

DAY CAMP
2026

**PARENT
RESOURCE
PACKET**





MISSION

Camp Tekakwitha is an outdoor ministry of the Diocese of Green Bay established to invite and guide young people into a deeper encounter with Jesus Christ amidst the beauty of God’s natural creation.

VISION

With Saint Kateri Tekakwitha as our intercessor and guide, Camp Tekakwitha will:

- Inspire a relationship with God through prayer and discernment.
- Foster a joy-filled community of faith.
- Provide an opportunity for young people to grow in personal development, leadership, and team building skills.
- Promote stewardship for all God’s gifts.

PATHWAYS/CORE VALUES

- Spiritual Growth
- Authentic Community
- Outdoor Adventure and Blessed Fun
- Care for God’s Natural Creation
- Culture of Love and Service for God and Neighbor

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DEAR 2026 DAY CAMP FAMILIES:

Thank you for choosing to join us for Camp Tekakwitha's Day Camp opportunity! This will be a camp experience filled with prayer, community, and lots of fun! 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).

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.

Stay connected through our "2026 Families of Camp Tekakwitha" Facebook group and 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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A DAY IN THE *camp* LIFE

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

SPIRITUALITY SESSION

1:30 PM

TEAM TIME

2:30 PM

GAME OF THE DAY

4:00 PM

DAY IS DONE & DEPART

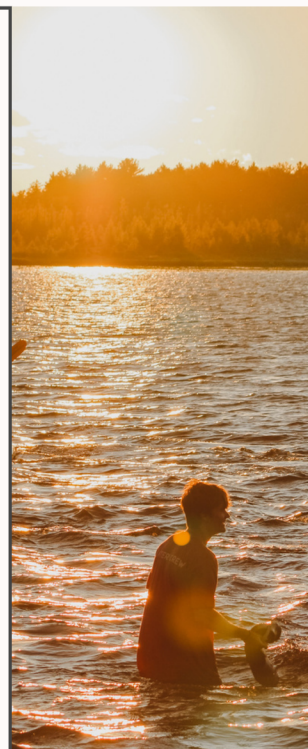
camp POLICIES

PROHIBITED ITEMS

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

- 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 will be followed regarding supports which need to stay with the child (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 camp 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.
- Use encouraging and clean language; foul language is not acceptable.
- Follow all rules of the camp team and chaperones present during the day camp session.

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

01 DAY CAMP HEALTH HISTORY FORM

YES

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NO

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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.

02 PHOTO AND ACTIVITY CONSENT FORM

YES

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NO

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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.

03 FINAL PAYMENT

YES

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NO

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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 or Debit Card on UltraCamp (3% surcharge)
 - Cash/Check mailed to Camp Tekakwitha at W5248 Lake Drive Shawano, WI 54166
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TIME TO PACK!

Consider packing a backpack with these items for your camper to help them have a great day camp week!

PACKING LIST	
	Bag lunch for each day
	Closed Toe Shoes or Sandals
	Extra set of clothes <i>We may get messy!</i>
	Sweatshirt or Raincoat <i>depending on weather forecast</i>
	Swimsuit + Towel <i>*Modesty is expected in the form of one-piece or tankini suits only*</i>
	Sunscreen
	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 swimsuits appropriate for water games.

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

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
FAMILIES SUNDAY from 4-6PM	Campers Drop Off Monday-Thursday at 8:00AM	Campers Pick Up Monday-Thursday from 3:45-4 PM
We invite all families to come out and join us the Sunday of your Day Camp week for an OPEN HOUSE. Come meet the staff, receive your child's camp t-shirt, play some yard games, and enjoy a fun snack!	We will provide specific drop off instructions for each Day Camp site at the Sunday Open House. Please follow these procedures to ensure the safety of all those arriving to Day Camp.	Before leaving school grounds, be sure to check out with the Camp Staff.
NOTES: If your child(ren) will be arriving or departing outside of the drop off or pick up time, please communicate that timing with the Day Camp Coordinator at least 24 hours prior. Campers must be checked in by a parent upon arrival. Our staff will call the primary contact and follow up with an email if a child is absent.		

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.

PARENT RESOURCES

PREPARING FOR CAMP

-START THE CONVERSATION-

Behavior Expectations

Please review the 'expected behavior' policy (explained on page 6) with your camper and share your own expectations for him/her as well.

Question to discuss:

What does it mean to honor the dignity of others?

Faith

During their week at Day Camp, campers will be invited to participate in a variety of faith experiences including Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship, and group reflections, among others. Please brief your camper(s) on these opportunities and encourage an open mind to receive what God has to share!

Question to discuss:

What different forms of prayer are you looking forward to experiencing at Camp?

Missing Home

If you anticipate homesickness or challenges during the session, consider contacting our camp team to talk about ways to support your camper prior to their session. Also visit our website, YouTube, and social media pages with your child to look through videos and photos of the fun from previous years.

Question to discuss:

What are you most excited for about Camp? What are some things you can do if you start having a hard time (i.e. talking to a counselor, writing a letter)?

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

THIS IS MY _____ YEAR AT CAMP!

FAVORITE COLOR:

PARISH NAME:

FAVORITE SAINT:

WHAT I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO
DURING MY WEEK AT DAY CAMP:

WHAT I AM NERVOUS ABOUT DURING MY
WEEK AT DAY CAMP:



DAY CAMP PREP

for the campers

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MY WEEK
AT CAMP:

THIS SUMMER, I WANT TO ...

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MY FAVORITE THING TO DO OUTSIDE IS

AS I PREPARE FOR CAMP, I FEEL:



all about SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA



Tekakwitha was born in 1656, in a Mohawk Indian village. When she was only four years old, smallpox hit her village and killed many people including her parents and brother. Tekakwitha survived but was weakened and left with scars which partially blinded her and served as a source of humiliation throughout her childhood.

After her parents' death, Tekakwitha was raised by tribal relatives and became an expert in domestic tribal arts and grew in deep appreciation for nature. As she got older, she encountered some visiting Jesuit missionaries and was drawn to their joy and relationship with Christ. She began to lead a life inspired by their example. Tekakwitha fell in love with Jesus, refused an arranged marriage by her family, and was baptized at age 19 taking the name of Kateri (a Mohawk form of Catherine). She later took a vow of chastity and pledged to marry only Jesus Christ.

Kateri's village did not approve of this decision, leading to great suffering and persecution from her family and neighbors. She fled to the Christian Indian mission of St Francis Xavier in Montreal where she became known as the "Lily of the Mohawks" in recognition of her purity, kindness, prayer, faith, and heroic suffering.

Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, Kateri became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680. Her last words were, "Jesus, I love you." Moments after dying, her scarred face was miraculously healed and "shone like the sun."

fast facts

- She is the **first Native American saint**, canonized on October 21, 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI.
- Because of St. Kateri's example of chastity and virtue, she is often called **Lily of the Mohawks**.
- It's said that Kateri would create **crosses** out of sticks and place them throughout the forest, often while traveling to the nearby village for Mass. We create these crosses at Camp Tekakwitha while praying for specific intentions. Then, they serve as a reminder to pray for others!
- Images of her are often decorated with a **lily and cross** along with feathers or turtle as representation of her culture!
- Her final words were **"Jesus, I love you"** / "Jesos Konoronkwa."
- Kateri is the **patron saint** of ecology, orphaned children, & Native Americans.
- One of Kateri's '**mottos**' was, "Who can tell me what is most pleasing to God that I may do it?"

"Jesus, Mary,
I love you."

- St Kateri Tekakwitha

