

EpiscoWisco Camp

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Administrative Office

Sessions at Waypost Camp on Mission Lake, Hatley, Wisconsin
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The goals of EpiscoWisco Camp are

Community – building relationships between each other and with God.

Creation – being in, honoring and enjoying God’s creation.

Cloister – separating intentionally from everyday life to enhance our focus on Community and Creation.

«First_Name» «Last_Name» is going to «Session»

This letter confirms registration for EpiscoWisco Camp. We look forward to seeing your child at camp! Your balance due is \$ «BalanceDue» and includes credit for payment expected from your church or other source that you’ve told us about. If it appears incorrect, call the Administrative Office at (920) 830-8866 to discuss.

	<i>Camp Starts</i>	<i>Camp Ends</i>
Senior	Sun, June 11 <i>Arrive @ 3pm</i>	Sat, June 17 <i>Pick-up @ 12noon</i>
Middler	Sun, June 18 <i>Arrive @ 3pm</i>	Fri, June 23 <i>Pick-up @ 12noon</i>
Junior	Sun, June 25 <i>Arrive @ 3pm</i>	Thu, June 29 <i>Pick-up @ 12noon</i>
Kinder	Thu, June 29 <i>Arrive @ 4pm</i>	Sat, July 1 <i>Depart @ 12noon</i>

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is necessary to hold your registration and counts towards the balance due. Make payment at episcowisco.camp/campers by clicking the green “Pay Camp Fees” button. You may pay the deposit or any portion of your balance due. To pay by check, send it payable to “EpiscoWisco Camp” at the address above. Include your camper’s name in the note! Any unpaid balance must be received BEFORE camp starts. Fees not paid prior to arrival at camp may incur a \$25 late payment penalty. This late fee won’t apply when we know of pending payments from outside sources (like a church or campership).

STAFF

Staff. EpiscoWisco Camp staff are dedicated persons who give of their time, talent, and treasure to help campers experience God in the outdoors. Each is chosen as a role model, able to share Christ and ensure a safe environment. Training and clear communication procedures are in place for positive reinforcement of campers.

WAYPOST CAMP

Camp sessions are held at Waypost Camp (crosswayscamps.org/waypost), one of three sites of Crossways Camping Ministries rooted in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The entire camp facility is rented by EpiscoWisco Camp for its exclusive use. The camp has modern bathroom and kitchen facilities along with comfortable meeting and sleeping spaces. Staying at Waypost is not “roughing it”, but it is not a motel or hotel either.

A mile and a half of natural shoreline of Mission Lake offers swimming, canoeing, and hiking. Program offerings include arts & crafts, outdoor activities including a low-ropes initiatives course, and archery. A beautiful chapel provides sacred space for worship in the camp tradition. Waypost provides food service, waterfront, and maintenance staff.

PREPARING FOR CAMP

Talk about camp. An important part of preparation is to talk about camp. What will camp be like? What was your experience with camp? What are you looking forward to doing? Camp is where one can create memories for a lifetime: what memories do you want to create?

Pray for camp. We will be building a Christian community. Please pray for the campers and staff. Pray that all will honor and enjoy God's creation. If you know others who pray, invite them to pray for camp, too. Make sure your priest or pastor knows and ask them to pray, too.

Plan for camp. Lots to do to get ready for camp!

1. The **Agreement and Authorization** form enclosed (or episcowisco.camp/forms) is to be completed then brought with you to camp check-in. Do NOT return it beforehand.
2. The **Health History** form enclosed (or episcowisco.camp/forms) is to be completed then brought with you to camp check-in. Do NOT return it beforehand. A parent or guardian may be complete this form (completion by a doctor or medical professional is not needed).
3. **Medication.** Bring enough for every day of camp. All medications are to be in original packaging with medication name, dosage, and frequency. Prescriptions must identify the prescribing physician. If camper is taking it differently than labeled, you it must be properly labeled by a physician or pharmacist at current dosage. Medications are delivered to the camp health care provider at camp check-in. They are dispensed according to these instructions. Campers are not allowed to self-medicate with exception for necessity (e.g., inhalers).
4. **Money.** Bring cash for to use at the camp store. We suggest \$10-\$20. The camp store is open when you arrive. Cash is placed on account for purchases during camp and you collect any remaining balance at the end of camp. Campers are NOT to have cash in their bags or cabin.
5. **Mail.** Send 1 or 2 "real" letters to your camper at least four days before camp starts. We are unable to deliver emails. Send to: **Camper Name**, c/o Waypost Camp, 210608 Crooked Lake Dr, Hatley, WI 54440.
6. **Pack.** A What to Bring list is enclosed (also episcowisco.camp/forms). Campers are asked NOT to bring electronic devices (phones, games, etc...). One camp goal is to separate intentionally from everyday life and use of electronic devices often disrupts camp programs. There is also the risk they may be broken, lost or stolen. If they are at camp and their use is disruptive, camp staff may take them to be safely stored and returned at the end of camp.

