

Hello VLM Camper

Welcome to Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry. We look forward to your arrival this summer! The following information is what you need to know before arriving at camp. If you have any questions or need clarifications please feel free to contact Patti at the VLM office: 218-666-5465, 800-331-5148 or check the VLM website: vlmcamps.org. Thank you.

Camper Registration:

Please sign- in at the campsite between **3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.**

(* Exception: Half-Pint Camp begins with sign-in at 9:00 a.m.)

Anyone arriving early is welcome to explore the campsite; however, staff will not be available to register campers until 3:00 p.m.

When you register at camp, please present:

-Registration fee balance

-Canteen money (a running balance will be kept for you)

-Medications: All forms of medication need to be in the original printed container with dosage instructions, prescription or otherwise, and need to be turned in to the Health Care Coordinator. If there are any additional special instructions, please have them written out clearly and verbally explain them to the Health Care Coordinator. All medications will be kept under lock and key.

Program Orientation:

For all campers begins at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Friday Closing Program

Family and friends are invited to the Friday closing worship and program. Please arrive anytime between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The closing worship/program will begin at 12:00 p.m. and be finished by/before 1:00 pm.

*Mini camp and half-pint's closing program will begin at 4:00 p.m.

*Hockey campers: a postcard will be sent out to parents clarifying the time of the closing game, on Saturday June 13th.

WHAT TO BRING

Bible	Notebook & pencils	Raincoat/poncho—A Must!!!
Towel/washcloth	Toiletry Articles	Camera & Flashlight (optional)
Swimsuit	Insect repellent	Sturdy shoes & sandals
Sleeping bag**	Warm shirt/Jacket	(flip flops are not a good idea)
Pillow	Socks & underwear	Dress clothes for banquet (Camp Vermilion)
Shorts/Jeans	Sunscreen	(Camp Hiawatha has casual cookout)
Shirts	Money for Canteen/ Mission Project	Water bottle (for overnights)- also available in canteen

*if possible, a stuffed compression sack sleeping bag (less to carry on the overnights)

**Hockey campers: please bring full hockey gear with you

**Family campers: Games that your family may want to share, sporting equipment (i.e. for baseball or fishing equipment (optional)—Canoes will be available for fishing. Life jacket must be worn and an adult must be present in each canoe. We will have volleyballs and basketballs available at camp.

Please do not bring the following:

Expensive clothes, jewelry or watches. Platform shoes, Flip Flops, Pets, Food, Candy or Pop, I-pods, MP3 Players, Cell phones etc., Chemicals or Tobacco, weapons (pocket knives) or fireworks.

What to bring for Half-pint Camp

Towel	Swimsuit
Insect repellent	Money for canteen/Mission Project (optional)
Life jacket	Change of clothes
Raincoat/poncho—A Must!	

BE SURE TO MARK YOU BELONGINGS!

The camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Canteen Information: Camp Store Purchasing

The camp store is open for campers from 2-4 pm daily, during registration and before/after the Friday closing program.

Here are some prices to help you plan for your budgeting:

Pop-Candy-ranging from \$.75-\$1.25	Postcard w/stamp \$.60	
Plain envelope w/stamp \$.50	Souvenirs ranging from \$2.00-\$15.00	
Including: Pens, glow sticks, necklaces, pillowcases, water bottles, paddles, cameras, flashlights, etc.		
Camp CD's-\$8.00 and DVD's-\$11.00 (approx. 20 min. of the camper's week)		
Camp Picture - \$4.00	T-shirts \$8.00-\$15.00	Sweatshirts \$25.00-\$32.00

Mission Project

Each year campers make contributions through the VLM canteens to support various mission projects. Last year campers gave nearly \$2300 for Spanish Bibles – part of the NE Minnesota Synod's partner congregations in Honduras. The mission project is still TBD.

Sending Mail (Important! Mail will be delayed if not sent to the following addresses)

Camp Vermilion mail to:

Camp Vermilion
2555 Camp Vermilion Rd
Cook MN 55723
218-666-5834

Camp Hiawatha mail to:

Camp Hiawatha
36944 Camp Hiawatha Rd
Deer River MN 56636
218-246-8604

Other Important Information

Recreational Activities

There are a variety of rigorous indoor and outdoor activities under trained supervision, including traditional games, waterfront and nature hiking. An opportunity to camp out overnight, in a tent, is part of most sessions. Individual camper physical restrictions should be carefully noted to the camp healthcare coordinator.

Insurance

The camp carries accident/injury insurance. This insurance is a modest secondary insurer policy, which will cover expenses that an individual's insurance company does not cover if the injury happens at camp. If an individual is not insured, the camp insurance will cover some medical costs. Please notify the camp office immediately if you have claim questions.

Camperships

VLM does have financial aid available. This opportunity is made possible through individual and congregational support. Many churches are donating an amount toward the camp fee, so please check with your church as to the exact amount.

Become a VLM Builder

Individuals who support the camp by donating \$100.00 or more to the camp per year become members of VLM's Builder program. Any amount would be greatly appreciated! Not only are gifts tax-deductible, this financial help furthers the ministry of Voyageurs Lutheran.

Support VLM summer programming by donating: Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Dish Soap, Coffee, Chocolate Chips, Graham Crackers (for S'mores), Kool-aid, Sugar, Brooms & Dustpans, Band-aids, Reams of paper, Rit Dye, Zip-locks, Markers, Children's Tylenol, Rakes, Construction Paper, Duct Tape and as always any cash donations are welcome. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Patti Alt,
Office Manager

Please call 218-666-5465 or 800-331-5148 if you have any questions.

Please remember when driving on camp grounds to drive slowly. Thank you

Directions to Camp Hiawatha

Hwy 169 (or Hwy 2 from East) to Grand Rapids (Camp Hiawatha is about 90 miles from Duluth)
Hwy 38 North out of Grand Rapids—Travel 12.4 miles
Left (West) onto CR Rd 19—Travel 2.3 miles
Camp is on the left - there are 2 driveways available.
Park in the upper parking lot.

Directions to Camp Vermilion

HWY 53 to Cook

FROM COOK

RIGHT (North) onto CR- 24 (American Bank – log bldg.) travel 3 blocks through town

Go over RR Tracks to continue on #24 – Travel 3 miles north

Right onto # 78/Beatty Town Rd at Big "Resort Directional" sign - Travel 2 ¼ miles

Left onto Luthey Road (which is the 2nd possible left and Camp Vermilion Sign)

¼ mile on Luthey - turn left under camp Vermilion Archway ¾ mile driveway