

## Daily Schedule

6:45 Rise and Greet the Son!

7:15 Morning Devotions

7:30 Sign Up for Sessions

7:45 Breakfast

8:30 A – Bible Study

B – Cabin Study

C – Crafts

9:15 I – Music

II – Clean Cabins

10:00 A – Crafts

B – Bible Study

C – Cabin Study

10:45 I – Clean Cabins

II – Music

11:30 A – Cabin Study

B – Crafts

C – Bible Study

12:15 Lunch

### Afternoon

1:15 Quiet Time, Cabin Check

2:15 Get Ready for Session 1

2:30 Session 1

3:45 Get Ready for Session 2

4:30 Session 2

5:30 Get Ready for Supper

6:00 Supper

### Evening

7:00 Evening Program

8:30 Canteen

9:15 Evening Devotions

9:45 ALL Campers in cabins

10:15 LIGHTS OUT



# Minneboji

June 18-24, 2023

2023 Theme:

**WAY + TRUTH + LIFE = JESUS**

Camp Okoboji

Milford, Iowa



**Minneboji** is a 7-day/6-night Christian summer camp program for 4th-8th graders that has been enriching lives since 1949. Led by pastoral and lay volunteers from the South Dakota district of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Minneboji takes place at the beautiful lakeside facilities of Camp Okoboji – LCMS in Milford, Iowa. The structured week includes large group Bible study, small group Cabin study, music, crafts, games and outdoor activities including swimming and boating as well as evening entertainment. Campers also have daily free periods, when they can simply enjoy God’s creation and reconnect with friends old and new.

**Honors Camp** is a capstone experience for up to 40 responsible young ladies and gentlemen who have completed the 9th grade (entering 10th grade the following Fall). Honors is a camp-within-a-camp, following its own schedule for morning and afternoon activities. The week includes special service projects as an opportunity to give back for the blessings campers have received through their time at Minneboji—bring work clothes! The program focuses on peer ministry training, team building activities, and overall equipping and strengthening the Christian foundations of young people.

### Registration Fees\*

	Early Bird Reg. (before Apr. 1)	Registration (April 1 – May 1)
Camp Minneboji (Grades 4-8)	<b>\$415</b>	<b>\$465</b>
Honors Camp (Grade 9)	<b>\$445</b>	<b>\$495</b>
Deposit (all grades)	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$150</b>

\*PLEASE NOTE: We filled every available space last year. In order to guarantee that we have enough counselors to make camp the best possible experience for your camper:  
**REGISTRATION CLOSES MAY 1, 2023 OR WHEN CAMP IS FULL!**

## Directions to Camp

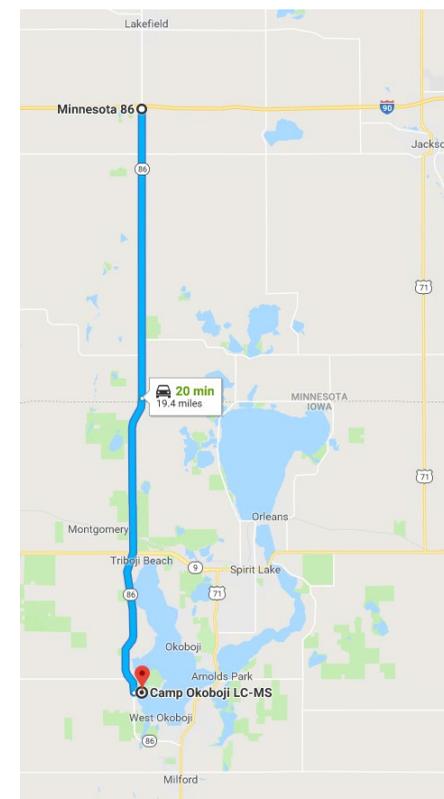


Minneboji is held at Camp Okoboji – LCMS on the west side of West Lake Okoboji in northwest Iowa.

From Interstate 90 in Minnesota: Take Exit 64 (“Lakefield”) and go south on Minnesota Highway 86, which becomes Iowa Highway 86. After you have crossed Highway 9 (at a 4-way stop), continue south on Highway 86 for about six miles. Turn east (left) onto Edgewood Drive. Proceed about ¼ mile on Edgewood Drive. You will see a large sign with the Camp Okoboji fish and cross logo. At the sign, turn right, onto the campgrounds. If you get to Crescent Beach Family Resort, you’ve just missed the driveway to Camp Okoboji.