GIVING TO CAMP

A lack of funds should not be a barrier for any camper to attend EpiscoWisconsin Camp. Generous donors make sure that doesn't happen. Might you be generous? Donations to the *Val Burg Memorial Youth Work Fund* helps send kids to camp. Honor the memory of this long-time camp volunteer and craft lady with your tax-deductible donation at episcowisco.camp/campers. A mailed check payable to Camperships works just as well.

GOING TO CAMP

Arrival. See the first page for your camp session's time to arrive. Please, do not arrive early because we won't be ready to greet you.

1. **Eat.** Make sure to eat a meal before arriving. It will be a few hours until it's suppertime.
2. **Bring.** Leave bags in your car. Bring the completed **Agreement and Authorization** form, **Health History Form** form, **medications**, and cash for the camp store to the check-in area.
3. **Check-In.** If the weather cooperates, check-in is outside. If not, it is inside. Please observe distancing during check-in.
4. **Good-byes.** Once your camper is settled into their cabin and you've said good-bye, please leave the camp. We ask you not to wander the property or stick around.

Location. Waypost Camp is at 210608 Crooked Lake Dr, Hatley, WI 54440 on Mission Lake, just north of State Highway 153. Estimated drive times from around the state: Superior (4:00) Bayfield (3:45) Janesville, Kenosha (3:15) Platteville, Hudson (3:00) La Crosse, Milwaukee, Sister Bay (2:30) Eau Claire, Madison, Marinette, Sheboygan (2:00) Fond du Lac (1:45) Appleton, Menasha, Minocqua (1:30) De Pere (1: 15) Waupaca (1:00) Stevens Point, Wausau (30 minutes).

During Camp.

1. **Emergency.** In case of an emergency, contact Erin Wolf (920) 918-4007. If unreachable, call the Administrative Office (920) 830-8866 or the Waypost Camp office (715) 454-6487.
2. **Contact.** Please do not contact your child directly – let our staff facilitate any needed communication to minimize disruption for your child as well as other campers.
3. **Water.** Campers need to drink more water at camp than at home because outdoor activity means bodies need more water to function properly.
4. **Hand Washing.** For many reasons, campers are encouraged to wash their hands often. Please let your camper know they may do this more than they do at home or at school.
5. **Bug Spray.** Not everyone has used bug spray, so take a few minutes to assure your child knows how to apply it. Staff will remind campers to use bug spray to minimize the risk of mosquito bites and ticks. There will be regular tick checks each day and if a tick is found on the camper, they go to the nurse for proper removal.

Kinder Camp: Kinder Camp is designed to share the camp experience for kids and the adults who join them. There will be many hands-on activities with age-appropriate, interactive learning. Kinder Camp adults are expected to participate fully in these activities with their camper. They may also be asked to assist staff from time to time.

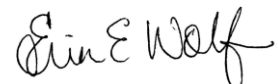
Departure. See the first page for your camp session's time to arrive to take your camper home. Camp is not over until this time.

1. **On-time.** Please plan to arrive at the departure time – not before and not after. There are procedures that we need to follow before campers can leave camp.
2. **Pick-up.** We are unable to invite guests to join campers for the closing camp service. You will pick-up your camper after the service has concluded. Pick-up involves four steps
 - a. **Collect Medications.** If your camper had meds with the nurse, check with the nurse to pick up any meds that may be remaining. You are also able to check with the nurse to see if there were any health issues you might want to know about. A reminder: during camp we contact you if there is a health issue that warrants more than regular care.
 - b. **Collect Camp Store Cash/Lost and Found.** A station will be set up for you to pick up any cash left on deposit at the camp store (or if it was all spent!). Any lost and found items from the week will also be there to look at.
 - c. **Meet new friends and staff.** We encourage you to take a few minutes to meet your camper's new friends and staff who worked with the camper during the week. This is also a good time to get contact information (like email or phone number) to stay in touch. EpiscoWisco camp does not publish this information.
 - d. **Collect camper's stuff.** Collect your camper's stuff and load it in the car. Say goodbye and head out on your next adventure.

ANYTHING ELSE?

If there are other needs, let us know, including a change in dietary needs. You are always welcome to contact us with questions, even if you're just double-checking. We look forward to having campers at camp. Building relationships as an intentional community has changed lives in the past and we expect nothing different this year. See you soon!

Blessings



Erin E. Wolf (a.k.a. "Ernie")
EpiscoWisco Camp Director

Encl: Brochure, What to Bring to Camp, Agreement and Authorization form, Health History form