



2012 Activities Brochure

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Welcome to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center!

LOMC is a year-round camping and retreat facility, providing programs for youth, adults, families, and congregations as well as outdoor education events for schools.

Camp is NOT just for kids and NOT just for summer!

LOMC is a ministry of the Northern Illinois Synod, Central/Southern Illinois Synod, and Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).



Why LOMC?

† There is a camp, retreat, or activity for everyone.

LOMC isn't just for summer, and it's not just for kids!

† 640 Acres of the great Outdoors

Experience the pond, prairie, and forest that is home to deer, wild turkey, hawks, owls and other small mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

† Friendly, dedicated, and trained staff

Our staff is committed to providing quality facilities, service, and programming. We employ good role models that have a strong faith and are enthusiastic about God's ministry at LOMC.

† American Camp Association Accredited

We are proud of our ACA accreditation. The accreditation is a rigid series of standards and requirements set forth by the American Camp Association and developed exclusively for the camp profession.

This nationally recognized program focuses on safety, quality, and health issues. It requires LOMC to review every facet of its operation to ensure that all guests are provided with a safe and quality experience.

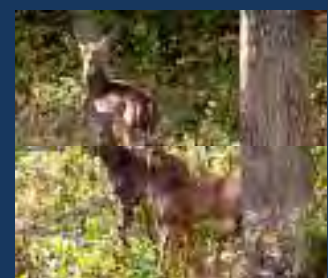




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***Featuring new programs**

Our Mission

The purpose of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC) is to be the church in outdoor settings, nurturing Christian faith and providing experiences connecting the Word of God with the World of God.

Our Staff

Our staff is made up of dedicated individuals who each bring their talents and gifts to the ministry of LOMC.

Please call on them for assistance regarding the LOMC programs and facilities.

Back Row:

Ken Dilbeck, Assistant Property
Manager
Russ Senti, Executive Director
Audrey Adams, Business Retreat
Manager
George Davis, Facilities Director

Front Row:

Amy Hoening Program Director
John Califf, Development Director
Nyssa Serrano, Food Service Manager
Lori Fagan, Development Assistant
Kelley Huston, Outdoor Education
Director



Adult Retreats

All our adult retreats are housed in Freedom Tree Village which feature private bedrooms and baths, stone fireplaces in the common rooms and Internet access. A prayer labyrinth is located nearby. For more information about Freedom Tree Village, see page 14.



April 27-28

Courageous Faith Men's Retreat, \$75



To be a man of faith takes courage and support from others. We invite you for a weekend of faith building and friendship making as we strive together to be courageous men of faith. All men are welcome to join Pastor Rob James of GPS Faith Community for this 24 hours of Courageous Faith!

April 29-May 1

Getting the Most out of your Lutheran Study Bible, \$119

Led by Pastor Jeff Scheslinger, \$119

September 23-25

Fall Retreat, \$119

Leader and theme TBA



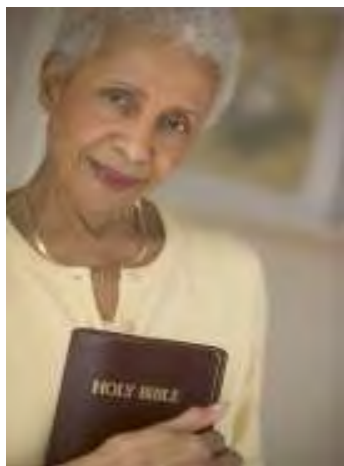
October 5-7

Unplug and Get Connected with What's Important, \$145

Peder Eide Adult Retreat



This is the perfect opportunity for adults to disconnect from life's busyness and reconnect with what is important to them.



October 26-28

Adam to Revelation: Journey through the Narrative Stories of Faith, \$119



Adults who attend this retreat will have the opportunity with the leadership of trained lay persons to explore faith stories in more detail.

Youth Retreats and Events

Does God Tweet?

March 16-18 Fri. 4 PM-Sun. 1PM
Junior High Youth \$114/person

Seems like a strange question, but how do you communicate with God? Isn't there some way we can get a direct line to heaven? Indeed, God wants a relationship with us. Come and discover many ways to talk with God. omG! cud U hlp me pls!! g2g, ttyl.



