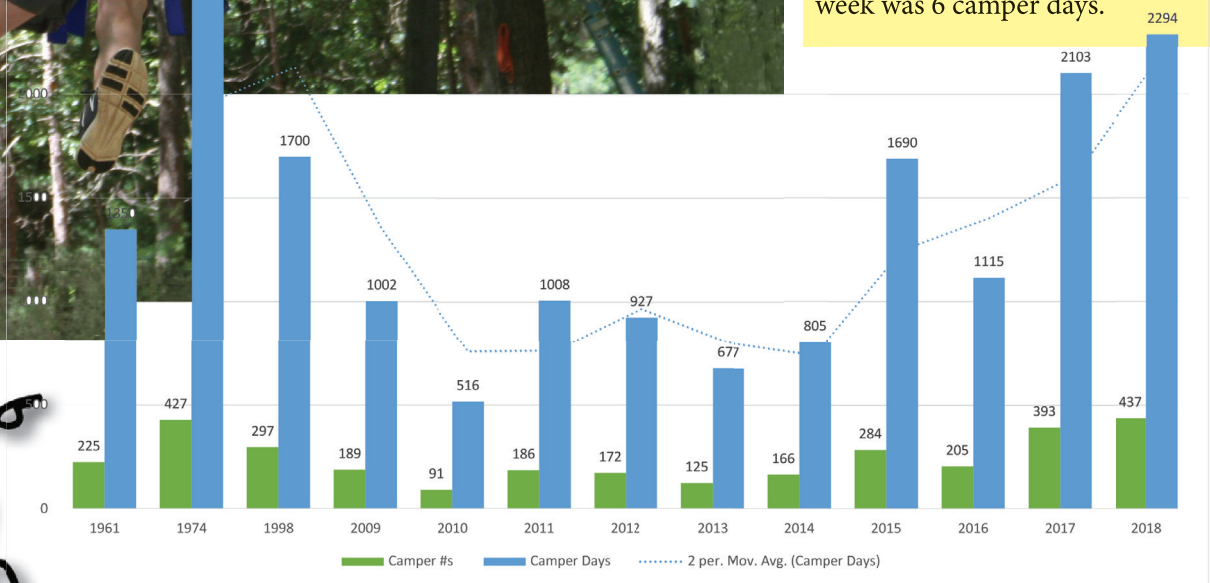


Expense

$214,744

Campers & Camper Days

This chart provides an overview of the number of campers in Green. A camper day is any 24 hour period or part of a 24-hour period a camper is in a program session; it is represented by Blue. A typical week in 2018 is 5 camper days. In 1974, a typical week was 6 camper days.



Family Camps

July 4-7, 2019

Main Speaker: Dr. Ben Freudenburg and his family (wife, children and grand children) will lead families in a variety of faith building opportunities. Ben wrote the book, Family Friendly Church and was key in developing the Family Life Ministry program at Concordia University in Ann Arbor. Join in on the fun. There may still be a bunkhouse cabin available and there is plenty of room in the family campground for your tent or trailer. Good food. Easy and simple for you over the 4th of July weekend. Even some family friendly fireworks.

Register at www.campconcordia.org/family

Children's & Youth overnight Camps FACTS!

In 2019, Camp Concordia will have a site inspection, program inspection, ropes course inspection, health inspection, fire suppression equipment inspection, and a fire code inspection; besides its own internal inspections, as part of making sure your children are safe and cared for while at camp.

Bible studies are being prepared for our "RE:al" theme based out of 1 Timothy.

Some sessions are full. We are glad to say; however, with the additional space, you can still invite friends to camp in 2019.

We have been able to open up Horse Trail Rides as an Add-On Option for all Quest Sessions.

Camp Concordia will hold 20 different camp sessions this summer.

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Churches Listed by Campers in 2018

