

2008 Camp Arcadia 8th Grade Retreat Registration Form June 8—14, 2008

Student's Name: _____ Gender: _____

First

Last

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip + 4

Home Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Church (Name, City, State) _____

Anticipated Graduation Year: 20 _____ Last day of current school _____ T-Shirt Size **S M L XL XXL**

Name(s) of desired roommate(s): _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____ Daytime phone _____

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Parent/Guardian email address: _____


Please send me a form for financial aid (deposit must still be paid)

PHOTO/MEDIA RELEASE I grant Camp Arcadia and its agents, the right to use, reproduce, assign, and/or distribute photos, films, videotapes, and sound recordings of my child for use in materials they may create for the sole purpose of promoting Camp Arcadia.

Parent Signature: _____

Registration Fees and Deposit

An \$90 non-refundable deposit is required with registration. Deposit will be applied to total retreat rate of \$270.



Make checks payable to:
Lutheran Camp Association
Or
Use: Discover/Visa/Mastercard:

Exp. Date: _____ Signature _____
Zip code of credit card billing address _____

Complete this form and mail with deposit to: Camp Arcadia PO Box 229 Arcadia MI 49613-0229
Questions? Tel: (231) 889-4361 Fax: (231) 889-4140 www.camp-arcadia.com
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Student's Name: _____

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8th Grade Retreat Dean

The dean for the week is Travis Hartjen of Austin TX who is currently serving as a Director of Christian Education at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Austin, TX. Travis was on staff at RKD the summers of '93-'95 where he worked in the kitchen and on the program staff. He has had the opportunity to speak at teen weekends and camps in the Texas area for the past few years and looks forward to coming back home to Camp Arcadia.

What will I do during the week?

If you want to have fun, make new friends, and grow in your faith, then Camp Arcadia is the place for you. Along with your group counselor, you and your group of 10 other teens will hang out, eat, play, learn and worship together under the direction of the Camp Arcadia staff. In addition, you'll spend time with the other 100 - 140 teens during community events and free time.

You will spend a lot of time outdoors engaged in activities such as the challenge course, the climbing wall, volleyball, basketball, ultimate frisbee, canoeing, and archery.

In addition to group activities, you will have the opportunity to create projects in the Craft Shop, eat ice cream in the Trading Post, play ping-pong in the Wigwam, shoot hoops on the basketball court, and play tennis. You will even have a chance to share your talents by playing your instrument, singing a song or performing a skit at our open mic night at our week's end.

Bible studies at Camp Arcadia are incredible! Travis Hartjen and the counseling staff make them fun, interactive, and memorable. Everyone looks forward to vespers in the evening when we sing, pray, ask questions, and hear stories of faith. Everything we do at Camp Arcadia is designed to help, encourage, and challenge you to live and grow as God's people.

Where will I stay during the week?

You and your roommates will stay in our 40-room Inn or dorm area (counselors sleep in the same areas). Each room has a sink, and bathrooms are located down the hallway. Rooms have a variety of bed configurations and are furnished with a dresser and space for hanging clothes. Girls are in rooms with anywhere from 2 – 5 girls and the boys are either in rooms of 2 – 5 guys or in the dorm area with 8 – 14 guys per dorm.

How do you assign roommates and groups?

On the registration form there is space to put down who you would like to room with – make sure you and your friend(s) put each other down on the form. We try to room kids together with their friends, but split them up into different groups so that they have the opportunities to make new friends.

How's the food?

Great! You will eat with your group during the week in our Inn dining room. The Camp menu includes all kinds of homemade foods and desserts from pizza to a burger cookout. (Sorry, but we cannot accommodate special dietary needs.)

Who can come for the week?

The retreat for the 8th graders is geared for teens completing the eighth grade. During the week we will focus on the critical transition from eighth grade and the new issues raised by high school life.

Where is it located?

Camp Arcadia is located in northwest Michigan right on the shore of Lake Michigan, about an hour south of Traverse City, 15 minutes south of Frankfort, and half an hour north of Manistee.

When does the retreat start and end?

It starts on Sunday at 3:00 pm and goes until the following Saturday morning, pickup by 10:00 am.

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How many teens attend?

About 120 – 145 teens attend the week. They are assigned to groups of 8 – 12 with an adult counselor.

What is a typical day like?

As a camper, you will be in your groups for all of the activities and meals. This is your “family” for the week. In the morning we have Bible study lead by the speaker for the week and some physical activities like archery, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball and some crafts as well.

After lunch, we either have a camp-wide activity like the beach carnival or we split the groups into three sections. Each section rotates each day between going canoeing, the challenge course & climbing wall, and a field activity like capture the flag.

Each evening we have a campus wide activity like square dancing (sounds corny, but it is really popular), staff talent show, a camper open mic night, and a communion service to end the week. After some free time at the ice cream shop, we end each night with a vespers service – a lot of singing and also a time to hear the speaker for the week – we call him the Dean – to answer your questions about your faith and to listen to stories.

As you can see, you will be very active during your week. You have a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. For many campers, this week is a mountain-top experience – you grow in your faith and often feel closer to God during this week than maybe any other time in your whole life.

What is your goal for the teen weeks?

Our goal is to assist, encourage, and challenge teens – to live and grow as God’s people – in a Christian community.

Can I come if I am not Lutheran?

Yes, anyone is welcome to attend, but please know that the theology taught will be Lutheran. You don’t have to be Lutheran to come to camp, but you better like them, because most of the campers, counselors and staff come from Lutheran backgrounds.

Who are the counselors?

We hire adult counselors (19 and older). They come from various professional backgrounds – teachers, lawyers, professors, college students, engineers, business professionals. Counselors are required to be at Camp a day before the campers arrive for an afternoon of training. They are responsible for their group of 8 – 12 campers all day long. The counselor will eat with you, lead you through activities (program staff lead the activities, the counselor participates in the activities and encourages her group to join in.) Counselors are housed in their own room or near the dorm area with the campers and are responsible for supervision at night.

How much does it cost?

The cost is \$270 which includes all the meals for the week, the canoe trip and the challenge course & climbing wall. You get a camp t-shirt with the logo of the week. A little extra spending money is needed for the ice cream shop or for a t-shirt/sweatshirt from the camp gift shop. A minimum \$90 non-refundable deposit is required with your registration (any deposit money paid in addition to the minimum deposit is fully refundable).

Is there financial aid available?

You can request a financial aid form on the registration form. We do offer assistance – the most you can receive is half of the cost of attendance. You still need to put down a deposit.

Is Camp Arcadia affiliated with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS)?

While we are registered service organization (RSO) of the LCMS, Camp Arcadia is an independent Lutheran camp. This means that we are not officially connected to any church body. We have strong ties to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, both of our teen retreat speakers are with the LCMS. The people that come to Camp are able to join the Lutheran Camp Association – which owns and operates Camp Arcadia.