

Family Camp 2024 - Information Pack

Hello! We are so glad that you have chosen to be a part of the action at Camp Akita this summer. The fact that you are reading this packet indicates that you have already registered your family, and you are ready for a week of fun, learning, and excitement at Camp Akita! As you read through this document, please know that the safety of your camper(s) is our priority, and we hope that many of your lingering questions will be answered in the following pages. This Information packet addresses most of how to prepare for camp, camp happenings, health and other information, and should give you a good idea of what to expect. If you have any other questions, we do invite you to call our Camp Akita Summer office at (309) 876-2060 or (630) 716-3529.

Our Mission

To build a positive camp environment that intentionally supports the spiritual, relational and physical needs of our campers and staff.

Our Goals

Discover Jesus: To demonstrate that faith in action is fun. God is invited to be a part of all we do at Camp Akita. Through daily worship times and an awareness of God's presence throughout the day, a friendship with Jesus Christ is encouraged.

Cultivate Growth: To help family campers develop personal confidence in their ability to learn new skills. To encourage and invite campers to make positive choices about their lifestyle and future, by presenting them with character-building lessons and mentoring them in making positive choices. To strive for a loving, safe, and secure environment, where risk is minimized.

Foster Friendship: To encourage healthy relationships and acceptance of others.

To provide fun-filled, challenging recreational opportunities for children and youth to grow together as they develop lasting friendships.

About Camp Akita

Camp Akita is a Christian camp, owned and operated by the Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Applications are accepted without regard to race, religion or political view. Camp Akita strives to operate in a professional way and is held accountable in this goal through its memberships in the AACP (Association of Adventist Camping Professionals), and through its accreditation by the ACA (American Camp Association).

Outstanding Value

Most camps that compare to Camp Akita charge up to three times as much, yet do not offer a staff/camper ratio of 1 to 4. This is possible because we are not-for-profit and our program is sponsored and subsidized by the Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Adventists believe that providing positive Christian experiences for kids is a high priority.

Registration Check-in

Our registration process begins at 3:00 pm. We can't accommodate for early registrations so please plan accordingly. Upon arrival at Camp Akita, go to our Main Lodge where you and your family will be guided through the Check-in process by our Camp Staff. We expect that full payment be made for each camper prior to their arrival at Camp. When the week comes to an end, you and your family will also be guided through the check-out process by the Camp Staff.

Absentee/No-show Family Campers

Family campers are expected to arrive at camp between 3-5:30 pm, unless otherwise arranged with the Main Office. Should your family not arrive by the end of the scheduled check-in hours, they will be considered an “absentee/no-show” and our registration team will contact you.

Check-out Procedures

Check-out time for family campers is at 10:00 am on Sundays. We can’t accommodate for late check-out times so please plan accordingly.

Visiting Camp

We have a closed campus at Camp Akita. What that means, is that we do not allow visitors on the premises unless previously arranged and agreed with the Camp Director. We appreciate your support to Camp Akita.

Pets

Camp Akita has a “no pets” policy.

Health Insurance Card

We need a copy of the front and back of your insurance card for each child. To upload your file, first scan the copy or take a picture of the front and back of the card and save it as a .jpg or .pdf file. Log into your account and go to the Additional Options menu. Click “Document Center” in the drop-down menu. Under the Downloadable Forms section, select the “Upload” icon to the right of the Insurance Card link and follow the instructions. You can follow these same instructions to upload immunization records.

Cabin Assignments

During the registration process, you selected the type of lodging in which your family will stay. For those of you staying in the hotel rooms, you do not need to bring bedding with you. For those of you who chose the standard lodging or mini cabins, you will need to bring your own bedding. You'll want bedding for twin-sized and full-sized beds.

Camp Store

Families always enjoy shopping at the camp store. With the help of the friendly staff in the Camp Akita General Store, your family will have the opportunity to buy things that can accompany the memories they make through the week, as well as basic snacks. Families can buy souvenirs to help preserve their memories and help support Camp Akita at the same time. In your Ultracamp account, you can add money for Camp Store use. We recommend \$25-50. The Camp Store also accepts cash or credit card payments.

Dress Code

As a Christian camp, Camp Akita’s dress code falls strongly on the side of modesty and appropriateness. We realize that there can be a great deal of debate over how modesty and appropriateness are defined. Because of this, it is difficult to state exactly what is and isn’t appropriate and we ask for your help in selecting appropriate clothing for your camper. Girls should be particularly sensitive and avoid clothes that are revealing. Messages on clothing should not be suggestive nor be offensive, and at no time should we be able to see the underclothing of boys or girls. When in doubt, leave it at home and no questions will be raised. Thanks for packing selectively, including one-piece swimsuits for girls and board shorts for boys. If there is a “dress-code violation” the camper will simply be asked to change his or her clothing to something more suitable. Thank you so much for your help.