**Camp Okoboji**  
**1531 Edgewood Dr**  
**Milford, IA 51351**

**Toll Free: 866-449-3326**  
**Local: 712-337-3325**  
**www.campokoboji.org**



**NOTE: Camp Okoboji management does not allow pets on the property. Parents, please do NOT bring pets along when kids are dropped off and picked up.**

## Packing Checklist

- Pencils
- Warm weather clothes
- Cool weather clothes
- Sports clothes
- Swimsuit
- Athletic shoes
- Dance costume
- Camera (not a phone)
- Stamps
- Envelopes/postcards
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Bath towels
- Wash cloths
- Shower flip flops
- Beach flip flops
- Beach towel
- Sunscreen
- Sleeping bag
- Pillowcase
- Medications/instructions
- Work clothes (Honors)
- Work gloves (Honors)

Blankets and pillows provided

### Please do NOT bring

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|--------------------------------|------------------|
| radios                         | cell phones      |
| iPods                          | iPads/tablets    |
| laptops                        | MP3 players      |
| <b>ELECTRONICS OF ANY KIND</b> |                  |
| scooters                       | walkie-talkies   |
| skateboards                    | video games      |
| knives                         | laser pointers   |
| <b>WEAPONS</b>                 | <b>FIREWORKS</b> |
| <b>ALCOHOL</b>                 | <b>TOBACCO</b>   |

# How to Register

- We have moved our registration services online through Camp Okoboji. There is a link at our website. You can access them through our website at:
  - <https://www.minneboji.com/>.
- You may request one cabinmate. You will need an email address for that person in order to make a request. They must also accept the request.
  - Generally, no more than four campers from one town/school will be assigned to the same cabin.
  - Students will be assigned by age group, so please be careful linking kids from different grades.
- A \$150 deposit will be taken at registration. You will also receive a confirmation email from Camp Okoboji.

The balance due is payable at check-in. Your deposit is refundable if registration is canceled before June 1. If you must cancel please contact us at [minneboji@gmail.com](mailto:minneboji@gmail.com).
- If your church is paying for any portion of your bill, the church should be in contact with Camp Okoboji about billing.
- If you need help with registration or billing, please call Camp Okoboji at 866-449-3326

## Check-In

3:00-5:00 PM, Sunday, June 19

1. Go to the Christian Life Center (main building at Camp Okoboji). Pick up your **personal ID button** from the Minneboji display.
2. Pay balance due, add money to your spending account, and turn in all medications--nurses will dispense them as needed.
3. Receive a **Boji Blabber/Camp Map**, noting your cabin assignment.
4. Take your gear to your cabin and move in!

## Check-Out

9:30-10:00 AM, Saturday, June 25

Join us for Closing Devotions at 9:30 at the Christian Life Center. Camp officially ends at 10:00. If you need to pick up your camper(s) earlier or later, please contact [minneboji@gmail.com](mailto:minneboji@gmail.com) or call the Camp Director.

# Program Elements



## Morning and Evening Devotions



## Bible Study

Our team of trained Bible Study leaders develops each year's lessons, teaching from the Bible. We encourage campers to think deeply and ask questions. Minneboji is a safe place to learn.



## Cabin Study

Campers will spend time in God's Word in small group devotions and learning activities with their fellow cabinmates in order to apply these truths to their daily lives. The Cabin study is led by their cabin counselors.



## Crafts

Get creative! Our Christian-themed craft projects allow campers to make unique souvenirs, reminding you that you attended Minneboji in 2023.



## Music

Minneboji is one of the best singing camps around. Come ready to sing favorite songs – old and new – about our mighty and gracious God!



**Afternoon Sessions** Afternoons include organized activities including playing sports, as well as a non-competitive Outdoor Education options. Campers can choose different fun activities depending on their interests each morning during the sign ups.



**Swimming** Campers may take advantage of the refreshing waters of Lake Okoboji or relax in the sand. Lifeguards are on duty and swimmers use a "buddy system" for safety.



**Evening Recreation** The whole camp joins in organized entertainment each evening, featuring visiting musicians, actors and other performers. Campers may take to the stage themselves in the annual Variety Show!

# Fun Features

## Boji Blabber

Minneboji prints a daily newspaper with schedules, announcements, news, sports scores and chatter of what goes on each day. Campers may submit articles, poems, essays, artwork and other “graffiti” for publication. Save the issues as souvenirs—they are priceless!



## Spending Accounts

At Minneboji, 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade campers do not carry cash. At check-in, these campers deposit ALL spending money in the Minneboji Camp Bank. (Yes—even the money you plan to use on the way home!) Parents can also place money into the bank during the registration process. There is no daily spending limit, so pace your purchases wisely! All unused money in your account will be refunded to you on Saturday morning. Honors campers (9<sup>th</sup> grade) may use cash and are responsible for keeping it secure.

Registration fees do NOT include the cost of optional snacks, postage, souvenirs, etc. We suggest that \$25 to \$30 is enough spending money for treats. If planning to purchase hats, T-shirts, etc., additional money would be needed. Honors campers will need money for one meal at Pizza Ranch.

## Clean Cabins

Each day two girls’ and two boys’ cabins are awarded the Clean Cabin banner. This is an opportunity for cabins to enjoy a little competition and teamwork. Staff members inspect during rest time and results are announced at dinnertime.