Rooted in Christ—with Youth Encounter

Colossians 2:6-7
April 20-21 Grades 3-6, \$75/person

Join Youth Encounter for great music, silly puppets, and fun campfire. Grow friendships and get rooted in your faith. Each year, Youth Encounter ministry teams share the Gospel with thousands of youth through their team and event ministries—across the country and around the globe and this year at LOMC!



Peder Eide Retreat

Nov. 16-18 Fri. 7 PM-Sun. 1 PM
Jr. High Youth \$145/person

Peder is returning to LOMC for a weekend of music, worship, and fellowship. Peder uses his music, family stories, and personal witness to encourage young people to live out their faith. **This is a very popular retreat and will sell out, register early!*

Spring Adventure Day

April 14 10 AM-4 PM
K-3rd Grade \$30/person

Fishing with Jesus, Matthew 4:18-22.
Registration includes activities, lunch and snack. Led by Kelley Huston.



All Things Crazy

2 Corinthians 2:5-13
Nov. 2-4 Fri. 7 PM-Sun. 4 PM
Jr. High Youth \$114/person

We are created to live joyfully. Have fun, be crazy, and relax to enjoy life in the Christ-like way spoken of in the Scriptures. Discover how we can show others every day, in every action, how crazy for Christ we are.



Flawed and Forgiven

Summer Camp 2012

As humans, we are all not able to be perfect. We are everyday people and all flawed. Being flawed is a good thing for our relationship with God. It shows our need for God. It also allows us to be forgiven. Being flawed allows us to be forgiven. Can you imagine never experiencing forgiveness? We can't be completely forgiven without being completely flawed.

We will learn about some everyday Bible people and look at their flaws and how God works through them. Campers will learn that even with inabilities and flaws, God works through them and makes everyone able to have strength to do great things.



I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13



Find the Right Camp

Our 2012 Summer Camp programs are listed by title. Within the description you will find the age groups that have that camp offered to them (1st-3rd grade, 4th-6th grade, 6th-8th grade, and 9th-12th grade).

Camps are offered based on the grade a child will be in during the 2012-2013 school year.

Please reference the 2012 Summer Camp schedule on page 8 for a comprehensive listing of camps and when they are offered.

2012 Summer Camp Schedule

Dates	1st-3rd Grade	4th-6th Grade	6th-8th Grade	9th-12th grade
June 10-15	Mud Pies Day Camp	Junior Choir Wet and Wild Day Camp	Rock Star iCamp	SALT
June 17-22	Day Camp	Day Camp	Faith Works Extravaganza (individuals)	
June 24-29 (see page 12 for information about Family Camp)	All the World's a Stage Day Camp Family Camp	All the World's a Stage Art Show Day Camp Family Camp	All the World's a Stage Hoot Camp Family Camp	All the World's a Stage Theka I (Week 1) Family Camp
July 1-6	Wet and Wild Day Camp	Gone Fishing! Adventure Camp Day Camp	Gone Fishing! iCamp	Theka I (week 2) Theka II (week 1)
July 8-13	Out of the Box Day Camp	Mud Pies Trail Riders Day Camp	Hoot Camp Trail Riders	Theka II (week 2) Survivor (10 day)
July 15-20	Animal Planet Day Camp	Art Show Adventure Camp Day Camp	Olympic Games	
July 22-27	Wet & Wild Day Camp	Guinness Book of World Records Day Camp	Hoot Camp Girls Only! Picture This	Swing Choir Tour Picture This
July 29-Aug. 3	Joy Camp Day Camp	Adventure Camp Day Camp	Swing Choir Mission Impossible	Swing Choir Tour
August 5-10	Retro Week Day Camp	Retro Week Day Camp	Retro Week	Retro Week



Summer Camp A-G

Adventure Camp

\$367 Grades 4-6
(July 1-6 or July 15-20 or July 29-Aug 3)

Challenge awaits. Campers experience the best variety of camp activities. Venture into new friendships, dig into Bible lessons and find fun!



All the World's a Stage

\$387 Grades 1-3, 4-6, 6-8, 9-12 (June 24-29)

Join us for a blockbuster week as we act, sing, create sets, and be a part of a camp play where every youth is a celebrity, but Christ has the biggest role.

Animal Planet

\$367 Grades 1-3 (July 15-20)

Through creative demonstrations, outdoor adventures, and studies of animals, we'll discover how God created animals and how our actions affect them.

Art Show

\$387 Grades 4-6 (June 24-29 or July 15-20)

Celebrate God's work with our hands-on activities like birdhouse construction, tie-dyeing and painting. This camp promises to be a masterpiece!

