

DAY CAMP  
**2023**

**PARENT  
RESOURCE  
PACKET**



"SO, AS YOU RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS  
THE LORD,

**WALK IN HIM,  
ROOTED  
IN HIM,  
AND BUILT  
UPON HIM**

AND ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH AS  
YOU WERE TAUGHT, ABOUNDING IN  
THANKSGIVING."

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

# DEAR 2023 DAY CAMP FAMILIES:


Thank you for choosing to join us for the inaugural year of Camp Tekakwitha Day Camp! This will be a camp experience filled with faith, fun, and friends! We know the incredible impact a week of camp can have on a child, and we are so grateful to be able to share that with your camper(s).



We can't wait to help your child(ren) ROOT themselves in Christ this week through the planting of seeds, cultivation, and receiving the fruits!

Please take a moment to read over this parent packet - it will be a helpful guide for you and your camper(s) as you prepare for your week of Camp this summer.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to our staff with any questions you might have.

We're praying for each of you!  
+ the Camp Tek team

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# Mission

Camp Tekakwitha is an outdoor ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay, established to help young people encounter Jesus Christ through prayer, community, and self-discovery amidst the beauty of God's natural creation.

# Vision

Camp Tekakwitha will:

- work to deepen the faith lives of all campers, guests, and retreatants
- serve the unique spiritual development needs of each parish and school within the Diocese
- work with Catholic schools in the Diocese to support curricular needs in a Catholic setting
- have a concentrated focus on helping youth develop leadership and team-building skills
- be available to any youth or Diocesan ministry, parish or school, regardless of financial circumstances



# A DAY IN THE *camp* LIFE

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**8:00 AM**

CAMPERS ARRIVE

**8:30 AM**

MORNING GLORY & DAILY THEME INTRO

**9:00 AM**

ROTATIONS

**11:30 AM**

FREE TIME

**12:00 PM**

LUNCH

**12:30 PM**

FREE CHOICE

**1:00 PM**

TEAM TIME

**1:30 PM**

SPIRITUALITY SESSION

**2:30 PM**

GAME OF THE DAY

**4:00 PM**

DAY IS DONE & DEPART

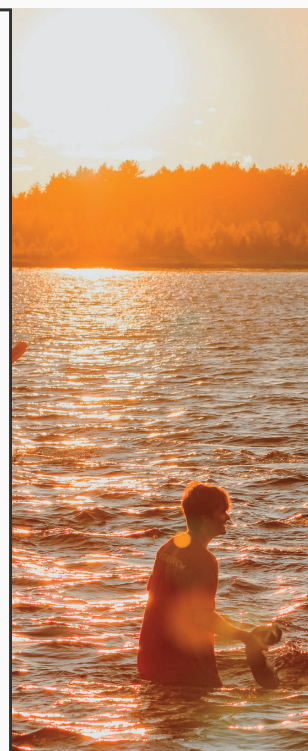
# *camp* POLICIES

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

To ensure all campers have a positive and safe experience, we ask your camper to refrain from bringing the following items to camp:

- Cell Phones & Electronic Devices
- Knives & Weapons
- Alcohol, drugs, vapes, illegal substances
- Fireworks & Explosives
- Personal sporting equipment – i.e. archery equipment
- Inappropriate or offensive clothing
- Pets/Animals
- Drones

If our staff suspects anyone is in possession of an item we deem inappropriate, the camp staff holds the right to confiscate the items and/or send the camper home.



## MEDICATION

The only medication we will be administering during Day Camp are Lunch-time meds. Please make sure your camper receives their morning medication before they arrive!

All medications **must** be in the original packaging with pill counts marked on the outside of the packaging. If sending more than one medicine, please put them in a self-seal bag with your camper's name on the outside.

Physician orders regarding medications needing to stay with the camper will be followed (i.e. inhalers & epi-pens).

# camp POLICIES

## CHANGES, CANCELLATIONS, REFUNDS

Prior to the start of the session, you may change your camp session (space permitting) without penalty.

If you cancel your registration *with good reason* at least one month before your camp session, the camp fee minus the deposit amount can be refunded at the discretion of the director.