Bethany, Parma, OH	1
Christ the King, Southgate, MI	1
Emmanuel, Dearborn, MI	1
Good Shepherd, Saginaw, MI	1
Immanuel, Howell, MI	1
Immanuel, Olivette, MO	1
Lakeshore, Spring Lake, MI	1
Messiah, Grand Rapids, MI	1
Redford, Detroit, MI	1
Shepherd/Lakes, Syracuse, IN	1
St. John, Hillman, MI	1
St. John, Ray, MI	1
St. Johns, St. Johns, MI	1
St. Mark, Kentwood, MI	1
St. Michael, Richville, MI	1
St. Paul, Caledonia, MI	1
St. Paul, Hamburg, MI	1
St. Paul, Millington, MI	1
St. Peter, Macomb, MI	1
Bethel, Howard City, MI	2
Christ, Milford, MI	2
Cross & Resurrection, Ypsilanti, MI	2
Faith, Bay City, MI	2
Good Shepherd, Lowell, MI	2
Holy Cross, Jenison, MI	2
Hope, Warren, MI	2
Huntington Woods, H.W., MI	2
Peace, Saginaw, MI	2
Redeemer, Jackson, MI	2
St. James, Grand Rapids, MI	2
St. Johns, Adrian, MI	2
St. Luke, Ann Arbor, MI	2
University, Lansing, MI	2
Faith, Bridgeport, MI	3
Holy Cross, Belding, MI	3
Hope, Grand Rapids, MI	3
Peace, Shelby Township, MI	3
St. Paul, Ann Arbor, MI	3
St. Peter's, Big Rapids, MI	3
St. Peters, Rockford, MI	3
Trinity, Monroe, MI	3
Trinity, Reed City, MI	3
Trinity, St. Joseph, MI	3
Faith, Grand Blanc, MI	4
Immanuel, Grand Rapids, MI	4
Mt. Calvary, Greenville, MI	4
St. John, Grand Haven, MI	4
St. Luke, Clinton Township, MI	4
St. Matthew, Walled Lake, MI	4
Trinity, Jackson, MI	4
Trinity, Manistee, MI	4
Trinity, Muskegon, MI	4
Trinity, Utica, MI	4
Guardian, Dearborn, MI	5
Messiah, Midland, MI	5
St. Luke, Nunica, MI	5
Trinity, Conklin, MI	5
Grace, Coopersville, MI	6
St. Paul, Royal Oak, MI	6
Trinity, Clinton Township, MI	7
St. John, Rochester, MI	8
St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth, MI	8
Our Savior, Grand Rapids, MI	10
St. Johns, Midland, MI	10
St. John, Fraser, MI	15
Immanuel, Macomb, MI	16
Our Savior, Lansing, MI	16
St. Matthew, Grand Rapids, MI	20
Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton, MI	26
No Church Listed	26
Other Christian	38

Register Your Child and a Friend

1. Examine Camp Sessions
2. Go to www.campconcordia.org
3. Click on Grade level
4. Choose Camp Session
5. Click "**Register Online**"
6. Sign in OR Create an Account
7. Click "**Make a Reservation**"
8. Follow Instructions

All your records will be retained for YOUR easy access and easy registration next time around.

2019	Grades 1-3	Grades 3-5	Grades 5-6	Grades 6-8	Grades 8-10	Grades 10-12	Family Camps
Jun 9-13	Michigan District LCMS Special Friends Camp & Ohio Mission Event						
Jun 16-21		Journey • Rockets • Swim lessons	Quest • Fishing • Swim lessons <*Horse Rides ADDED			Junior Counselor Session 1	
Weekend Jun 21-23	Explorer						
Jun 23-28				Trails • Horse Rides • Swim lessons Survivor	Venture • Fishing • Guitar • Horse Rides		
Jun 30-Jul 3	Explorer	Journey	(4-day)				
Jul 4-7	(Thur-Sun)						Family Camp
Jul 7-12			Quest • Horse Rides • Sports Training	Trails • Swim Lessons • Water Sports Survivor		Junior Counselor Session 2	
Weekend Jul 12-14				Connect			Family Exp Family Jrny
Jul 14-19 (Crazy Week)		Journey • Rockets • Swim lessons		Trails • Horse Rides • Swim lessons • Water Sports	Venture • Horse Rides • Mtn Bikes • Water Sports		
Jul 21-26		Journey • Fishing • Rockets • Swim lessons		Trails • Fishing • Mtn Bikes • Water Sports		Junior Counselor Session 3	
Weekend Jul 26-28	Explorer	Connect					
Jul 28-Aug 2		Journey • Fishing • Swim lessons	Quest • Fishing • Swim lessons <*Horse Rides ADDED				

* Bulleted activities are ***Add-on Options*** campers must sign up for in advance during registration. All campers get to choose options, but ***Add-on Options*** require additional fees, supplies and/or planning.

Register Your Family

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Camp Needs List

- Surge Protector w Battery Backup (2 @ $45 ea.)
- Slingshots with Wrist Support (6 @ $10 ea.)
- Paint balls (For Sling Shots)
- Wood Burning Kit (3 @ $25 ea.)
- Indoor/Outdoor Professional Volleyball Net (1 @ $127 ea.)
- Real wooden handled Corn Brooms (4 @ $15)
- Champion Sports 12 W Megaphone (1 @ $70)
- Topeak Sport Bike Tire Floor Pump w Gauge (1 @ $50)
- Black Metal Dust Pans 12" (12 @ $12)
- EZ Dock Floating Docks (Varies)
- Sunfish sailboat (New or used - New is $4,500)
- Climbing Rappelling Tower, Training and Essential Equipment (Installed $25,000)

See more on our Amazon Wish List at
http://a.co/1mtZDoh

Look inside for a list of items people gave to support the ministry Camp Concordia does with children, youth and families.

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