Day Camp

\$99/week, Mon-Fri Grades 1-3, 4-6

Enjoy the same activities as the overnight campers without spending the night. Themes will vary weekly. Arrive at 8:00 and depart at 4:30. Lunch is provided.

Faith Works Extravaganza

\$355 Grades 6-8 (June 17-22)

Faith Works mixes the traditional camp activities of team building, canoeing, Bible study, and archery with service projects. Projects may include activities in our local area or projects at camp.



Girls Only

\$367 Grades 6-8 (July 22-27)

Escape to a girl's only experience full of activities specifically designed for the growing spirit of God's daughters. From a movie sleepover to a night under the stars, the girls will experience all the benefits of being female. Spa nights balance out the fast-paced adventure. Everyday girls will be exposed to female role models from Biblical times and modern times that demonstrate characteristics every young woman should know. Discover the true beauty, unique talent, and influential power that comes with God's plan for girls.



Gone Fishing

\$337 Grades 4-6 (July 1-6), 6-8 (July 1-6)

Reel in some memories as you spend the week fishing and sleeping in tents near Paul's Pond so you can rise early to catch the big ones. Younger campers will learn about baits, casting and lures, while older campers will learn about bottom fishing, filleting, and cooking and will travel to other nearby bodies of water. Get the bait to be fishers of people.



Guinness Book of World Records

\$367 Grades 4-6 (July 22-27)

Whether you're an Olympic athlete or hold a world record for the longest, shortest, biggest, or smallest ...everyone's a champion at the end of this week. This week will be record setting.



Summer Camp H-O

Hoot Camp

\$367 Grades 6-8 (June 24-29 or July 8-13 or July 22-27)

Are you a night owl who likes to stay up late and sleep in? Then this camp is for you. Do all the usual camp stuff but in the dark.



iCamp

\$367 Grades 6-8 (June 10-15 or July 1-6)

At iCamp I is for individual. Each camper gets to make choices and design their week. iCamp celebrates the individual and the ways God has connected us all.

Joy Camp

\$367 Grades 1-3 (July 29-Aug. 3)

Enjoy swimming, hiking, and great meals. Rejoice singing around camp fires, participating in Bible studies, and being a part of great worship. Get joy making friends and working with excellent counselors during your memorable visit.

Junior Choir

\$387 Grades 4-6 (June 10-15)

Don't save your best singing for solos in the shower! Air out those vocal chords under the guidance of a caring music director. In addition to the usual camp activities, you'll have fun learning and rehearsing music for the exciting Friday Night Festival Concert.

Mission Impossible

\$337 Grades 6-8 (July 29-Aug. 3)

Suspicion lurks around every corner and intrigue creeps into camp. Every morning secret agents will be given a mission, search together for clues, and analyze the findings. Should you choose to accept your mission you'll have one day to complete it. One mission includes an overnight canoe trip. Lodging is in tents.

Mud Pies

\$367 Grades 1-3 (June 10-15), 4-6 (July 8-13)

Nothing comes more naturally for a kid than making a mess. Jump into our mud pit and join us as we explore all that is messy. Prepare for the nitty-gritty and get down and dirty in God's creation. This camp celebrates all that is slimy!



Olympic Games

\$367 Grades 6-8 (July 15-20)

On your mark, get set, GO! From opening ceremonies, to summer games, to award celebrations: let the games begin. Spend time practicing your skills and then compete against Stronghold, a partner camp in the area.

Out of the Box

\$367 Grades 1-3 (July 8-13)

Buy your child a present and what do they play with? The box! This week celebrates the box. Work together with other campers to design a city from boxes and other materials.

Summer Camp P-W

Picture This!

\$387 Grades 6-8 (July 22-27), 9-12 (July 22-27)

See the world through the lens of your digital camera. Get a new view on picture taking techniques, shooting methods, and learning what makes a good picture click. Get exposed to telling a story with a picture. Focus on God's nature gallery around you.



Retro Week

\$367 Grades 1-3, 4-6, 6-8, 9-12 (August 5-10)

This week we recycle the best of the rest of the summer. We celebrate a mighty God who has worked powerfully in the past and who will continue into the future. Retro week where everything old is new again!