All cancellations within one month of your session are non-refundable, with the exception of extenuating circumstances. Missing home, inappropriate camper behavior, or change in plans are not sufficient grounds for a refund.



## EXPECTED BEHAVIOR

Each person is made in the image and likeness of God. We are called to honor the dignity of all, and we expect our campers to do so for one another.

- Respect the boundaries and personal space of others.
- Absolutely no bullying allowed, physically or verbally.
- Follow all rules of the waterfront and the lifeguards on duty there.
- Refrain from writing in cabin spaces until a counselor gives permission. All messages should be Camp-appropriate.
- Any camp pranks should take place with Camp staff involved.

*Camp reserves the right to send a camper home without refund if expected behavior is not met.*



# HAVE YOU COMPLETED...

## A QUICK CHECKLIST BEFORE YOUR WEEK AT CAMP

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### 01 DAY CAMP HEALTH HISTORY FORM

YES

NO

Log into your child's Ultracamp account to complete the annual medical form. Know that medical information will only be accessed at Camp by administrative staff. Counselors will be given confidential reports to alert them to the needs of your child. **\*\*Please** be sure this is updated thoroughly! Food allergies and other critical information is provided from this form.

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### 02 PHOTO AND ACTIVITY CONSENT FORM

YES

NO

A simple form giving consent for your child to participate in general camp activities and to have his/her photo taken by Camp staff to be shared through our media channels.

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### 03 FINAL PAYMENT

YES

NO

The balance for your camper(s) week of camp is due at the time of check-in. We encourage you to have this paid before arriving at camp as it will speed up your check-in process tremendously!

Payments can be made by:

- Bank transfer through Ultracamp
  - Credit Card over the phone
  - Cash/Check mailed to Camp Tekakwitha at W5248 Lake Drive Shawano, WI 54166
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# TIME TO PACK!

PACKING LIST	
	Closed Toe Shoes
	Sandals
	Extra set of clothes -we may get messy!
	Sweatshirt or Raincoat, depending on weather forecast
	Beach Towel
	Swimsuit <i>*Modesty is expected in the form of one-piece or tankini suits only*</i>
	Sunscreen
	Insect Repellant
	Water Bottle
	Plastic bags to take home wet swimsuits
	Permanent marker for t-shirt signing

## DRESS CODE

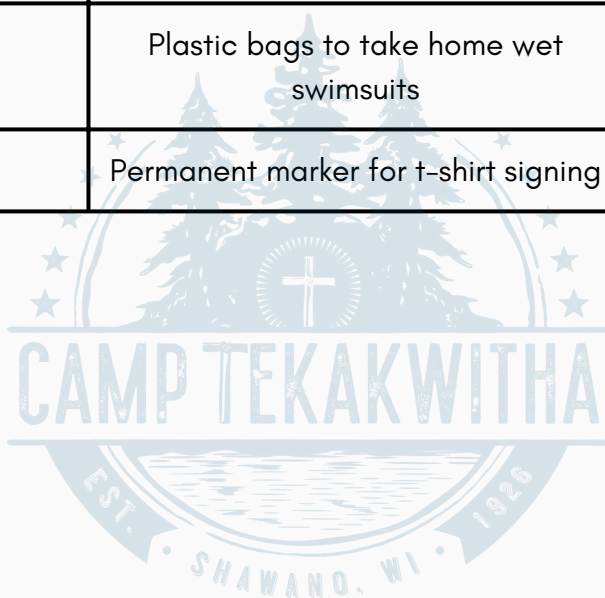
Campers are expected to wear clothing which is appropriate for active days outside along with swim suits appropriate for swimming and water games.

Please work with your camper to select modest, athletic, durable clothing for camp.


## LOST-N-FOUND

Please label anything you would want returned if lost! We will hold lost-n-found items for several weeks and will make every effort to return a lost item if you contact us.

Please note: we do our best to return all lost articles, but we cannot assume the responsibility for lost or damaged property.



# ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

CHECK-IN		CHECK-OUT
<p><b>FAMILIES</b> SUNDAY from 4-6PM</p>	<p><b>Campers Drop Off</b> Monday-Thursday at 8:00AM</p>	<p><b>Campers Pick Up</b> M-Th from 3:45-4 PM</p>
<p>We invite all families to come out and join us the Sunday of your Day Camp week for an OPEN HOUSE.</p> <p>Come meet the staff, receive your child's camp t-shirt, play some yard games, and enjoy a fun snack!</p>	<p>We will provide specific drop off instructions for each Day Camp site at the Sunday Open House.</p> <p>Please follow these procedures to ensure the safety of all those arriving to Day Camp.</p>	<p>Before leaving school grounds, be sure to check out with the Camp Staff.</p>
<p><b>NOTES:</b></p> 		

# PARENT RESOURCES

# NEED TO KNOW

## MEDICAL CARE

All of our staff members that will be on site are First-Aid/AED certified. Our staff will take care of any First Aid necessary (i.e. band-aids, icepacks, etc.). If further medical attention is needed, staff will call parents to come and take their child to their preferred Urgent Care/ER.

Should our staff have any questions, they will have telephone access to the nurses who will be on site at Camp Tekakwitha (in Shawano) each week along with our Camp Director.

*\*Please be sure your UltraCamp contact information is entirely up to date to aid this process if it arises.\**

## EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

In case of a medical or family emergency at home, you can contact our Day Camp team at 920-615-0412 (camp cell).

In case of an emergency on site during Day Camp, you will receive notification from our Administrative Staff as soon as we are able. This will likely come in the form of email - so as to notify everyone in a timely manner, so please keep an eye on your email the week your child is with us for Day Camp.

We will be following all emergency procedures put in place by the host school for fire, tornado and intruder scenarios.

IF I WERE A CAMP COUNSELOR,  
MY NAME WOULD BE:

THIS IS MY \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR AT CAMP!

LILY GAMES TEAM:

DAY CAMP SITE:

FAVORITE SAINT:

WHAT I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO  
DURING DAY CAMP:

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WHAT I AM NERVOUS ABOUT DURING MY  
WEEK WITH DAY CAMP

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# DAY CAMP PREP

*for the campers*

CAMP TEIKAMP  
SHAWANO, WI

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MY WEEK AT  
CAMP:

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GOALS I HAVE FOR THE SUMMER...

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MY FAVORITE PART OF SUMMER IS...

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AS I PREPARE FOR DAY CAMP, I FEEL:

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# Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Nobody thought St. Kateri Tekakwitha was worth much. She was worth much. She was the daughter of the Mohawk chief and his Christian Algonquin wife, but by the time she was four, Kateri's mom and dad and brother had all died of smallpox, a frightful disease that dimmed Kateri's eyesight and scarred her face.

People thought she was ugly and a burden. They made fun of her for being clumsy. Even her name was a mean joke. They called her "she who bumps into things" (Tekakwitha) because she could not see very well.

Her uncle had taken her to live with him, but he did not believe in Jesus. He ridiculed her for praying.

When she rested on Sundays, the other villagers would not let her eat. When she went away by herself to pray, they told lies about her and said she was meeting a boy in the woods.

Kateri could have decided to become bitter and hate the people who were cruel to her.

Or she could have given up on Jesus instead of trying to be the only Christian in her village. But Kateri's mom had told her about Jesus when she was little, and she knew how much God loved her. He had never abandoned her and she would not abandon him.

When Kateri was eleven, Jesuit missionaries came to her village, and she was able to start learning more and more about Jesus. She decided she never wanted to marry but to belong only to Jesus--which caused her even more problems in the village. And all this time, Kateri had not even been allowed to be baptized.

She was finally baptized when she was twenty. After that, her people were so unkind that she decided to run away to a Christian village. She left behind everyone she loved and journeyed hundreds of miles through the wilderness, stumbling often because of her weak eyes. When she finally arrived, Kateri heard for the first time that she wasn't ugly and weak and stupid and lazy. When St. Kateri Tekakwitha died a few years later, she was finally surrounded by people who knew what she was worth.

*from Saints around the World  
by Meg Hunter Kilmer*







- St Kateri Tekakwitha