What to Bring Packing List:

- Sleeping Bag
- A clean mask for each day at camp
- Pillow
- Everyday Clothes
- Underwear
- Long Pants/Jeans
- Sweater/Jacket
- Pajamas
- Shoes & Socks
- Flip Flops for shower
- Modest Swimsuit (no two-piece suits for girls or speedos for boys)
- Beach Towel
- Towel & Washcloth
- Soap, Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Laundry Bag
- Bible
- Flashlight
- Store Money (suggest \$25-50)
- Camera & Film

Camp Akita is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

What Not to Pack or bring to camp

1. Jewelry and any other valuable items: due to safety and security issues we request that jewelry be left at home.
2. Fireworks, matches, lighters: flames of all kinds are banned during summer months.
3. Drugs, cigarettes, alcohol.
4. Firearms or ammunition.
5. Illegal weaponry.

Lost & Found

Lost and found items are going to be kept for up to two (2) weeks upon the conclusion of your camp week. At that time, any unclaimed articles of clothing will be donated to charity. Even though Camp Akita is a Christian camp and we expect our guests to respect each other and each other's personal things, Camp Akita is not responsible for lost or stolen items. To help us minimize the possibility of a lost or stolen personal item, please identify it with your child's first and last name.

Health

Please do not come to camp if you are sick or have a contagious condition, i.e. fever, pink eye, an infestation of lice, chicken pox, etc. A health professional is on duty 24 hours a day to provide first aid, and to assess and/or refer a camper to more advanced medical care if needed.

Wellness

During check in at camp, all campers will be screened by medical personnel or staff member. Mask wearing on camp premises is optional. Vaccination card is not required to attend camp. If during the week of camp your child exhibits signs or symptoms of illness, our medical team will assess and will contact you for further procedures. If you or your family exhibit any signs and symptoms of illness prior to arrival at camp please stay home.

Medical Expense Coverage

Each camper is covered under a conference-sponsored camp accident medical insurance through AIG Life. The plan has coverage for covered medical expenses incurred as a result of bodily injury sustained by a camper while participating in a scheduled activity sponsored by Camp Akita up to \$5,000. There is also AD&D up to \$7,500 and catastrophic loss up to \$50,000. There is a \$25 deductible per occurrence. Anything above that amount will be covered by your primary health insurance. The plan document, which lists the provisions and exclusions, is available from the Illinois Conference Risk Management Department. If someone becomes ill on their own and needs to see a physician, the primary health insurance will cover the charges.

Campfire: Evening Worship

Every evening your family will participate in the campfire worship with other families. Campers will sit back and relax as energetic staff put on a memorable program that creatively presents a character-building lesson. This is often their favorite part of camp. Campfire begins with the singing of Camp Akita favorites, old and new songs that campers take home with them when the week is over. The night is capped off with a character building play that displays the grand talents of the Camp Akita staff. Campfire is a fun-filled, positive worship experience for all campers and will provide great memories of their week of camp.

Family Camp Banquet

A highlight for family campers is the Family Camp Banquet. Families will enjoy a dinner that coordinates with a special theme. The 2024 theme is "Route 66: A blast from the past!" with a 50's dress code for the attire. A highlight of the night? The Family Talent Show, where families and staff will have the chance to showcase their many talents, if they'd like to participate.

Meals

Your family will enjoy three healthy meals each day during your stay at Camp Akita. Meals served are vegetarian, but do include eggs, cheese, and dairy products. Nutritional balance is always considered and special requests for allergies can be accommodated. If you or your family member is allergic to any food substance, please indicate that on your health form. An example of a camp menu can be found below:

Breakfast	Lunch	Supper
French Toast	Spaghetti	Bean & Cheese Burritos

Canned Peaches	Marinara Sauce	Sour Cream & Salsa
Breakfast potatoes	Garlic bread	Black beans
Boiled Eggs	Steamed Broccoli	Rice
Oatmeal	Salad Bar	Corn Chips
Cold cereal	Brownie	Grapes
Milk		

Refund Policy

A “no show” is defined as by someone who simply does not come to camp and gives no notice. Refunds for a “no show” will be granted only in case of medical emergency, otherwise, a \$250 of the tuition will not be reimbursed. For cancelations within 1 week period or less, \$175 will not be refunded. If by any means you need to cancel your reservation, please contact us!

Family Camp Special Activities

A typical day follows the sample schedule below. Families choose and attend activities as a family.

8:30 – 9:30 am	Breakfast
10:00 – 10:30 am	Camp Council
10:40 -11:40 am	1st Period
11:50 am -12:50 pm	2nd Period
1:10 -2:10 pm	Lunch
2:10 – 3:10 pm	Rest Period
3:20 – 4:20 pm	3rd Period
4:30 – 5:30 pm	4th Period
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Supper
7:20 – 8:15 pm	Campfire
8:25 - 9:30 pm	Special Event
10:30 pm	Lights Out

Special Events:

Monday	Movie Night
Tuesday	Star Gazing
Wednesday	Family Feud
Thursday	Banquet
Friday	Vespers

Thank you so much for your cooperation with this information. May God bless you!