



Camp Vermilion

Important Summer Camp Information!



Check In

Check-in will take place at Normandale in the Lower Narthex at 11:30am on Sunday, August 5, 2018. Please bring the following with you to check in:

- Money for Canteen
- Medications – these should be in the original container with the camper name and dosage instructions printed clearly. Medications not in the original containers will not be accepted.
- Mail that you would like to be delivered at camp. Please clearly label camper's first and last name, and day to distribute.

More information regarding check-in will be emailed the week before camp.

Sending Mail and Email to your Camper

We encourage parents to send mail to their camper during the week. There are several ways to write your camper:

- You may write letters to bring to check-in and we will distribute them during the week. Please label each letter with your camper's first and last name, and the day to distribute.
- For regular mail, please use the following address:
Camper Name
Camp Vermilion
2555 Vermilion Camp Rd.
Cook, MN 55723
- For email, instructions will be handed out at check-in and emailed to parents. *Please note: campers are unable to respond to email.*

Telephone/Phone Calls

One of the valuable qualities of camp is the uninterrupted time away from home and normal routine. Camper use of cell phones for incoming or outgoing calls is strongly discouraged. If you have concerns, our staff will be glad to discuss your child's experience with you, and can relay messages to your child. In the event of a family emergency, Voyagers Lutheran Ministry assures immediate access to a phone for a camper.

Leaving Camp

If your child needs to leave camp during the week for any reason, we need to have prior notification. Please bring, or send in writing, who will be picking the camper up, the day(s) they will be gone, the time they will be leaving, and the time they will return to camp. If someone other than yourself will be picking up your child from camp at the end of their stay, we encourage you to notify us in writing. This assures us that we are releasing your child to the proper person.

In the event of severe weather...

Camp Vermilion has a secure storm shelter which is used in the event of bad weather. The camp also has a National Weather Service Radio to assist in monitoring weather conditions. If any storm damage results in a need to send campers home, parents will be contacted.

Directions to Camp Vermilion

From Cook/Hwy 53, turn north onto CR-24/Ash Street (American Bank – log building). Travel the 3 blocks through town. Continue over the railroad tracks and continue 3 miles on 24. Turn right onto #78/Beatty Town Rd. at big “Resort Directional” sign. Travel 2 ¼ miles. Take a left onto Luthey Road (which is the second possible left and has a Camp Vermilion sign). Drive 1 ¼ miles on Luthey. Turn left under Camp Vermilion archway. Follow the ¾ mile driveway to the parking lot.

Contacting the Camp

- Camp Vermilion Site Office: 218-666-5834
- Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Main Office: 1-800-331-5148 or 218-666-5465
- VLM@VLMcamps.org (campers are not able to receive emails from this address.)

Insurance

Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry carries accident/injury insurance. This is a modest secondary insurer policy which will cover expenses after an individual’s primary insurance coverage. If an individual is not insured, Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry insurance will cover some medical costs.

Mission Project

As Christians we are called to live out our faith through word AND actions. One way VLM invites campers to put their faith into action is by giving to our summer Mission Project. The funds raised go to support various ministries, causes and needs both locally and globally. This summer we are supporting “The Outreach Program”. Their mission is to provide safe water, food, medical care, and education to those in need in the US and abroad. Money collected this summer will support their meal program, which packages meals for local food banks. We hope to host an event in late summer/early fall where campers and their families can actually package the meals that will stay in our communities. Learn more at www.OutreachProgram.org.

Canteen/Camp Store Information

Campers have the opportunity to visit the canteen each day. The canteen includes snack and beverage items, as well as a wide variety of clothing and souvenirs. During Check-In, campers are asked to turn in their spending money for the week. We will then keep a record of their purchases each day and return the balance of their spending money on the final day of camp.

For snacks and beverages, \$10-\$15 per camper should cover a week of camp. If your child is interested in purchasing clothing or other souvenirs, here are some prices to help you decide on an amount:

- Postcard with stamp - \$0.60
- T-Shirts - \$10-\$15
- Sweatshirts \$20-\$35
- Various Souvenirs including hats, sunglasses, water bottles, Frisbees, pillows, etc. - \$2-\$15

For the Well-Being of All Campers and Staff

- All medications (including over the counter medication) must be turned in at check-in. ALL medicine MUST be in the original packaging clearly marked with your child’s name and the dosage instructions.
- The camps of Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry are drug and weapon free environments. In the event that a camper brings drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, knives, weapons, or explosive devices (including fire crackers) to camp, parents will be contacted immediately and the camper will be dismissed from camp.
- Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry also reserves the right to store camper’s personal items that may be inappropriate to their stay (cell phones, iPods, Mp3 players, etc.) Items will be returned at the end of the week.
- If a camper is destructive to camp property (discharging fire extinguisher in a non-emergency situation, graffiti, etc.) the parent will be contacted for appropriate remuneration and/or dismissal from camp.
- Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry reserves the right to dismiss any camper. Registration fees may or may not be returned at the discretion of the camp director.

What to Bring

All Campers are encouraged to pack simply and lightly

- Bible
- Sleeping Bag and Pillow
- Water Bottle
- Shorts/Jeans and T-Shirts
- Shoes for running or hiking sandals, (NO flip-flops!)
- Toiletries (toothbrush, soap, etc.)
- Warm shirt/Jacket/Sweatshirt
- Towel
- Swimsuit
- Medications (in original containers/packaging)
- Raincoat/Poncho
- Flashlight
- Camera
- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen/Hat
- Postcards/Stationary/Stamps
- Pencil/Pen
- Canteen Money
- A desire to have A LOT of FUN!

We recommend that you do not bring expensive personal items, clothing, or jewelry.

What NOT to Bring

- Cell Phones
- iPods, MP3 players, Personal DVD players
- Video Games, Gameboys, DS, etc.
- Candy/Pop
- Jackknives, firearms, fireworks
- Nice clothes
- Bad Attitudes