# Minneboji Camp Rules

To safeguard each child and manage a good camp, some rules and guidelines are necessary and must be strictly enforced. **PARENTS, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING RULES WITH YOUR CHILDREN:**

- ▶ Campers must be in their Cabins at 9:45 PM and lights out at 10:15 PM—everyone in bed and quiet. All remain in cabins after 9:45 PM.
- ▶ Everyone will participate in the Scheduled Program (unless excused by the Minneboji Business Director or Minneboji Camp Dean).
- ▶ Anyone leaving the Camp Okoboji grounds during the camp week without permission from the Minneboji Business Director or Minneboji Camp Dean, or anyone flagrantly breaking the above rules will be sent home! At that time a call will be placed to the parents, and no financial refund will be given, except spending money deposited in the Minneboji Camp Bank.
- ▶ If there is any damage done by a camper to any part of the Camp property, he/she will be billed for it, and this must be paid before the camper will be allowed to leave the Campgrounds to return home.
- ▶ **DRESS AND BEHAVIOR CODE**  
Camp Minneboji is a Christian Camp and we expect that our clothing, including swimwear, will reflect Christian attitudes and taste. Young ladies should consider wearing one-piece swimsuits or “tankinis” for swim times. No tight-fitting shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, tube-tops, or bare midriffs!

Non-Discrimination Statement: Minneboji and Camp Okoboji, the site of Camp Minneboji, do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap.

## What to Expect

Every effort is made during Minneboji Camp Week to give your child a wonderful camp experience. Pastors and other professional church workers lead Minneboji activities. Additionally, Minneboji has Christian counselors that devote their time and talents for our camp week. Our volunteers are dedicated to Christian ministry and Christ-centered relationships with boys and girls. The counselors receive no compensation; their room and board are paid out of the general camp fund. Each cabin has a counselor in charge of the group who sleeps in the cabin with the children at night and is with them during the day's activities. We do all we can to take care of that bit of "homesickness" that some campers experience. You can rest assured that your child will be taken care of in our Christian camp. With Christian influence and under God's eternal protection, our Minneboji Camp Week is a wonderful, Christ-centered experience for your son or daughter.

## Contacting Campers

Calls to and from home tend to increase homesickness, so we discourage telephone calls (except in emergencies). **CAMPERS MAY NOT BRING CELL PHONES!** To stay in touch, use "snail mail" or email:

### MINNEBOJI

<camper's name, cabin>

Camp Okoboji

1531 Edgewood Dr

Milford IA 51351

TO: [minneboji@gmail.com](mailto:minneboji@gmail.com)

SUBJECT: <camper's name, cabin>

Email is printed and hand-delivered, so it is not private. Please do not attach photos or videos.

## What's Included

Lodging for 6 nights	Minneboji T-shirt
Meals for the week	Admission to Arnold's Park
Minneboji program activities	Use of Camp Okoboji facilities
Special off-camp recreation (Honors)	First aid by trained nurses
Leadership by pastors/lay volunteers	Camper Excess Insurance (see note)

**NOTE: Camper Excess Insurance provided by Camp Okoboji is intended to help in case of injury (not illness) and will cover costs not covered by your family policy (i.e., "excess" costs, or the deductible of your policy, up to the limits of Camp Okoboji's policy). If a family has no insurance, "Camper Excess Insurance" covers that child in the case of injury. Eye glasses, contacts, hearing aids and other personal possessions are not covered. Parents/guardians, please carefully provide your insurance information for each camper, in case of illness or emergencies.**

## Variety Show

Got an itch to be on stage before a supportive audience? Be in the Variety Show! Share your singing, dancing, piano, guitar, magic tricks, skits, comedy or anything else you like. Please bring your music, instruments, etc., with you. Accompaniment provided if needed.

## Camp Dance

The camp dance is held on Friday night each year. Each year's dance will have a special theme, to be announced on [www.minneboji.com](http://www.minneboji.com) and Facebook/campminneboji. Dress up and have fun!

## Bussing

Unfortunately, due to the rising costs of transportation, we are no longer able to arrange for bussing to and from Camp Minneboji.

# \$5

## Cash at Arnold's Park

\$5 of each camper's Spending Account will be taken out as cash on the day we go to Arnold's Park, to spend on extra snacks, carnival games, etc.

## Arnold's Park

Weather permitting, we take an excursion to this historic amusement park, featuring the "Legend" rollercoaster and a 63-foot high Ferris wheel! A day pass, chips and water are included with Minneboji registration. Premium rides, carnival games and extra snacks are available for purchase.

## Canteen

Inside the Christian Life Center, Camp Okoboji operates a convenience store known as The Canteen. It carries pop, candy, ice cream, Okoboji souvenirs, stamps, toiletries—almost anything you need in the way of "extras." Minneboji campers get to shop during designated hours posted in the daily schedule. Campers pay for Canteen purchases by electronic debit from their Spending Accounts. Adults, Honors Campers and visitors may use cash or credit/debit cards at any time.

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