Rock Star

\$337 Grades 6-8 (June 10-15)

Adventure rocks in this camp! Rock climbing is combining caution, concentration and exhilaration in equal doses. Teamwork and problem-solving are combined with Bible study to take youth to a higher level. Campers start at LOMC with our team building course and then travel to a partner camp for high ropes. The pinnacle of the trip is Devil's Head WI for real rock climbing. The climbs are suitable for all ability levels and are supervised by experienced guides.

SALT (Service and Leadership Training)

For individuals

\$367 Grades 9-12 (June 10-15)

Do you like to help others? Are you looking for a meaningful, faith building experience? SALT is for high school, Christ-centered leaders that thrive on challenge. Make lifelong friends and plan to have the most memorable fun of the summer. Campers stay at LOMC and complete local service projects.

Survivor (10 day)

\$517 Grades 9-12 (July 8-17)

For 10 days, campers travel to the back woods of LOMC, sleep in tents, hike to Castle Rock State Park, and survive for 3 days on a Rock River canoe trip. This is the ultimate use of outdoor survival!



Swing Choir

\$387 Grades 6-8 (July 29-Aug. 3)

Get into rhythm with other campers and prepare for fun. Campers build poise and confidence through daily rehearsals that teach good vocal technique, interactive moves, and musicianship skills. The spotlight shines for a performance in the community as well as one at the Friday Night Festival.



Swing Choir Tour

\$517 Grades 9-12 (July 22-Aug 3)

Sing, dance and make new friends. Campers will swing into action and travel to churches after several, days of onsite rehearsal. Meet new people while staying with host families. Be a member of this incredible music ministry.

Theka

\$459 Grades 9-12 (June 24-July 6 or July 1-13)

Learn why God wants us to help others, how we are uniquely designed for it, and then go and do it! The first week is devoted to developing skills to become a counselor. Week two is spent applying those skills in ministry with a counselor, teaching younger campers.

Trail Riders

\$594 Grades 4-6 (July 8-13), 6-8 (July 8-13)

Want camp with more horsepower? Then saddle up for this camp. Discover how God wants us to care for creation while riding magnificent trails and learning about this beautiful animal. Campers will travel over to a local ranch for specialist instruction and rides.

Wet & Wild

\$367 Grades 1-3 (July 1-6 or July 22-27), 4-6 (June 10-15)

Spish, splash into this wet camp bash! Campers will be flooded with fun as they enjoy this rainbow of water activities. Prepare to find joy from head to wrinkled toes!



Family Camp

June 24 - June 29

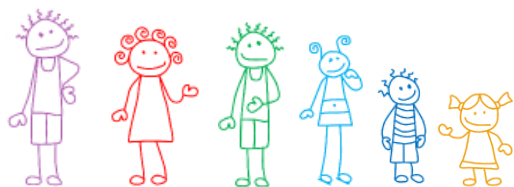
Attention Grandparents, Parents, Aunts, and Uncles

Want to experience camp with your Children? This is the week for you!

Come to camp and do all the usual camp stuff with your kids. There will be hiking, Bible studies, games, swimming, campfires and so much more.

Families will be housed in Freedom Tree Village. Counselors will be available to lead activities.

All family groups are welcome!



Friday, Aug. 31– Monday, Sept. 3

Activities will be planned for Saturday and Sunday, leaving Friday and Monday for family free time.

Swimming, hiking, archery, pond canoeing, games, crafts, campfires & cookout

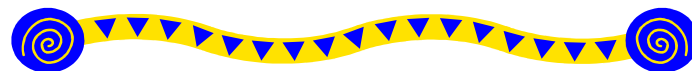
Tent Camping: \$30/night/family

RV Camping: \$35/night/family

We'd love to have your family come join the fun!

Contact Audrey to reserve your family's campsite:

815-732-2220 or Registrations@LOMC.org



Families with Asperger's Retreat

With Pastor David Schweppe
August 31-September 2

Come join us for a weekend of camp designed with your child in mind. The usual camp activities will be scheduled with time for private family time as well.

Families will be housed in Freedom Tree Village.



Autumn Fest

October 14, 2012

Wagon Rides

Snow Cones

Crafts

Lunch

Choir Performances

Worship

Fun for the Whole Family!

10 AM—4 PM

Free Event!



Memorial Day Work Weekend

May 29– June 1

This weekend is a gathering of volunteers and their talents to get LOMC ready for the summer camp season. Jobs may include landscaping and construction projects to clean-up and painting. Youth groups, congregations, and individuals are welcome to join in this super-sized service project. Free lodging is available on a first come-first served basis.



LOMC Advocates

Year Round

LOMC Advocates are individuals who have a great passion for LOMC and the ministry. Advocates are asked to witness to the benefits that the ministry provides as well as help spread the word about upcoming LOMC events, camps, and outings. Advocates also serve as the connection so LOMC can partner with your congregation in sharing the Word of God. LOMC will provide you with the tools to lift up the LOMC ministry in your congregation. Examples are posters, brochures, DVDs and temple talks. Call Russ or Amy at 815-732-2220 for more information on how to become an LOMC Advocate.

Summer Camp Nurse

One week commitment during Summer Camp

Volunteer nurses are a big part of keeping our campers safe and comfortable while away from home for a week. Duties include the distribution of prescription medications, administering first aid, and keeping records of camper visits.

Camp Pastor

One week commitment during Summer Camp

Use your ministry gifts at camp. Guide campers, mentor counselors concerning vocation and be a spiritual leader. Pastors enjoy the comfort of Freedom Tree Village.

Camp Grandparents

One week commitment during Summer Camp

Camp grandparents assist with young campers. They read books during rest time and provide a hand as needed. Grandparents enjoy the comfort of Freedom Tree Village.



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at LOMC this year, please contact our office for additional details. We look forward to your help with God's work at LOMC.
815-732-2220

Facilities



Freedom Tree Village

This is our adult and family retreat center. It features two lodges, Marander and Dody. These lodges each feature six bedrooms, which sleep three adults, with private baths. A community space has a stone fireplace, a DVD player, a refrigerator, Internet access and a coffee station. The village also includes the Hawkins Hospitality Center which has space for meetings, activities and dining. A large deck area and an apartment on the second floor are also part of this building. All buildings are year round facilities.

Timbers and Meadows Retreat Villages

These villages feature two dormitory style buildings. The buildings sleep 36 in bunk beds. Each have restroom facilities and showers. The villages also feature meeting spaces with DVD players. Timbers Village is home to our art/resource center and Meadows Village is home to our nature center. Each of these villages are year round facilities.



Tent and Trailer Area

LOMC has ample camping areas for groups, families, or individuals interested in using the amenities our site has to offer. Electricity is available and advance reservations are required. Contact LOMC for pricing and to make a reservation

Other Amenities: Our site features the Moline Dining Hall, a low ropes/ team building course, a seasonal swimming pool, wooded hiking trails, two large meadows for exploring, two picnic pavilions, a prayer labyrinth, and a pond for fishing.

See our website (www.lomc.org) for more information about any of these facilities.



Frequently Asked Questions

Where is LOMC located?

LOMC is located one mile south of Oregon, IL on Illinois Route 2. We are 30 minutes southwest of Rockford, 1.5 hours east of the Quad Cities, 1.5 hours west of Chicago and 2 hours north of Peoria. To find driving directions online use our physical address: 1834 S. IL Rte. 2, Oregon IL 61061.

How do I register for a retreat or camp?

Registrations can be done by mail, email or fax. Online registration is available for summer camp only. LOMC accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or check as forms of payment. Questions regarding registration can be directed to Audrey at 815-732-2220 or reach her by email at registrations @lomc.org.

How do I choose a summer camp for my child?

Camps are offered based on school grade levels. Choose a camp based on the grade level your child will start in the 2012-2013 school year.

What happens after I register?

Your registration will be confirmed by mail or phone. Summer camp participants will receive a packet that will include a health form, a list of what to bring and general information for parents and campers. *No physical exams are required.*

What if my child needs medical attention while at summer camp?

Medical services are available 24 hours a day. There is an on-site camp nurse as well as first aid and CPR certified staff. Prescription medications will be administered by the camp nurse.

Is there financial assistance available?

Many congregations provide financial assistance through camperships. These funds are available to campers who are unable to afford camp. Contact your pastor or Russ Senti at LOMC (815-732-2220) for more information and to apply.

Can my child request a roommate?

Yes. To request rooming with a friend at summer camp or retreats, please enclose the other campers name on your registration form. Youth summer campers must be of the same age and gender and be attending the same program.

Will there be pictures available of my child during summer camp?

A photographer is onsite capturing camp memories. These photos and videos are available on DVD's which can be purchased for \$10 when you arrive and picked up as you leave. Some are also available for viewing on our Facebook fan page (<http://www.facebook.com/LOMCROCKS>)





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